



St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church and School

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Saturday Vigil:.....5:00 p.m.

Sunday:.....7:30 a.m., 9:30AM
& 11:30 am

Weekdays (Monday through
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Saturday:.....8:30 am

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“Strive to enter through the narrow door,
for many, I tell you, will attempt
to enter but will not be strong enough”

Luke 13:24



August 24, 2025

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Mass Intentions for the week of August 24th to August 31st

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
7:30 AM George & Mabel Seigman † by Mike & Georgeanne Vendlinski	7:00 AM Jack Oliva † by the family	7:00 AM Special Intentions of Colleen & Dave Yuskewich (46th anniversary)	7:00 AM Special Intentions for Margaret Gould by her friends
9:30 AM Glen Warren † by Elen Orenca	8:30 AM Herbert Allen † by Dianne Sweeney	8:30 AM For the people of the parish	8:30 AM Special Intentions for Father Gabriel by our parishioners
11:30 AM Special Intentions for Naz & Jeanine (44th anniversary)	The doorway into the kingdom is narrow		

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Thinking about the Readings

1. Whom do I hold in high esteem? What makes me feel that way about that person?
2. How do I want to be regarded by others?
3. How do I measure greatness?
4. How does God regard me?

Readings for 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time August 31, 2025

First Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20

Ancient wisdom insists that the more humble we are, the greater we are.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

Far from frightening, our encounter with God will be like a glorious holiday.

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

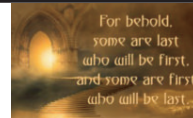
Jesus presents His own version of table manners

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:

If I choose to follow Christ and live according to his laws during the few years I have on this earth, I shall pass and shall be among the saved. If I ignore Christ and his laws now, he will not know me on the day of judgment I shall be among the lost. God forbid that I should choose the latter course.



Today's good news

The first reading is taken from Isaiah 66:18-21 and was written after the return from exile, 538 B.C. The aim was to console the returned exiles, who were depressed when they saw the sad state of Jerusalem and the poverty of the country. Isaiah foretold the future glory of Jerusalem to which people of all nations would come. It would be the center from which the knowledge of the true God would be dispersed.

The **second** reading is from St. Paul to the Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13. In last Sunday's lesson St. Paul encouraged Christians to be ready to face adversity and hardships. He compared them with athletes who endure so much in order to win a contest. Today he reiterates that we must expect hardship — it is part of our training. We cannot win this prize unless we undergo this training. It is God who sends us these trials. He wants us to win the eternal prize because he loves us; he is our Father.

The **Gospel** is from St. Luke 13:22-30 and concerns those who hear Christ's message but refuse to follow it. While the questioner who asked how many would be saved did not get a direct answer from Christ, nevertheless it was made very clear to him and to all of us that each one's salvation is in his own hands. All those who accept Christ, his teaching and the helps he has made available to them, will enter the kingdom of God. On the other hand, those who are excluded from that eternal kingdom will have only themselves to blame. God invites all men to heaven. He gives all the help necessary to every man, but, because men have a free will which God cannot force, some will abuse that freedom and choose wrongly.

Christ mentions the narrow door through which we must enter into God's kingdom. This means that we must exercise self-restraint and mortification and this we do when we respect and keep his commandments. When we are called to judgment it will be too late to shout "Sir, open for us." We should have sought his mercy and his forgiveness during our earthly life, and he would have granted it. Neither will it avail us to say that we knew him in life. Acquaintance with Christ is not enough. The man who lives habitually in sin, and refuses to amend his life, will die in his sinful state, and thus exclude himself from eternal salvation.

I have a free will. I can choose to pass that final examination or to fail it. The whole of my eternity, the unending life after death, depends on my choice now.

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Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7:00 AM Frank Macdonald † by his daughter	7:00 AM Eva Balbuena † by the family	8:30 AM Cynthia Harvin † by Gloria Kenkel	7:30 AM For the people of the parish
8:30 AM Albert Escobar by his wife, Patricia Escobar	8:30 AM Marvin Kenkel † by Daryl Gengler	5:00 PM Margarete Lindenthal † by her daughter, Margaret	9:30 AM Mary Hale † by Dottie & Greg
			11:30 AM Patricia Louise Funston by the Contemporary Choir

Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week for the Special Intentions of the O.C.I.A. Team

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Thought: In the Gospel today, Jesus warns us not to give in to hopes of repayment, but to give openhandedly to the poor and needy. That sort of giving mirrors the bountiful giving of God, and Jesus assures us it is blessed indeed!

