

St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church and School

Fourth Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday

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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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Daily (Mon.-Fri.):..... 7:45-8:15 a.m. Saturdays:.....3:45-4:45 p.m. First Friday:....3:30-4:30 p.m. And by Appointment

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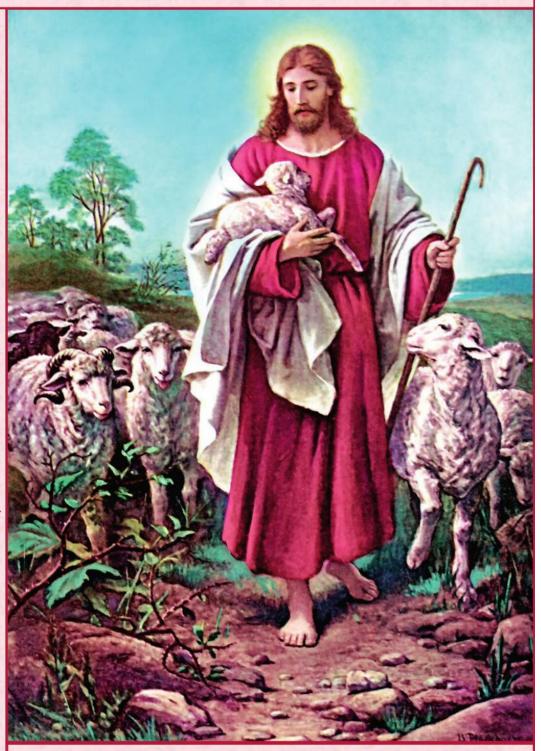
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April 21, 2024

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

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday	
7:30 AM	Special Intentions of Joyce Rivers & John Rivers by Knight family	7:00 AM	Bob Kroboth † by Sharon & Bill Solt	7:00 AM	For the People	7:00 AM	Rex A Yancer † by Sharon & Bill Solt
9:30 AM	Marilyn Falusi † by the Wheir family	8:30 AM	For Nicole McCaffrey by her friend, Barbara	8:30 AM	Special Birthday Blessing for Zofia Magdalena	8:30 AM	Edward Morin † by his daughter, Kathleen Weldon
11:30 AM	Patricia Morrell † by			•			

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Fifth Sunday of Easter Thinking about the Readings

- 1. How do I react to the word "change"? How willing am I to change? What is the price of control? Am I willing to let life surprise me, or do I Have to be in control?
- 2. In what way was Easter a surprise for me? Does that surprise affect my lifestyle?

Readings for 5th Sunday of Easter April 28, 2024

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

Barnabas reported to the Apostles how Saul had seen

the Lord on the way

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

your favorite daughter

This is his commandment: that we may believe and love.

Gospel: John 15:1-8

"I am the vine, you are the branches".

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:

The sermon preached by our Savior nearly two thousand years ago is still echoing and re-echoing around the world, calling on his faithful flock to do all in their power to help those other children of God who are still outside the fold.

Do not shut your ears to this call of Christ today. Give him a helping hand by helping your fellowman to see the light of the true faith.

Today's Good News

The **first** reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12. This excerpt is a sequence of what was described in last Sunday's first reading. Peter had cured a cripple-from-birth and told the people that it was not by his own power that he did this, but through the power of Jesus of Nazareth, whom the Jews had crucified.

The **second** reading is from the first Letter of John 3:1-2 in which he sets out in a couple of sentences the basic effect of the Incarnation. Already in this life men are made children of God. Because we are God's children here below we shall see him as he is in the future life.

The Gospel is from St. John 10:11-18. The image of Christ as our Good Shepherd has always appealed to human nature. One of the earliest paintings of Christ in the Roman catacombs represents him as carrying an injured sheep on his shoulders. This is a manifestation of love which touches our innermost feelings. We do not mind being likened to sheep in this context. There is something guileless about a sheep, and at the same time a lot of foolishness. Does not this describe the vast majority of men, even many of those who openly oppose Christ? Is there not something very sheeplike about the man who, because God gave him a limited intellect, thinks he knows all things and needs no further help from God? The sheep who thinks it knows as much, and even more, than the shepherd and sets out to fend for itself, is no more foolish than the man who thinks he can do without God's revelation and God's Church.

There are many who are not so fortunate as we, who either through no fault of their own or through their own fault do not hear his voice and do not know or follow him. This is an opportunity he gives us to show how we appreciate all he has done for us. He died on the cross for all men. He wills all men to profit by his death, and his statement "them also I must bring" is a direct appeal to us to cooperate with him in this work. Every Christian is a missionary. The very fact of living the Christian life in its entirety, in the midst of our fellowmen, is of itself a powerful example to outsiders. It influences for good the lax Christian and the non-Christian. It makes them stop and think and look into their consciences. This is generally the first step on the road back to God.

