

St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church and School

Fourth Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday

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ASSOCIATE PASTOR:

Fr. Gabriel Kamienski, SDS

DEACON: Donald Boland

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST:

Saturday Vigil:.....5:00 p.m.
Sunday:......7:30 a.m., 9:30AM & 11:30 am
Weekdays (Monday through
Friday): 7:00 am. & 8:30 a.m.
Saturday:.....8:30 am

RECONCILIATION:

Daily (Mon.-Fri.):...... 7:45-8:15 a.m.
Saturdays:..... 3:45-4:45 p.m.
First Friday:..... 3:30-4:30 p.m.
And by Appointment

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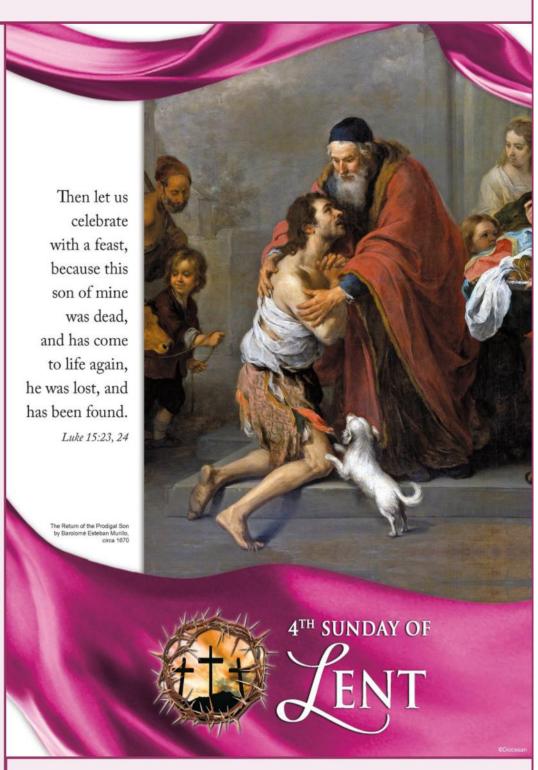
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Mass Intentions for the week of March 30th to April 6th

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday	
7:30 AM	Jessie Kirk † by Marie & Dick Engelhardt	7:00 AM	For those on their Lenten journey	7:00 AM	Special Intention for Vicki Shoemaker by a friend	7:00 AM	Barbara Higgins (Bobbi) † by Ben & Rita Gruda
9:30 AM	Bernice Jansen † by the family	8:30 AM	Jim Theisen † by his sister, Mary Brieske	8:30 AM	Mary Rogers † by her daughter, Chris Murtha	8:30 AM	Special Intention for Donald Boland , with love, the Boland family
11:30 AM	Hannah Bahrami † by	Forgiveness and reconciliation are reasons for celebration					

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

Fifth Sunday of Lent Thinking about the Readings

- 1. Where is my attention focused? The finish line? My past mistakes?
- 2. What can I name as a great thing God has done for me? With whom do I share that good news?
- 3. When have I been caught doing something wrong?
- 4. What is my experience with the sacrament of reconciliation?

Readings for the 5th Sunday of Lent April 6, 2025

First Reading: Ezekiel 37;12-14

the Zolfaghari family

The Lord says: I will open your graves.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11 The life-giving Spirit dwells in us.

Gospel: John 11:1-45

The Lord says: Lazarus, come out!

DEVOTIONS

Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) at 8:10am (before the 8:30 mass), Mon.-Thu. (unless no school on Fri.) Recitation of the Rosary: Mon. – Sat., 9am in the Chapel. Novena – Our Lady of Perpetual Help Tuesday, after the 8:30am Mass.

Spanish Adoration & Prayer Group, Thursdays 6:00pm Holy Hour 9-10 – Thurs. (except holidays) after the 8:30 Mass, Divine Mercy, Rosary, Silent Prayer, Benediction. Holy Days — Same as Sundays (7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am)

Holy Day Vigil — 7:00pm

Fatima Sundays—Every 3rd Sunday of the Month from May through October, 3-4:30pm.

