

St. Theresa
of the Infant Jesus
CATHOLIC CHURCH



*Come, Holy Ghost,
Creator blest,
and in our hearts
take up Thy rest*

Pentecost Sunday *May 24, 2026*



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 23

4 PM Poor Souls; †Amparo Ynzenga

SUNDAY, MAY 24

8:15 AM †Beverly Yohanek

10:45 AM Pro Populo

1:45 PM Matthew Schnur

MONDAY, MAY 25

8:15 AM Conversion of Sarah Basham

TUESDAY, MAY 26

5:30 PM Poor Souls

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

8:15 AM Norman Lewandowski; Poor

Souls; Benefactors of St. Joseph's

Projects; †Joseph Spain; Alessandro

Gaffuri

THURSDAY, MAY 28

8:15 AM Poor Souls

FRIDAY, MAY 29

8:15 AM Lifsey Wedding Anniversary

SATURDAY, MAY 30

8:15 AM Wedding of Clare Cromwell

& Aric Nelson

4 PM Poor Souls

SUNDAY, MAY 31

8:15 AM Elizabeth Schnur

10:45 AM Pro Populo

1:45 PM †Vicenta Charriez Santos

SANCTUARY CANDLES

2 weeks: \$20 & 1 week: \$10

†Juan Carlos Coss Vargas

Benefactors of the Parish

Families of the Parish

Bishop David Talley

St. Joseph's Projects Benefactors

†Alexandra Drozdz - Czerkawski

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for

Fr. Frank Phillips, C.R.

Amparo Estrada

Whit & Carolyn Bell

Jeanine Hilbert

ALTAR FLOWERS

In Honor of

Charlie Moore



THE SEVEN SISTERS

APOSTOLATE

invites you to *Save the Date* for the consecration and reconsecration of its members after the Mass of Corpus Christi on **Thursday, June 4th.**

For the past two years, a core group of seven women have committed to pray a Holy Hour on a distinct day of the week in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament for the intentions of our priest. Contact Char Claxton at lfsevensisters@icloud.com to learn more or to join. Praying for our shepherd is a wonderful way to spiritually help our Church!



The Office will be closed on Monday for Memorial Day.

Remember to pray for the souls of all the men and women who have offered their lives for our freedom, may they rest in peace. Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, patroness of America, pray for them and the conversion of our leaders and all citizens.

Weekly Offerings (Sunday, May 10, 2026)

General: \$4,786.89	YTD: \$153,399.33
Building: \$0	YTD: \$19,349.78
St. Martin: \$1,913	YTD: \$34,172.24
St. Joseph's Projects (restoring our church)	YTD: \$95,513.46

Second Collection today is for our HVAC / Roof Loan

THE CATHOLIC CARTOON BY JOSHUA MASTERSON



"It's my special 'Pentecost Pasta' --- guaranteed to give tongues of fire!"

Father will be *Blessing Sacramentals* this coming Saturday, May 30th after the 8:15 AM Mass. The next blessing is not until August, so come stocked!

JOIN US, **TODAY (9:30 AM)** for our second session of *The Pivotal Players*, a unique journey into the truth and beauty of Catholicism as exemplified in the concrete lives of some of its most fascinating figures. **Today, we learn about the English convert St. John Henry Newman.** Join us on the following **Sundays, 9:30-10:30**, in the Adult Faith Formation room to learn more about these other pivotal players.

June 14th – St. Augustine

July 19th – St. Benedict

Aug. 16th – Bartolomé de las Casas





SACRAMENTS are never conferred without the Holy Spirit being invoked. It is He Who fructifies the waters of baptism. In Confirmation, the Holy Ghost is “given” to be the unction which is to make the Christian a valiant soldier of Jesus Christ; it is the Holy Ghost Who, in this sacrament, gives us the fulness of the state of Christian and clothes us in Christ's own strength. It is to the Holy Ghost that the change is attributed whereby the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. Sins are forgiven, in the Sacrament of penance, by the Holy Ghost. In Extreme Unction, He is besought that His grace may cure the sick of their languors and sins. In the Sacrament of Matrimony, the Holy Ghost is invoked in order that the Christian bridegroom and bride may, by their lives, imitate the union that exists between Christ and the Church. Finally, all those whom Christ wills to make participants of His priestly power that so they may continue here below His sanctifying mission, are made partakers of it by the unction of the Holy Spirit...

