



*St. Teresa of Avila
Catholic Church and School
Divine Mercy Sunday*

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**CELEBRATION OF THE
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Saturday Vigil:.....5:00 p.m.

Sunday:.....7:30 a.m., 9:30AM
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Saturday:.....8:30 am

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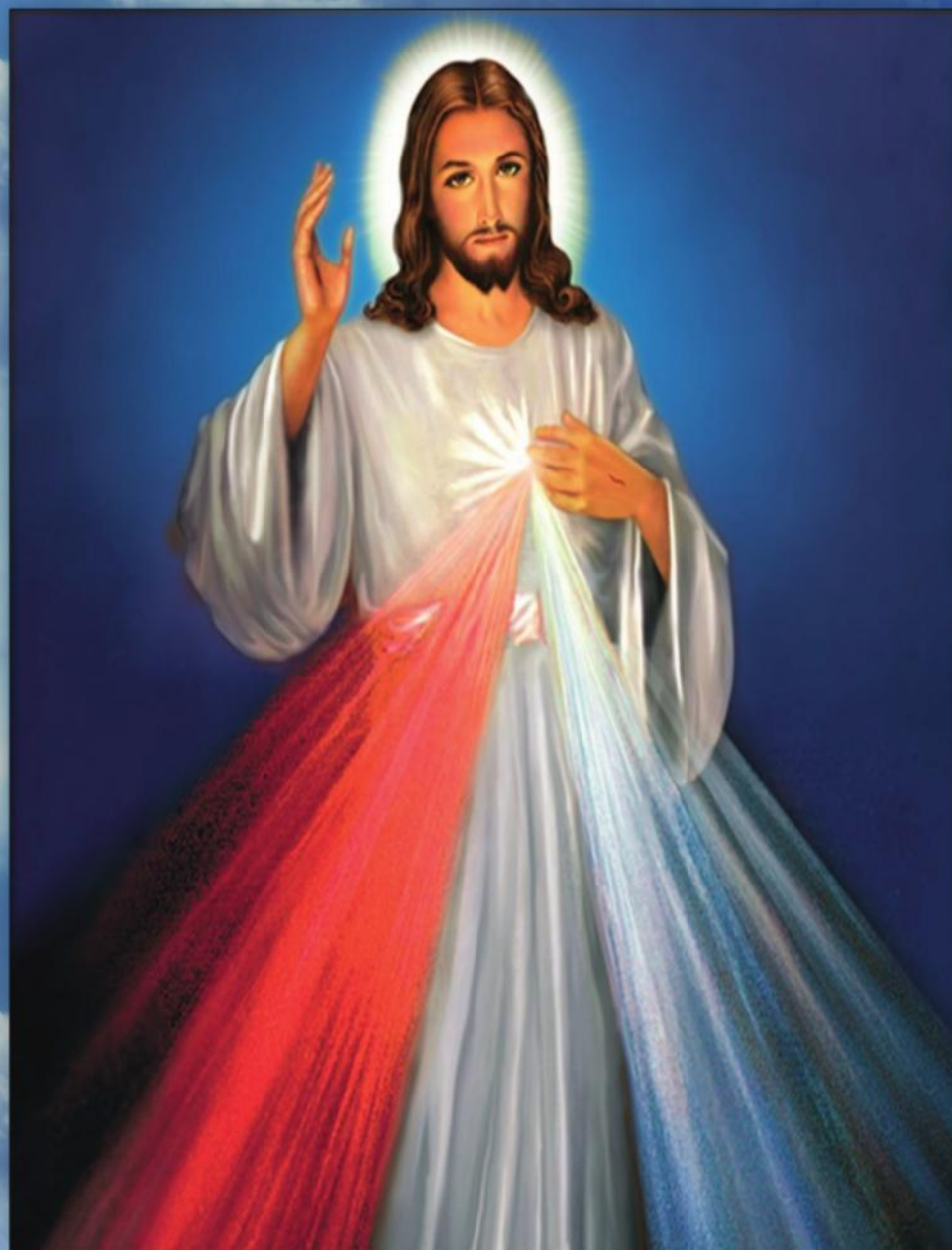
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April 7, 2024

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
7:30 AM Andre Labelle † by the Labelle family	7:00 AM Special Intentions for Melinda Caligiuri for healing & 50th B'day by Barbara Valentino	7:00 AM Jaques Ronta Collins † by Greg & Dottie	7:00 AM Special Intention for the Volunteers of the Parish
9:30 AM Deceased members of the McKeown family by Brian & Carol	8:30 AM Special Intention for Margaret Gould by a friend	8:30 AM Special Intention for Lucille Grubka by Bob & Bonnie	8:30 AM Manny Aldana 10th anniversary of death by the family
11:30 AM Special Intentions for The Hannon family by Kathryn	<i>Eight days later Jesus came and stood in their midst</i>		

LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Third Sunday of Easter
Thinking about the Readings**

1. How often do I pass judgement on others without considering their motives or lack of knowledge? How do I readily forgive them?
2. When am I most at peace? How do I bring peace to others?
3. Where do I most frequently encounter the risen Christ? In the Word? In the Eucharist? In people?