Litanies—After the 8:30am Mass

For Reflection:

Around this holy table we give thanks for the compassion of Christ, who is the Resurrection and the Life.



Today's good news

The first reading is taken from the book of Joshua, 5:9, 10-12. Today's reading recounts the celebration of the Passover in the Promised Land by Joshua and those who had sojourned with him in the desert for 40 years.

The second reading is from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians, 5: 17-21. The reconciliation of mankind with God has been brought about by Christ's death on the cross. Jesus, who is like men in all things "yet without sinning" bore the sins of men and offered himself on the cross as an atoning sacrifice for all those sins, thereby reconciling men to God; through this sacrifice we became the righteousness of God.

The Gospel is from St. Luke 15:1-3, 11-32. This reading recounts the parable of the Prodigal Son, one of Jesus' most beautiful parables. It teaches us once more that God is a kind and understanding Father.

The son who asks for his part of the inheritance is a symbol of the person who cuts himself off from God through sin. The father first and foremost expresses to him his joy, that he has been 'found again' and that he has 'returned to life'. This joy indicates a good that has remained intact: even if he is a prodigal, a son does not cease to be truly his father's son; it also indicates a good that has been found again, which in the case of the prodigal son was his return to the truth about himself"

"Although the word 'mercy' does not appear, [this parable] nevertheless expresses the essence of the divine mercy in a particularly clear way" (John Paul II)



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Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday	
7:00 AM	Martha Macdonald † by her daughter	7:00 AM	For the people of the parish	8:30 AM	Nancy Slogar † by her father & daughter	7:30 AM	Special Intention for Vicki Shoemaker by her friends
8:30 AM	Daniel McNerney † by his family	8:30 AM	Norbert Lindenthal † by his sister, Margaret	5:00 PM	Joyce Pavick † by Gloria Vaknin (on her 20th year of passing)	9:30 AM	Buries Dean † by Carol & Dave Barcus
Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in memory of the deceased members of the Horner family by the family							Patrick Neiss by his wife, Greta (one year after death)

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Thought: In today's second reading, St. Paul says, "For His sake I have forfeited everything; I have accounted all else rubbish so that Christ may be my wealth." Does my stewardship suggest that I could say the same?

Parish Sacrificial Giving (Regular Sunday Offering) In gratitude for the gifts we have received from God, the parishioners and visitors gave \$15,115.00 for the ministries of St. Teresa. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God bless.

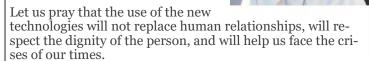
QUESTION OF THE WEEK?

Are any parishioners alienated from their parents or their children?

How will they hear the Gospel story?

Pope Francis Intentions for April

For the use of the new technologies



Eucharistic Adoration

We will have an all day Eucharistic Adoration **April 3rd from 9am to 6:30pm** in the Chapel.

There will be the **Spanish Holy Hour and Exposition from 5:30-6:30pm.**

If anyone would like to sign up for an hour, please call Cheryl Kassack at: 321-383-1312 (H) 321-795-1456 (c)

SCHOOL NEWS



We're thrilled to announce that our Kids Heart Challenge fundraiser was a huge success! We not only met but

SURPASSED our goal.

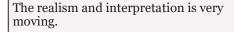
Thank you to everyone who participated, donated, and spread the word about this amazing event!





Join us for our annual Passion performance on **Friday April 11th**, with presentations at **2:00pm and 7:00p**,

Plan ahead to attend this amazing story of the Passion . The students and teachers work very hard to add such realism to this sacred event. If you've never attended, plan to do so this year.





First Friday

The first Friday of the month will be this **Friday, March 1st** We will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel all day. Please plan to spend some time in prayer with our Lord.



First Saturday

This Saturday is the first Saturday of the month, **March 2nd.** Special prayers will be prayed after the 8:30 AM Mass. Please join us.

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FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education (CCD) Religious Education Classes (CCD) this **Wednesday**, in the school **at 6:00 pm**.



