



St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church and School

Twenty-Second 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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Daily (Mon.-Fri.):..... 7:45-8:15 a.m.

Saturdays:..... 3:45-4:45 p.m.

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Mass Intentions for the week of August 31st to September 7th

Sunday	Labor Day	Tuesday	Wednesday
7:30 AM For the People of the Parish	7:00 AM Prayers for Fr Gabriel	7:00 AM Winston, Lois & Deb † by John & Joan	7:00 AM Communion Service only
9:30 AM Mary Hale † by Dottie & Greg	8:30 AM Anthony Rogers † by his sister, Chris Murtha	8:30 AM Sarah Miller † by her mom	8:30 AM Communion Service only
11:30 AM Patricia Louise Funston by the Contemporary Choir	Far from frightening, our encounter with God will be like a glorious holiday.		

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Thinking about the Readings

1. What kind of wisdom has my faith brought me?
2. At what significant points in my life have I stopped and counted the costs before acting?
3. What am I willing (or unwilling) to sacrifice to be a disciple?

Readings for 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time September 14, 2025

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b

Our choices in life are timid compared to God's choices for us.

Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Paul baptizes a slave and then expects the slave's master to accept the slave as a brother

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Do you want to be a disciple? Renounce everything else, with no reservations, no regrets.

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 altar we join rich and poor alike in offering the great prayer of praise and thanksgiving to God our Creator.

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.



Today's good news

The first reading is taken from the Book of Sirach 3:17-18, 20:28-29. In today's reading we have a few more of the words of wisdom on humility from this saintly man who spent his life meditating on the law of God revealed to the Chosen People.

The second reading is from St. Paul to the Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24, in which he contrasts two scenes. One is the giving of the Old Covenant, and the other is the assembly of those justified by the New Covenant. The reason why the Church has selected these verses is the same reason that St. Paul had when he wrote them. He wanted to impress on the Jewish converts the superiority of the Christian religion over that of the Old Testament, which they had practiced until their conversion.

The Gospel is from St. Luke 14:1, 7-14, in which Jesus had been invited to dine in the house of a leading Pharisee. The Pharisees were so convinced of their own perfect knowledge and observance of the law, that they thought nobody else could possibly know it or observe it as perfectly as they did. In a very simple parable, Jesus told them where their pride would lead them.

A proud Christian, that is, a proud follower of the humble Christ, is a contradiction in terms. Christ, the Son of God, lowered himself to our level when He took our human nature. He was born in a stable, reared in the obscure village of Nazareth, earned his meager meals as a country carpenter, died on a cross as a malefactor with two thieves as companions and was buried in a God's banquet. Thank God, there are few whose pride leads them to these extremes, but there are far too many who set themselves up as judges over their neighbor and appoint themselves as the models to be imitated by all others.

These are the questionings of a proud soul. Such Christians raise themselves above their neighbors in their own minds. They choose the first places, and from their self-appointed heights they look down on their fellow guests at stranger's grave. Could He have done more to induce us to listen to his counsel when He said: "Learn of me, for I am humble of heart?"

Yet, there are Christians who are proud. Like the Pharisees of old, they thank God that they are not like the rest of men. They shun any contact with sinners. They cover their ears when any scandal is mentioned. Yet they never miss the gossip and are always ready to condemn offhand the unfortunate giver of scandal, without knowing the extenuating circumstances

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Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7:00 AM Communion Service only	7:00 AM For the sick of the parish	8:30 AM Special Intentions for St Terea Volunteers	7:30 AM Lois Vincur † by the St Teresa choir
8:30 AM Communion Service only	8:30 AM For all the grandparents of the parish	5:00 PM Anthony & Lucille Gravina † by the family	9:30 AM James & Mary Taurasi † by Marie & Domenic Taurasi
Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week for all the Grandparents of the parish			11:30 AM Patricia McCaul by the Szczerba family

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 \$13,214 .00 for the ministries of St. Teresa.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God bless.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK?

How can the parish rise to greatness by becoming a servant to the poor, to the oppressed, and the afflicted?

Convocation of Priests September 3rd and 4th

On **Wednesday and Thursday, September 3rd and 4th** there will be **NO** Mass held on those days.

Morning Prayer with Communion only will be held.



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)

SCHOOL NEWS



Science Fair Volunteers Needed:

We are once again looking for volunteers to judge this year's science fair. Our third through eighth grade students work very hard on their experiments and can hardly wait to share their results.



