



Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil
4:00 pm

Sunday
7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30 am

Monday
6:30 am
(Communion Service)

Tuesday 6:30pm

Wednesday 6:30am

Thursday 12:00 noon

Friday 8:00am

Misa en Español

Los Domingos
a la 1:30 pm

Servicios en Español

Catecismo / Bautizos
y Quinceaneras

Para más información hablen con
Angela Tovar en la oficina al
(225) 647-6588

Reconciliation

Saturday: 1-3pm

Reconciliación en Español

Domingo: 2:45—3:30 pm

Communal services during
advent and Lent.
(Priest available for private appointment.)

EA/EI Regional Catholic Schools

(225) 647-2803

St. John Primary (PK-3rd)

Kim Naquin, Principal
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Prairieville, LA

St. Theresa Middle (4th-8th)

Micha Ballow, Principal
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Gonzales, LA



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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors,
Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all
that you vow." - Mt 5:33

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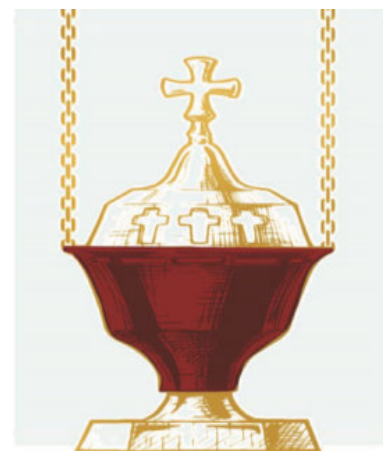
Mission Statement

St. Theresa of Avila Catholic Church is a family of faith united in prayer, love, and Catholic tradition; and dedicated to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ through evangelization, education, and Christian example.

SANCTUARY LIGHT MEMORIAL

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT BURNS IN MEMORY OF:

William Ledet





February 11, Saturday

4:00pm Terry Sponge, Kerry Fromenthal, J.E. & Betty Lanoux
Jonathan Dumas, L.W. Thompson, Kermit "Hart" Bourque
Rita Scholz, Willa Aldridge Bishop, Louise Ruiz, Todd Alexander
Virgil Arceneaux

February 12, Sunday

7:30am For the Congregation Of St. Theresa of Avila

9:30am Bob Meche & Family, Adrian Bourgeois, Logan Dragna
Dennis Edwin Smith, David Joseph Dupuis, Dolly Arceneaux
Souls in Purgatory, Aleksei Crooks, John C. LeBlanc
William Ledet

11:30am Jacqueline Braud Schriber

1:30pm

February 13, Monday

6:30am Communion Service

February 14, Tuesday

6:30pm Fr. V. Thomas, O Carm

February 15, Wednesday

6:30am

February 16, Thursday

12:00 noon Agnes Landry

February 17, Friday

8:00 am M/M Lawrence Lambert & Family

February 18, Saturday

4:00pm J.E. Betty Lanoux, Terry Sponge, Kerry Fromenthal
Michael Kramer, Sr., Michael Kramer, Jr. Rebecca Elizabeth Blair
Rita Scholz, Louise Ruiz, Kenny LeBlanc, Leonard Tregre
Willa Aldridge Bishop

February 19, Sunday

7:30am For the Congregation Of St. Theresa of Avila

9:30am Bob Meche & Family, Fr. John Krewenka, Aleksei Crooks
Isley & Lucy Blanchard, Ray & Bernice Dugas,
Timothy M. Waller, Sr.

11:30am

1:30pm

Military Prayer List

Lord hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.
Amen.

Mason Governale

John Alexander

Leonard

Ted Braxton

Brandon Tamplain

Lisa S. Haik

Taylor Hull

Jeremy Lanclos

Caden Miles

Chase Regira

Nick Francis

Caleb J Moinot

Sable Englade

Jean-Paul Bujol

Austin Brunner

Trent LeBoeuf

Rhett Champagne

Daniel Parent

Rebecca Vavasseur

Rachel Scholz

Erika Godoy

Adam Barkley

Jackson Zeringue

To add a name to this list, send an email to
atovar@eatel.net



Sophie LeBlanc
Michael J Scallan
Gavino Trujillo
Marley Rae Frakes
Baby Scarlett Wood

Jane Rouyea
Anthony Borne
Keith Marchand
Barbara Graham
Cindy Marchand Melugin
Patricia Monroy
Davyn Richard
Shelby Wheat
Tommy Reed
Michael J Scallan
Margeaux Randolph
Jamal Randolph

Gerard Randolph
Jaia Randolph
Greg Randolph
Judy Liotto
Sharon Brake
Owen Parker
Guadalupe Torres
Jillian Banin
Jacob Brunner
Mazie Jo Williams

Please note: Due to HIPAA laws, a hospital, nursing home or a home health agency cannot contact St. Theresa directly to notify us when a parishioner is ill. Family members need to contact the parish office at (225) 647-6588 to request the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

