

St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church and School

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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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

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Daily (Mon.-Fri.):..... 7:45-8:15 a.m.
Saturdays:..... 3:45-4:45 p.m.
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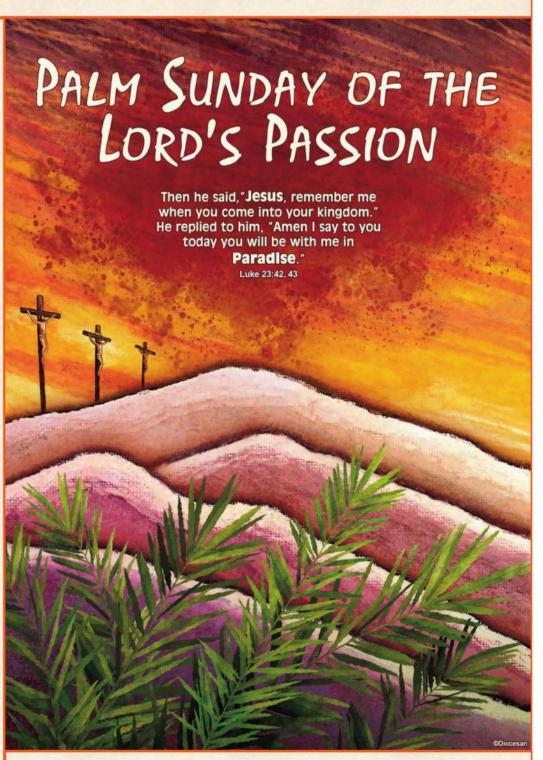
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Mass Intentions for the week of April 13th to April 20th

	Sunday		Monday		Tuesday	1	Wednesday
7:30 AM	Tinh-Pham (Teresa) † by her husband	7:00 AM	For the sick of the parish	7:00 AM	For the people of the parish	7:00 AM	Charles & Elizabeth Bennett † by the family
9:30 AM	Mary Hale † by Patricia & David Taurasi	8:30 AM	Gino Fugazzi † by his family	8:30 AM	Michael Fitzgerald † by friends of	8:30 AM	Wendy Marie Lussier † by her parents
11:30 AM	Hannah Bahrami†by						

 ${\it Jesus\ emptied\ himself\ and\ God\ filled\ this\ emptiness\ with\ exaltation}$

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Easter Sunday Thinking about the Readings

- 1. What enables me to believe in the risen Christ?
- 2. What signs of Christ do I experience at this time?
- 3. What gives me joy and happiness?

the Zolfaghari family

4. What blessings have I received through the season of Lent?

Readings for Easter Sunday April 20, 2025

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Peter is an eyewitness to the Lord.

Second Reading: John 20:1-9

Three witnesses, Mary, Peter and John, respond to an empty tomb!

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

Why search for the dead? Today the dead have

been raised!

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:

As Jesus asked Mary, do I believe that Jesus is the Resurrection and the life?

How does that change the way I live my life?



Today's good news

So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt (Jn 12:13-15)!"

Today we commemorate Christ's entry into Jerusalem for the completion of the Paschal Mystery. In Liturgical Calendar preceding Vatican II, the Church celebrated Passion Sunday two Sundays before Easter, and then Palm Sunday was the beginning of Holy Week. The Church has combined the two to reinforce the solemnity of Holy Week.

The Palm Sunday procession is formed of Christians who, in the "fullness of faith," make their own the gesture of the Jews and endow it with its full significance. Following the Jews' example we proclaim Christ as a Victor... Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. But by our faith we know, as they did not, all that His triumph stands for. He is the Messiah, the Son of David and the Son of God. He is the sign of contradiction, acclaimed by some and reviled by others. Sent into this world to wrest us from sin and the power of Satan, He underwent His Passion, the punishment for our sins, but issues forth triumphant from the tomb, the victor over death, making our peace with God and taking us with Him into the kingdom of His Father in heaven.

The priests and deacons wear red vestments for Mass. There is a special entrance at the beginning of each Mass, either simple or solemn. This includes a blessing of the palms and the gospel reading of the entrance into Jerusalem.

The palms are blessed with the following prayer:
Almighty God, we pray you bless these branches and make them holy. Today we joyfully acclaim Jesus our Messiah and King. May we reach one day the happiness of the new and everlasting Jerusalem by faithfully following him who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

As the faithful, we remember and dramatize Christ's triumphal entrance into Jerusalem on a donkey. In Jesus' time, a huge crowd assembled, put their cloaks or branches on the ground, and waved palm branches, acclaiming Christ as the King of Israel, the Son of David.



