

# 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

## STAY WITH US, LORD

St. Luke presents to us the rich story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus and their meeting with the risen Jesus. This happened on the Sunday of the Resurrection. Luke uses this event to reveal the mystery of the Sunday Mass, where Jesus warms up our hearts with his Word and joins us to himself and to one another in the Eucharist. Sunday is shown to be the Day of the Risen Lord. On this Day, He gathers his disciples around himself to rebuild their lives with his new Life.

The two disciples were heading to Emmaus, away from Jerusalem and from the rest of the disciples. They were sad and disappointed at how Jesus, their expected liberator, had 'ended'. They were returning to their old lives. Jesus joined them, warmed up their cold hearts with His Word, and, as he broke bread, opened their eyes to the truth that he was alive. They returned to Jerusalem, the city of peace, a sign of returning to the peace of God's household and to the unity of the rest of the disciples.

Our human disease is our brokenness and disunity, while God's very life is an unbreakable unity. The Mass is called the Breaking of the Bread because there, God becomes Bread and breaks himself to enter our lives and heal our brokenness with his unbreakable unity. It is the same with the mystery of the Cross, where the undying One submits to the brokenness of death so he could give his undying life to us and restore us to life. Like the Emmaus disciples, let us welcome Jesus' offer to be in our company every Sunday, and so welcome him into our hearts and homes. He will do the rest to restore our broken lives.

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

**Men's Group**—Thursday 5:30—6:30 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

**Prayer List** ~ please add Lorelai McGee to your prayers.

**Men's Group** ~ our Men's group meet each Thursday evening 5:30—6:30 pm 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.

**Rice Bowls** ~ please return them by next Sunday, April 26.

**Easter Family** ~ Father will meet with the Religious Education Classes and their parents on Sunday, April 26. We encourage all families to join us and learn how the Church encourages us and how to live our best Easter Life.

**Youth Mass** ~ will be on Saturday, April 25. The Confirmation Class will do the readings and all youth are welcome to learn about how to prepare and be a more full part of the Mass.

**Second Collection** ~ we will have a second collection next weekend for Catholic Home Missions.

**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 goal for the year is \$14054 and to date we have donated \$3,900 with 11 giving. Please continue to pray for your donation if you haven't given yet. Envelopes are in the Narthex and the pews. You may also donate at <https://diosav.org/en/aca>

Today's readings begin on page 867 in the St. Augustine Hymnal.

## Our Gifts to God:

Weekly Budget Goal: \$2,875 Last Year's Offering: \$2,634.33

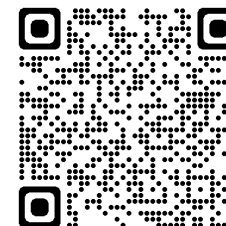
Last Sunday's Offering :\$3,313.28 (In pew: \$2,939.00, Online:\$374.28)

Children's Offertory: \$55

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 18  
5:00 pm Mass  
Char Warren

April 19  
9:30 am Mass  
12:15 pm Mass

April 20  
Noon Mass  
Noon Mass

April 21  
Noon Mass

April 22  
5:00 pm Holy Hour  
6:00 pm Mass

April 23  
Noon Mass

April 24  
No Mass