

# 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

## CHRIST IS RISEN, ALLELUIA!!!

Easter is the foundational feast of Christianity. All other feasts were added later. It is the central point of our faith. We are Christians because Jesus rose from death. This is the mystery of faith by which we live our Christian lives every day. Christ is alive, and he lives within each of us baptized into him. The Seed planted on Good Friday has sprouted today and continues to grow in our lives. Jesus' death on Good Friday was an act of universal Holy Communion. He is joined to us to work God's healing and life-giving presence in each of our lives. He lives within us; therefore, we are fully alive in him.

Jesus' resurrection invites us to begin a new life in him. Our union with him on the Cross, renewed in each Holy Communion, is a spousal act. It is meant to bear the fruit of a new life. He lives within us and we in him. We are no longer afraid of our weaknesses and tendency to fall into sin. We try to depend on his strength and divine wisdom. We listen to him and follow his lead. We tell him all our fears, worries and difficulties.

Like the Israelites bitten by serpents in the deserts, we are no longer killed by the poison of sin, because we are joined to the One whose undying life runs through us. We copy his example to live his new life of love, and we depend on him for its sustenance. Cut off from him, we die of the poison of sin. Even his ascension to the Father does not take him away from us because the Father is in our hearts too. The risen Christ fills our lives with God's Spirit and guides us like little ones in the ways of God's Family life. Let us, therefore, joyfully hold on to him and live with him forever. Amen

Happy Easter to everyone!!!

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**—resumes in August.  
**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

**Easter Egg Hunt** ~ will be at 11:00 am. All children 10 and under are welcome.  
**Divine Mercy Sunday** ~ is next Sunday, April 12. Chaplet and Adoration will be 2:30 -3:30 pm  
**Second Collection** ~ this weekend's second collection is for Priest Retirement.  
**Condolences** ~ to the family of Daniela Morales Hernandez who passed away Tuesday.  
**Youth Group** ~ will not meet again until August.  
**Women's Group** ~ will meet Saturday, April 18 at 11:00 am. All women are welcome as we discuss upcoming events for the Parish.  
**Men's Group** ~ 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.  
**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.  
**Religious Education** ~ will not meet this week, but will resume next Sunday, April 12 at 11:00 am.  
**Rice Bowls** ~ please return them by April 26.

Today's readings begin on page 1223 (Vigil) 862 (Morning) in the St. Augustine Hymnal.

## Our Gifts to God:

Weekly Budget Goal: \$2,875 Last Year's Offering: \$2,192.98  
Last Sunday's Offering :\$3,233.08 (In pew: \$2,908.00, Online:\$325.08)  
Children's Offertory: \$68  
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

April 4  
8:00 pm Mass  
  
April 5  
9:30 am Mass  
Tony "Dante" Lai +  
12:15 pm Mass  
  
April 6  
Noon Mass  
Tony "Dante" Lai +  
  
April 7  
Noon Mass  
  
April 8  
5:00 pm Holy Hour  
6:00 pm Mass  
  
April 9  
Noon Mass  
  
April 10  
No Mass