To add or remove a name from the prayer list, please call the church office or send an email to: atovar@eatel.net. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month. Prayer list updated daily on our website. Para agregar o eliminar un nombre de la lista de oraciones, por favor llame a la oficina de la iglesia o envíe un correo electrónico a atovar@eatel.net. Los nombres permanecerán en la lista de oraciones

Sacramental Care

PARISH REGISTRATION Parish membership is open to all Catholics who reside within the territory of St. Theresa Church Parish and other Catholics with permission of their respective local pastor. To register, you can: go to our website www.st-theresa-of-avila.com, or contact the parish office to obtain up a form. Please be sure to update changes in contact information, marital status, or family information with Marita DeCuir at the parish office.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION Call Alice Blair about Baptism, First Eucharist, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) or Children (RCIC), Confirmation, or Parish School of Religion.

MARRIAGE Engaged couples must contact the Parish Priest at least six (6) months prior to anticipated wedding date.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL Families should make arrangements with the Parish Priest.

CARE OF THE SICK Emergency calls are immediate. Hospitals are visited weekly and by request. Holy Eucharist is taken to homebound parishioners weekly and is coordinated through the Community Services Office. Anointing is arranged with the Parish Priest.

BAUTISMOS Deben acudir los Padres del niño (a) que desean bautizar. Traer a la cita Partida de Nacimiento del niño (a) a la oficina de St. Teresa de Avila donde llenaran una solicitud en español. Para mas información pueden hablar a la oficina de St. Teresa de Avila al (225) 647-6588 y pregunten por Angela Tovar.

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Thank you to our sponsors

This week at St. Theresa:

Saturday, February 11

1-3pm Confessions in the Church (English)

4:00pm..Mass/ Misa en Ingles

Sunday, February 12

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30am (English)

10:00am..PSR 6-11TH (REC BLDG)

1:30 pm Misa (Español)

Monday, February 13

6:30 am...Communion Service/Servicio de comunión

Tuesday, February 14

6:30pm.. Communion Service

7:00pm.. RCIA 7pm (REC Bldg.)

7:00pm.. Adult Formation Spanish (REC Bldg)

Wednesday, February 15

6:30am.. Mass/Misa en Ingles

7:00am... Men's Prayer Group (REC Bldg.)

PSR 1-5th Grade, YR1 & YR2 Euch, RCIC

6:30pm...Choir Practice (Church)

8:00pm.. Choir Practice Spanish (Church)

Thursday, February 16

8:00am.. School Mass

10:00am.. Spanish RCIA (REC BLDG)

12 noon.. Mass/ Misa en Ingles

Friday, February 17

8:00am....Mass/Misa en Ingles

Saturday, February 18

1-3pm Confessions in the Church (English)

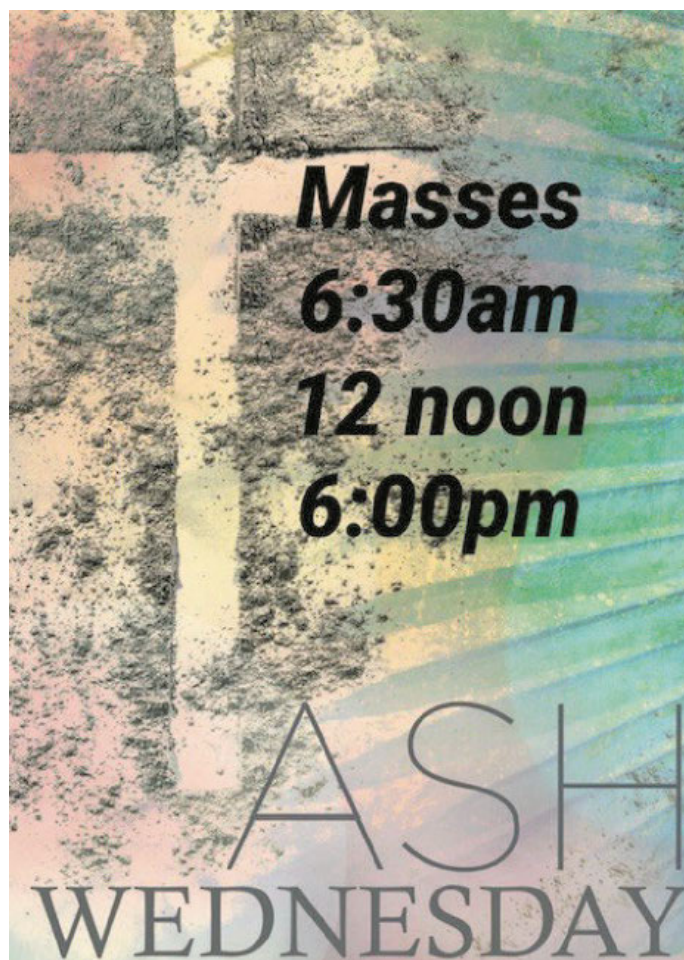
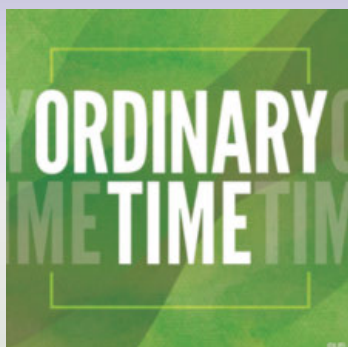
4:00pm..Mass/ Misa en Ingles

