



*St. Teresa of Avila
Catholic Church and School
Twenty-fifth 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
Friday): 7:00 am. & 8:30 a.m.
Saturday:.....8:30 am

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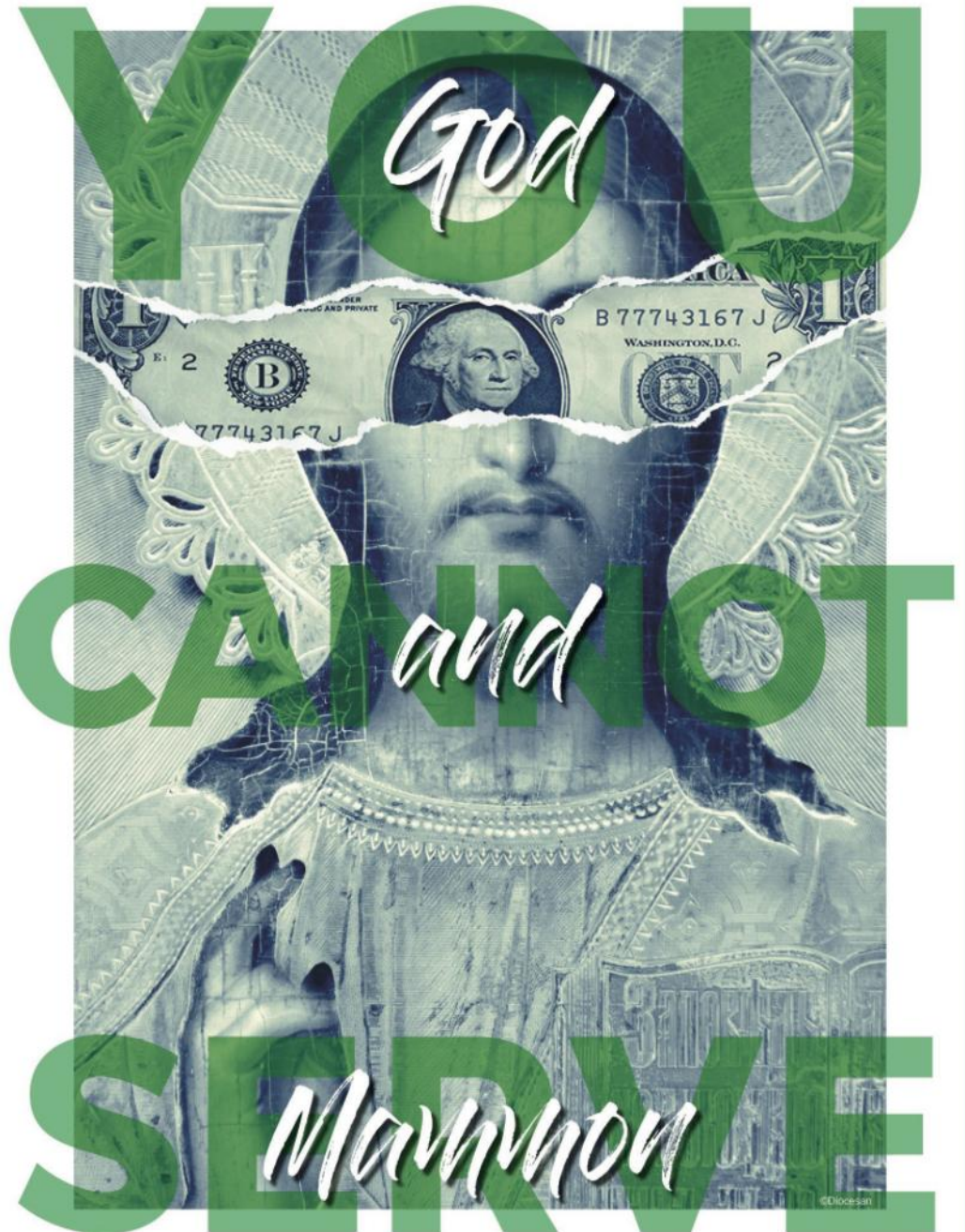
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Mass Intentions for the week of September 21st to September 28th

