

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

STAY WITH US, LORD

St. Luke presents to us the rich story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus and their meeting with the risen Jesus. This happened on the Sunday of the Resurrection. Luke uses this event to reveal the mystery of the Sunday Mass, where Jesus warms up our hearts with his Word and joins us to himself and to one another in the Eucharist. Sunday is shown to be the Day of the Risen Lord. On this Day, He gathers his disciples around himself to rebuild their lives with his new Life.

The two disciples were heading to Emmaus, away from Jerusalem and from the rest of the disciples. They were sad and disappointed at how Jesus, their expected liberator, had 'ended'. They were returning to their old lives. Jesus joined them, warmed up their cold hearts with His Word, and, as he broke bread, opened their eyes to the truth that he was alive. They returned to Jerusalem, the city of peace, a sign of returning to the peace of God's household and to the unity of the rest of the disciples.

Our human disease is our brokenness and disunity, while God's very life is an unbreakable unity. The Mass is called the Breaking of the Bread because there, God becomes Bread and breaks himself to enter our lives and heal our brokenness with his unbreakable unity. It is the same with the mystery of the Cross, where the undying One submits to the brokenness of death so he could give his undying life to us and restore us to life. Like the Emmaus disciples, let us welcome Jesus' offer to be in our company every Sunday, and so welcome him into our hearts and homes. He will do the rest to restore our broken lives.

Happy Easter to everyone!!!

Fr. Paulinus

Sacraments

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

First Communion/ Religious Ed– Sundays 11:00 am until Noon

Confirmation– Sundays 11:00 am until Noon

Confessions- Sunday: 8:45-9:15am & 11:30am to Noon;

Saturday: 4:15-4:45 pm;

Wednesday: 5:15-5:45 pm; and by appointment

Weekly Mass

April 22

5:00 pm Mass

April 23

9:30 am Mass

12:15 pm Mass

April 24

Noon Mass

April 25

Noon Mass

April 26

Noon Mass

April 27

Noon Mass

April 28

Noon Mass

Ice Cream Social ~ our annual Ice Cream Social is this Sunday beginning at 2:00 pm. Everyone is invited for fun, games and ice cream.

Prayer List ~ please add Martha Walls to you prayers.

Parish Workday~ was a great success! Thank you to everyone who came and worked so hard. The Church grounds look so refreshed.

Second Collection ~ there will be a 2nd collection next weekend for Catholic Home Missions.

Youth Group ~ is resuming on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm. Supper will be provided. This will be for youths 7th grade and older. This is for Religious Education, not Confirmation. If you have questions, please contact Fr Paulinus.

Confirmation ~ will be Thursday, May 18 at 6:00 pm at St. Teresa in Albany. Please pray for our Confirmandi and they finish their preparations: Milo DeMott and Germain Vasques.

First Communion ~ will be Sunday, May 21 at 12:15 pm. Please pray for the following as they prepare to receive the Lord: Max Rivero Patton, Bittney Argueta, Anna Argueta, Carlos Argueta, Christian Torres, Caroline Hooper, Elizabeth Hooper, Luz Ramirez– Rojas, Julian Ramirez– Rojas, Alice Rumsey, Armando Lerma, Anthony Lerma, Alexa Ramirez, Hailey Aguilar, Karen Sanchez, Litzy Sanchez, Louis Collins.

Today's readings begin on page 867 in the St. Augustine Hymnal.

Our Gifts to God:

Weekly Budget Goal: \$2,391

Last Year's Offering: \$3,270

Last Sunday's Offering : \$2,475

Online Offering: \$113.85

Children's Offering: \$37

Annual Catholic Appeal

Goal: \$10, 590

Paid to date: \$10,439

As you are gone, help our church carry on. Please remember your offering is essential to help us meet our budget.

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