**Readings for 3rd Sunday of Easter
April 14, 2024**

First Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

The author of life you put to death, but God raised Him from the dead.

Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5a

Jesus Christ is expiation not for our sins only but for those of the whole world.

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day.

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 5:30pm
 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 Litanies—After the 8:30am Mass

For Reflection:

God the "Father" bore "witness" to this at Christ's Baptism by "water;" God the "Word" became our "Blood" witness on the Cross; God the "Spirit" gave witness when by Him Jesus was conceived in the womb of Mary.

Yes, this is the triple "testimony of God" which we, too, must witness unto others – that "Jesus is God"

Today's Good News

The Holy Gospel that the Liturgy presents to us on this second Sunday of Easter, is one of the most well known, discussed, and appreciated—the meeting of the Risen Lord with St Thomas. The Fathers of the Church have given us numerous insights into this Gospel text. Likewise, it is has proven the inspiration to the numerous artists who have physically represented the events of this Gospel in order to give us a clear idea of what happened, 'eight days after' the first apparition of the Risen One, to the disciples congregated in the cenacle.

Jesus' response to Thomas, after he recognized Him as 'My Lord and my God', has a mysterious fascination that must relate not so much to the disciples—those who 'have seen'—but rather to those, like us, who were added to their number afterwards. 'You have come to believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.'

The timely recollection of the 'eight days after,' which is the Sunday after the Resurrection, permits us to tie our reflection to one of the most significant Eucharistic hymns composed by another Thomas, St Thomas Aquinas. In the Adore Te Devote, which refers to the Eucharist, we read: 'Sight, touch, taste are all deceived in their judgement of you. But hearing suffices firmly to believe'. Combining these words with today's Gospel we can justly affirm that the experience 'to see' was not denied to us, but it is in contrast with the Apostle Thomas' physical experience, who was able to put his own finger into the holes in Christ's hands and side, whilst we can only comprehend it in the faith which is guarded and transmitted by the Church, our Mother and Teacher.

That which we 'have not seen' is therefore the glorious Body of the Risen One. However, today we have the ability to 'listen' to the Word of God and the Magisterium of the Church and so we can 'see' the real Body of Christ which is the Eucharist. We can 'see' His Mystical Body which is the Church. We can 'see' Him in our lives and in the lives of our many brothers who, after meeting the Lord in a real but mysterious way, are united to Him in His Spirit!

Divine Mercy Sunday

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

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7:00 AM Martha Macdonald † by her daughter	7:00 AM For the People of the Parish	8:30 AM Michael Nealon † by Marg Hatina	7:30 AM Ernie Finizio † by Sharon & Bill Solt
8:30 AM Special Intention for David & Louis Alvarez by the family	8:30 AM Barbara Williams † by Joan May	5:00 PM Mary Rogers † by the family	9:30 AM Margaret Latina † by Jane & Mario Rubio
<i>The Sanctuary candle is lit this week for the special group of our newest Catholics from RCIA</i>			11:30 AM Anna Iddings † by her children & families

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Thought: The Christian community described in Acts understood and practiced *total* stewardship. St. Paul reports that the believers did not claim anything as their own, but held everything in common, and distributed to each whatever was needed.

Parish Sacrificial Giving (Regular Sunday Offering) In gratitude for the gifts we have received from God, the parishioners and visitors (will be noted next week) for the ministries of St. Teresa. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God bless.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK?

What are some of the signs of Christ's presence in this parish?
What activities reflect this unity and this love?

Our Catholic Appeal

Our Catholic Appeal is an annual opportunity for every member of our faith family to support the life-changing work and ministries of the Diocese of Orlando.

Thank you for your continued interest in the Appeal.

It is **VERY** important that you use the envelope provided by mail or in the church. Money given in the collection basket does not reflect in the percentage our Parish.

We have currently received **\$109,510.00** which is **91.2%** which is **243** individual gifts towards our goal. Thank you for your donation. It truly helps many.