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
7:30 AM Laura Silva, Sr † by Laura Silva & Steven	7:00 AM Special Intentions for Colleen	7:00 AM Prayers for Fr Gabriel	7:00 AM For the Souls in Purgatory
9:30 AM John Kenda † by his wife	8:30 AM For the People of the parish	8:30 AM Living & deceased members of the Nelson family by RB Mark & Terry	8:30 AM Special Intention & Happy birthday for Rose Johnson & blessings to Curt Johnson
11:30 AM Jessie Kirk † by Joan McMeela	God cannot forget the sin of those who crush the poor		

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Thinking about the Readings

1. Have I ever done without when others possessed more than they needed? How did I feel?
2. Where have I experienced inequities? How did I feel toward the perpetrators?
3. What in the arena of social need and justice has tested my tolerance to its limit?

Readings for 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 28, 2025

First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Woe to the complacent rich!

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Seek after virtues with lasting value.

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

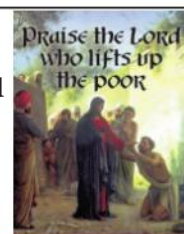
There once was a rich man, and at his gate lay the beggar Lazarus.

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:

God gather us rich and poor alike, around this holy altar. As we lift up our hearts in this great prayer of thanksgiving, let us be mindful of those who hunger and thirst for justice and peace.



Today's good news

The first reading is taken from the Prophet Amos 8:4-7. Amos was a shepherd in the kingdom of Judah who was called by God to go to Israel, the northern kingdom. There he was to speak in God's name to the people. This was in the 8th century B.C. The country enjoyed material prosperity but idolatry and injustice were rife among the upper classes especially. Against these vices the prophet spoke fearlessly, until he was driven from the kingdom eventually. Today's reading deals with the injustices practiced against the poor and the helpless.

The second reading is from St. Paul's first letter to Timothy 2:1-8. What St. Paul is telling Timothy, the bishop of Ephesus, to teach his congregation is the necessity and the obligation of prayer.

The Gospel is from St. Luke 16:1-13. These words of Christ warning those who would follow him on the road to heaven not to become the slaves of earthly things are applicable to all of us. Most of us may feel that this warning is for millionaires and business magnates. Our Lord didn't say so. There was not a single millionaire in his audience. He meant it for all of us, for what he warned against was not the just acquisition of this world's goods but their unjust acquisition, and the dishonest use of them when they were justly acquired.

It was God who created all that exists in this world. He intended these goods for the use of man. We are only managers, therefore, of these worldly goods. It is on our way of managing these goods, not on the quantity we had to manage, that our judgment will be based.

Our Lord wishes to teach us is that we should use what we can spare of our earthly possessions in helping those who are in need of our help. By doing that, we will be making friends who will help us at the judgment seat to get a lasting reception in heaven. Remember that description of the judgment which our Lord gave when he said, "I was hungry and you gave me to eat, I was naked and you clothed me"? What we do for the needy, we do for Him. Those whom we help, as far as we can, will be witnesses testifying for us when our final examination, on which our eternity will depend, comes upon us.

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Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7:00 AM Martha Macdonald † by her daughter	7:00 AM For the sick of the parish	8:30 AM Frank Angione † by his wife, Emilia Angione	7:30 AM Janice Barchat † by Jeffrey Sinski
8:30 AM Special Intention for Gloria Vaknin by Ina	8:30 AM For those in need of prayer	5:00 PM Sarah Miller † by her mom	9:30 AM Dorothy Wyers † by Greg & Dottie
Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week for Bernd by Joan May			11:30 AM Patrick Neiss by his wife, Greta (Happy birthday in heaven)

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Thought: : The dishonest manager in today's parable knew how to manipulate money to his own advantage. But the gospel warns that no one can serve both God and money. Which do I serve? Is my stewardship such that anyone can tell?

Parish Sacrificial Giving (Regular Sunday Offering)
In gratitude for the gifts we have received from God, the parishioners and visitors gave \$12,501.00 for the ministries of St. Teresa. The second collection amounted to \$3,194.00. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God bless.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK?

How are the wealthy members of the parish challenged to greater generosity?

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Two resolutions worthy of your serious consideration today in relation to earthly goods are: *Never let them take up all your time.* You have a far more serious purpose in life. Give it a little more thought and enterprise than you have been doing.

