

# St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church and School Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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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Luke 10:42



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# Mass Intentions for the week of July 20th to July 27th

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday	
7:30 AM	Tinh-Pham † by the family	7:00 AM	For the healing of Father Gabriel	7:00 AM	For the people of the parish	7:00 AM	For the those sick or in pain of the parish
	Patricia Morrell † by the Morrell family	8:30 AM	Norman Moutran † by the Ericson family	8:30 AM	Norman Moutran † by the Ericson family	8:30 AM	Special Intentions for Colin James by some- one that loves him
11:30 AM	Buris Dean † by Donald Boland	Until further notice— <b>only</b> the 7:30am Mass will be celebrated each am. Father Chris will celebrate the 8:30am Mass Intentions at his daily Mass in Poland.					

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

### **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Thinking about the Readings

- 1. What forms of prayer have nourished me at different points in my life?
- 2. For what or for whom am I praying for this week?
- 3. When has God answered my prayers? What do I say to people when they say their prayers have not been an-
- 4. Do I think of myself as God's beloved child?

# Readings for 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 27, 2025

<u>First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32</u> <u>Abraham bargained with God for the safety of the</u>

Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14
God nailed our sins to the Cross of Christ.
Gospel: Luke 11:1-13
Jesus teaches us to pray and reminds us to persevere in prayer.

# **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:

Like Mary, We have listened to Jesus' words. Like Martha, we have prepared for a banquet. With rejoicing on this Lord's Day around this sacred altar we see God's face in the faces of one another, especially of those who are visitors among us.



There is need of only one thing Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.

### Today's good news

The first reading is taken from the book of Genesis. For today's reading we join Abraham shortly after his name change. It was with Abram becoming Abraham, the father of all nations, at the making of the second covenant, that men and women began to rely upon God in faith and are changed by it. God promises Abraham that within the year his aged wife, Sarah, will have a son. Abraham's reaction is to laugh. Immediately following today's reading, Sarah laughs at the news. The child born was named Isaac, which means "laughter".

The second reading is from the letter of Paul to the Colossians, Last week Paul used the occasion to answer the Judaizers and remind them of the absolute supremacy of Jesus Christ. Today Paul tells us his role in proclaiming the gospel. "Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the church."

The Gospel is from St. Luke and recounts the familiar story of Martha and Mary. St Augustine comments on this scene as follows: "Martha, who was arranging and preparing the Lord's meal, was busy doing many things, whereas Mary preferred to find her meal in what the Lord was saying. In a way she deserted her sister, who was very busy, and sat herself down at Jesus' feet and just listened to his words. She was faithfully obeying what the Psalm said: 'Be still, and know that I am God'. Martha was getting annoyed, Mary was feasting; the former coping with many things, the latter concentrating on one. Both occupations were good".

Martha has come to be, as it were, the symbol of the active life, and Mary that of the contemplative life. However, for most Christians, called as they are to sanctify themselves in the middle of the world, action and contemplation cannot be regarded as two opposite ways of practicing the Christian faith: an active life forgetful of union with God is useless and barren; but an apparent life of prayer which shows no concern for apostolate and the sanctification of ordinary things also fails to please God. The key lies in being able to combine these two lives, without either harming the other. Close union between action and contemplation can be achieved in very different ways, depending on the specific vocation each person is given by God.

# Mass Intentions for the week of July 20th to July 27th

Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday	
7:00 AM	Eileen Tulley † by her parents	7:00 AM	In prayer & thanks to Father Bower & his mis- sion	8:30 AM	For the healing of Father Gabriel	7:30 AM	William Allen † by Dianne Sweeney
8:30 AM	Glen Warren(36th wedding anniversary in heaven) by his wife, Isabel	8:30 AM	Salvatore Argusa † by his wife, Patricia	5:00 PM	Special Intentions for Ladies of D.A.C.C.	9:30 AM	Gary Minor † (happy birthday) by wife Alicia Minor & family
	Sanctuary Lamp is l	11:30 AM	Anthony Rogers † by his sister, Chris Murtha				

# **STEWARDSHIP**

**Stewardship Thought:** Today's readings speak of hospitality. Abraham, who cheerfully did for his guests all that desert hospitality required, was rewarded with his hearts desire—a son.

Martha also busied herself with all the details of hospitality, but begrudgingly and with complaint, Am I a cheerful or a grudging giver

**Parish Sacrificial Giving** (Regular Sunday Offering) In gratitude for the gifts we have received from God, the parishioners and visitors gave \$12,783 .00 for the ministries of St. Teresa. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God bless.

# **QUESTION OF THE WEEK?**

Who consistently makes an effort to welcome newcomers, ,listen to the young and elderly and visit the sick?

# Reminders:

- Have you moved—please let us know. (you'd be surprised how many mailings are returned including your new envelopes.
- \* Plan ahead for a blessing prior to surgery of a procedure. At the last minute, the Priests may be occupied with a funeral or another visitation.
- \* If you are in the hospital and would like a visit, please call and let us know what room you are in. Due to privacy requirements, the hospital may not divulge that information.
- \* If you need a last minute gift from the Gift Shop during the week, call the office to make sure someone is available, Religious items can only be blessed after purchase, so calling ahead assures that a Priest is there.

