6TH SUNDAY
in Ordinary Time

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.”

-Mt 5:17

February 16, 2020
LITURGY OF THE WORD

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thinking about the Readings

1. Did I ever have to reprove someone? What happened and how did I go about it?
2. Whom have I held a grudge against? Who might have grudge against me?
3. When has someone gone an extra mile for me?

Readings for the 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 2020

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

Love your neighbor as yourself.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

“God catches the wise in their own ruses”

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

Love your enemies.

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

For Reflection:

True and loyal service of God therefore begins in the heart and has its value from this interior disposition. Keeping the ten commandments is our way of proving to God that we are grateful, obedient and loyal to him who gave us all we have and who has promised us future gifts infinitely greater still.

Today’s good news

The first reading is taken from Sirach 15:15-20. Today’s reading comes from the section of Sirach’s writing on man’s free will and responsibility.

The second reading is from St. Paul 1 Corinthians 2:6-10. Last week we heard Saint Paul address how his preaching illustrates the fact that man’s strength and wisdom are nothing compared to those of God. Today we hear him tell of the true wisdom of God.

The Gospel is from St. Matthew 5:17-37. In this Sermon on the Mount, we have various sayings of Christ, actually spoken on different occasions. Matthew, in his systematic manner, has gathered these sayings into one continuous discourse here. This makes it easier for his readers, who were Jewish converts, to grasp the new order of salvation as inaugurated by Christ. They knew the ten commandments, but they knew them as their rabbis had taught them. These rabbis, for the part Pharisees, put all the stress on the letter of the law and on its external observance. Christ’s opening statement, that the attitude of his followers towards the commandments (and other precepts of the law) must be different, and superior to that of the scribes and Pharisees, clearly indicates how Christianity must differ from, and supersede, Judaism.

Christ is not abolishing the ten commandments, but he is demanding of his followers a more perfect, a more sincere, fulfillment of them. Avoiding murder therefore is not enough; the true Christian must remove any inclination to murder by building up true, brotherly love for all men in his heart.

We must not only not injure our neighbor or fellowman in his person, or in his character, but we must be ever ready to help him and prevent injury to him, whenever and wherever we can. We must not only not commit adultery, but must also develop a Christian respect and esteem for purity, the virtue which will preserve us not only from adultery but even from thoughts of adultery, or any other abuse of our sexual gifts given us by God for his sublime purpose.

We must be truthful always, and men of our word. This virtue is not only necessary for man’s salvation, but is the basis of rational intercourse between men in civilized society. While our civil courts still deem it necessary to impose oaths on contestants and witnesses (since they have, unfortunately, to take account of the liars and deceivers who still are a menace to society), the truthful man need not be afraid of insulting or dishonoring God by calling him as his guarantor, if asked to do so.
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions for the week of February 16th to February 23rd

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<td>8:30 AM Laura Silva Ortiz † by her daughter, Laura Silva</td>
<td>8:30 AM Special Intention for Agnes &amp; Alvin Nevalga &amp; family by Bob &amp; Bonnie</td>
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Sanctuary lamp is lit this week in memory of Sister Kathleen O’Brian by Lucille & Mary

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Thought: Stewardship involves more than just the gift we bring to the altar. Today’s readings say clearly that it is fidelity to God’s law that makes our offering acceptable.

Parish Sacrificial Giving (Regular Sunday Offering) In gratitude for the gifts we have received from God, the parishioners and visitors gave $13,329.00 for the ministries of St. Teresa. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God bless.

SCHOOL NEWS

Grand Opening
YOU’RE INVITED… to a grand opening! The official ribbon cutting ceremony for our newly remodeled media center, The Boland Family Learning Center, is Sunday, February 16th.

Light refreshments begin immediately following the 11:30 mass, with the ribbon cutting ceremony at 1pm. We are grateful to everyone who supports our school and would love for you to stop by.

Spirit Night
Spirit Night at LeCrave in Titusville Landing! Finding meals for supper can always be a challenge. Make the easy choice and help out St. Teresa School by heading to LeCrave, Tuesday, February 18th for our spirit night.

Visit between 5pm and 8pm, then drop off your receipt in the bucket as you leave and our school will receive 15% of the sale. Thanks for your support.

Book Fair
Elephants, Tigers and Books, OH MY! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to St. Teresa School! Sunday, February 23rd we will be open from 10am to 1pm for anyone who would like to explore the store. The book fair is located in our new Learning Center.