The devout Christian will not stop at good example only. If the devout Christian truly loves God, he must truly love his neighbor and must want him to have a share in his own good fortune. He knows there is welcome and room in heaven for all men, and he knows that the greater the number there the greater will be God's eternal glory. He will strive then by every available means to help his neighbor into Christ's fold.

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Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday	
7:00 AM	Frank Macdonald † by his daughter	7:00 AM	Ray Eriksen † by the Eriksen family	8:30 AM	Anna & Leopold Zbiegien †	7:30 AM	Loretta Dosaocil † by Loyola Walker
8:30 AM	Special Intention for our children by the Puckett family	8:30 AM	Velma Theisen † by the Brieske family	5:00 PM	Anthony Ferrara † by the Ferrara family	9:30 AM	Joan Horner † by the Wheir family
Sanctuary lamp is lit for the healing of Sarah Miller requested by her 'little sissy'							Vern Robert Baake †

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Thought: : To be good stewards we must be good shepherds, willing to lay down our lives for those committed to our care, not mere hired hands who run off, "leaving the sheep to be snatched and scattered by the wolf."

Parish Sacrificial Giving (Regular Sunday Offering) In gratitude for the gifts we have received from God, the parishioners and visitors gave \$13,286.00 for the ministries of St. Teresa. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God bless.

OUESTION OF THE WEEK?

Who or what is the cornerstone of this community?
How is this expressed in the daily life of the parish?

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 \$114,765.00 which is 95.6% which is 256 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 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

St. Teresa Field trip to Holy Family Catholic School

Our 6th graders had a Field trip to Holy Family Catholic School in Orlando to participate in

FOCUS-11. This program is specifically designed just for 6th graders throughout the Diocese of Orlando. The purpose of the **FOCUS-11** program is discipleship and following God. They had a wonderful day filed with activities to become closer to God.







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



Mother's Day May 12th

There are Mother's Day Novena cards on the table in the back of the Church.

Kindly return them so they can be placed on the Altar for the whole month of May.



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FAITH FORMATION

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



RCIA

Our RCIA meetings for this session have completed, we will begin meeting again in August/ September 2024. Contact the Faith Formation Office if you have questions or are interested in joining our group or know someone who is interested in our Faith. Call or email, Phone: 321-349-5445; email: faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org.

Altar Server Training

Altar Server Training will be held **after** the **11:30 Masses** in the church today, April 21st. If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server, you need to attend this training session. If you are currently an Altar Server and feel you need additional training, please attend this session.

"R" Catholic Nugget

A Quote from Henry Knox Sherrill "The joyful news that He is risen does not change the contemporary world. Still before us lie work, discipline, and sacrifice. But the fact of Easter gives us the spiritual power to do the work, accept the discipline, and make the sacrifice."

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.

2024 Graduates

St. Teresa Catholic Church will be recognizing our 2024 High School/College Graduates on May 19th at the 9:30 am Mass with Breakfast to follow. Graduate Information Forms are available in the Church Narthex or contact the Faith Formation office at 321-349-5445 (voice or text) or by email at faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org.

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

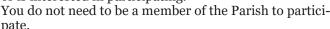
Date	Time	Location	Event
Apr 27 th	12:30pm- 2:30pm	River Lanes	Youth Group Bowling Party *
May 18 th	12:30pm- 3:00pm	Avila Hall and Court- yard	Youth Group End of Year Family Cookout

Advance Sign up required for all events with the Faith Formation Office, Minimum of 16-20 required for this

Phone: 321-349-5445; email: faithformation@stteresatitusville.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.



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

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

Cor Jesu Food Pantry

Cor Jesu Food Pantry is in need of canned pasta sauce, ravioli and crackers.



If you chose to send a check please make out to Cor Jesu. Thank you for your generosity each week. Please save your egg cartons for donation. Thanks

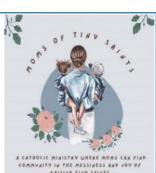
Choir Rehearsal

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



Traditional choir rehearses every Wednesday at 7pm in the church

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 May 8th, 10AM @ Fox Lake 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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday

Psalms 23: 1-6

The LORD is my shepherd: I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of rightcourness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me: thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Good Shepherd Sunday

I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



Eucharist: Sacrament of Faith

A Holy Sacrifice the Mass is a unique and marvelous sacrifice. It is the mystical reality in which Christ's sacrifice on the cross is renewed. The Mass is also a sacred banquet where together as the Church family we fulfill Jesus' command at the Last Supper to "Do this in memory of me." The Eucharist is the sacramental celebration of the Paschal Mystery — the crucifixion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Greek word eucharistein means "to give thanks." At every Mass, we give thanks for Christ's one and abiding sacrifice for the life of the world. The Eucharist makes present the saving death and resurrection of Christ. We are invited to unite our sufferings, wounds, and trials to Christ in the liturgy of the Eucharist. As St. Paul tells us, we are called to imitate what we worship — Christ — and offer ourselves as "a living sacrifice" (see Rom 12:1). This is exactly what should happen at Mass.

