

# 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 Ascension of the Lord

The Ascension of Christ into heaven is a mystery of our full communion with God. In a symbolic way, like a sacrificial smoke ascending into the sky, it demonstrates that Christ's sacrifice on the Cross was completely accepted by the Father. Christ has always been in heaven, but now he is there with a body that perpetually joins him to us, his body. To draw us into this union with the Father, he, the head, sends his Spirit to his entire body.

Therefore, Ascension anticipates Pentecost. Jesus says, "It is for your good that I go; for if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you, but if I go, I will send him to you." (Jn. 16:7). And so, the ascension of Christ into glory means being present to us through the Holy Spirit and so, becomes the engine of our lives as the Church and Family of God. He is now much closer to us and guides our lives toward glory with God.

Through his ascension, Christ now fills us with his Spirit to be his witnesses in the world. Through each of us, he is now able to enter offices and homes and meet people he could not have met during his short time on earth. Through us, people can now experience the patience, forgiveness, love, understanding, and peace of Christ. Let us pray every day for the gift of his Spirit, so that, constantly receiving him within us, we will continue to share him with everyone in our world.

Happy Feast of Ascension to everyone!!! - Fr. Paulinus

**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.

## 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

**Parish Workday** ~ Thank you to all who were able to come and help with the clean up day Saturday. We appreciate your time and energy. Everything looks so much better.

**First Communion** ~Congratulations to the following who will receive First Communion today at 12:15 pm: Juliana Acosta-Flores, Yanet Gonzalez. Bianca Jimenes, Briella Monrreal, Cataleya Monrreal, Jimena 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 this weekend.

**Confirmation** ~ will be Monday, June 1 at 6:00 pm. Please pray for the following as they begin their next phase of faithfulness: Karla Almeda, Jorge Almeda, George Collins, Brody Coulter, Yanet Gonzalez, Anthony Lerma, Armando Lerma, Axel Monrreal, Tripp Rumsey, Cielo Santiago and Julian Santiago.

## Weekly Mass

May 16  
5:00 pm Mass  
Joseph Maria Ngu-  
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May 17  
9:30 am Mass  
Rodney Dawson  
12:15 pm Mass

May 18  
Noon Mass

May 19  
Noon Mass

May 20  
5:00 pm Holy Hour  
6:00 pm Mass  
Dinh Thi Chi+

May 21  
Noon Mass

May 22  
No Mass

Today's readings begin on page 874 in the St. Augustine Hymnal.

## Our Gifts to God:

Weekly Budget Goal: \$2,875 Last Year's Offering: \$1,615.80  
Last Sunday's Offering :\$3,071.08 (In pew: \$2,821.00, Online:\$250.08)  
Children's Offertory: \$32  
Annual Catholic Appeal:  
Goal: \$14,054 Total Given: \$8,340  
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*

