



*St. Teresa of Avila
Catholic Church and School
Twenty-Third 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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**Fill us at daybreak
with your kindness,
that we may shout for joy
and gladness all our days.**

— *Psalm 90:14*

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September 7, 2025

Mass Intentions for the week of September 7th to September 14th

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
7:30 AM Lois Vincur † by the St Teresa choir	7:00 AM Prayers the 47th Anniversary of the Vows of Father Chris	7:00 AM Fr Peter Uniowski † by the Eriksen family	7:00 AM Special Intention for our Salvatorian Priests
9:30 AM James & Mary Taurasi † by Marie & Domenic Taurasi	8:30 AM Walter, Peggy, Patty, Paul & Nancy † by John & Joan	8:30 AM Deceased members of the Migliorsi family	8:30 AM Special Intentions for Margaret Gould by Ina
11:30 AM Patricia McCaul by the Szczerba family	<i>Our choices in life are timid compared to God's choices for us.</i>		

LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Thinking about the Readings**

1. How does the symbol of the cross reflect my faith life?
2. How would I describe my cross?
3. What gave me hope and strength in times of doubt and trial

**Readings for Exaltation of the Holy Cross
September 14, 2025**

First Reading: Numbers 21:4b-9

Moses fashions a saraph and mounts it on a pole

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Jesus emptied himself for our salvation

Gospel: John 3:13-17

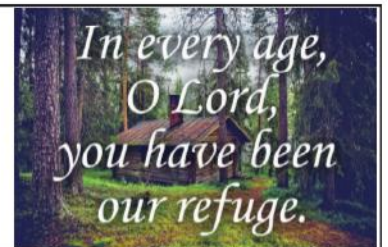
God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son

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:

How would this community describe Jesus?



Today's good news

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of Wisdom 9:13-18a*. In today's extract the author is stressing man's incapability of understanding the divine plans and decrees. Because we are finite, limited beings, our knowledge is finite and limited. There are many limited, finite problems all around us, which we cannot solve. How could we hope to solve the infinite ones?

The **Second Reading** is from St. Paul to *Philemon 9b-10, 12-17*. This letter is the shortest of St. Paul's letters and at the same time the most personal and touching. During his first imprisonment in Rome (61-63), a slave called Onesimus, who had run away from his Christian master Philemon, a native of Colossae, came to Paul in Rome and was converted to Christianity. Paul sent him back to his master bearing this letter, in which Paul touchingly appeals to Philemon to deal kindly with the runaway.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Luke 14:25-33* and teaches us that the essential condition for true discipleship, demanded by Christ, was, and still is, total dedication, total commitment of oneself to Him. There can be no such person as a half-Christian. "He that is not with me is against me," He said on another occasion. We cannot be for Christ on Sunday and against Him for the remainder of the week. To be His true disciples, His true followers, we must live our Christian life every day and all day.

Following Christ means making our way to heaven. It is a life-journey. We have a limited time in which to complete this journey. Therefore, we must travel a certain distance each day. This does not mean that we must spend every day in prayer and meditation. There are other tasks to be done, but we must Christianize these other tasks. Even the members of religious orders who "leave the world," that is, who are set free from the family and financial cares of this world by their vows of chastity and poverty, have to busy themselves with other cares like teaching, nursing, tilling the soil perhaps, house-keeping, writing and many such activities. They cannot and do not spend all their day and every day in prayer and meditation. Nor does Christ demand this of them.

Much less, therefore, does He demand this of the ninety-nine percent of His followers who have to take on themselves financial and family cares. It is by fulfilling these worldly duties in a Christian way that they are dedicating themselves to His service. This is their total commitment to Christ. The married man or woman who is loyal to his or her life-partner and to the family, if there is one, and who provides diligently and honestly for his own and the family's spiritual and temporal welfare, and who always does this with the intention of pleasing God, is following Christ and is moving steadily day by day towards heaven.

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Patriot's Day 9/11	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7:00 AM Jerry Britton † by Dot Britton	7:00 AM Gertrude Labelle † by the family	8:30 AM Irma Bulnes † by the family	7:30 AM For the people of the parish
8:30 AM Special Intentions for Fr Gabriel by Carole & Brian McKeown	8:30 AM Special Intentions for Fr Gabriel	5:00 PM Sarah Miller † by the Guerrero family	9:30 AM Marilyn Falusi † by the Wheir family
Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in honor of the 47th Anniversary of the Father Chris priestly Vows			11:30 AM Rosalie Ericson † by Phil & Claudette Ericson

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Thought: Jesus tells the crowd that only those who renounce all of their possessions can be His disciples. Is He truly asking us to give up everything? Perhaps instead He is trying to help us see that everything we think we own is really a gift from God. Good stewards know that and strive to use those gifts accountably

Parish Sacrificial Giving (Regular Sunday Offering) In gratitude for the gifts we have received from God, the parishioners and visitors gave \$11,612.00 for the ministries of St. Teresa. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God bless.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK?

