

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

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

The fourth Sunday of Easter is Good Shepherd Sunday. Each year, on this Sunday, we always read a portion of John chapter 10, on Jesus the Good Shepherd. It invites us to reflect deeply on Christ as our Shepherd and how we must listen to and follow him more closely. It is the day we pray for priests as shepherds and voices of Christ the Good Shepherd. It is also the day we specially pray for vocations and reflect on how to encourage young people to consider vocation to the priesthood.

To help us reflect on God as our Good Shepherd, we look at the beautiful outcomes of good parenting. We are so grateful to our parents for shepherding us to maturity. Thanks to them, we stayed away from self-destructive behaviors and cultivated virtues. We survived the lure of sweets and ate healthier foods. With a hindsight, we are gladdened that they won in their resistance to our youthful rebellions and cravings. To the extent that we allowed them the leadership and took the followership, we walked on the safer and better path to a successful and fulfilled life.

God, our heavenly parent, wants us to wise up now, allow Him the leadership and follow Him like sheep their shepherd. We are very familiar with the 23rd Psalm, "The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want." But God, like a good parent, wants us to go deeper than just recite the psalm. He wants us to sharpen our ears to single out his voice in the midst of the noise. He very much wants us to allow him feed us with his proper diet, the best we need: His Word, both in words and in Sacrament. Let our gratitude to our human parents compel us to submit to God's daily shepherding and nourishment.

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 Allie Brazel McGee and Mien Le to your prayers.

Rice Bowls ~ this is the last weekend to bring your rice bowls.

Easter Family ~ Father will meet with the Religious Education Classes and their parents this Sunday. All families are welcome.

Second Collection ~ this weekend is for Catholic Home Missions.

Rosary ~ May is the Month of Mary our Mother. We will pray the Rosary 30 minutes before each weekend Mass.

First Penance ~ will be next Saturday, May 2 at 10:00 am. We will have First Communion practice afterwards.

Confirmation Retreat ~ will be Saturday, May 9 at St. Teresa in Albany. We will meet at the Parish Hall at 9:15 am.

First Communion ~ will be Sunday, May 17 at 12:15 pm. Please pray for the following as they prepare for this blessed sacrament: Juliana Acosta-Flores, Yanet Gonzalez, Bianca Jimenes, Briella Monrreal, Cataleya Monrreal, Berta Perez, Rocio Perez, and Francisca Terero,

First Sunday Social ~ is next Sunday following Mass. We will have coffee and donuts and BINGO! Please come and join the fun.

Weekly Mass

April 25
5:00 pm Mass
Joseph Nguyen
Dinh Van+

April 26
9:30 am Mass
12:15 pm Mass

April 27
Noon Mass

April 28
Noon Mass

April 29
5:00 pm Holy Hour
6:00 pm Mass

April 30
Noon Mass

May 1
Noon Mass

Today's readings begin on page 869 in the St. Augustine Hymnal.

Our Gifts to God:

Weekly Budget Goal: \$2,875 Last Year's Offering: \$3,776.33
Last Sunday's Offering :\$3,217.33 (In pew: \$3,019.00, Online:\$198.33)
Children's Offertory: \$19
Annual Catholic Appeal:
Goal: \$14,054 Total Given: \$6,528
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

