

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

JESUS IS OUR REAL EYE-OPENER

We come out of the womb with eyes closed, and spend our entire life opening them. Our parents surround us with life, truth and love, and we slowly wake up to them all. As we go to bed at night and wake up in the morning, we come to realize that our entire life is an eye-opening journey. Schooling starts right at home and continues all our life. But not every learning is good and liberating. A first attempt at a harmful substance, like an exposure to a bad movie, can ruin an entire life. Jesus alone is our true teacher, who opens our eyes to life-giving eternal truths.

The healing of the man born blind reveals that every Christian is on an eye-opening journey. We were all born blind into the original sin, the fallen human condition, and the baptismal water runs all through our Christian life to open our eyes to the Truth of Christ. Jesus' healing of the blind man was not instant. He sent him to the pool of Siloam to bathe. "Siloam" means "sent". Jesus is the one sent by the Father. It is his water, the living water promised to the Samaritan woman, that cures blindness. As the sun shines from above to drive away the darkness below, Jesus comes from God to drive away the darkness in our lives.

Jesus invites us to copy the childlike spirit of the man born blind, because he represents all of us. He admitted he was blind and needed healing; he was open to learning. He allowed Jesus to lead him, almost by the hand, from physical blindness all the way to a proclamation of faith in the Son of God. Like a parent, Jesus is raising us in his Body, the Church, from the blindness of unbelief and our old ways to the clearer sight of faith and the peace of love. The deep mystery of our faith journey is that we are led by Jesus into God's family Life, which opens our eyes to meet, accept and enjoy one another in our utter differences, without sticking to our comfortable former ways. As we get closer to Easter, let us risk giving Jesus freehand.

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 ~ this is Commitment weekend. Our goal this year is \$14,054. With your help, we can assure the continued support of many important programs that help thousands in our diocese each year; education of our children and seminary students, evangelization and Christian initiation, ongoing formation for our clergy, and more. We are blessed with much; let us be a blessing to others.

Penance Service ~is Thursday, March 19 at 6:45 pm. Several priests will be here to assist Father. Remember Confession is required at least once a year.

Parish Workday ~ has been postponed until the Bathroom Project has been complete. We will keep you posted on the new date.

Living Stations of the Cross ~ will be on Friday, March 27 at 8:00 pm.

Easter Egg Hunt ~ will be Easter Sunday at 11:00 am. If you would like to donate, 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.

Today's readings begin on page 843 in the St. Augustine Hymnal.

Our Gifts to God:

Weekly Budget Goal: \$2,875 Last Year's Offering: \$3,243.98
Last Sunday's Offering :\$4,686.33 (In pew: \$4,388.00, Online:\$298.33)
Children's Offertory: \$47
Harvest of Hope Goal: \$128,508
Pledges Remaining: \$28,191.46 Total Given: \$50,819.54

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

March 14
5:00 pm Mass
Thomas Brian+

March 15
9:30 am Mass
Special Intention
12:15 pm Mass

March 16
Noon Mass

March 17
Noon Mass

March 18
5:00 pm Holy Hour
6:00 pm Mass

March 19
No Mass

March 20
Noon Mass

