

St. Teresa of Avila

Catholic Church and School

Twenty-Sixth 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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Saturdays:..... 3:45-4:45 p.m.
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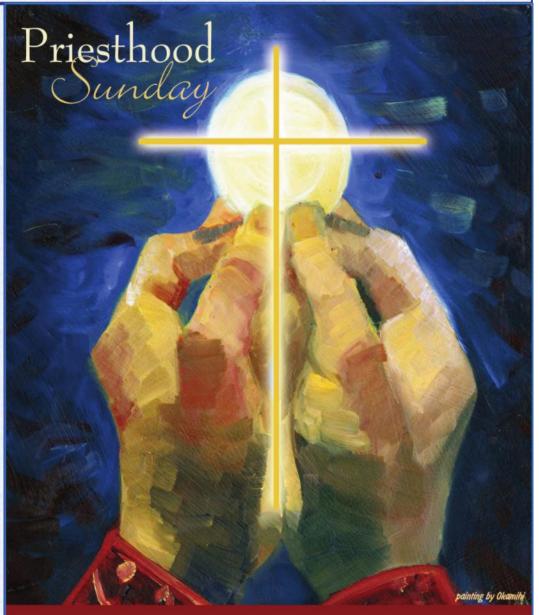
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How can I repay the Lord for all the good done for me?

I will raise the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

Lord, I am your servant.

Psalm 116:12-14, 16a

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Mass Intentions for the week of September 28th to October 5th

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday	
7:30 AM Janice Barchat † Jeffrey Sinski	oy 7:00 AM	Special Intentions of Sean Andrew Stanga by Uncle Gerry	7:00 AM	Terrell Osborn † by his wife, Norma	7:00 AM	Babrbara Gulliksen † by Mary & Walter Cerrato	
9:30 AM Dorothy Wyers † Greg & Dottie	by 8:30 AM	Marvin Kenkel † by Daryl Gengler	8:30 AM	Lisa Langworthy † by her mom, Chris Murtha	8:30 AM	Teresa & Joe Brieske † by their mom, Mary Brieske	
11:20 AM Patrick Neiss by his	wife						

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Thinking about the Readings

- 1. When have I experienced faith at its strongest and at its weakest?
- 2. Who has been a stabilizing force for me? Who has provided a firm foundation for my faith?
- 3. When has faith seen me through a difficult time?
- 4. When faith begins to wane, what generally brings it back?

Readings for 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 5, 2025

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3

Greta (Happy b'day in

How long, Lord, will you make me witness misery?

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8

Guard the rich deposit of faith you were given.

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

When you have done everything for the kingdom, do more.

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 gathers 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 6:1a, 4-7. This warning of the prophet Amos, who was only an uneducated shepherd before God called him to the prophetic ministry, does not come from Amos but from God, in whose name he spoke. God's Chosen People, to whom he had in his goodness given the land of Canaan to be their homeland for all time, were about to lose their land and their freedom, because they had forgotten their divine Benefactor and thought only of themselves and their own comfort.

The second reading is from the first letter of St. Paul to Timothy 6:11-16. In these verses St. Paul is exhorting Timothy to strive to become daily more perfect in his observance of the Christian faith. He had made a public and noble profession of that faith on the occasion of his baptism as a young man. He must continue to profess it.

The Gospel is from St. Luke 16:19-31. We have here a story of two men whose states, both in this life and in the next, are dramatically opposed. The rich man had everything a man could desire on this earth and he set his heart on this wealth, to such a degree that he excluded all thought of God or of what followed after death. It was not that he was ignorant of God or of a future life (our Lord was addressing the parable to the Pharisees); he admits that he had Moses and the prophets, but he paid no heed to them. He was too busy trying to squeeze the last ounce of pleasure out of his few years on earth. On the other half of the picture we have a beggar, a man not only in dire destitution, but suffering bodily pains as well. He bore his lot patiently. He was quite content if he got the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table, which he probably did not always get.

Both men die eventually. The beggar goes straight to heaven to a state of endless happiness. His bodily sufferings have ended forever, he will never be in want again. The rich man fares very differently. His enjoyments are over forever. He is now in torments and he is told that he can expect no relief. They will have no end. Abraham tells him why he is in his present state: he abused his time on earth. He sees the truth of this. He knows that he has no one to blame but himself which must add greatly to his torments.

Envy of your neighbor and rebellion against God will only add to, and do not cure, your ills. The day of judgment, which for you will be the day of reward, if you are humble and patient, is around the comer. Eternal happiness is worth twenty lives of earthly ill-fortune.