What might the community place before Jesus?

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.



Eucharistic Adoration

We will have an all day Eucharistic Adoration, **September 11th 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



Welcome to St. Teresa School's Peace, Love and Lucky Knights – a 70s Casino Night!

Put on your bell bottoms, bring your flower power, and get ready to roll! Join us for a night of funky beats, fab fashion, and high-stakes fun. Whether you're felling' lucky at the blackjack table or grooving under the disco ball, this throw-back night is all about good vibe, great company, and groovy games. Tickets are on sale after mass or at the school office!

Father Chris 47th Anniversary of His Vows

Blessed Wishes on the 47th Anniversary of Your Priestly Vows September 8th

Congratulations and Prayers to Father Chris.

Picture is his proud mom and dad on the day of his vows! Thank you for all you do to make our church special.



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FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education (CCD)
Religious Education Classes (CCD) this
Wednesday, in the school at **6:15 pm**.



OCIA

Our OCIA program meeting will begin this 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 Pope St. John Paul II "Only in Christ can men and women find answers to the ultimate questions that trouble them. Only in Christ can they fully understand their dignity as persons created and loved by God."

Altar Servers

Altar Server Training will be held this **Sunday, September 7th** and next **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 this 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.

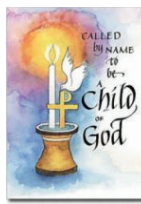
Saturday, Sep 20, 2025 @ 5:00 p.m. Mass, Sacrament of Confirmation.



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

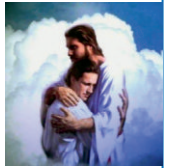


Bereavement /Grief Support Group

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

Food Pantry is in need of cookies, pasta, crackers and rice.

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.



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.



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

Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. September 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.

Plan to bring one from your home or purchase one from the gift shop.



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★ Patriot's Day September 11th

★ 911. For years, those numbers simply meant a call for help. Now they also remind us of September 11, 2001, the date of the worst terrorist attack on the United States of America and one of the deadliest days ever on American soil. To mark the tenth anniversary of 9/11 in 2011, we gathered reflections and remembrances from clergy who ministered to victims and their families, and others who were impacted by the tragedy.

★ In October 2001, the United States Congress passed a joint resolution designating that every September 11th be observed as "Patriot Day."

★ The resolution requests that U.S. government entities and interested organizations and individuals display the flag of the United States at half staff on Patriot Day and that the people of the United States observe a moment of silence in honor of the individuals who lost their lives as a result of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

★ Below are links to liturgical resources for the observance of Patriot Day, bishops' statements and other materials for reading and reflection.

★ In 2009, a presidential proclamation declared that Patriot Day is also a "National Day of Service." The proclamation calls on Americans to "participate in community service in honor of those our Nation lost, to observe this day with other ceremonies and activities, including remembrance services ... to honor the innocent victims who perished as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001."



September 7, 2025

Canonization of Carlo Acutis

Millennial Saint

Carlo Acutis: Known as the first millennial saint, Carlo was a teenager who used his tech skills to document Eucharistic miracles. He died of leukemia at age 15 in 2006 and was beatified in 2020.

His canonization is significant as it marks the first time a millennial is recognized as a saint.

As a symptom from his condition, Mattheus was frequently vomiting. His disorder causes the pancreas to constrict the duodenum and prevents food from leaving the stomach.

Mattheus was restricted to a liquid diet, which caused him to become very underweight and small for his age. At nearly four-years-old, Mattheus weighed only 20 pounds. He was not expected to live for long. Mattheus' doctors decided he needed surgery, but given his weight and size, they feared he would not be strong enough for the surgery. Mattheus' family knew now only a miracle could save their boy.

Meanwhile, Father Marcelo Tenorio, a friend of Mattheus' family, obtained a relic from Carlo Acutis' mother and invited Catholics to a Mass in his parish and encouraged them to ask for Carlo's intercession for any healing they might need. Mattheus' mother heard of the prayer service and prayed to this young Servant of God for a cure for her son. Mattheus was restricted to a liquid diet, which caused him to become very underweight and small for his age. At nearly four-years-old, Mattheus weighed only 20 pounds. He was not expected to live for long. On October 12, 2013, Mattheus was taken to receive a blessing with Carlo's relic. The young boy touched the cloth and asked to "stop throwing up," according to Aletea.