††† Holy Saturday



Holy Thursday

7:00 AM NO MASS

7:00PM Last Supper Memorial

Good Friday

7:00 AM NO MASS

12Noon Stations of the Cross 3&7 PM Passion of the Lord devotion

Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in Thanksgiving for Margaret Gould by Kathryn, Anne & Amy

Holy Saturday

8:30 AM NO MASS

8:00 PM Easter Vigil/RCIA

Easter Sunday

7:30 AM Mildred Stout † by the Smith family

9:30 AM Bill & Gedi Orsini † by the family

11:30 AM Marilyn Falusi † by the Wheir family

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Thought: : In the Gospel story of the first Palm Sunday, we hear that the owners of the ass had only to be told, "The Master has need of it," to give the animal gladly. Do I give as readily to the Lord's work?

Parish Sacrificial Giving (Regular Sunday Offering) In gratitude for the gifts we have received from God, the parishioners and visitors gave \$15,258.00 for the ministries of St. Teresa. School collection amounted to \$3,417.00. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God bless.

SCHOOL NEWS

St. Teresa February Virtue: Creativity
Congratulations to the students selected by

ers for the Virtue of the Month award!

their teach-

We're proud of each and



every one of you!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK?

For whom or what would parishioners be willing to give up their lives?

Blessing of Easter Food Baskets 'Swieconka'

Easter food blessings ceremony at **11AM on Saturday**, **April 19th.**

Meanings of Traditional Contents:

Butter- This reminds us of the good will of Christ that we should have towards all things. The butter is usually formed as a lamb.

Easter Bread - A round or long loaf topped with a cross or a fish, symbolic of Jesus, who is the Bread of Life.

Eggs - Indicates new life and Christ's Resurrection from the tomb.

Ham - Symbolic of great joy and abundance. Some prefer lamb or veal. Also Kielbasa-A sausage product, symbolic of God's favor and generosity.

Salt - A necessary element in our physical life. Symbolic of prosperity and justice and to remind us that people are the flavor of the earth.

Candle - Represents Christ as the Light of the world.



Bike Rodeo Fun!

Our 2nd graders had a blast at the Bike Rodeo hosted by our local Fire Department! They learned all about bike safety, from helmet fittings to navigating obstacles.



A huge thank you to our amazing Fire Department for teaching our kids valuable skills to stay safe while riding!

Think Ahead Easter Church Office Closure

The Church Office will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.

Eucharistic Adoration

There will be **NO Adoration** on Holy Thursday. Last Supper service at 7PM.

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



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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, **April 13**th **at 1pm** in the Church. Easter Vigil walk through.

Congratulations to our Catechumens who will be entering into full communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil, April 19, 2025.

Amanda Jaquez, April Landen, Michael Chase, Alina Marquez, Leslie Moore, Michael Moore, Kathleen Orlando, Amber Russell, Rut Celeste Rivera Rodriguez, Karissa Kathleen Robinson, Todd Matthew Agnini II, Vitor Fernandes, Donnie Whiting

First Communion Prep Classes

Prep Session for 3rd Grade Students (School and Religious Ed.) will be this Wednesday, **April 16**th **from 6:00pm to 7:15pm** in Avila Hall. If you have any questions, contact the Faith Formation office.

"R" Catholic Nugget

A Quote from St. Paul of the Cross "The Cross is the way to Paradise, but only when it is borne willingly."

Adult Bible Study

Winter Bible study has completed. We will be offering a **Wednesday** morning class "*Beginning Apologetics 1*". This class will begin **May 6**th in the Faith Formation Room in Avila Hall, **9:30–11:00am.** Class size is limited. For more information or to sign up contact the Faith Formation office at 321-349-5445 (voice or text) or by email at faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org.

Youth Group Camp Sponsors

Sponsor a student for our Youth Group Summer Camps including Camp Veritas (Cost \$500) and Ave Maria Youth Conference (Cost \$150). You may choose to sponsor one student or make a partial donation toward all students. 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 or go ONLINE and select "Sponsor Youth Group Summer Camps". 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)

Baptism

Date	Time	Location	Event
Apr	8:30-	Parish	Youth Group Breakfast
27 th	12:45m	Center	Buffet

To schedule a Baptism and Preparation Class contact the Faith Formation Office 321-349-5445 (voice or text) or by email at faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org. The Preparation class will be held on the date and time you schedule in the Faith Formation Room in Avila Hall.