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

We will have an all day Eucharistic Adoration 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)



A BIG Thank you to Father Bower for stepping in to celebrate the Masses

life.

in to celebrate the Masses last weekend. The information he shared made us all think about the underserved, in need of the most basic needs of

Father Bower sends this message:

Many parishioners, because they were so enamored with the fine missionary work of Cross Catholic Outreach, expressed that they were not adequately prepared to support CCO as they now desire to do.

Parishioners can support CCO online (www.CrossCatholic.org), and for those who opt to do so, please go to the COMMENTS SECTION and type in ST. TERESA OF AVILA, TITUSVILLE,

WOW- the amount collected for this ministry amounted to \$6,845.00.

Thank you for hearing the need and responding so generously.

It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.

**Mother Teresa** 

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# **FAITH FORMATION**

Religious Education (CCD)

Registration, if you are returning, you will receive an email this week from the faith formation office, please follow the direction to have your child registered for this year's classes. If you are new, we will hold an in-person



registration August 27th, in Avila Hall after the 9:30 Mass. Reminder First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion is a two year program, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade. Confirmation is also a two year program 7th & 8th Grades. Classes begin August 27th at 6pm with a parent/teacher meeting; Students begin on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. All classes will be in the St. Teresa Catholic School from 6:15 pm to 7:30 pm.

St. Teresa is looking for volunteers to teach religious education as part of our Religious Education program. Our Classes are held Wednesday evenings in the school from 6:15 to 7:30 pm. This is a great opportunity to share our faith and be a positive influence on our young children. If you are interested, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 321-349-5445 (voice or text) or by email at faithformation@stteresatitusville.org.

### **OCIA**

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO... Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?

Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

Our OCIA program offers an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Our focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. If you would like further information please contact the Faith Formation office at 321-349-5445 (voice or text) or by email at faithformation@stteresatitusville.org

# "O"ur Catholic Nugget

A Quote from St. Ignatius of Loyola "All the things in this world are gifts of God, created for us, to be the means by which we can come to know him better, love him more surely, and serve him more faithfully."

### Adult Bible Study

This Fall's Bible study will be "Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled". Classes will Monday or Wednesday mornings or Tuesday evening. We will start Sep. 8th and run for 8 weeks. If you are interested please respond contact the Faith Formation office at 321-349-5445 (voice or text) or by email at faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org.

### Baptism

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 For-







# 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

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

Food Pantry is in need of baked beans, brownies, juice and coffee. All food donations are always appreciated.



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

Thank you for your weekly generosity.



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.

July 30 7PMText Kasey for Just-for-Moms address Night

To the Parishioners of St. Teresa, Father Chris and especially to those who purchased Telescope Fund Raiser Tickets, Sponsored our Summer Youth Camps and or Donated to our Vacation Bible School.

Thank you so much for generosity and prayers. Because of you our kids had a wonderful summer attending Camp Veritas, Vacation Bible School and Ave Maria Youth Conference, Through these events our Faith is strengthen and our Youth inspired.



Are We Like Martha or Mary? Martha & Mary: Learning Not to Worry

Jesus had three friends who were sisters with their brother: Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. They lived not too far from the city of Jerusalem in a town called Bethany. Jesus was their friend and their guest. Jesus loved these three and found warmth and comfort to go to their home and visit. However, on one occasion there surfaces from the heart and lips of Martha an intense worry.

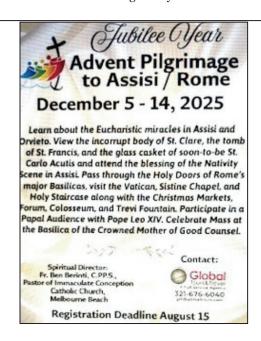
The reason for the worry? By nature Mary was more of a contemplative. This means that Mary thrived on silence, reflection, and contemplation. On the contrary, Martha was a ball of energy!

Her sister Mary was simply sitting before Jesus and apparently doing nothing; or at least Mary was not doing anything very profitable! Mary was just sitting at the feet of Jesus, even though still so much had to be done! Martha goes to Jesus to complain, what Martha thought was a very justified complaint! In any case, the complaint was directed at having things ready quicker for Jesus! So Martha tells Jesus to tell Mary to help her! Instead of Jesus telling Mary to get up in a hurry and to help Martha so as to have the schedule run perfectly on time, according to Martha's criteria, Jesus gently rebukes Martha. Listen to Jesus' words: "Martha, Martha, you are worried about many things. Mary has chosen the best part and she will not be deprived of it."

Martha symbolizes the active life of service to others, if you like the Corporal Works of Mercy. "I was hungry and you gave me to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me to drink; I was a foreigner and you welcomed me...". In fact Mary symbolizes all the different gestures we should strive to implement so as to live out a more contemplative lifestyle.