Eucharistic Adoration

We will have an all day Eucharistic Adoration **April 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



Kids Heart Challenge

This year we had 101 students register for the Kids Heart Challenge program, earning our school an additional \$500 in gift certificates. In 26 years of participating, this is the most we have ever had. We had numerous families who collected donations and were recognized our top families at one of our assemblies. In total, our school raised \$3,314.06, a top three total collected in our 26 years. This total earned \$300 in certificates, giving Coach a total of \$800 to spend on new PE equipment this year! What's even better is that the funds collected go to a great cause, the American Heart Association.



- St. Teresa Catholic School is now accepting applications for the next school year (2024-2025). Go to www.stteresa-titusville.org to fill out an application or call the school office (321-267-1643) for more details.



St Teresa

Catholic School spring Open House, **Thursday, April 18 from 9:00am to 2:00pm.** Come tour our school!

Let us show you what St. Teresa Catholic School has to offer your child!



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FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education (CCD)
Religious Education Classes (CCD) this
Wednesday, in the school at **6:00 pm**.



First Reconciliation Prep Session
First Reconciliation Prep Session 8 will be this **Wednesday**, in the school, at **6:00 pm**. These sessions are for both School and Religious Ed (CCD) 2nd Grade students.

RCIC
RCIC will meet this **Wednesday**, in the Faith Formation Room in Avila Hall after school at **2:10 until 3:15**.

RCIA
RCIA will meet this **Thursday at 6:30pm** in Avila Hall.

“R” Catholic Nugget

A Quote from Mahatma Gandhi "A man who was completely innocent, offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world. It was a perfect act."

Adult Bible Study

This spring we are offering "Consecration to St. Joseph - The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father" written by Father Donald H. Calloway, MIC. This is a 33-day program of reading and discussion questions. The class will begin Wednesday, **May 8th**, and end on June 12th and will be held in the Faith Formation room from 9:30 - 11:00 AM. Class size is limited.

For more information contact the Faith Formation office at 321-349-5445 (voice or text) or by email at faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org.

Baptism Preparation Classes

Baptism Preparation Classes can be scheduled through the Church office at 321-268-3441 or the Faith Formation Office 321-349-5445. The class will be held on the date and time you schedule in the Faith Formation Room in Avila Hall.

St. Teresa Youth Group

Calendar of events (6th to 12th Grade)
(Each Sunday we will help with Donuts unless we have a Breakfast Buffet)

Date	Time	Location	Event
Apr 21 st	8:30am-12:45pm	Parish Center	Youth Group Breakfast Buffet
Apr 27 th	12:30pm-2:30pm	River Lanes	Youth Group Bowling Party
May 18 th	12:30pm-3:00pm	Avila Hall and Courtyard	Youth Group End of Year Family Cookout

Advance Sign up required for all events with the Faith Formation Office Phone: 321-349-5445; email: faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org

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



We continue to pray the Chaplet of St. Gertrude every Sunday after the **9:30 am Mass** in the Chapel.

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 **6 pm**
* Chaplet of St. Gertrude on **Sunday** immediately following the **9:30 am Mass**. All are welcome

Choir Rehearsal



Contemporary choir rehearses every **Tuesday at 7pm** in the church.
Traditional choir rehearses every **Wednesday at 7pm** in the church



Save the Date	Fatima Sundays
(May 19th – Oct. 13 PM Holy Hour)	
May 19th	August 11th
June 9th	September 8th
July 14th	October 13th

Moms of Tiny Saints

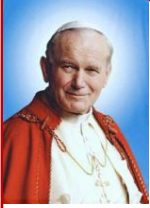
A Catholic ministry where moms can find community in the messiness and joy of raising tiny saints is getting started this Easter season! Join Moms of Tiny Saints at one of their kickoff events:



Playground Meetup w/ Coffee & Donuts
April 10th, 10AM @ Fay Lake Wilderness Park
May 8th, 10AM @ Fay Lake Wilderness Park

Just-for-Moms Formation Night (w/ wine, snacks, & desserts)
April 24th, 7-8:30pm @ St. Teresa, Avila Hall
May 22nd, 7-8:30pm @TBD
Text Amy @ 321-626-7802 or Kasey @ 321-289-6399 with any questions.

Divine Mercy Sunday



Divine Mercy Sunday April 7th

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter. It is based on the private revelations of St. Faustina Kowalska, which recommended a particular devotion to the Divine Mercy.

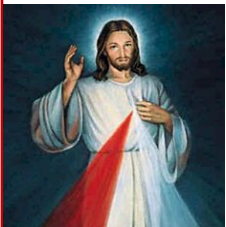
In 2000, **Pope John Paul II** canonized St. Faustina and, during the ceremony, he declared: It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church will be called "Divine Mercy Sunday".