Bereavement / Grief Support Group

April 13, 2025

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

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 chil-

dren. They could also use cans of black & baked beans and corn.

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.

Easter food baskets will be given out of 4/16 . You can also drop food off at the Food Pantry on Hopkins on Monday 8:30-11:30AM.



Moms of Tiny Saints

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.

Our Catholic Appeal 2025

OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL
The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida

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 \$118,547.00 has been pledged. That is 96% of our goal. A total of 251 donations. Thank you for using your envelope.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Holy Thursday

Except for the resurrection on Easter, Holy Thursday is possibly one of the most important, complex, and profound days of celebration in the Catholic Church. Holy Thursday celebrates the institution of the Eucharist as the true body and blood of Jesus Christ and the institution of the sacrament of the priesthood.

During the Last Supper, Jesus offers himself as the Passover sacrifice, the sacrificial lamb, and teaches that every ordained priest is to follow the same sacrifice in the exact same way. Christ also bids farewell to his followers and prophesizes that one of them will betray him and hand him over to the Roman soldiers.

Around the world, Bishops and priests come together at their local Cathedrals on Holy Thursday morning to **celebrate the institution of the priesthood.** During the Mass, the bishop blesses the Oil of Chrism that will be used for Baptism, Confirmation, and Anointing of the sick or dying.

At this Mass, the bishop washes the feet of twelve priests to symbolize Christ's washing of his twelve Apostles, our first bishops and priests.

Later that night, after sundown – because Passover began at sundown- the Holy Thursday Liturgy takes place, marking the end of Lent and the beginning of the sacred "Triduum," or three, of Holy Week. These days are the three holiest days in the Catholic Church.

This Mass stresses the importance Jesus puts on the humility of service, and the need for cleansing with water, a symbol of baptism. Also emphasized are the critical importance of the Eucharist and the sacrifice of Christ's Body, which we now find present in the consecrated Host.

At the conclusion of the Mass, the faithful are invited to continue Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the night, just as the disciples were invited to stay up with the Lord during His agony in the garden before His betrayal by Judas.

After Holy Thursday, no Mass will be celebrated again in the Church until the Easter Vigil celebrates and proclaims the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

8:30AM Morning Prayer ONLY

7:00 PM Holy Thursday Liturgy Followed by Adoration

Good Friday

It is finished'; and he bowed his head and handed over his spirit."

On Good Friday, the entire Church fixes her gaze on the Cross at Calvary. Each member of the Church tries to understand at what cost Christ has won our redemption. In the solemn ceremonies of Good Friday, in the Adoration of the Cross, in the chanting of the 'Reproaches', in the reading of the Passion, and in receiving the pre-consecrated Host, we unite ourselves to our Savior, and we contemplate our own death to sin in the Death of our Lord.

The Church - stripped of its ornaments, the altar bare, and with the door of the empty tabernacle standing open - is as if in mourning. In the fourth century the Apostolic Constitutions described this day as a 'day of mourning, not a day of festive joy,' and this day was called the 'Pasch (passage) of the Crucifixion.'

The liturgical observance of this day of Christ's suffering, crucifixion and death evidently has been in existence from the earliest days of the Church. No Mass is celebrated on this day, but the service of Good Friday is called the Mass of the Presanctified because Communion (in the species of bread) which had already been consecrated on Holy Thursday is given to the people.

Traditionally, the organ is silent from Holy Thursday until the Alleluia at the Easter Vigil, as are all bells or other instruments, the only music during this period being unaccompanied chant.

The omission of the prayer of consecration deepens our sense of loss because Mass throughout the year reminds us of the Lord's triumph over death, the source of our joy and blessing. The desolate quality of the rites of this day reminds us of Christ's humiliation and suffering during his Passion.

We can see that the parts of the Good Friday service correspond to the divisions of Mass: Liturgy of the Word -

- reading of the Passion.
- Intercessory prayers for the Church and the entire world, Christian and non-Christian.
- Veneration of the Cross
- Communion, or the 'Mass of the Pre-Sanctified.'