Sunday, February 19

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30am (English)

1:30 pm Misa (Español)



¿Esta registrado en St. Theresa?

Si usted asiste a la misa aqui regularmente y apoya a nuestra parroquia con su diezmo, pero no esta registrado formalmente, por favor llene un formulario de registro. Puede pasar a la oficina para registrarse y traer un comprobante de domicilio.

Ocasionalmente una carta de recomendacion es requerida para inmigracion, ser padrino o inscribirse en escuela catolicas y recibir la tarifa catolica.

La oficina solo podra darle tal carta si tenemos registro de que usted es miembro activo.

Si tiene algun cambio en su censo, como un cambio de direccion, estado civil, nuevo miembro de la familia o numero de telefono, venga a la oficina de la parroquia y realice los cambios lo mas antes possible para que podamos mantener su registro actualizado.

¡Gracias!

Inicio de Cuaresma

"Conviértete y cree en el Evangelio"

Marcos 1:14

Es tiempo de ayuno y abstinencia!



Misa de imposición de ceniza

Iglesia San Pio

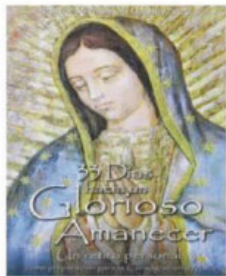
Día: Miércoles 22 de Febrero, 2023
Hora: 7:00 pm
Lugar: 6380 Hooper Rd.
Baton Rouge LA 70811

Iglesia St. George

Día: Miércoles 22 de Febrero, 2023
Hora: 7:30 pm
Lugar: 7808 St George Dr.
Baton Rouge LA 70809

Sera celebrada en dos diferentes parroquias para tu conveniencia, tu decides a cual asistir

RETIRO DE PREPARACION PARA LA CONSAGRACION A JESUS POR MARIA



PARTICIPANTES : HOMBRES (mayores de 18 años)

CORDINADORAS: Sra. Jeany LaBar

Y Sra. Monica Teran

Clases: Plataforma de Zoom

Horario: 7:00 pm a 9:00 pm

Fechas: 9 de Marzo 2023

23 de Marzo 2023

13 de Abril 2023

27 de Abril 2023

11 de Mayo 2023

25 de Mayo 2023

Misa de envío en St. Pius X: 5 de Marzo 2023 a las 11:30 am.

Misa de envío en St. Teresa: 5 Marzo 2023 a las 11:30 pm.

Misa de Consagración: Fecha Pendiente.

Información : Sra. Jeany LaBar al 225-938-0806

Este retiro esta basado en el libro "33 Días hacia un Glorioso Amanecer" escrito por el Padre Michael Gaitley.

En este retiro lograremos la preparación para la Consagración total a Jesús por María, la cual es el medio más seguro, más fácil, más corto y más perfecto camino a la santidad. Este retiro es una experiencia espiritual donde contemplaremos con el corazón, como María, las enseñanzas de varios santos.

Misa de sanacion, Liberación y Unción de los enfermos



Celebrantes



Padre Emilio Gómez



Padre Miguel McAndrew CSsR

Invitado especial: Padre Pedro Nuñez

Día: Viernes 24 de Febrero

Hora: 7:00 PM

Lugar: Iglesia Inmaculada Concepción
865 Hatchell Ln
Denham Springs, LA 70726

Tendremos confesiones
Durante la misa

Vive la vida enamorado!

Mississippi Louisiana



Encuentro Matrimonial
Mundial



Si es posible llegar
a una vejez juntos
y felices.

Informese Hoy!

Jose Gobellan (225) 363-8363
Estephanny Govellan (225) 363-5556

Vive un FDS de EMM!!

Febrero 17, 18, 19 del 2023

Sacrament of Confirmation for Adult Catholics

Confirmation is a personal invitation from Jesus, through the power of His Holy Spirit. Each of us are encouraged to seek Jesus in all situations of life as Mary who sought to do God's will in all things. St. Theresa of Avila will offer a 6-week adult confirmation program for those faithful followers of Jesus who are practicing their faith who for whatever reason may not be confirmed and are over 18 or older.