RCIA

Meeting this week, **Sunday**, **March 30**th following dismissal from the 9:30 Mass. The 9:30 Mass will be the Second Scrutiny Mass for the New Elect. Our meeting will be held in Avila Hall Faith Formation Room.

"R" Catholic Nugget

A Quote from St. Teresa of Calcutta "Lent is a time for us to empty ourselves of worldly distractions and allow God to fill us with His love, His grace, and His peace."

Adult Bible Study

Monday morning bible study meets this Monday, 9:15 am – 11:00 am in Avila Hall Faith Formation Room.

Tuesday evening bible study meets this Tuesday, **6:30 pm** – **8:00 pm** in Avila Hall.

Wednesday morning bible study meets this Wednesday, 9:30 –11:00 am in Avila Hall Faith Formation Room.

For more information or to sign up contact the Faith Formation office at 321-349-5445 (voice or text) or by email at faithformation@stteresatitusville.org.

Youth Group Summer Camps

Camp Veritas. June 10th – 15th Lake Placid, Florida Ava Maria Youth Conference 2025 "PROCLAIM" July 11th -13th Ave Maria University

BOTH of these events SOLD OUT last year.

If you are interested in attending either or both of these summer events, please contact the Faith Formation Office. Cell: (321) 349-5445 (voice or text) Email: faithformation@stteresatitusville.org

Youth Group Camp Sponsors

This year we are blessed to have 11 of our youth signed up to attend Camp Veritas. In addition, we 9 kids who are interested in attending the Youth Conference at Ava Maria. If you would like to help support this wonderful ministry please consider sponsoring one of our kids for either Camp Veritas for \$500 or Youth Conference at Ava Maria for \$150. If you prefer, you can make a general donation to St. Teresa Church (Youth Group Camps) in any amount. All donations will be greatly appreciated. To donate send or drop off a check made out to "St. Teresa Church", note in the memo field "Youth Group Camps" for the amount you would like to contribute. If you have any question please contact the Faith Formation Office. Cell: (321) 349-5445 (voice or text) Email: faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org

St. Teresa Youth Group Calendar of events (6th to 12th Grade)

Date	Time	Location	Event
TBD	2:00- 3:00pm	River Lanes	Youth Group Bowling Party
Apr 27 th	8:30- 12:45pm	Parish Center	Youth Group Breakfast Buffet

Youth Group Fund Raiser

St. Teresa's Youth Group is offering a chance for a Gskyer 130EQ Professional Astronomical Reflector Telescope. This year STC Youth Group will raffle this telescope as a fund raiser to help offset the cost of our events and summer camps. Raffles tickets will be sold after Masses from March $8^{\rm th}$ thru May $4^{\rm th}$. The Winning ticket will be drawn during the St. Teresa School Evening of the Arts on May $8^{\rm th}$. Tickets will be 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$20. Please help support the St. Teresa Youth Group.

Bereavement / Grief Support Group

A Grief, Prayer, Support Group has been organized for anyone that has lost a loved one or is interested in participating.

You do not need to be a member of the Parish to participate.

Meetings will be held on Thursdays from 4:30-6:3PM.

All are welcome. For additional information, please contact the Parish Office @321-268-3441

Blue Army Rosary

Blue Army Rosary and Chaplets

The St. Teresa Chapter of the Blue Army is hosting, in the Chapel, a **weekly:**

Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy on Monday nights at 6pm

There will be a Pot Luck dinner after the rosary in Avila Hall

Choir Rehearsal

Contemporary choir rehearses every **Tuesday at 7pm** in the church.

Traditional choir rehearses every **Wednesday at 7pm** in the church

Food Pantry Cor Jesu

All food donations are always appreciated. With Easter season upon us, bunnies, chicks and jelly beans would be nice for the children. In addi-

tion, pineapple rings, box of cornbread & canned yams.

If you chose to send a check please make out to Cor Jesu. Grocery store gift cards are always welcome for perishables. They can be placed in the box outside the gift shop. Thank you for your weekly generosity.

Our Catholic Appeal 2025

Our Annual Catholic Appeal has begun. Parishioners should have received OCA information in the mail. If you did not, then donation envelopes are available in the pews.