SAVE THE DATE… March 7th is St. Teresa School’s 14th Annual Golf Tournament at La Cita Golf and Country Club. Start organizing your team of four golfers. The registration forms are in the bulletin.

School Enrollment
If you are interested in enrolling your child(ren) in St. Teresa Catholic School, please call our school office to arrange a tour, 321-267-1643.

We accept the following state scholarships: Family Empowerment Scholarship, StepUpForStudents, AAA, Gardiner and McKay Scholarships.
You can also visit our website www.stteresa-titusville.org for registration information (click Admissions and then, New Student Registration).

The mission of St. Teresa School is to provide a quality education that challenges and empowers students to develop their full potential. Our program is based on Gospel values and Catholic traditions and is a Christ-centered community that stresses excellence for all students.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK?
Are there people who need to be reconciled with one another within the parish community?

Father Chris’ Theological Session February 24th

Father Chris will present the next Theological session on February 24th at 6:30PM in the church.
Subject: “The Names of Jesus: Our Lord Jesus Christ”

Have you ever wondered about all the names that are given to Our Lord and why so many? Come and listen to this interesting topic. Each month more attend as the topics are a good point for understanding aspects of the Church that has meaning.

Eucharistic Adoration
February 20, 2020

We will have an all day Eucharistic Adoration on February 20th, from 10am to 6:00pm in the Chapel. Please come and not leave our Lord in the Eucharist unattended during this time.

There will be the Spanish Holy Hour and Exposition from 5:45– 6:45pm. If anyone would like to sign up for an hour, please call or email @:Peggy Ricardo 321-269-4489—Peggyricardo77@gmail.com

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com
**FAITH FORMATION**

**RCIA**

RCIA meeting this Wednesday, **Feb. 19th at 6:30 pm**

**Bible Study**

Monday Morning Bible Study tomorrow **Feb 17th after the 8:30 am Mass**. Any question please contact the Faith Formation Office at (321) 268-0440 or email faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org

First Communion: remaining prep Sessions are
- Monday Mar. 30, 2020 @ 6:30 pm – 7:30pm
- Monday Apr. 20, 2020 @ 6:30 pm – 7:30pm

Our Confirmation prep sessions schedule is:
- Monday, March 9, 2020 @ 7:00 PM to 8:15 PM
- Monday, April 27, 2020 @ 7:00 PM to 8:15 PM
- Monday, May 18, 2020 @ 7:00 PM to 8:15 PM
- Monday, Sept. 14, 2020 @ 7:00 PM to 8:15 PM

St Teresa Youth Group

St. Teresa’s Youth Group will be hosting their Faith Formation night tonight from **6:30 to 7:30**. Join Lauren and Evan Richard for “Man and Women He Created Them:” this will be Part 1 of a 3 part series teens breaking down what the Bible & the Saints teach us about Masculinity, Femininity, Relationships, and Love!

RCIA, the Rite of Sending / Rite of Election will be celebrated on the First Sunday of Lent, March 1, 2020. These Rites are for non-baptized catechumens (not candidates). The Rite of Sending will be celebrated at our Parish; the Rite of Election will be celebrated at Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary Queen of the Universe.

St. Teresa’s Youth Group (ST Youth Group) Calendar of events for Feb - Mar 2020:

To receive Text updates on all of our EVENTS JOIN us on FLOCKNOTE by Texting **STYG2020** to **84576**

Open to all kids from 7th to 12th Grade. Come join us and share Food, Socializing, Faith Building and Activities.

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1 Advance Sign up will be required. $5.00 per bowler. Sign up by February 19, 2020.
2 Advanced Signup Required, parents are encouraged to join their kids in this service.

Contact the Faith formation Office with questions or to sign up
Phone: 321-268-0440 Email: faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org

**Southern Deaneary of the Council of Catholic Women Scholarship**

Southern Deaneary of the Council of Catholic Women is offering a $500 scholarship to an active Catholic High School student who will be a graduate at the end of the 2020 school year.

For an application and criteria please contact the church office. All applications are due back by **March 15, 2020**.

**Girls Are Great 2020**

Saturday, February 22, 2020
9:00am to 3:00pm

This is an educational event for young girls ages 9-12 years old to discuss the changes that their body will go through from childhood to adolescent. There is no charge for the event and lunch will be provided.

