

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

DO NOT BE AFRAID

Happy Fathers' Day to all the fathers in our parish. We thank you for the great work and sacrifices of building Christian families. A father does not coat words in preparing children for the challenges of life. And so, Jesus, in the gospel of today, is being blunt with us about the hardship that comes with being his witnesses in the world. But he builds courage in us; he says, "fear no one," "Do not be afraid," "God takes care of you." Three points stand out here: we have the duty to bear witness to Christ; it comes with hardship; but God takes care of us.

Witnessing to Christ is the first duty of every Christian. It is what it means to belong to Christ. Jesus' outward journey from heaven to the world, to save the world from self-destruction by sin, continues with us who are now his Body. Pope Francis says that in the life of every Christian, the image of Jesus standing at the door knocking to be let in has been reversed; he is now inside of us knocking to be let out. Therefore, witnessing to Christ is not optional but the primary duty of all Christians. This, however, comes with a cost.

In his Eucharistic Body, Jesus demonstrates that being the Body of Christ, as we all are, means going out to be consumed by the world for its salvation. In him and with him, we become the bread given for the life of the world. We bear the brunt of the presence of evil in our wounded and fallen world. St. Paul, in today's second reading, describes the combat between sin that came through Adam and grace that comes through Christ. The real battle in the world is not between peoples but between good and evil in human hearts, and Paul proclaims the victory of the grace of Christ. The Easter victory is the foundation of Christianity. Yes, we carry the wounds of Christ on our bodies, but we also share his victory in our souls. And so, he says to all of us who are in him, fear no one and do not be afraid of any situation, for God takes care of you.

God bless you all.

Fr. Paulinus

Sacraments

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

First Communion/ Religious Ed— Resumes August 23, 2026

Confirmation— Resumes August 23, 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

Did you know? Monday, June 22 will be the 10th year for Fr. Paulinus leading our Parish! Thank you Father for being such a great shepherd to us!

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.

Second Collection ~ next weekend will be for Peter's Pence.

Question of the Week ~ What do I fear the most about witnessing to my faith in the light of day? How can I see my failing to stand up for what I believe in as a greater fear?

Thank you ~to 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.

Happy Father's Day ~ Thank you to all our wonderful Fathers who have loved and lead us during our lives. You are a true blessing!

Weekly Mass

June 20
5:00 pm Mass
Mary Magdelene
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June 21
9:30 am Mass
Jim Viney
12:15 pm Mass

June 22
Noon Mass

June 23
Noon Mass

June 24
5:00 pm Holy Hour
6:00 pm Mass

June 25
Noon Mass

June 26
No Mass

Today's readings begin on page 908 in the St. Augustine Hymnal.

Our Gifts to God:

Weekly Budget Goal: \$2,875 Last Year's Offering: \$2,432.55
Last Sunday's Offering :\$4,035.23 (In pew: \$3,692.00, Online:\$343.23)
Children's Offertory: \$51
Annual Catholic Appeal:
Goal: \$14,054 Total Given: \$9,140
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

