

# St. Teresa of Avila Church Est. 1869

**APRIL 4, 2021 - EASTER SUNDAY OF  
THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**



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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

We, the Catholic faith community of St. Teresa of Avila parish, guided by the Holy Spirit, commit ourselves to proclaim and follow the Good News of Jesus Christ. Basing our lives on faith, hope and love, we seek to meet our needs and the spiritual and corporal needs of those around us. It is our humble prayer that our lives will be visible signs of His presence in the world as we celebrate Christ in His Word and Sacraments.

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

|                                 |                                   |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <i>Sunday Liturgies</i> .....   | 8:00 AM, 10:15 AM                 |
| <i>Saturday Vigil</i> .....     | 4:30 PM                           |
| <i>Daily Mass</i> .....         | 8:00 AM, except Wednesday 5:30 PM |
| <i>Saturday</i> .....           | 9:00 AM                           |
| <i>Vigil of Holy Days</i> ..... | 5:30 PM                           |
| <i>Holy Days</i> .....          | 8:00 AM, 7:30 PM                  |

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturdays 3:30 to 4:00 PM

First Saturday 8:15 to 8:45 AM

Vigil of Holy Days 3:30 to 4:15 PM

*or anytime by request.*

## **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

As preparation for Baptism, parents are asked to contact the parish office to make an appointment with the Pastor.

## **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

Arrangements to be made at the Rectory 6 months in advance.

## **NEW PARISHIONERS**

Please register at the Rectory as soon as you move within the parish.

Note: If you are moving out of the parish, please notify the Rectory.

## **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

These letters needed for Baptismal and Confirmation sponsors are issued gladly to those who: have been registered for 6 months; attend Mass regularly; have been confirmed; if married, have done so in conformity with the Church laws, and whose children attend Religious Education.


**MASS INTENTIONS  
FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday, April 5**  
8:00 Intentions for Mothers
- Tuesday, April 6**  
8:00 Bob Bergman - Birthday Blessings  
by *The Bergman Family*
- Wednesday, April 7**  
5:30 In Memory of Barbara Liftin  
by *Dan Lack*
- Thursday, April 8**  
8:00 Intentions for Fathers
- Friday, April 9**  
8:00 Parishioners of St. Teresas
- Saturday, April 10**  
9:00 Special Intentions  
by *Rich Raykowski*  
4:30 Thomas Schumacher  
by *The Bergman Family*
- Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11**  
8:00 June Hoffman  
by *Gabrielle Flumerfeldt*  
10:15 Adeline Raykowski  
by *Rich Raykowski*


**Scripture Readings  
For the Week**

- Monday** - Acts 2:14, 22-33  
Matthew 28:8-15
- Tuesday** - Acts 2:36-41  
John 20:11-18
- Wednesday** - Acts 3:1-10  
Luke 24:13-35
- Thursday** - Acts 3:11-26  
Luke 24:35-48
- Friday** - Acts 4:1-12  
John 21:1-14
- Saturday** - Acts 4:13-21  
Mark 16:9-15
- Sunday** - Acts 4:32-35  
1 John 5:1-6  
John 20:19-31

**Catholic Charities Update**  
**Parish Goal: \$41,602**  
**Current Total: 41%**

**\$16,732**

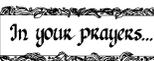
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**April 4, 2021**  
**Easter Sunday of the  
Resurrection of the Lord**

Who are you? This question was most assuredly asked of Jesus on the day of resurrection and it is a question asked of each of us. Our identities can be described in so many ways. We can start with our gifts and our talents, expertise and unique personality expressions. We can describe things we like and things we prefer to set aside. As descriptive and captivating as these can be, none come close to our essence, our real and true self. While accurate in their own right, the self who lives and interacts with the world is the self we want others to see, the one we project. But there is much more to us just as there is much more to Jesus. Jesus could describe himself based on all of the same criteria we use for ourselves. After all, Jesus is totally human. With all that people witnessed and all that Jesus knew about his physical human self, his divinity also shined forth. There was so much more to know about him. Whereas once Jesus was transfigured on top of a mountain before his disciples' eyes, so today he is transfigured before our eyes as he reveals his resurrected self as the Christ. Alleluia, Christ is risen! His glorified presence stands before us showing us that we are all much more than we see ourselves to be and show to others. We have a depth, purpose, and essence that go way beyond the superficial treasures of our existence to the very core of who we are. Within each one of us is a spark of Divine Love where creature and Creator meet, and we are known uniquely by the name God whispers to us. It is not the earthly name that was given to us but the one that flows from Divine Power and claims us as one who is special and chosen in God's eyes. This is the self that will rise one day with the eternal Christ of God and live eternally as God provides. This is the self that when free from all superficial constraints layered upon it in this life can discover and know freedom in a way never possible before. This is love lifting us up and transforming us into who we really are, not who we want or need ourselves to be. Who are you? A special, unique child of God who has been fashioned in God's image, sustained by the power of God's love and kept eternally with the Blessed Trinity in heaven. Get to know this deeper, truer self as it is who you really are.

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**In your prayers...** For all those initiated into the Catholic Faith in our Diocese this weekend; we pray to the Lord.....

Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members, especially Jim Bradley, Shirley Lantz, Baby Vivian, Liam Williams, Crystal and Leah Howard, Nancy Torody, Sister Bea Leising, Paul Schifferle, Matthew Hanlon, George Cunningham, Lorraine Sylvester, Darlene Duke, Nicole DeGolier and Sonny Grainy.