8:30AM Morning Prayer ONLY
12Noon Stations of the Cross
3:00PM Service
7:00PM Service
Collection for Holy Land at each service

Holy Saturday

On Holy Saturday the Church waits at the Lord's tomb, meditating on his suffering and death. The altar is left bare, and the sacrifice of the Mass is not celebrated. Only after the solemn vigil during the night, held in anticipation of the resurrection, does the Easter celebration begin, with a spirit of joy that overflows into the following period of fifty days. Holy Saturday (from Sabbatum Sanctum, its official liturgical name) is sacred as the day of the Lord's rest; it has been called the "Second Sabbath" after creation. The day is and should be the most calm and quiet day of the entire Church year, a day broken by no liturgical function. Christ lies in the grave, the Church sits near and mourns. After the great battle He is resting in peace, but upon Him we see the scars of intense suffering...The mortal wounds on His Body remain visible...Jesus' enemies are still furious, attempting to obliterate the very memory of the Lord by lies and slander. Mary and the disciples are grief-stricken, while the Church must mournfully admit that too many of her children return home from Calvary cold and hard of heart. When Mother Church reflects upon all of this, it seems as if the wounds of her dearly Beloved were again beginning to bleed. According to tradition, the entire body of the Church is represented in Mary: she is the "credentium collectio universa" (Congregation for Divine Worship, Lettera circolare sulla preparazione e celebrazione delle feste pasquali, 73). Thus, the Blessed Virgin Mary, as she waits near the Lord's tomb, as she is represented in Christian tradition, is an icon of the Virgin Church keeping vigil at the tomb of her Spouse while awaiting the celebration of his resurrection.

There are no liturgies celebrated this day, unless the local parish priest blesses the food baskets. In Slavic countries there is a blessing of the traditional Easter foods, prepared in baskets: eggs, ham, lamb and sausages, butter and cheeses, horseradish and salt and the Easter breads. The Easter blessings of food owe their origin to the fact that these particular foods, namely, fleshmeat and milk products, including eggs, were forbidden in the Middle Ages during the Lenten fast and abstinence.

8:30AM Morning Mass ONLY

11:00AM Blessing of the Food Food Baskets

5:00PM NO Mass

8:00 PM Easter Vigil

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Mystery of Suffering

The speaker of today's first reading is a victim. He speaks, but people beat him, pull out the hairs of his beard, slap and spit on him. Why? He suffers all this because he has spoken God's word. Every morning God speaks to him and enables him to speak to others. This word gets him into trouble.

But the speaker does not quit. Nor does he curse God who gives him these pointed words. He remains firm, committed to the word God gives him, even in the face of resistance.

Although Isaiah wrote about the difficulties faced by faithful Israel in the midst of enemies, Christians read through these lines and see the image of Jesus. He received God's word, spoke it with eloquence, and suffered at the hands of his enemies.

Do your words ever get you into trouble? Does it happen even when you say the right thing? If so, you stand in a long line of those who suffer because they are servants of God.

The victim on the cross hangs in full view in our churches. Christians can face the agony of suffering as it befell Jesus and as it comes to us, because we know there is something more.

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Easter Activities

- Palm Sunday April 13th
- April 17th Holy Thursday No Mass in AM 7PM Adoration
- April 18th Good Friday No Mass in AM Services at 3 and 7 PM
- April **19th** Holy Saturday **No** Mass in AM Easter Vigil Mass at 8PM RCIA (no 5PM
- Easter food blessings ceremony at 11AM
- April 20th Easter 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30AM Mass

Father Chris would like to thank all that attended the Stations of the Cross and made the Mission talks part of your Lenten journey. He stated that he was very appreciative of the offering of donations for the Salvatorian Fathers, Donations amounted to \$ He states that he "is very thankful for your heartfelt response. God Bless to all."

Easter Confession

There are NO confessions after Wednesday 7:45-8:15 AM.

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified.

Palm Sunday is known as such because the faithful will often receive palm fronds which they use to participate in the reenactment of Christ's arrival in Jerusalem. In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or possibly palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage. This was a customary practice for people of great respect.

Palm branches are widely recognized symbol of peace and victory, hence their preferred use on Palm Sunday. The use of a donkey instead of a horse is highly symbolic, it

represents the humble arrival of someone in peace, as opposed to arriving on a steed in war.

A week later, Christ would rise from the dead on the first East-





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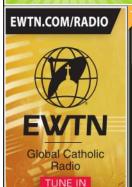


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