PLEASE use the envelopes regardless of the amount that you are comfortable donating as it helps to represent parish participation.

Our parish contribution goal for Our Catholic Appeal 2025 is **\$123,098.** A certain percentage of the money received over this amount will stay at St Teresa church for the needs of the parish

Thank you to those that have already chosen to donate.

To date **\$105,317.00** has been pledged. That is 85.6% of our goal. Thank you for using your envelope.

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A Catholic ministry where moms can find community in the messiness and joy of raising tiny saints. Join us at one of our upcoming events.

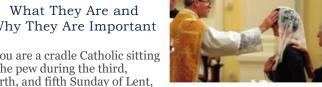
Contact Kasey at (321) 289-6399 for any questions.



Today is the halfway mark of the Sundays of Lent; Easter is enticingly near.

This is also the Second Scrutiny in preparation for the baptism of adults at the Easter Vigil.

The Scrutinies -What They Are and Why They Are Important



If you are a cradle Catholic sitting in the pew during the third, fourth, and fifth Sunday of Lent,

and RCIA members join you at mass, you are present for "the Scrutinies", whether you realize it or not. What are they, and why are they important for all of us during this Lenten season of repentance and renewal?

Special Rites

The Scrutinies are three special rites that help prepare the Elect, those participating in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), to enter the Catholic Church. They take place during the period of RCIA formation known as Purification and Enlightenment, near the end of their formation.

The season of Lent involves a more intense period of examination and preparation for the Elect, and hopefully for those of us already living the Catholic faith. Though they are meant for the RCIA Elect, the Scrutinies can help all Catholics seeking to live a life of continuous conversion.

The purpose of the Scrutinies is "to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful" in the hearts of the Elect and to "strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good."

Once we see sin for what it really is, and better understanding our own personal weaknesses, we can begin to exercise the freedom and liberation we have received through Jesus. With God's grace, we can turn away from the darkness of sin, reject disordered patterns, and step into the light. This is possible for us because we believe in the redemptive sacrifice of Christ, and we entrust ourselves to Him.

The Three Scrutinies

The Scrutinies are associated with three specific Gospel stories on the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent:

- Jesus encountering the Samaritan woman at the well, where He offers Himself as the Living Water,
- **Jesus healing the man born blind,** where He gives Himself as Light of the World, and

Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead, where He reveals Himself as the Resurrection and the Life.

During each of the Scrutinies, we witness the miracle of a radical encounter with Christ, who redeems in gentle love. This happens in the weekly Gospel story, and then in the encounter of the Elect with the Holy Spirit. We in the assembly are also invited to participate in the encounter, sharing in the miracle by offering our prayers.

Christ has liberated us; we are free to choose Him and not remain in darkness.

During the Scrutinies this Lent, ask yourself: what is defective in my heart and soul that needs strengthening? Resolve to ask for God's healing grace, go to Confession, and work prayerfully on those areas of your spiritual life.

Fourth Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday

"Rejoice, Jerusalem! Be glad for her, you who love her; rejoice with her, you who mourned for her, and you will find contentment at her consoling breasts." This Sunday is known as Laetare Sunday and is a Sunday

of joy. Lent is half over, and Easter is enticingly near.

This Sunday was formerly called "Laetare Sunday" since its mood and theme was one of hope and rejoicing that Easter was near. In the reformed calendar this Sunday is not different from the other Sundays of Lent even though the entrance antiphon for the day still begins with the Latin word "laetare" and the vestments worn by the celebrant are rose-colored, not violet. The day is important because it is the day of the second scrutiny in preparation for the baptism of adults at the Easter Vigil.

His intricate rhythm of suffering and joy is pointed out for us today by the symbol of the rose. In ancient times Christians brought roses for each other as gifts.

