

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

“IF YOU KNEW THE GIFT OF GOD ...”

We are so beautifully made that our body, mind and spirit reflect each other. What a Trinitarian beauty!!! Yet, we need some schooling to be able to discern from the yearnings of our mind and body the deeper needs of our souls. Water is one of the most basic needs of our body. We need a lot of it each day. God made us that way for a reason. Like air, water is one of the biblical symbols of the Holy Spirit. As acutely as our body needs water and air, our souls passionately thirst for the Spirit of God. Yes, God's Gift to us is Himself, the Holy Spirit. He is the Desire of our souls.

Jesus said to the woman at the well, “If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, “Give me a drink,” you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” This statement reveals the two Gifts of God to us, His Son and His Spirit. Jesus is here to give us “the Gift of God,” the Holy Spirit. Our encounter with him at the well of prayer fills us with God's Spirit. His journey all the way from heaven down here is a burning search for us, as a Groom for his bride. Our hearts had often gone after several other things, that do not really satisfy. Bishop Robert Barron says: “If only we would surrender to our God who is already always pursuing us! Then, we might realize how the Everlasting Lord is the only one who can quench the otherwise unquenchable thirst of our hearts.”

Prayer pierces the rock of Christ, like the staff of Moses, to let out the Water of the Spirit so that our thirst for God and God's thirst for us will meet. It is a marriage union with God for which we were all made, and for which our hearts long. As from Adam's side, God formed Eve, his bride; similarly, through Jesus' side on the Cross, he let flow from the deep well of His Heart, the fountain of the Spirit, to form and nourish us, His Bride. Let us constantly return to this well in prayer, in the Word of God and the Sacraments, and drink from Jesus our Heavenly Spouse.

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 ~ next weekend is Commitment weekend. Our goal this year is \$14,054. Please pray about your donations.

Ladies Club ~ will meet Saturday, March 14 at 11:00 am at the Parish Hall. All ladies are welcome to come as we discuss upcoming events and how we can support our Parish.

Penance Service ~will be Thursday, March 19 at 7:00 pm. Several priests will be here to assist Father. Remember Confession is required at least once a year.

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

Living Stations of the Cross ~ will be on Friday, March 27 at 7:30 pm.

First Sunday Trivia~ congratulations to Milo Demott who won Lenten Trivia last week. Thank you to all who participated.

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

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

Public Bible Reading Marathon ~ will be April 10 -17. Rock the House Ministries is sponsoring this opportunity for the community to come together to speak and hear the word. A flyer is available in the Narthex for all who are interested.

Weekly Mass

March 7
5:00 pm Mass
Jan Sears+

March 8
9:30 am Mass
Bob Lee+
12:15 pm Mass

March 9
Noon Mass

March 10
Noon Mass

March 11
5:00 pm Holy Hour
6:00 pm Mass

March 12
No Mass

March 13
No Mass

Today's readings begin on page 840 in the St. Augustine Hymnal.

Our Gifts to God:

Weekly Budget Goal: \$2,875 Last Year's Offering: \$3,678.68
Last Sunday's Offering :\$2,938.08 (In pew: \$2,613.00, Online:\$325.08)
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