Secondly, *be grateful to God for what He has given you in this life.* You might like to have a lot more, but God knows best. Work honestly and be generous with what you have. You are serving God, not money.

God will be waiting for you where there is no currency, and where the one bank account that matters will be the good use that you made of your time and your share of this world's goods while you were alive.

Eucharistic Adoration

We will have an all day Eucharistic Adoration , **September 25th 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



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 throwback night is all about good vibe, great company, and groovy games. Tickets are on sale after mass or at the school office!

What a great Grandparent's Day Celebration



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FAITH FORMATION

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



First Holy Communion Prep Classes
Prep Session for 3rd Grade Students (School and Religious Ed.)
will be **Wednesday, September 24th** from **6:15pm to 7:30pm** in Avila Hall. If you have any questions contact the Faith Formation office.

OCIA
Our OCIA program meeting will be this **Sunday 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 Francis "Being a catechist is not a title; it is an attitude of abiding with him, and it lasts a lifetime! It means abiding in the Lord's presence and letting ourselves be led by him"

Adult Bible Study
Fall Bible study, "Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled":
Monday September 22nd at 9:30am in the Faith Formation Room in Avila Hall.
Tuesday September 23rd at 6:30pm in the Faith Formation Room in Avila Hall.
Wednesday September 24th 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.

Breakfast Buffet
Our FIRST Breakfast Buffet is this **Sunday, September 21st** after each Mass in the Parish Center. Omelets made to order, pancakes, as well as Sausage, Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Biscuits and Gravy! Suggested donation:
Adults: \$12,
Children 5-12 \$6



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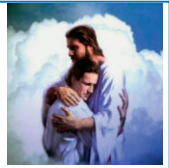
Baptism
To schedule a Baptism and Preparation Class contact the Faith Formation Office 321-349-5445 (voice or text) or by email at faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org. The Preparation class will be held on the date and time you schedule in the Faith Formation Room in Avila Hall.



Congratulations on your Confirmation;
Aubree Avila, Luke Edmiston, Valentina Hurtado, Sairus G. Lagares Vaquez, Nicolas Mendez, Kathryn Myers, Lilly Palmby, Natalie Porter, Christian Sundquist, Sophia Gabrielle Torres, Owen Whelan.

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 peanut butter, cereal and 1lb bags of coffee.



Start thinking ahead—the year is flying by and the Pantry will soon be in need of **Gift cards** to use for turkeys for Thanksgiving and the Christmas holiday. They can be placed in the box outside the gift shop. So good for meat or perishable items. 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. 18	7PM	Text Kasey for address	Just-for-Moms Night
October 11th	10:00 a.m.	Fay Lake Wilderness Park	Family Picnic Pot-luck

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Priesthood Sunday will be celebrated on **September 28, 2025**, as a day to honor and appreciate the role of priests in the Church.

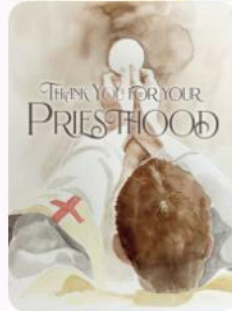
We need them in life's early morning,
We need them again at its close;
We feel their warm clasp of true friendship,
We seek them while tasting life's woes.
When we come to this world we are sinful,
The greatest as well as the least.
And the hands that make us pure as angels
Are the beautiful hands of a priest.

The Hands of a Priest



At the altar each day we behold them,
And the hands of a king on his throne
Are not equal to them in their greatness
Their dignity stands alone.
For there in the stillness of morning
Ere the sun has emerged from the east,
There God rests between the pure fingers
Of the beautiful hands of a priest.

When we are tempted and wander
To pathways of shame and sin
'Tis the hand of a priest that will absolve us.
Not once but again and again.
And when we are taking life's partner
Other hands may prepare us a feast
But the hands that will bless and unite us,
Are the beautiful hands of a priest.