This year's science fair is **Thursday, January 29th at 8am until approximately noon**. You do not need a science background to judge, just an interest in the school and willingness to help. Please reach out to the school at 321-267-1643 or email info@stteresa-titusville.org if interested.



Save the dates



Fatima Sunday September 14th

Please join us at **3Pm** for an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Anointing of the sick, recitation of the rosary,

Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, followed by a special blessing and Benediction.



First Friday

The first Friday of the month will be this **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

This Saturday is the first Saturday of the month, **September 6th**. 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) begin this Wednesday, **Sept. 3rd** in the school at **6:15 pm**.



OCIA
Our OCIA program meeting will begin next **Sunday, 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. Paul "Faith is the strength by which a shattered world shall emerge into the light."

Altar Servers

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.



First Reconciliation Prep Classes

Prep Session for 2nd Grade Students (School and Religious Ed.) will be held Wednesday, **September 10th from 6:15pm to 7:30pm** in Avila Hall. If you have any questions contact Faith Formation office.

Adult Bible Study

Fall Bible study, "Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled" will begin: **Monday September 8th at 9:30am** in the Faith Formation Room in Avila Hall.

Tuesday September 9th at 6:30pm in the Faith Formation Room in Avila Hall.

Wednesday September 10th at 9:30am in the Faith Formation Room in Avila Hall.

If you have any questions contact the Faith Formation office at 321-349-5445 (voice or text) or by email at faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org.

Confirmation 2025 Class

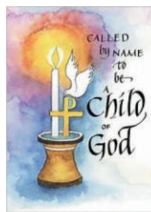
Schedule of Events:

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

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

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.



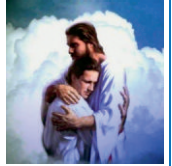
The Preparation class will be held on the date and time you schedule in the Faith Formation Room in Avila Hall.

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 cookies, pasta, crackers and canned fruit.

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.

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Leo XIV Message for [World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation](#) September 1, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

The theme of this World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, chosen by our beloved Pope Francis, is “[Seeds of Peace and Hope](#)”. On the tenth anniversary of the establishment of this Day of Prayer, which coincided with the publication of the Encyclical *Laudato Si'*, we find ourselves celebrating the present Jubilee as “*Pilgrims of Hope*.” This year’s theme thus appears most timely.



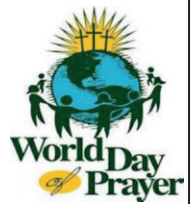
In proclaiming the Kingdom of God, Jesus often used the image of the seed. As the time of his Passion drew near, he applied that image to himself, comparing himself to the grain of wheat that must die in order to bear fruit (cf. *Jn* 12:24). Seeds are buried in the earth, and there, to our wonder, life springs up, even in the most unexpected places, pointing to the promise of new beginnings. We can think, for example, of flowers springing up on our roadsides from seeds that landed up there almost by chance. As those flowers grow, they brighten the gray tarmac and even manage to break through its hard surface.

In Christ, we too are seeds, and indeed, “seeds of peace and hope.” The prophet Isaiah tells us that the Spirit of God can make an arid and parched desert into a garden, a place of rest and serenity. In his words, “a spirit from on high will be poured out on us, and the wilderness will become a fruitful field, and the fruitful field a forest. Now is the time to follow words with deeds. “Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience” (*Laudato Si'*, 217). By working with love and perseverance, we can sow many seeds of justice and thus contribute to the growth of peace and the renewal of hope. It may well take years for this plant to bear its first fruits, years that, for their part, involve an entire ecosystem made up of continuity, fidelity, cooperation and love, especially if that love mirrors the Lord’s own self-sacrificing Love.

Among the Church’s initiatives that are like seeds sown in this field, I would mention the *Borgo Laudato Si'* project that Pope Francis bequeathed to us at Castel Gandolfo. It is a seed that promises to bear fruits of justice and peace, and an educational project in integral ecology that can serve as an example of how people can live, work and build community by applying the principles of the Encyclical *Laudato Si'*.

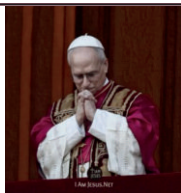
I pray that Almighty God will send us in abundance his “Spirit from on high” (*Is* 32:15), so that these seeds, and others like them, may bring forth an abundant harvest of peace and hope.

