

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

LAZARUS, COME OUT!!!

Jesus raised Lazarus from death after he had been dead for four days. Martha, his sister, protested that Lazarus must be smelling. But Jesus insisted on opening the tomb. He called out to the dead man in a loud voice: Lazarus, come out!!! He heard him and came out, still bound, hands and feet. Jesus had him untied and set free. This is what Jesus does, calling us out from our spiritual death to full life in God. No matter how dead we are in sin, he is able to call us back to life and spiritual freedom.

As Easter gets closer, we meditate on Jesus' power over death. His mission on earth is to bring us back from death to life. This is what Easter is all about. The full meaning of the body of Christ rising from death is our rising with him. It is not just a future reality but more a present experience of rising from sin to the fullness of life in Christ. But it is Jesus who raises us. Lazarus's story reveals that we can't raise ourselves from the death of sin. We can repent, but Jesus is the One who is able to take our sins away and bring us back into the full life of the spirit. Whatever our condition is, he is able to call us out from the death of sin to the life of grace.

A common tendency is to quickly examine our consciences and determine that we have not committed any serious sin. We, therefore, conclude that this call is for others in more serious sinful conditions. This is very wrong. God's call to life is to the fullness of Life. It began when our souls were created when we were called from nothingness to human life and continues until we attain the fullness of life in God, which is to enter into the ceaseless flow of perfect Love. I am not sure any of us can claim to be there yet. Jesus cried out loud so that his voice could be heard by everyone, even the deadest person. It is a constant spiritually upward call. Whenever we listen to the Word of God and prayerfully digest it, we grow in faith, hope, and love. These three are the channels of our participation in God's Life here. Let us listen more to the voice of Christ and continue the upward journey of coming out and being with Him in the Fulness of Life. Amen.

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 ~ Thank you for all who have pledged and/or contributed to the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal! No gift is too small or too large and every gift is important. Thank you for your generosity. Our Parish Goal is \$14,054.

Living Stations of the Cross ~ will be on Friday, March 27 at 8:00 pm. This is performed by our Confirmation Class. All are welcome.

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

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday ~ April 2

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 6:00pm (Trilingual)

Holy Thursday Adoration: 7:30 pm until 12 Midnight

7:30 -8:30 pm (English)

8:30 - 9:30 pm (Vietnamese)

9:30 - 10:30 pm (Spanish)

10:30 - Midnight (Individual)

Good Friday ~ April 3

12:00pm Stations of the Cross (English)

1:00 pm Stations of the Cross (Vietnamese)

3:00 pm Stations of the Cross (Spanish)

6:00pm Passion of the Lord (Bilingual)

Easter Vigil ~ April 4

8:00pm (Trilingual)

Easter Sunday ~ April 5

9:30am (English)

12:15pm (Spanish)

Easter Egg Hunt ~ Easter Sunday at 11:00 am. Children 10 and under are welcome.

Today's readings begin on page 846 in the St. Augustine Hymnal.

Our Gifts to God:

Weekly Budget Goal: \$2,875

Last Year's Offering: \$1,998.67

Last Sunday's Offering :\$2,683.28

(In pew: \$2,309.00, Online:\$374.28)

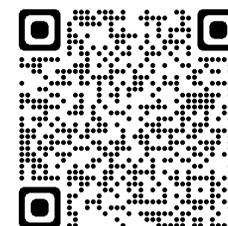
Children's Offertory: \$26

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 21
5:00 pm Mass

March 22
9:30 am Mass

Anna Puza
12:15 pm Mass

March 23
Noon Mass

March 24
Noon Mass

March 25
5:00 pm Holy Hour
6:00 pm Mass

March 26
No Mass

March 27
No Mass