God bless them and keep them all holy,
For the Host which their fingers caress,
What can a poor sinner do better
But to praise Thee who chose thee to bless
When the death dews on our eyes are falling,
May our courage and strength be increased
To see, raised above us in blessing
The beautiful hands of a priest.
.....Author unknown

The hands of a Priest:

- ✎ Are anointed with oil at Ordination
- ✎ Consecrate the bread and wine into the Body & Blood of Christ
- ✎ Use their hands to bless, give absolution And during prayer

The hands of a Priest:

- ✎ Offer a spiritual guide, offering comfort,
- ✎ Forgiveness and offer grace to the Faithful

✎ *We thank Father Chris & Father Gabriel from our parishioners*



Divine Mercy Pilgrimage

Experience Catholicism, cathedrals, castles, and culture on a Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Poland, Czechia, Austria, Slovakia, and Hungary, **June 1-14, 2026**, with Spiritual Director, Fr. Peter Corden. Information Session at Holy Name of Jesus Parish Community Room on **Thursday, September 25, at 7 p.m.** For more information contact Gerry at 321-676-6040, gerry@globaltours.com



Carrying Your Cross

You know that Jesus carried the cross and endured its pain as atonement for mankind's sins. The purpose for such atonement is our reunion the Father. You also know that Jesus did not carry the cross in vain – his pain had a purpose. You also know that you are called to carry your cross and follow Jesus on the road to eternal happiness. And yes, your cross is a vehicle back to God.



Given this, your pain, your trials and your challenging life experiences all present unique opportunities to move back to God. However, you must take the steps necessary so that your heart grows in love, forgiveness, and acceptance as a result of the trials. There is a saying that comes to mind here – "Become better, not bitter".

These life experiences become the total sum of your cross only when you use them for their proper purpose – reunion with God. If they serve any other role in your life you have missed a golden opportunity for happiness and peace.

However, remember, due to your fallen nature you will fall short of perfection (unless you become a saint – a worthy endeavor!) and, given this, there will always be work to do my friends.



First Day of Fall September 22nd

As summer into autumn slips,
O give me grace today
To rise and turn as summer's leaves
Draw life and strength
from heavenly rays.



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Amos 8:4-7

Holy Day Burden

To some people, religious holidays are a pain in the neck. Holy days interrupt the flow of business. They keep employees from work. The market's demand remains the same, but the rhythm of work is interrupted. If you run a business, holy days get in the way.

To some people, religious values are a pain in the neck. If your goal in life is to make money, you do not want to hear about giving to the poor. You cannot keep money if you give it away. You will treat employees fairly only if it helps improve the bottom line. You will use human beings for fun or advancement, but not with respect for their lives and persons.

At the time of Amos the prophet, the corrupt business world treated religion with impatience. "When will the Sabbath be over," people wondered on that holy day, "that we may display the wheat?" Business leaders took advantage of the poor and cheated customers. They had no use for religion. They had use only for profits.

We fall to the same sin when work takes precedence over prayer, and when profits take precedence over charity. Religion is designed to ease our pain, not to cause pain. It strives to lighten the burden of all, so that all can rejoice together in the love of God.

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"You cannot serve both God and mammon."



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Prayer for Our Catechists

O God, our Heavenly Father, you have given us the gift of these catechists to be heralds of the Gospel to our parish family.

We lift them up to you in thanksgiving and intercede for them concerning their hopes and needs.

May we be attentive to the presence of your Word in them, a Word that lifts up and affirms, calls forth and challenges, is compassionate and consoles.

We pray that our parish family will always be blessed with those who have responded to the call to share in Christ's prophetic mission as catechists.



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Thank you to all that serve as Catechists for all the children that are learning or being prepared for First Communion or Confirmation. Thank you for sharing your time and talents.



Catechetical Sunday in 2025 will be celebrated on September 21, 2025, with the theme: *"Always be ready to give an explanation...for a reason for your hope" (1 Peter 3:15).*

Catechetical Sunday is an annual observance in the Catholic Church dedicated to recognizing and celebrating the role of catechists in faith formation. It is a day for the Church community to express gratitude for those who teach the faith and to reflect on the importance of sharing the Gospel message.

The theme for 2025 emphasizes the call to be prepared to share one's faith and hope with others, echoing the mission of catechists to educate and inspire.

On this day, catechists are often commissioned during Mass, receiving blessings and recognition for their vital role in the Church.

Parishes may provide resources and materials to support the celebration, including prayer cards, certificates, and thematic guides to help catechists in their ministry.

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