- a) First of all, we see in the rose a beautiful indication of the closeness between joy and suffering; for with roses come thorns. Should it not fill us with wonder that nature adds thorns to the most beautiful flower of all, the queen of flowers?
- b) The rosebush is a beautiful representation for the Easter cycle with its two extremes, sorrow over sin and fervent paschal joy. First the thorns grow, then the roses bloom. First we must pass through the thorny period of Lent, first we must hear that sin has banished us to a thorny earth; then, at Easter, the Church opens for us the door of paradise, lush with roses.
- c) It was the same for our blessed Savior whose life was very much like the rose. His public career was a thorny bush; yes, in His passion a pricking, piercing wreath was entwined about His sacred head. Along the trunk of the Cross this thornbush grew and its buds did not break open before the stone was rolled back. But suffering was not an end in itself; for Jesus it was only the means of redemption, the sharp point to lance the swell of mankind's guilt, the dark gate to resurrection — His own and that of all God's children. The rose-bush, then, tells us of our Savior's passion and glory.

Human life is a thorny bush climbing up the tree of the Cross. Self-denial is one sharp thorn, taking up your cross, i.e., embracing all the sorrows and duties and burdens of life, is another. But God promises you roses in return, "Whoever loses his life on earth, will find true, divine life." The rose is the harbinger of holy spring which now has come to our souls. As springtime in nature awakens life, so the Church's spring awakens a God-filled life of grace in all Christ's members.

Catechumens, penitents, and faithful are desiring "life in abundance." And its realization brings unspeakable joy!

Spaghetti Dinners

Spaghetti dinner takes place on Saturday, April 5th at 6:00 PM and each month on the first Saturday of the month.



Dinners include spaghetti & meatballs, salad, bread, dessert coffee, or lemonade and water. Homemade meatballs are huge and delicious.

Dinners are \$12 each. Kids 12 and under eat free.





Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

Simple Blessings

Unleavened cakes and parched grain do not sound like much of a menu. But it was a banquet for the Israelites of long ago.

Freed from their slavery in Egypt, they made the long trek through the desert to reach the Promised Land. They trudged a long, tiring, and dangerous journey. Moses, their leader, had died. Now Joshua, his successor, had brought them to their homeland.

It was Passover, the festival commemorating their departure from Egypt. So the people celebrated the feast with food from their new home: unleavened cakes and parched grain. They no longer ate the food of Egypt. They no longer ate the manna from the desert. Now, camped on a plain in Gilgal, they ate the food of their new home, the food of freedom.

Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again, he was lost, and has been found.

Luke 15:23, 24

You appreciate things more if you have had to go without them. Food tastes better if you are hungry. Employment satisfies more if you were unemployed. Shelter feels safer if you have been without a home. God's presence feels stronger when you rediscover prayer.

It may not seem like much—unleavened cakes and parched grain, but for the Israelites it was a banquet. They may not seem like much—the little blessings God gives us, but for those who experience God's mercy, they are heaven.

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Friday Activities During Lent

- Stations of the Cross at 7 PM. Please join us for all of there events.
- Mission talk following the Stations Theme this week will be: "Hope in the Face of Suffering"

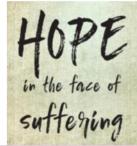
Mission Donations

Envelopes will be available during and at the end of the Mission for your donation. Father Chris will be making a donation to the Salvatorian Missions. If you care to donate by check, PLEASE make out the check to the SALVATORIAN FATHERS. Thank you.

- Confessions at 6 PM
- On Fridays during Lent we have soup suppers from 4:30-7 PM.

Please join us for this event each Friday during Lent. Enjoy time with others prior to the Stations of the Cross.

If you have not yet attended, you only have two more chances. Father offers a passionate mission talk on the named subject each week.



Lenten Offerings

During Lent we will be collecting needed items for three area charities: North Brevard Charities, Cor Jesu and BETA.

Needed items are on lists on the board on the table in the entrance to the Church. It will be most appreciated by these organization if you are able to bring in something for these charities each weekend.

Please place items in the wagon in the back of the church. Thank you

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April 4th

Soups: Pasta e Fagioli & Corn Chowder Mac-N-Cheese for the Little Ones Side: Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Salad

Dessert: As donated

Drinks: Iced Tea (Sweet / Unsweet), Lemonade, Water, Coffee

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