

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

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

The fourth Sunday of Easter is Good Shepherd Sunday. Each year, on this Sunday, we always read a portion of John chapter 10, on Jesus the Good Shepherd. It invites us to reflect deeply on Christ as our Shepherd and how we must listen to and follow him more closely. It is the day we pray for priests as shepherds and voices of Christ the Good Shepherd. It is also the day we specially pray for vocations and reflect on how to encourage young people to consider vocation to the priesthood.

To help us reflect on God as our Good Shepherd, we look at the beautiful outcomes of good parenting. We are so grateful to our parents for shepherding us to maturity. Thanks to them, we stayed away from self-destructive behaviors and cultivated virtues. We survived the lure of sweets and ate healthier foods. With a hindsight, we are gladened that they won in their resistance to our youthful rebellions and cravings. To the extent that we allowed them the leadership and took the followership, we walked on the safer and better path to a successful and fulfilled life.

God, our heavenly parent, wants us to wise up now, allow Him the leadership and follow Him like sheep their shepherd. We are very familiar with the 23rd Psalm, "The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want." But God, like a good parent, wants us to go deeper than just recite the psalm. He wants us to sharpen our ears to single out his voice in the midst of the noise. He very much wants us to allow him feed us with his proper diet, the best we need: His Word, both in words and in Sacrament. Let our gratitude to our human parents compel us to submit to God's daily shepherding and nourishment.

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

Youth Group–will meet Wednesday, May 10th at 7:00 pm

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

Second Collection ~ this week's second collection is for Catholic Home Missions.

First Sunday Social ~ is next weekend following each Mass. Everyone is welcome.

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, Litzzy Sanchez, Louis Collins.

First Reconciliation ~ will be Saturday, May 13 at 10:00 am. Practice for First Communion will follow.

Rosary ~ May is the Month of Mary our Mother. We will do the rosary each week 30 minutes before Mass.

2023 Graduates ~ Father will recognize all college and high school graduates the weekend of May 28. If you are graduating or have graduated this year, please let Tammy Teel know by May 14. You can contact her at 229.313.9065.

St. Theresa Yard Signs ~ are here. Please make sure you get yours if you signed up for one. There are extra if you would like to take one, please feel free. A donation of \$10 is welcome, but not necessary.

Today's readings begin on page 869 in the St. Augustine Hymnal.

Weekly Mass

April 29

5:00 pm Mass
 Maria Tuoi Tran+

April 30

9:30 am Mass
 12:15 pm Mass

May 1

Noon Mass

May 2

No Mass

May 3

Noon Mass

May 4

Noon Mass

May 5

Noon Mass

Our Gifts to God:

Weekly Budget Goal: \$2,391

Last Year's Offering: \$2,024

Last Sunday's Offering : \$2,828

Online Offering: \$103.50

Children's Offering: \$12

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.

Give online: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/littletherese> or you may text "GIVE NOW" to 229.318.4127 or scan the QR Code

