

# 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

## Let All the Earth Cry Out to God with Joy

Happy mothers' Day to all the mothers in our parish!!! We are grateful to God for the gift of you all. Thanks for all your sacrifices. We also thank God for the gift our Mother, the Church. It is through her that we are born and nurtured as God's children. The great liberation described in today's first reading is a picture of the spiritual freedom we have as God's children through the ministry of the Church. The faith she gives us throws a huge light into our lives and the result is a constant joy overflowing from hearts full of God's love. Joy is the natural result of faith; "There was great joy in that city" (Acts 8:8).

We must always measure our faith with our joy. To be a child in the Family of God gives us the gift of God's Presence and Life. We are brought into God's inner Life of constant love, peace, and joy. We are no longer outsiders but insiders in God's Life. Jesus is the One who brings us into this flow through his Death and Resurrection that pours his Spirit into us. He says: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete." (Jn. 15:9-11). This is why today's psalm invites us all to cry out to God with joy. "Let all the earth cry out to God with joy." (Ps. 66:1).

The second part of the first reading shows Peter and John ministering the Sacrament of Confirmation to the believers in Samaria. This Thursday, at St. Teresa, in Albany, Bishop Parkes will be ministering the same Sacrament to two of our parishioners, Milo DeMott and Germain Vasquez. Let us keep them in our prayers and, with them, let us rejoice in the Lord always. (Phil. 4:4).

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 24th 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

**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

**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.

**Homeschool Mass of Thanksgiving**~ Welcoming all Catholic homeschoolers in the Diocese of Savannah for a Homeschool Mass celebrated by Bishop Parkes. Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 4 p.m. at St. Anne's in Richmond Hill, 10550 Ford Avenue. Please join us for a Homeschool Mass in thanksgiving for the opportunity and blessings of homeschooling. Graduating seniors will be recognized. Please contact Christina at [homeschoolministry@stannerh.org](mailto:homeschoolministry@stannerh.org) if you have a graduating senior or with any questions. Please bring a dish to share for a potluck dinner to follow. Considering homeschooling? Please join us!

Today's readings begin on page 873 in the St. Augustine Hymnal.

## Our Gifts to God:

Weekly Budget Goal: \$2,391

Last Year's Offering: \$3,157

Last Sunday's Offering : \$3,731

Online Offering: \$144.90

Children's Offering: \$14

Annual Catholic Appeal

Goal: \$10,590

Paid to date: \$10,669

*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

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

## Weekly Mass

May 13

5:00 pm Mass

May 14

9:30 am Mass

Kathleen McEntire+

12:15 pm Mass

May 15

Noon Mass

May 16

Noon Mass

May 17

5:00 pm Holy Hour

6:00 pm Mass

May 18

Noon Mass

May 19

Noon Mass