Parish Sacrificial Giving (Regular Sunday Offering) In gratitude for the gifts we have received from God, the parishioners and visitors gave \$12,022.00 for the ministries of St. Teresa. The collection for the Assumption amounted to \$3,105.00. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God bless.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK?

Who's faith is weak and may turn away from Christ?

First Friday

The first Friday of the month will be on **Friday, September 5th** 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

Saturday is the first Saturday of the month, **September 6th**. Special prayers will be prayed after the 8:30 AM Mass. Please join us.

Eucharistic Adoration

We will have an all day Eucharistic Adoration August 28th **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



Every year, the Diocese of Orlando recognizes the accomplishments of all the wonderful teachers throughout the region. This year three special teachers were recognized at the annual Diocesan Kick-off Event.

In recognition for **10 years** of service to St. Teresa School, we honor **Mrs. Jaime Stanifer**, our middle school English/Language Arts teacher.

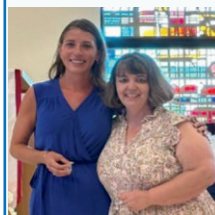
We also honor **Mrs. Cynthia Mawn**, our middle school religion and whole school music teacher, who was recognized for her **35+ years** of service.

Additionally, every year one teacher from each school is honored as the *Distinguished Educator of the Year*.

This year, we are proud to recognize **Mr. David Van Duyne** as our *Distinguished Educator of the Year*. **Coach**, as everyone at St. Teresa calls him, teaches PE to kindergarten through grade eight and serves as our athletic director.

The current school year is his **29th** year teaching, all of which has been at St. Teresa Catholic School.

Thanks to Mrs. Stanifer, Mrs. Mawn and Coach for their dedication to our school!



Mrs. Stanifer



Mrs. Mawn



Mr. Van Duyne



Save the dates

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FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education (CCD)

St. Teresa Religious Education program will be holding parent/teacher meeting this Wednesday, **August 27th at 6pm** in Avila Hall. Students begin on **September 3rd**. All classes will be in the St. Teresa Catholic School from **6:15 pm to 7:30 pm**.



OCIA

If you are interested in learning more about our faith and the possibility of becoming a Catholic you are invited to attend our OCIA program meeting on **September 7, 2025 at 1:30pm** in the Faith Formation room of Avila Hall. If you would like further information please contact the Faith Formation office at 321-349-5445 (voice or text) or by email at faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org

"O"ur Catholic Nugget

A Quote from St. Francis de Sales, "Faith is like a bright ray of sunlight. It enables us to see God in all things as well as all things in God."

Altar Servers

Altar Servers quarterly meeting will be held this Tuesday, **August 26, 2025 at 6pm** in Avila Hall. Altar Servers and Parents please plan to attend. We will be doing the schedule for September thru November. If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server please contact the Faith Formation Office and attend this meeting with your parent/guardian. See you there!



Altar Server Training will be held **Sunday, September 7th** and **Sunday, September 14th** after the **11:30 Mass** in the church. If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server and are in grade 3 and up, you need to attend these training sessions. We need of servers for the 5:00 pm & 7:30 am Masses. If you are currently an Altar Server and feel you need additional training, please attend one of the sessions.

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.

Confirmation 2025 Class

Schedule of Events:

Saturday, **Sept 13, 2025 9:00am – 1:00pm** Retreat & Rehearsal. Will be held in Avila Hall and the Church.

Saturday, **Sept 20, 2025 @ 5:00 p.m.** Mass, Sacrament of Confirmation.

St. Teresa Youth Ministry is organizing a 12 Day Youth pilgrimage to Italy.

Dates: June 15-26, 2026

Papal Audience in St. Peter's Square celebrated by His Holiness, Pope Leo XIV

If you are interested and would like to attend our information session on September 15th, contact the Faith Formation Office.

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 4:30-6:30PM**.

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

The Food Pantry is in need of pasta, 1 pound bags of rice and canned ravioli



All food donations are always appreciated.

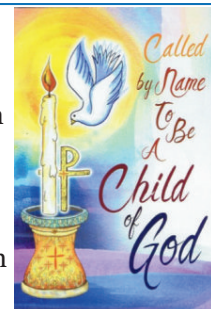
If you chose to send a check please make out to Cor Jesu. Grocery store gift cards are always welcome for perishables. They can be placed in the box outside the gift shop.

Thank you for the plastic grocery bags, we now have enough to help for awhile.

Thank you for your weekly generosity.

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 Formation Room in Avila Hall.