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Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday	
7:00 AM	Special Intentions for Rod Macdonald by Jim & Kathleen	7:00 AM	Special Intentions for the healing of Tina by Colleen	8:30 AM	Special Intentions for Joan May	7:30 AM	Thomas Breakiron † by Loyola Walker
8:30 AM	Rose Manzo † (happy birthday) by Greta Neiss	8:30 AM	Kenneth Beasley † by RoseMarie Johnson	5:00 PM	Sarah Miller † by the Guerrero family	9:30 AM	Tiffany Meldrum † by the St Teresa Choir
Sanctuary lamp is lit for Bernd Schmidt by Joan May						11:30 AM	Special Intentions for Hope Zolfaghari

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Thought: The sin of the rich man in today's parable was not that he was rich, but that he failed to share his wealth with the beggar at his gate. He knew Lazarus, perhaps walked by him every time he came in or out., but did nothing to relieve his suffering. Is there a Lazarus in your life? What am I doing to help?

Parish Sacrificial Giving (Regular Sunday Offering) In gratitude for the gifts we have received from God, the parishioners and visitors gave \$12,971.00 for the ministries of St. Teresa. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God bless.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK?

Who would parishioners name as the oppressed?

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for October

For collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.



Eucharistic Adoration

We will have an all day Eucharistic Adoration on **October 2nd 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



St Francis of Assisi
October 4th
Blessing of the Animals
The School will have the
blessing of animals on
the Feast of St. Francis
of Assisi, October 4th,
Friday at 2:50 PM.
All are welcome to participate.







Welcome to St. Teresa School's Peace, Love and Lucky Knights – a 70's Casino Night! May 2026

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!

First Friday

The first Friday of the month will be this **Friday**, **October 3rd.** 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, **October 4th.** 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) this Wednesday, classes will be held in in the school at 6:15 pm.



First Reconciliation Prep Classes

Prep Session for 2nd Grade Students (School and Religious Ed.) will be held this Wednesday, October 1st from 6:15pm to 7:30pm in Avila Hall. If you have any questions contact 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 St. Bonaventure "When we pray, the voice of the heart must be heard more than the proceedings from the mouth."

Adult Bible Study

Fall Bible study, "Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled": Monday September 29th at 9:30am in the Faith Formation Room in Avila Hall.

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

Wednesday October 1st 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 Next Breakfast Buffet is **Sunday, October 19**th 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



Proceeds will be used to reduce the cost of the Youth Travels on our Italy Youth Tour 2026.

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 4:30-6:3PM.

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 6pm

The potluck dinners that follow the Rosary, in Avila Hall, will only be held on the Monday following the first Saturday of the month from October through May. The dates for the upcoming potluck dinners are:

10/06/25, 11/03/25

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 pork & beans, peanut butter, soup and fruit cups

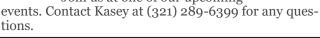
The Pantry will soon be in need of Gift cards to use for turkeys for Thanksgiving and the Christmas holiday. They can be placed in the box outside the gift shop. So good for meat or perishable items.

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



Date	Time	Location	Event	
Oct. 11	10AM	Fay Lake Wilder- ness Park	Family Picnic Potluck	
Oct. 22	7PM	Text Kasey for address	Just-for-Moms Night	
Nov. 4	10AM	Marina Park	Playground Meet Up	





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Priesthood Sunday

September 29, 2025

Priesthood Sunday, Sept. 29, 2025, is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. Note: Parishes may choose to celebrate Priesthood Sunday on another Sunday when it is convenient for them. This nationwide event is coordinated and sponsored by the US Council of Serra International.

Catholics are invited to observe Vatican-backed worldwide events, namely, World Day of Prayer for Vocations and World Day for Consecrated Life. In the United States, we also have National Vocation Awareness

Week and National Catholic Sisters Week. Priesthood Sunday, however, specifically honors priests, without whom the Mass could not be offered and Sacraments could not be celebrated.

More than the other events listed above, Priesthood Sunday is a more personal one for parishes and organizations with a chaplain. It is for those who cultivate close working relationships with their priests and therefore could benefit from a special day to express their gratitude. It's a chance to thank and honor priests in unique ways.

It is essential to note that the number of priests and ordinations in the United States has steadily declined in the past 50 years. Meanwhile, the number of parishes without a resident priest pastor has sharply increased in the same period of time. The men who answer the call to priesthood are special indeed, and they are working harder than ever before.

We thank Father Chris for his leadership, for his passion for Our Lord and for his inspirational messages.

We pray each week for vocations and keep our priests in our prayers.

Prayers and Farewell to Father Gabriel

Continue to pray for the healing of Father Gabriel as he travels to Poland for the continued care needed for his treatment and healing.

He has left for Poland to be with family as he continues treatment. Due to the continuity

and urgency for treatment, it left little time for goodbyes. He said he will watch over us and read the bulletin and other news about St Teresa Parish.

We pray for him on this Priesthood Sunday and we thank him for his time at our parish.

