

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

You Have Seen for Yourselves, ... Therefore...

At the foot of Mt. Sinai, God, our Father, gathers his family around himself and formally invites them to accept being family with him. He called their attention to what he had done for them in the past: "You have seen for yourselves how I treated the Egyptians and how I bore you up on eagle wings and brought you here to myself. Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all the other people, though all the earth is mine." (Ex. 19:4-5). He formally adopts them as his family and invites them to live as such. Their adoption is not meant to exclude other peoples but a way of reaching and including others. That is how it got to us.

At Mass, Jesus gathers us for the same reason. He chooses us from the world around us, brings us closer to Himself, and takes time to teach us his ways. Over time, we discover that following his ways not only gives us peace and joy but also makes us different. We become God's people, specially chosen to reflect to the world how good God is. He keeps working on us to change our vision into a family vision. Sooner, we learn to see him as our Father, to see ourselves as his children, and the rest of the world as our brothers and sisters who need our help to come home to God.

When Jesus asks us to pray to the "master of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest," he is inviting us, first, to submit our hearts so that God will change us into harvesters that bring his and our family home. As we pray for more vocation to priestly and religious lives, let us constantly rejoice in our being family with God and say yes to His invitation to become workers in helping everyone accept and experience this grace of being God's family.

God bless you all.

Fr. Paulinus

Sacraments

Baptism, Marriage, & Anointing of the Sick— Call for appointment

First Communion/ Religious Ed— Resumes August 2026

Confirmation— Resumes August 2026

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

Cordele-Crisp Community Celebration ~ will be held Saturday, June 27 at the Georgia Veterans State Park from 10:30 am until 1:30 pm. There will be games and activities and free lunch will be provided. This is sponsored by the Cordele-Crisp Ministerial Association as a way to bring the community together and celebrate 250 years of America.

Prayer List ~ please add Pam Volz to your prayers.

Movie extras needed ~ There is a Catholic movie being filmed in Cordele June 24-25. If you are interested, flyers are available in the Narthex.

The Divine Office - is the official prayer of the Church outside the Mass. Called the Liturgy of the Hours, it developed from the practice of early Christian monks who would recite the psalms throughout the day as a way of sanctifying time. Thus, "by tradition going back to early Christian times, the divine office is devised so that the whole course of the day and night is made holy by the praises of God" (Vatican II, Sacrosanctum Concilium, 84). Try praying the Liturgy of the Hours daily at divineoffice.org.

Question of the Week ~ Whom do I know, or know of, who is troubled or abandoned? What can I do to bring them serenity, make them feel valued, and restore hope to their lives?

Weekly Mass

June 13
5:00 pm Mass

June 14
9:30 am Mass
12:15 pm Mass

June 15
Noon Mass

June 16
Noon Mass

June 17
5:00 pm Holy Hour
6:00 pm Mass

June 18
Noon Mass

June 19
Noon Mass
Joseph Tom Tieu+

Today's readings begin on page 906 in the St. Augustine Hymnal.

Our Gifts to God:

Weekly Budget Goal: \$2,875 Last Year's Offering: \$3,795.00
Last Sunday's Offering :\$2,520.08 (In pew: \$2,220.00, Online:\$300.08)
Children's Offertory: \$42
Annual Catholic Appeal:
Goal: \$14,054 Total Given: \$9,040
Harvest of Hope Goal: \$128,508
Pledges Remaining: \$24,346.12 Total Given: \$54,664.88

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

