

# St. Theresa's Catholic Church

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## Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM Sunday: 9:30 AM (English) & 12:15 PM (Spanish)  
Daily: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: Noon Wednesday: 6:00 PM  
Adoration: Wednesday 5:00 PM Private Prayer: Wednesday 8:00 AM—7:00 PM

## HERE I AM, LORD; I COME TO DO YOUR WILL

After the festivities of Christmas, we are back in the Ordinary Time. The psalmist gives us the refrain for our ordinary daily Christian life: "Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will." John the Baptist, in today's gospel, reveals the identity and job description of Jesus as the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." We have become used to hearing Jesus called "Lamb". But in this ID, is hidden the secret to peace in our hearts: humble submission to the unfolding will of God.

Encryption is the computer jargon for hidden codes. Apart from our obvious vocations of parenthood, priesthood, teacher or musician, there is the hidden will of God for each of us, unfolding every minute. We are not in control of it. He is. Regarding this, all he wants from us is a big and constant YES, our cooperation with him. This is hard sometimes, especially when the unexpected suddenly changes the course of our lives. Yet, saying YES to God's will is the secret to our peace. Jesus is Lamb so we can be lambs with him and so have his peace. Attempt to resist God's will takes peace completely away from us.

Our yes to God's will also helps other people. This is our little contribution to the big design of God. Following Jesus, the Lamb, our little yes to God's plan goes a long way to make huge impact on the whole project. Paul never planned to be an apostle of Christ. His yes has benefited all of us. When we look back in our lives, we would see how the unforeseen will of God had shaped our lives so far. Our calm 'yes' in those moments made a big difference in our hearts and lives, and have positively affected others too. God's hidden design is good for all. Our daily refrain should always be: Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

God bless you all. — Fr. Paulinus

## Sacraments

**Baptism, Marriage, & Anointing of the Sick**— Call for appointment

**First Communion/ Religious Ed**— Every Sunday 11:00 am—12 Noon

**Confirmation**— Every Sunday 11:00 am—12 Noon

**Youth Group**—Next Meeting January 14, 2026 @ 7:00 pm

**Confessions**— Sunday: 8:45-9:15 am & 11:30 am to Noon;

Saturday: 4:15-4:45 pm; Wednesday: 5:15-5:45 pm; and by appointment

**Prayer List**~ Please add Mike Pittman to your prayers.

**Stand For Life** ~ will be on Saturday, January 24 in front of Aldi's on 16th Avenue from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm. Please come and support all life from conception to natural death.

**Daybreak Pregnancy Center** ~ we will take a tour of their facilities on Saturday, January 24 at 10:30 am. We plan to gather at the Parish Hall at 10 am that morning or you may join us at their facility. After the tour we will come back to the hall for lunch and then go to the Stand for Life event. All are welcome to join us. Please call Tammy Teel at 229.313.9065 if you have any questions.

**Empowering God's Children** ~ our Religious Education class will present a Virtus program about teaching personal boundaries and computer safety to our students on this week. Please contact Tammy Teel or Fr. Paulinus with any questions or if you do not want your child to participate.

**Gold and Silver Anniversary** ~ If you are celebrating your Gold or Silver Wedding anniversary this year, you are invited to attend a celebration Mass on Sunday, February 15 at 1:00 pm in Savannah. If you would like to attend, please contact 912-201-4069 or go to [diosav.org/gold-and-silver](http://diosav.org/gold-and-silver) no later than January 31.

**Family Mass** ~ our Religious Education will meet with parents and children on Sunday, January 25 at 11:00 am. Father will discuss how we prepare for the Mass and the different objects that are used during Mass and their meanings. As always, if you are interested you are welcome whether you have children in Religious Education or not. The more we know and understand about our Mass, the more special it becomes.

Today's readings begin on page 889 in the St. Augustine Hymnal.

## Our Gifts to God:

Weekly Budget Goal: \$2,875

Last Year's Offering: \$2,996.33

Last Sunday's Offering: \$2,423.15

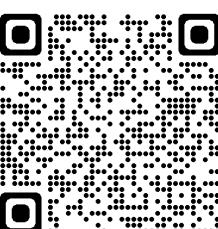
(In pew: \$2,230.00, Online: \$193.15)

Children's Offertory: \$64

Harvest of Hope Goal: \$128,508

Pledges Remaining: \$30,250.80 Total Given: \$48,540.20

*As you are gone, help our church carry on. Please remember your offering is essential to help us meet our budget. Give online: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/littletherese> or you may text "GIVE NOW" to 229.318.4127 or scan the QR Code*



## Weekly Mass

January 17

5:00 pm Mass

January 18

9:30 am Mass

Shanquelos

Edmondson

12:15 pm Mass

January 19

Noon Mass

January 20

Noon Mass

January 21

5:00 pm Holy Hour

6:00 pm Mass

January 22

No Mass

January 23

No Mass