

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

Let All the Earth Cry Out to God with Joy

Happy mothers' Day to all the mothers in our parish!!! We are grateful to God for the gift of you all. Thanks for all your sacrifices. We also thank God for the gift of our Mother, the Church. It is through her that we are born and nurtured as God's children. The great liberation described in today's first reading is a picture of the spiritual freedom we have as God's children through the ministry of the Church. The faith she gives us throws a huge light into our lives and the result is a constant joy overflowing from hearts full of God's love. Joy is the natural result of faith; "There was great joy in that city" (Acts 8:8).

We must always measure our faith with our joy. To be a child in the Family of God gives us the gift of God's Presence and Life. We are brought into God's inner Life of constant love, peace, and joy. We are no longer outsiders but insiders in God's Life. Jesus is the One who brings us into this flow through his Death and Resurrection that pours his Spirit into us. He says: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete." (Jn. 15:9-11). This is why today's psalm invites us all to cry out to God with joy. "Let all the earth cry out to God with joy." (Ps. 66:1).

Because the Spirit of the risen Christ remains with us, he will continue to bring from our hearts new experiences of our faith, new realizations of God's love, and new capacities to share that love with others. Easter means that God is forever with us. The gift of Himself through the Holy Spirit is so deep and rich in our lives that there is always more that he is revealing to us as we seek to serve Jesus. It's all too easy to think that our faith is something cut and dried, something we just go through. Rather, our faith sets us on an ever-deepening experience of God as a Trinity of love, and a deeper awareness of the power of Resurrection in all our 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

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

Parish Workday ~ will be Saturday, May 16 beginning at 8:00 am. We have lots to do so please make plans to help. Lunch will be provided.

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,

Americus Seminarian Dinner ~ will be Friday, May 22 at 6:30 pm at St. Mary's. Tickets are \$20 per person, \$25 per couple or \$40 per family. If you are interested in attending or making a donation, please contact Ron Akerman at 229.942.1653 or by email at ronakerman@mediacombb.net

2026 Graduates ~ we look forward to recognizing all High School and college graduates on Sunday, May 24. Please contact Tammy Teel at 229.313.9065 no later than May 17 to be recognized.

Memorial Bricks ~ as part of the Marian Grotto, we are offering the Memorial Bricks for you to purchase as a Memorial for your family and loved ones. The bricks will be 4" x 8" and you may have up to 3 lines. We are asking for a minimum of \$100 per brick and you may pay when you can. The order forms are in the Narthex. We will submit our first batch to be engraved in June so the first deadline is June 7.

Weekly Mass

May 9
5:00 pm Mass
Mary Hoang Thi Nho+

May 10
9:30 am Mass
Sam Dawson
12:15 pm Mass

May 11
Noon Mass

May 12
No Mass

May 13
5:00 pm Holy Hour
6:00 pm Mass

May 14
Noon Mass

May 15
Noon Mass

Today's readings begin on page 873 in the St. Augustine Hymnal.

Our Gifts to God:

Weekly Budget Goal: \$2,875 Last Year's Offering: \$3,598.83
Last Sunday's Offering :\$4,549.33 (In pew: \$4,351.00, Online:\$198.33)
Children's Offertory: \$19
Annual Catholic Appeal:
Goal: \$14,054 Total Given: \$8,515
Harvest of Hope Goal: \$128,508
Pledges Remaining: \$26,838.29 Total Given: \$52,172.71

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