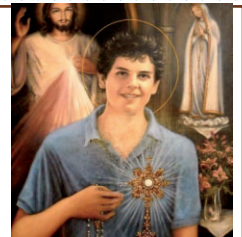
After that day, Mattheus was able to eat solid food once again, and never vomited, according to his family. Doctors performed several tests on Mattheus and discovered he was completely cured of the disease. After due investigation, Mattheus miracle with Carlo Acutis' intercession was officially approved on February 22, 2020, and it was announced that Carlo's cause would advance. Mattheus' mother expressed, to Brazilian media, that she saw this miracle as an opportunity to evangelize.

"Before, I didn't even use my cell phone, I was averse to technology. Carlo changed my way of thinking, he was known for talking about Jesus on the Internet, and I realized that my testimony would be a way to evangelize and give hope to other families. Today I understand that everything new can be good, if we use it for good."

Carlo Acutis was beatified by Pope Francis on October 10, 2020. If one more miracle is attributed to his young soul, Carlo could become the first millennial saint, and many have him pegged as becoming the patron saint of the internet. Carlo lived a holy life and was described by Pope Francis as a "young man in love with the Eucharist."

"He did not rest in comfortable immobility. He grasped the needs of his time, because he saw the face of Christ in the weakest," expressed the pope, adding that Carlo's example shows young people "true happiness is found in putting God in the first place and serving Him in our brothers and sisters."

Carlo Acutis was born May 3, 1991, in London, where his father was working. Carlo died on Oct. 12, 2006, and was buried in Assisi. Initially, there were reports that Carlo's body was found to be incorrupt, but the bishop of Assisi clarified before his beatification that his body was not incorrupt. His body lies in repose in a glass tomb in Assisi where he can be seen in jeans and a pair of Nike sneakers.



"WHOEVER DOES NOT CARRY HIS OWN *cross*
AND COME AFTER *me* CANNOT BE *my disciple*."

LK 14:27

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Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Runaway Slave

23rd
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Philemon 9-10, 12-17 Runaway Slave The shortest book of the bible is Paul's Letter to Philemon. It is only one chapter long. Paul became friends with Philemon, probably on a missionary journey.

Paul probably stayed with Philemon, where he got to know a young fellow named Onesimus. Onesimus was one of Philemon's slaves.

Some time after they said farewell, Paul was arrested and landed in prison. There he continued his ministry of evangelization. He wrote letters to the communities and individuals he had met along the way.

One day Paul received a visitor to his prison cell. It was Onesimus! He had run away from Philemon! Paul continued to instruct the young man and probably baptized him. In prison, Paul had become the "father" of Onesimus. But Onesimus had to go back.

So Paul pulled out pen and paper and wrote a letter to Philemon on behalf of the runaway. "Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while," Paul wrote, "that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave, but more than a slave, a brother."

Paul signed the letter—a handwritten, autographed, original copy of one of the books of the bible—and passed it through the bars of his prison into the humble hands of a runaway slave, who brought it home. It is the shortest book in the bible. But it has a big theme.

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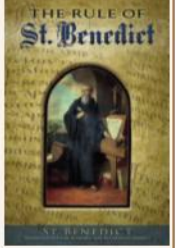
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At a recent Homily, Father Chris discussed the importance of humility in our life as related to the Gospel of Luke 14:1, 7-15. He referred to **St Benedict's Rule for Humility** for guidance.

St. Benedict's twelve steps of humility guide monks in their spiritual journey, emphasizing the importance of humility in achieving a closer relationship with God. Overview of the Twelve Steps of Humility St. Benedict outlines the twelve steps of humility in Chapter 7 of his Rule, emphasizing that humility is essential for spiritual growth and the attainment of divine grace. Here's a summary of each step:



1. **Fear of God:** Always keep the fear of God before your eyes, remembering His commandments and the consequences of sin.
2. **Self-Will:** Do not be wedded to your own will; instead, seek to fulfill God's will in all things.
3. **Obedience:** Submit to the authority of your superiors and obey their commands as if they were God's.
4. **Silence:** Speak only when necessary and avoid excessive talk, which can lead to pride and distraction.
5. **Humility in Action:** Perform your duties with a humble heart, recognizing that all actions are seen by God.
6. **Avoiding Pride:** Recognize that pride leads to downfall; strive to remain humble in all circumstances.
7. The **seventh step** is attained when one not only confesses that he is an inferior and common wretch, but believes it to his very core. He must be willing to humble himself.
8. One reaches the **eighth step** of humility when he does only that which is demanded by the common rule of his seniors.
9. The **ninth step** can be achieved when one, practicing silence, only speaks when asked a question.
10. The **tenth step** is climbed when one restrains himself from undue laughter and frivolity.
11. To reach the **eleventh step** one must speak gently, without jests, but simply, seriously, tersely, rationally and softly.
12. The **final step** is attained only when one can at all times show humility not only in his appearance and actions, but also in his heart.

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