To ensure that the faithful would observe this day with intense devotion, the Supreme Pontiff [John Paul II] himself established that this Sunday be enriched by a plenary indulgence, as will be explained below, so that the faithful might receive in great abundance the gift of the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

In this way, they can foster a growing love for God and for their neighbour, and after they have obtained God's pardon, they in turn might be persuaded to show a prompt pardon to their brothers and sisters. . . .

A plenary indulgence, granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honour of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, and in The Divine Mercy image is a depiction of Jesus based on a vision that St. Faustina had in 1931.

The Divine Mercy image is a depiction of Jesus based on a vision that **St. Faustina** had in 1931. There have been a number of paintings made of this image. The original, though not the most popular one today, is shown above.



A basic explanation of the **Divine Mercy** image is:

Jesus is shown in most versions as raising his right hand in blessing, and pointing with his left hand on his chest from which flow forth two rays: one red and one white (translucent).

The depictions often contains the message "Jesus, I trust in You!" (Polish: *Jezu ufam Tobie*).

The rays streaming out have symbolic meaning: red for the blood of Jesus (which is the Life of Souls), and pale for the water (which justify souls). The whole image is symbolic of charity, forgiveness and love of God, referred to as the "Fountain of Mercy".

According to the diary of St Faustina, the image is based on her 1931 vision of Jesus.

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is a set of prayers used as part of the Divine Mercy devotion.

They are usually said using a standard set of Rosary beads, often at 3 p.m. (the time of Jesus' death), but with a different set of prayers than those used in the Marian Rosary.

*Please join us at **3PM** for the Devotion to the Divine Mercy, including the litanies, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Anointing of the Sick*



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Ordination of Priests, May 25

Join Bishop John Noonan as he celebrates the Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacons Michael Batista and Phillip Mills, Saturday, **May 25, 10 a.m.-noon** at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe, 8300 Vineland Ave., Orlando. View via livestream on the Diocese of Orlando Facebook page. For more information, call 407-246-4875.



Jesus, I Trust in You

Second Sunday of Easter

1 John 5:1-6

Anthem, Allegiance, and Creed

When we sing the national anthem, recite the pledge of allegiance, or fly the flag at home, we citizens perform an action that expresses who we are and what we believe. We don't have to recite the entire constitution. It's enough to enact a smaller but central symbol of our country.

At church, we recite our creed every week. And on Easter we renew our baptismal promises—which put the creed in question and answer form. We don't have to recite the entire bible or the whole catechism. We say this smaller text to express who we are and what we believe. It is a symbol of our faith.

Easter is the season that renews our faith. Our central belief is the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. When we hold fast to that faith, everything else falls in line.

John writes in his first letter, “Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God.” Every Easter, those who were catechumens preparing for this day profess their belief in Jesus. In that faith they are baptized. They are born again. They are begotten by God.

Our Easter faith will see us through bad times and add meaning to our happy days. Jesus is the Christ, the anointed one of God, the promised redeemer, and he is risen. He is our anthem, our allegiance, and our creed.

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Divine Mercy Sunday

Easter Blessings and Holy Week Activities



Thank you to Father Chris for such a meaningful way to participate in the Stations and Mission talk. Thanks to all that donated to the building fund for aged Nuns



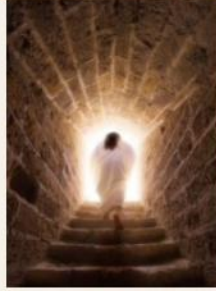
Blessing of the Paschal candle



Blessing of the food baskets



The school students and teachers once again brought the Passion to life.



He is Risen Indeed!



Washing of the feet



Special blessing to our newest Catholics from the RCIA group & to Greg & his team in guiding them in the process



Thanks to Caroline A. and the Church decorating committee for the many changes from Palm Sunday thru Easter Sunday. Beautiful!

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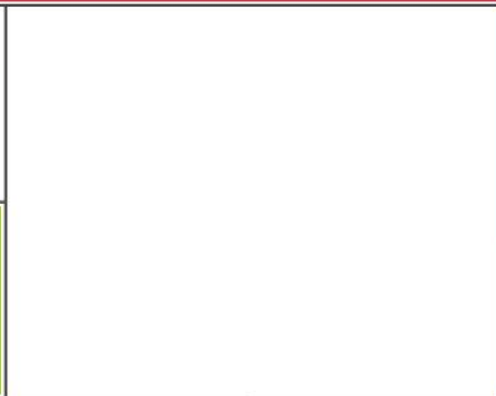



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