Do you ever worry? If so, why do you worry? Then next: when do you worry? Still more: does your worrying help you in any way you can think? Finally, what is it that can bring your worrying to a halt? One of the reasons why we fall into the trap of being "Worry-warts" and end up by making others worry too.

Therefore, when you find yourself nervous, tense, emotionally drained, frenetically moving from one activity to the next, like a robot—in a word, you are all stressed out and really bent out of shape, you will know the reason why! You have become too much Martha and not enough Mary.



St. Mary Magdalene Feast Day July 22nd

The feast of St. Mary Magdalene is considered one of the most mystical of feasts, and it is said that of all the songs of the saints, that of Mary Magdalene is the sweetest and strongest because her love was so great. That love was praised by Jesus Himself who said that because much was forgiven her, she loved much. Where she is buried, no one knows. Legend has her dying in Provence, France, in a cavern



where she spent her last days, and her body resting in the chapel of St. Maximin in the Maritime Alps. Another has her buried in Ephesus where she went with St. John after the Resurrection. This latter view is more likely, and St. Willibald, the English pilgrim to the Holy Land in the eighth century, was shown her tomb there.

She was the first recorded witness to the resurrection of Jesus, His most ardent and loving follower. She had stood with Mary at the foot of the Cross on that brutal Good Friday afternoon and had been by the side of Mary during these difficult hours. On Easter morning, she went with the other women to the tomb and it was there, in the garden near the tomb, that Jesus appeared to her. It was she who brought the news of the Resurrection to the Apostles, and Peter and John raced to the tomb to see what had happened.

She was from Magadala, a small fishing town on the Sea of Galilee, between Capernaum and Tiberias. "I have seen the Lord and these things he said to me." Jesus had chosen her to bring the news to them and she simply told them what had happened.

# Our Lady of Częstochowa Poland

The icon of Our Lady of Częstochowa has been intimately associated with Poland for the past 600 years. Its history before it arrived in Poland is shrouded in numerous legends that trace the icon's origin to Luke the Evangelist, who painted it on a cedar table top from the house of the Holy Family. The same legend holds that the painting was discovered in Jerusalem in 326 by Helena, who brought it back to Constantinople and presented it to her son, Constantine the Great.

The Black Madonna is said to have miraculously saved the monastery of Jasna Góra (English: Bright Mount) from a Swedish invasion. <sup>[6]</sup> The Siege of Jasna Góra took place in the winter of 1655 during the Second Northern War, as the Swedish invasion of the Polish–Lithuanian Commonwealth is known. The Swedes were attempting to capture the Jasna Góra monastery in Częstochowa. The sacred icon was replaced with a copy and the original moved in secret to the castle in Lubliniec, and later to the Pauline monastery in Mochów between the towns of Prudnik and Głogówek. <sup>[9]</sup> Seventy monks and 180 local volunteers, mostly from the Szlachta (Polish nobility), held off 4,000 Swedes for 40 days, saved their sacred icon and, according to some accounts, turned the course of the war.

The legend concerning the two scars on the Black Madonna's right cheek is that the Hussites stormed the Pauline monastery in 1430, plundering the sanctuary. Among the items stolen was the icon. The Hussites tried to get away after putting it in their wagon, but their horses refused to move. They threw the portrait down to the ground, and one of the plunderers drew his sword upon the image and inflicted two deep strikes. When the robber tried to inflict a third strike, he fell to the ground and writhed in agony until his death. Despite past attempts to repair these scars, they had difficulty covering up those slashes as the painting was done with tempera infused with diluted wax.

Częstochowa is regarded as the most popular shrine in Poland, with many Polish Catholics making a pilgrimage there every year. Pope John Paul II secretly visited as a student pilgrim during World War II.

(see next page for pictures of Father Chris at the Shrine)

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Colossians 1:24-28

Not Enough Suffering

There is too much suffering in the world. Everyone agrees. There is too much sickness, too much enmity, too much jealousy, too much violence, too much poverty, too much anxiety, and too much death.

It is strange then to hear the Letter to the Colossians imply there has not yet been enough suffering. Paul says, "Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ."

Certainly there was nothing "lacking" in the afflictions of Christ—abandoned by his friends, betrayed by an apostle, arrested and manhandled, falsely accused, beaten, and flogged, made to carry the instrument of his torture, and nailed to it, then lifted high, to die, on a cross. Nothing was lacking.

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Yet suffering has continued. Some people have known sorrows, torture, and pain even worse than that. The cross of Christ did not end suffering. But it rendered suffering powerless before the glory of the cross. Paul says he rejoices in his sufferings "to bring to completion for you the word of God, the mystery hidden from ages and from generations past." That mystery is now made manifest: "It is Christ in you, the hope of glory."

It feels like we have had too much suffering, but even if there is more, it cannot harm us. Suffering has no power before the promise of glory in Christ.

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Our Lady of Częstochowa. National Shrine of Black Madonna—Poland

Virtual Tour of Poland with **Father Chris** 

Our Lady of Częstochowa. National Shrine of Black Madonna Doylestown, Pennsylvania





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