Please also continue to pray for our troops who are serving in the military and for all first responders.



We have several weekday and weekend Masses available in the upcoming months. Honor a loved one who is still with us or has passed with the gift of the Mass. Call the Rectory Office during office hours for your preferred dates.

## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - APRIL 4, 2021

**Religious Education** - Did you know that the Easter season lasts for fifty days? Fifty days to remember and celebrate this most holy day! Each Sunday we will hear a scripture reading from the Acts of the Apostles, a book from the Bible written by St. Luke. The Acts of the Apostles reminds us of the growth of the church during the years after Jesus left this earth and entrusted us with the gift of the Holy Spirit.



**St. Teresa's Women's Guild Spring Raffle** - Tickets available outside of church before & after masses beginning this weekend for a beautiful queen sized quilt in the log cabin pattern. Tickets are \$5 for one or 3 for \$10. The raffle will take place on Sunday, May 30th, after the 10:15 Mass. The proceeds will be used by the Women's Guild to continue their parish projects.

**Marriage Retreat** - April 10th married couples are welcome from 3-8:30 pm at Our Lady of Czestochowa School Hall, 57 Center Ave., North Tonawanda. The retreat includes: Holy Mass, conferences, dinner theatre, activities, and prayer. Register before April 7 by emailing Sr. Jacinta at [olcparishevent@gmail.com](mailto:olcparishevent@gmail.com).

### UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK In re The Diocese of Buffalo N.Y. Case No. 20-10322

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, On February 28, 2020, The Diocese of Buffalo N.Y., ("Diocese") filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"). The Bankruptcy Court has established August 14, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) as the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Diocese (the "Bar Date"). If you have a claim against the Diocese, including, without limitation, a claim related to sexual abuse committed by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file a claim on or before the Bar Date. Please visit <https://case.stretto.com/diocesefbuffalo> or call (855) 292-7696 for more information on how to file your proof of claim. IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY DISTRIBUTIONS TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIOCESE'S CHAPTER 11 CASE.

### Notice From the Diocese of Buffalo Regarding Upon This Rock Fund:

Beginning in 2015, The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., Inc. ("Foundation") began soliciting donations to its "Upon this Rock" ("UTR") capital and endowment campaign. The UTR campaign raised funds for many purposes, including soliciting funds for making essential upgrades to classroom facilities and technology of Christ the King Seminary ("CKS"), expanding CKS's role as a center of retreat and religious celebration, and establishing an endowment fund for CKS. Unfortunately, in early 2020, CKS's Board of Trustees determined that CKS would close at the end of the 2020-2021 academic year. CKS's closure will make it impossible for the Foundation to use the UTR funds raised for CKS for their original intended purposes. However, under New York law, when the original purposes for which funds are donated become impossible to achieve, those purposes can be modified in a manner consistent with original intent by the New York State courts. For many years, CKS provided education and formation for ordained and lay ecclesial ministers in the Diocese of Buffalo and beyond. Accordingly, the Foundation has asked the New York State Supreme Court for the County of Erie to approve a modification of the purposes of UTR funds raised for CKS so that those funds can be used to support the education and formation for ordained and lay ecclesial ministry in the Diocese of Buffalo, as determined in the discretion of the Foundation's Board. If you have donated to UTR and would like to be heard regarding this requested modification, you may send a letter to: The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., Inc., attention Executive Director, 795 Main Street, Buffalo, N.Y. 14203 or an email to [donor.info@frcdb.org](mailto:donor.info@frcdb.org). Copies of letters or email received by the Foundation will be provided to the Court. You may also make a formal filing in the legal proceeding entitled Matter of the Modification of Endowment Funds of The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo N.Y., Inc., Erie County Index No. 814747/2020. In order for your submission to be available for the Court's consideration, please be sure to send any letter or email, or make any filing, no later than Friday, April 9, 2021.



The teacher asks little Johnny if he knows his numbers. "Yes," he says, "I do. My father taught me." "Good. What comes after three." "Four," answers little Johnny. "What comes after six?" "Seven." "Very good," says the teacher. "Your dad did a good job. What comes after ten?" Little Johnny smiles and says, "Jack."



- **Weekend of April 3/4** - St. Teresa's Women's Guild Spring Raffle tickets available before and after Mass.
- **Sunday, April 4** - No Religious Education Classes - Happy Easter!
- **Wednesday, April 7** - Intercessory Prayer Group meets immediately following the 5:30 Mass
- **Friday, April 9** - Fully Alive Adoration - 7:30 pm in the Church
- **Saturday, April 10** - Pro-Life Prayer Group - 9:30 am
- **Sunday, April 11** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am

### A VOCATION VIEW

The Lord is truly risen! Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus affords us new life. You must now decide how you are going to live that new life. Will you answer His call? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org)

**Intercessory Prayer Group Meeting** April 7th, Immediately following the 5:30 Mass in the Parish Hall. Do you have a prayer request? Simply write your intention in an envelope marked "Prayer Group" and place it in the collection basket. **All are welcome to join us to share intercessions, prayers, scripture & hymns.**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven, Exult, let Angel ministers of God exult. Let the trumpet of salvation sound aloud our mighty King's triumph."

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