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Memorial of Saint Monica August 27th

St. Monica (333-387) was born in Tagaste, northern Africa and died in Ostia, near Rome. Monica was a Christian, but her husband Patricius was a pagan and a man of loose morals.



Monica's virtues and prayers, however, converted him, and he was baptized a year before his death. When her son, **Augustine**, joined the Manichean sect and went astray in faith and morals, Monica's tears and prayers for her son were incessant.

She followed him to Milan, where Augustine went to teach, and there continued to storm heaven with her prayers for her son. Finally, she had the joy of witnessing St. Ambrose baptize Augustine in 387. She died in Ostia, as she and her son gazed at the sea and discoursed about the joys of the blessed.

Patron: Abuse victims; difficult marriages; disappointing children; mothers

Memorial of St Augustine August 28th



Augustine Aurelius was born on November 13, 354, in Tagaste, North Africa. His father was a pagan, his mother, **St. Monica**. Still unbaptized and burning for knowledge, he came under the influence of the Manicheans, which caused his mother intense sorrow. He left Africa for Rome, deceiving his mother, who was ever anxious to be near him. She prayed and wept.

A bishop consoled her by observing that a son of so many tears would never be lost. Yet the evil spirit drove him constantly deeper into moral degeneracy, capitalizing on his leaning toward pride and stubbornness. Grace was playing a waiting game; there still was time, and the greater the depths into which the evil spirit plunged its fledgling, the stronger would be the reaction. He was converted by St. Ambrose. He distributed his goods to the poor and was ordained a priest.

He was made bishop of Hippo at the age of 41 and became a great luminary of the African Church, one of the four great founders of religious orders, and a Doctor of the universal Church.



The Passion of St John the Baptist August 29th

The Church, having celebrated the earthly birthday of St. John the Baptist on June 24, today honors the anniversary of his martyrdom. Besides our Lord and our Lady, St. John the Baptist is the only one whose birth and death are thus celebrated.

Today's Gospel relates the circumstances of his execution. He had the courage to blame Herod to his face for the scandal of his illegal union with his sister-in-law Herodias, whose husband was still alive.

Herodias contrived to make Herod imprison him and took advantage of an unexpected opportunity to obtain through her daughter Salome the beheading of the saint.

Blue Mass September 29th



Bishop John Noonan invites the community to join their voices in prayer on the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, for the safety of our dedicated first responders who put their lives in harm's way for the protection of people.

The Blue Mass is Monday, **Sept. 29, 12:10-1:10 p.m.**, at St. James Cathedral, 215 N. Orange Ave., Orlando.

A reception will follow in the Parish Center adjacent to St. James Cathedral. Limited free parking available on the corner of N. Orange Ave. and W. Robinson St. in the MAA Robinson Parking Garage.



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.

Aug. 28	7PM	Text Kasey for address	Just-for-Moms Night
Sept. 9	10AM	The Avenue Viera: Splash Pad	Splash Pad Meet Up
Sept. 18	7PM	Text Kasey for address	Just-for-Moms Night

The word **COURAGE** derives from the Latin word *cor* 'heart'.

Courage enables us to
face danger and overcome fear
with confidence

In the Gospels,
Before performing cures,
Jesus often says 'take **courage**, take heart,
be confident'.

Our fear in face of illness and danger
Shows our independence on our own resources

The gift of **Courage** helps us to see
Our real strength— God.

This week I will bring my difficulties before God in prayer
*God of **Courage**, your strength enables us to overcome any difficulty.*

May your Holy Spirit of **Courage** give us bold hearts
to proclaim your love



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Vigesimo Primero Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

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Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

For Your Own Good

“You’ll thank me for this one day.” Oh, how a kid hates to hear those words. They often accompany some punishment that kids have to put up with until they get older. Kids seethe under those words. They do not make any sense. They take away fun. And they make them mad.

But those words are usually right. Maybe that adds to the frustration. We all hate to do what is “for our own good” when it feels like it is anything but. We do not like being told we did the wrong thing. We do not like to be punished. And we do not like being told to fix our attitude about punishment.

So when the Letter to the Hebrews says God treats us like children, it doesn’t quite sound like good news. The author recalls a quote from the Old Testament. It is enough to make you wince: “My son, do not disdain the discipline of the Lord or lose heart when reproved by him; for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines; he scourges every son he acknowledges.”

So, here is the advice we get: “Endure your trials as ‘discipline’.” We would rather not have to endure trials at all. But when they come, we are supposed to endure them. “At the time, all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness.”

We do not like hearing it, but it is true: Some day we will thank God for these trials.

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