Let us remain, in the measure of our weakness, but with generosity, faithful to the “Spirit of Truth” Who is also the Spirit of holiness; let us be souls promptly docile to the touches of this Spirit. If we let ourselves be guided by Him, He will make that divine grace of supernatural option, which the Father has willed and the Son has merited for us, fully blossom in us. What deep joy and what inward liberty a soul tastes that thus gives itself up to the action of the Holy Spirit! This Divine Spirit will cause us to bear fruits of holiness, pleasing to God. As the Divine Artist — *Digitus paternæ dexteræ* — He will, with infinitely delicate touches, complete in us the work of Jesus, or rather, He will form Jesus within us, as He formed the Holy Humanity of Jesus, so that by His workings, we may reproduce in ourselves, to the glory of the Father, the traits of that Divine Sonship that we have in Christ Jesus: “Christ was conceived in holiness by the Holy Ghost in order to be the Son of God; others are sanctified by the Holy Ghost in order to be the adopted sons of God.” (St. Thomas Aquinas.)

-from “Christ the Life of the Soul” of Blessed Columba Marmion

2026-2027 PRE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

St. Theresa Parish Religious Education (PRE) is now accepting applications for 2026-2027 classes for ages 6-18. Registration packets are available in the vestibule and the *deadline to register is August 3rd*. Classes will again take place between the 8:15 and 10:45 AM Sunday Masses. For a list of topics taught in each grade, please see the PRE bulletin board in the vestibule or the course description in the registration packet. The Diocesan requirement is two years of parish religious education before a child may receive a Sacrament. Whether your child is homeschooled, attends private, public, or Catholic school, *he or she must be registered for PRE in order to receive a Sacrament*. This is a great opportunity to help strengthen the faith of your children alongside their peers in the parish.

Any questions, please email Laurie at

Laurie.Lewandowski@stlfchurch.cdom.org.

El Programa de Educación Religiosa (PRE) de la Parroquia Santa Teresita ya está aceptando solicitudes para las clases del ciclo 2026-2027, dirigidas a jóvenes de 6 a 18 años. Los paquetes de inscripción están disponibles en el vestíbulo, y la fecha límite para inscribirse es el 3 de Agosto. Las clases se llevarán a cabo entre las Misas dominicales de las 8:15 a.m. y las 10:45 a.m. El requisito diocesano establece que los niños deben haber cursado dos años de educación religiosa parroquial antes de poder recibir un Sacramento. Independientemente de si su hijo recibe educación en casa o asiste a una escuela privada, pública o católica, es indispensable que esté inscrito en el programa PRE para poder recibir un Sacramento. Esta es una excelente oportunidad para ayudar a fortalecer la fe de sus hijos, compartiendo esta experiencia junto a sus compañeros de la parroquia.



“Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of Heaven belongs.”

Matt. 19:14

GOD must hold first place; prayer to him is our first duty. The liturgy is the first source of divine communion in which God shares his own life with us. It is also the first school of the spiritual life. The liturgy is the first gift we must make to the Christian people united to us by faith and the fervour of their prayers. It is also a primary invitation to the human race, so that all may now lift their mute voices in blessed and genuine prayer and thus may experience that indescribable, regenerative power to be found when they join us in proclaiming the praises of God and the hopes of the human heart through Jesus Christ and in the Holy Spirit.”

-from the Apostolic Letter “Desiderio Desideravi” of Pope Francis

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday- 4:00 PM *English at Blessed Sacrament*
Sunday- 8:15 AM; 10:45 AM;
1:45 PM *Spanish at Blessed Sacrament*
Monday & Wednesday-Saturday- 8:15 AM
Tuesday- 5:30 PM
First Friday- 8:15 AM & 6:00 PM
Holy Days- *See Bulletin or Call the Office for Times*

ADORATION & DEVOTIONS

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament:

Thursday - 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
First Fridays - 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Holy Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet:

Monday - Friday - 3:00 PM
Saturday - 3:00 PM at *Blessed Sacrament*
Sunday - Rosary before 8:15 & 10:45 Masses

Little Flower Novena:

Thursday after Mass & after evening Benediction

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms - *Parents of children to be baptized must be registered parishioners for at least 6 months and complete a baptism course*

Marriages - *Couples must contact Pastor 6 months prior to the desired wedding date.*

Sick Calls - *Anytime. Please let us know if someone is hospitalized or needs a home visit.*

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults - *please contact the DRE for information on becoming Catholic.*

CONFESSIONS

Monday -Friday- 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM
Thursday - 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM & 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Saturday - 7:45 - 8:00 AM
3:30 PM - 3:45 PM at *Blessed Sacrament*
Sunday - 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

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Office Hours: Open 3 days a week: Monday,
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