

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

THERE ARE MANY ROOMS IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE

We live by serving one another. This is Jesus' central message today. In the gospel, he says that in his Father's house, there are many rooms. Whenever we read this passage, we often think about many comfortable rooms up in heaven, where we can relax and enjoy some rest, a separate space reserved for us alone, and cut off from the rest of the people. But that kind of image is very far from what Jesus is talking about here. The passage we read is from John, chapter 14, part of the long farewell discourse at the Last Supper before Jesus' death. Jesus used this long final discourse to teach his disciples the great mystery that was about to take place, his death and resurrection.

In simple words, Jesus' going to prepare a place for his followers was his death, and his coming back to take them was his resurrection. From that moment of his resurrection, the cornerstone of God's building, mentioned in today's second reading, was laid. This building is the new body of Christ, the Church. It is a living structure built of living stones. So, when Jesus says that there are many rooms in God's house, he is referring to this building. The Body of Christ, the Church is not a temporary building, but God's eternal dwelling place that joins heaven and earth in one forever. God's salvation plan is not an evacuation plan but a union, which the Mass celebrates in Communion.

The first reading offers more insight into the "many rooms". The church that was so peaceful three weeks ago is now dealing with conflicts and complaints of discrimination. To address this issue, the Church chose seven people, and they were called deacons, meaning "servants." This is key for understanding the meaning of the rooms. It means that there is room for everyone to serve in the Church. There are ministries enough for everyone to take part in. There should be no conflicts and competition in the Body of Christ because there is enough room for service. The many rooms refer to the many services to be rendered to the community, the Body of Christ. There is only room for service. Spend yourself serving one another. May the Spirit of Christ move us to keep serving one another. Amen.

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

First Sunday Social ~ is this weekend following each Mass. Deacon Ed will do a special presentation on the Rosary as well. All are invited to come.

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.

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

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.

Memorial Day at Andersonville ~ This year celebrate Memorial Day by attending the outdoor Mass sponsored by the 4 th Degree Assemblies of the Knights of Columbus. The Reverend Stephen Pontzer, Pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Warner Robins, will be the celebrant. Deacon Mr. Daniel Gillan from St. Teresa Church, Albany is the homilist. Mass is at 11:00 am followed by a picnic. Everyone is welcome.

Today's readings begin on page 871 in the St. Augustine Hymnal.

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

Weekly Mass

May 6
5:00 pm Mass

May 7
9:30 am Mass
12:15 pm Mass

May 8
Noon Mass

May 9
No Mass

May 10
5:00 pm Holy Hour
6:00 pm Mass

May 11
Noon Mass

May 12
Noon Mass

Our Gifts to God:

Weekly Budget Goal: \$2,391

Last Year's Offering: \$2,034

Last Sunday's Offering : \$2,328

Online Offering: \$155.25

Children's Offering: \$23

Annual Catholic Appeal

Goal: \$10,590

Paid to date: \$10,569

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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