The Encyclical *Laudato Si'* has now guided the Catholic Church and many people of good will for ten years. May it continue to inspire us and may integral ecology be increasingly accepted as the right path to follow. In this way, seeds of hope will multiply, to be “tilled and kept” by the grace of our great and unfailing Hope, who is the risen Christ. In his name, I offer all of you my blessing.



Pope Leo’s Intentions for September

For the environment, that humanity may respect and protect creation as a shared responsibility.



Grandparents Day
September 7th

On Friday, **September 5th**, the St Teresa school students will celebrate Grandparents day at the **08:30AM** Mass.
All are welcome to attend.



Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross.
September 13th & 14th

September 14th is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. We will have the special blessing of your crosses on the weekend of September 14th and 15th.

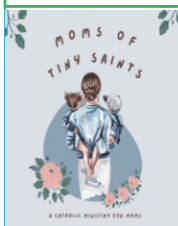
Plan to bring one from your home or you may purchase one from the Gift Shop.

[Mass for Suicide Prevention and Remembrance](#)
September 20

The Diocese of Orlando invites all who have been touched by the pain of suicide and all who advocate for suicide prevention to join us for our annual Mass for Suicide Prevention and Remembrance, **Saturday, Sept. 20, 12 p.m.-1 p.m.**, at the **Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe**, 8300 Vineland Ave., Orlando. In this special Mass, we will come together as a compassionate community to lift up our prayers to God. We pray for all individuals and families whose lives have been impacted by suicide, seeking God’s comfort and healing in their grief. We will also tenderly remember those beloved souls we have lost to suicide, entrusting them to God’s eternal mercy and love. Before Mass, the Diocesan Book of Remembrance will be placed in the narthex of the Basilica. We encourage you to inscribe the names of your loved ones in the book, allowing us to hold them collectively in our prayers during this powerful liturgy.

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



I know that there is nothing
better for people than to be happy
and to do good while they live.
That each of them may eat and
drink, and find satisfaction in all
their toil - this is the gift of God.

Ecclesiastes 3:12-13

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Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

The Voice of Authority

Labor
Day

Some people get intimidated easily. They are afraid to speak to the boss. They do not want to visit the principal's office. They may even fear a parent who still exercises power over the decisions children make.

What are people afraid of? Oftentimes they just do not want to be yelled at. The volume and tone in the angry voice of someone in authority is enough to shake you to your soul.

Moses had to face that voice. God was laying down the law, and doing it loudly. When Moses visited God on Mount Sinai, he approached "a blazing fire and gloomy darkness and storm and a trumpet blast and a voice speaking words such that those who heard begged that no message be further addressed to them." It was so fearsome that the Letter to the Hebrews remembered this event over a thousand years later as if it had happened yesterday.

When Moses talked with God, he had to approach a fearsome scene on Mount Sinai. But not us. "No, you have approached Mount Zion." We see a different vision. We see "the city of the living God, ..., and countless angels in festal gathering, and the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven, and God the judge of all, and the spirits of the just made perfect, and Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant."

We approach Jesus in prayer not feeling intimidated, but privileged to enjoy the festal gathering of the just made perfect.

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Labor Day

On this Labor Day weekend most of us take a break from what we refer to as our "jobs" in order to rest and re-create. We are invited to honor human work and all human workers. It is a unique secular holiday with profound Christian potential. Many will gather for late summer cookouts and celebrations.

We may sleep in a bit later than usual and relax from what is so often a frenzied pace in our contemporary pattern of life.

For many parents, Labor Day weekend marks a transition from the hectic pace of the summer to the new hectic pace of the school year. For students and teachers, it is also a portal into the new school year when we begin the work of education, a word whose Latin root means to "draw out" of the student what is good.

For Christians, Labor Day invites us to examine how we view our own labor in the light of what the Scriptures and the teaching Church proclaims about the dignity of all human work, no matter what kind, precisely because it is done by human persons who are created in the Image and Likeness of God.

The Catholic Catechism instructs us: *"Human work proceeds directly from persons created in the image of God and called to prolong the work of creation by subduing the earth, both with and for one another. Hence work is a duty: 'If anyone will not work, let him not eat.'"*

"Work honors the Creator's gifts and the talents received from him. It can also be redemptive. By enduring the hardship of work in union with Jesus, the carpenter of Nazareth and the one crucified on Calvary, man collaborates in a certain fashion with the Son of God in his redemptive work."

He shows himself to be a disciple of Christ by carrying the cross, daily, in the work he is called to accomplish. Work can be a means of sanctification and a way of animating earthly realities with the Spirit of Christ."



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