Heavenly Father, the beauty and dignity of human life was the crowning of your creation. You further ennobled that life when your Son became one with us in his incarnation. Help us to realize the sacredness of

Respect Life Month

human life and to respect it from the moment of conception until the last moment at death. Give us courage to speak with truth and love and with conviction in defense of life.

Help us to extend the gentle hand of mercy and forgiveness to those who do not reverence your gift of life.

To all, grant pardon for the times we have failed to be grateful for your precious gift of life or to respect it in others.



The Holy Guardian Angels October 2nd

Each person on earth has a guardian angel who watches over him and helps him to attain his salvation. Angels are servants and messengers from God. "Angel" in Greek means messenger. In unseen ways the angels help us on our earthly pilgrimage by assisting us in work and study, helping us in temptation and protecting us from physical danger.





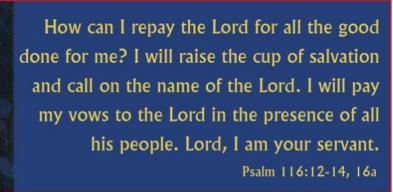
Be alert in your every action as one should be who is accompanied by angels in all your ways, for that mission has been enjoined upon them.

In whatever lodging, in whatever nook or corner you may find yourself, cherish a reverence for your guardian angel.

In his presence do not dare to do anything you would not do in mine.







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1 Timothy 6:11-16

The Noble Confession

We do not always stand up for our beliefs. We say the poor have rights, but we do not always vote on their behalf. We want an end to world hunger, but we do not encourage our elected officials to end it. We want peace on earth, but not without a little revenge.

Sometimes we succumb to the lesser values of others. We eat foods we should not. We drink more than we should. Some people abuse illegal substances. It is hard to stand up for our beliefs in the midst of a crowd that thinks otherwise.

But we must. The First Letter to Timothy says, "Pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness." We want to, but it's hard. "Compete well for the faith," the letter continues, as if it can read our heart. Our faith feels like a competition. We want to do the right thing, but it is easy to fail. We have to compete for our faith.

The letter recalls the testimony Jesus gave under Pontius Pilate. At a time of trial in every sense of the word, Jesus remained firm and gave testimony for "the noble confession." He lost his life, but he gained the world.

When we take a stand for our beliefs, we may lose friends, support, popularity—or life. But we gain peace of mind, a firm heart, and the confidence that God looks kindly upon us who—in times of trial—made the noble confession.

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Dear brothers in the priesthood!

On this Day for the Sanctification of Priests, celebrated on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Je-

sus, I address each of you with gratitude and great confidence.

The Heart of Christ, pierced for love, is the living and life-giving flesh that embraces each of us and conforms us to the image of the Good Shepherd. There we discover the true nature of our ministry. Consumed by God's mercy, we become joyful witnesses of his love that heals, accompanies and redeems.

Today's Solemnity thus renews in our own hearts the call to be completely committed to the service of God's holy people. This mission starts with prayer and is carried out in union with the Lord, who constantly re-

vives in us the sacred gift of our vocation to the priesthood.

To be mindful of this grace means, as Saint Augustine tells us, to enter into "a vast and deep inner chamber", which does not simply preserve a memory of the past, but makes its riches ever new and present. Only by such remembrance, can we experience and renew that gift which the Lord entrusted to us and charged us to pass on in his name. Remembrance joins our hearts together in the Heart of Christ and our lives in his life, and thus enables us to bring the word and the sacraments of salvation to God's holy people, in order to

bring about a world reconciled in love. Only in the Heart of Jesus do we discover our authentic humanity as children of God, brothers and sisters of one another. For all these reasons, I would make this heartfelt appeal to you today: Be builders of unity and peace! In a world marked by growing tensions, even within families and ecclesial communities, priests are called to promote reconciliation and foster communion. Building unity and peace demands that we be pastors capable of wise discernment, skilled in the art of piecing together the fragments of the lives entrusted to our care, so that we can enable people to see the light of the Gospel in the midst of life's trials. It calls for the ability to understand and interpret complex situations, and to rise above immediate emotions, fears and the pressure of passing fashions. It means providing pastoral solutions that generate and regenerate faith by building good relationships, bonds of solidarity and communities in which the style of communion shines forth. Being builders of unity and peace means serving and not domineering. Priestly fraternity becomes a credible sign of the presence of the Risen Lord in our midst precisely when it is the hallmark of our shared journey as priests.

Today, then, I invite you to renew before the Heart of Christ the "yes" that you said to God and to his holy People on the day of your Ordination. Let yourselves be shaped by grace and guard the fire of the Spirit received on that day, so that, in union with him, you may be a sacrament of Jesus' love in the world. Do not be daunted by your personal frailty: the Lord does not look for perfect priests, but for humble hearts that are open to conversion and prepared to love others as he himself loved us.

Entrusting all of you to Mary, Queen of Apostles and Mother of Priests, I bless each of you from my heart. LEO PP. XIV





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