A Holy Meal Active participation in the liturgy is central to our Catholic faith. It is here that we are formed in the Christian life. "In the Eucharist," says Pope Benedict XVI, "the faith of the Church is proclaimed, celebrated and strengthened. All of the faithful are invited to participate in the Eucharist actively, fruitfully and with awareness, in order to be authentic witnesses of the Lord" We believe that the risen Christ is really and truly present in four ways in the liturgy. In the holy Eucharist, we experience his real presence — body, blood, soul, and divinity. Christ is also present, albeit in a different way, in the presider, in the Word as read from the sacred Scriptures, and in the community gathered together. Today's liturgy stresses the importance of gathering all believers around the table of the Lord to be nourished by Christ himself. We participate in the Eucharistic sacrifice with reverence and prayer and "each has his own part to play in the liturgical action" (Lumen Gentium 6). As we receive holy Communion, we are transformed into the living body of Christ in the world.

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After we receive Communion, the church is quiet. In silence we are called to listen to Jesus in our hearts and minds. The sacrament of the holy Eucharist is transformative.

An encounter with the person of Jesus Christ is meant to change us, renew our spirit, and deepen our faith.

Jesus instituted the Eucharist, which is the source and summit of the Christian life. He did this to abide with us and help us partake in the graces of his passion, death, and resurrection. The Mass is both a holy meal and a holy sacrifice. St. Paul urges us to live the Mass we attend. He writes, "I urge you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship" (Rom 12:1).

Christ's gift of the holy Mass is the greatest source of our spiritual and moral development



Fourth Sunday of Easter

1 John 3:1-2

God in the Original

You have seen pictures of the Grand Canyon. You may have talked with people who went there. But you cannot appreciate the Grand Canyon fully unless you see it with your own eyes.

You may have heard a recording of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony. You may have talked with people who heard it once. But you cannot fully appreciate its power unless you hear an orchestra play it live.

You may have seen a reproduction of the Mona Lisa, a video about the Great Wall of China, or a model of the Eiffel Tower. But it isn't the same as seeing the real thing.

All reproductions and recordings have remarkable power, but only the original touches people to the depth of their heart.

We all have had an experience of God. And that experience is real. Especially in holy communion we experience the real presence of Jesus. Yet something more awaits us. Some day, when we are freed from the limitations of the human body, we will experience God fully—in the original. John writes, "Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is."

We do not always experience God. When we do, it fills us with joy. Imagine our joy at the end of time, when we will always experience God.

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61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations April 21 Pope's Vocations Day message: Pilgrims of Hope, Builders of peace'

Our life finds fulfilment when we discover who we are, what our gifts are, where we can make them bear fruit, and what path we can follow in order to become signs and instruments of love, generous acceptance, beauty, and peace, wherever we find ourselves."

Pope Francis offered that summary of our Christian vocation in his message for the 61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations, which the Church marks on April 21, 2024.

The Holy Father noted that all Christians are called to welcome our God-given vocation to serve Him in the world, whether it be through the consecrated life, the priesthood, marriage, or even as a single person.

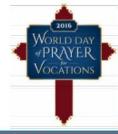
Gratitude, he said, should characterize World Vocations Day celebrations, as we recall the countless Christians who serve God in all walks of life. He especially invited young people to make room for God, so that they might find happiness in His call, which always respects our freedom.

"Let Jesus draw you to Himself," said the Pope. "Bring Him your important questions by reading the Gospels; let Him challenge you by His presence, which always provokes in us a healthy crisis." "In this sense," he added, "the World Day of Prayer for Vocations has a synodal character: amid the variety of our charisms, we are called to listen to one another and to journey together in order to acknowledge them and to discern where the Spirit is leading us for the benefit of all." The Pope also urged everyone to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, so that the Lord may "send out labourers into His harvest."

Our pilgrimage on this earth is far from a pointless journey or aimless wandering," he said. "On the contrary, each day, by responding to God's call, we try to take every step needed to advance towards a new world where people can live in peace, justice, and love."

Christ's Resurrection, noted Pope Francis, is the force that drives our Christian hope and allows us to face the challenges our world present us. In conclusion, the Pope invited Christians to "rise up" and awaken from our indifference by embracing our vocation and letting Christ guide our steps.

"Let us be passionate about life," he said, "and commit ourselves to caring lovingly for those around us, in every place where we live."







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