

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

THIS IS MY SON, LISTEN TO HIM

Today, at the mountain of Transfiguration, God invites us to spend time listening to Him in His Son. This is how God goes into our lives to heal and restore them. The Transfiguration experience happened on the Seventh Day after Peter had made the historic profession of faith, and Jesus gave the disturbing announcement of the Cross. For six days, the disciples carried in their hearts the painful news of Jesus' impending death. But on this Seventh Day, Jesus brought them up this high mountain to lighten this weight with a deeper vision of the truth. He opened their eyes and ears to a bigger picture, a deeper view and an instruction on how best to move forward: To always Listen to Him.

Jesus' journey with his disciples to this mountain of Transfiguration on this Seventh Day is the mystery of Sunday Mass. Here, God calls us away from the world to the height of prayer and worship, so that he could open our eyes and ears to the deeper truth of our lives and of God. Abraham was living among his pagan people, and God called him away from there to a place he would show him. Like Abraham, when we say yes and come away with God to this PLACE, he reforms our lives so we can receive the heavenly blessing of His peaceful Presence within us, and in turn become channels of this blessing to others.

Jesus' Holy Communion "Crucifixion" at every Mass is a laying down of his Life across the pews, giving up his apparently 'separate' 'single' body to take us all in and fill us all with his one Spirit, to rise again with all of us as one big joyful Body with only One Spirit. Therefore, salvation is never private but always public. It is God alone who can do this in us and for us. It is never self-help. During this Lent, let us recommit to better preparations and participation at Mass for a deeper union with Christ for the salvation of our world.

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 April 8, 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

Annual Catholic Appeal ~ kickoff is this weekend. Our goal this year is \$14,054. Please pray about your donations, pledge weekend is March 14 & 15.

Living Stations of the Cross ~ will be on Friday, March 27 at 7:30 pm. Practice will begin next Sunday, March 1 at 11:00 am. If anyone would like to help in anyway, please feel free to come and join us.

First Sunday Social ~ is this weekend following the 9:30 am Mass. This month we are focusing on Lenten Trivia. Everyone is welcome to come join the fun and fellowship.

Easter Egg Hunt ~ will be Easter Sunday at 11:00 am. Please bring filled plastic eggs to hide no later than Palm Sunday.

Parish Workday ~ will be Saturday, March 21 beginning at 8:00 am.

Easter Flower Donations ~ envelopes are available in the Narthex if you would like to honor or remember someone special.

Calling All Men ~ our Men's group meet each week to help support each other with fellowship and faith. All men are welcome to come to the meetings and find the encouragement you never knew you needed. Contact Chuck Herrick at 334-329-4293, Jim Volz at 229-938-2393 or Bill Epps at 904-612-0855 for more info.

Stations of the Cross~ each Friday during Lent: 5:45 pm (English); 6:25 pm (Vietnamese); 7:00 pm (Spanish)

Weekly Mass

February 28
5:00 pm Mass

March 1
9:30 am Mass
Felix Oszewski
12:15 pm Mass

March 2
Noon Mass

March 3
Noon Mass

March 4
5:00 pm Holy Hour
6:00 pm Mass

March 5
Noon Mass

March 6
Noon Mass

Today's readings begin on page 839 in the St. Augustine Hymnal.

Our Gifts to God:

Weekly Budget Goal: \$2,875 Last Year's Offering: \$2,083.68
Last Sunday's Offering :\$2,462.33 (In pew: \$2,164.00, Online:\$298.33)
Children's Offertory: \$66
Harvest of Hope Goal: \$128,508
Pledges Remaining: \$28,233.63 Total Given: \$50,757.37

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