Parent/guardian are encouraged to stay for the morning session filled with topics just for them. Please call

**Knights of Columbus Parish Family of the Month**

Our Lady of Space Council 5667 will announce the February Family of the Month on February 23, 2020 at the 9:30 AM Mass.

Please continue to submit your recommendations for Family of the Month for the upcoming year. The forms are in the church vestibule next to the red deposit box. Forms are also available on the church website and can be filled in on-line. For any questions, please call Tom Christiano @ 321-794-7749. Thank you!

**Lent Begins February 26th Ash Wednesday**

Masses are at 7:30, 9:30 (School), 11:30 AM and 7 PM. There will be a Communion Service at 4 PM with the imposition of ashes.

Our Lenten Giving Project’s this year: Cor Jesu, BETA and North Brevard Charities.

**Sacramental Blood of Christ**

During this time of cough and cold season we have chosen to be cautious and only the Body of Christ will be offered at Mass.

You may also chose to greet each other rather than shake hands as a sign of peace.
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Don’t miss any of these exciting events with St. Teresa School!

Sermon on the Mount: Beatitudes

These are the blessings that Jesus talked about in the Sermon on the Mount, and they offer a code, one which is inviting rather than prohibitive:

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness’ sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Our Catholic Appeal Begins February 15-16th

This weekend we begin Our Catholic Appeal. We need to raise $79,168. Letters have been sent out from the Diocese, so if you have already sent in your pledge you do not have to fill out an envelope this weekend. Everyone else should decide your pledge amount so you can fill out the envelope this weekend or the next.

Our Catholic Appeal is an annual opportunity for every member of the faith family to support the life-changing work of the Diocese of Orlando. Gifts to Our Catholic Appeal fund a wide variety of ministries that serve the nine counties of the diocese in ways that no parish could accomplish alone. Gifts to Our Catholic Appeal are the sole source of funding for 28 ministries that benefit every parish, mission and school in the diocese in addition to providing critical support for outreach programs such as Catholic Charities of Central Florida, Hope Community Center, and schools in the Diocese of San Juan de la Maguana in the Dominican Republic.

Our Catholic Appeal supports ministries to help young people know Jesus, grow in faith, and develop Christian leadership skills. Diocesan events such as the World Youth Day pilgrimage, FOCUS 11 vocation retreats, and the Life Rally, provide youth with an opportunity to encounter God. Your support funds training for youth ministers and other educators.

Through gifts to our Catholic Appeal, Catholic Charities of Central Florida helps more than 100,000 people each year with food, housing, healthcare, and adoption services. Working in partnership with parishes, families in crisis are treated with dignity as they receive personalized case management to return to self-sufficiency. Last year, Catholic Charities also provided financial assistance to victims of the Pulse tragedy and reunited refugee families.

With the support of Our Catholic Appeal teachers at all Catholic schools within the Diocese of Orlando receive ongoing formation and professional development. This training ensures that diocesan schools proclaim the Gospel message within an environment of excellence. We challenge students to be creative and critical thinkers who integrate faith, moral leadership and compassionate service in order to create a more just and humane world.

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Expert Advice

An expert can quickly solve problems you may spend hours trying to figure out. If you cannot get the software to work on your computer, for example, you might waste a lot of time trying to figure out what is wrong. But someone who knows the software can fix it up in a snap. The same is true of everyday crises from car repair to plumbing. Experts seem to have a different kind of wisdom. We are blessed when they share it.

We each have some wisdom we can share, too. Other people need our experience, advice, and love. Each of us has solved some of life’s problems in a way that would help some others to know.

It is most true of God. God has a wisdom beyond what we have learned. The puzzles of life cannot be solved by our own experience or reason. Some things we turn over to the maker of life, trusting in the divine plan.

Paul tells the Corinthians, “We speak God’s wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory.” God has prepared things for us that we cannot experience now. Our sight and hearing help us appreciate the world around us, but in the end they will fail. God’s goodness is beyond what we can imagine.

When we need an expert, someone to help us solve the puzzles of life, we turn ourselves over to the wisdom of God.

The Community of St. Teresa Catholic Church

Name ___________________________ Phone _____________

Address _____________________________

City ___________________________ State ____ Zip ___________

Email Address ____________________________

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Please complete this form and leave it in the offertory basket or return to the rectory. You may also visit www.saintteresatitusville.org to learn more about participating in the community of St. Teresa Catholic Church.

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