A six-week program will be offered here at St. Theresa of Avila beginning the week of April 17th that will lead to the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Duca will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on the Solemnity of Pentecost, Sunday, May 28, 2023 at 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral in Baton Rouge.

God is present always even though there are times when we are far from being aware of it. For more information regarding this process contact Alice Blair, Director of Christian Formation, at the parish office, (225) 647-6588.

"LENTEN PRESENTATION: March 8, 6:30 PM, Columbus Club Association hall, 230 S. Irma Blvd., Gonzales.

Mr. Mike Fulmer, a convert and parishioner of St. Joseph Parish, Ponchatoula, will speak on the topic, "THE FOURTH CUP." This presentation ties together the Jewish Passover meal and Jesus' passion and crucifixion. Fulmer has given the presentation more than 250 times in Catholic parishes and private homes in the dioceses of Baton Rouge and New Orleans. There is no admission charge. Bottled water free of charge will be available. This moving presentation is an addition to your positive Lenten activities that you won't want to miss! Contact Randall Aldridge (225) 270-4443 if you have any questions."

Join us for
*Eucharistic
Adoration & Benediction*



*Third Saturday of the Month
8:00am*

St. Theresa of Avila Church in Gonzales

Light refreshments after in the REC
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"ADORACIÓN Y BENDICIÓN MENSUAL - CAMBIO DE FECHA" la Adoración y Bendición patrocinada por Caballeros de Colón del Consejo St. Theresa of Avila 2657 y Damas de la Corte de Hijas Católicas 1955 se llevará a cabo a las 8:00 a.m. el TERCER SÁBADO DE CADA MES."



"Meeting God in Your Life"

Fr Eric Gyan will host a 5-week class on Monday evenings February 27 -March 27 from 6-7:30pm. Based on Ignatius spirituality, he will begin by looking at how we recognize the ways that God communicates with us. Ultimately we will look at the ways God seeks each of us.

There is no need to RSVP since no books will be used. Invite a friend to join you for this Lenten journey with Fr. Eric.



DOULA AND DONUTS

VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY DOULA PROGRAM INTEREST MEETING

February 18, 2023 | 10:30 am

**The Westerfield Center
1800 S Acadian Thruway
Baton Rouge, LA 70808**

The Volunteer Community Doula Program is a comprehensive, collaborative program that meets the needs of mothers in crisis pregnancy. The program has been developed in tandem with the Diocese, Catholic Charities, local crisis pregnancy centers, and maternal wellness providers.



LEARN MORE AND RSVP AT [HTTPS://DIOABR.ORG/DOULA-PROGRAM](https://dioabr.org/doula-program)



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BATON ROUGE
OFFICE OF LIFE, PEACE & JUSTICE

Contact Randall Waguespack at
rwaguespack@dioabr.org or
225-387-0561 for more information.



Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage.

Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information about the upcoming local Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, **(March 10-12)** contact: Randall and Robin Bellard @ 225-271-4092 or visit our website: **HelpOurMarriage.org**



THERE IS HOPE
For a Better Marriage

Retrouvaille is a three-phase program for marriages that helps couples face their marriage challenges in a productive and healthy way. It begins with a weekend retreat, followed by post weekend follow up sessions, and ongoing monthly marriage support.

Visit HelpOurMarriage.org
to Register for an Upcoming
Retrouvaille Weekend Retreat
or Call 1-800-470-2230 for Information



Calling all MEN of FAITH!

Come spend an evening in prayer and fellowship.

Begin the evening with a celebration of the Mass, 6:00pm on Thursday, February 16, 2023, at the St. Theresa of Avila Catholic Church in Gonzales. After the Mass, gather to share in a meal at the Columbus Hall in Gonzales on Irma Blvd.



Lenten Reconciliation Services
6:30pm

St. Anne
Wednesday 3/1/23

St. Philip
Wednesday 03/08/23

St. Theresa of Avila
Thursday 03/09/23

Holy Rosary
Wednesday 03/15/23

St. Mark
Thursday 03/16/23

St. Gabriel
Tuesday 03/21/23

Sacred Heart
Wednesday 03/22/23

St. Joseph
Wednesday 03/29/23

St. John
Thursday 03/30/23



Confessions at 5pm starting
2/24/23 and every Friday during
Lent.

Confesiones en Ingles a las 5pm
a partir del 24/02/23 y todos los
viernes durante la Cuaresma.



Mass at 6pm every Friday
during Lent.

Misa en Ingles a las 6pm
todos los viernes durante
la Cuaresma



Stations of the Cross at
6:30pm every Friday during
Lent.

Estaciones de la Cruz a las
6:30 pm todos los viernes
durante la Cuaresma.

The poster features a large, stylized cross in the background. The text "Blood Drive" is written in a large, elegant script. Below it, the church name "St. Theresa of Avila Catholic Church" is written in bold, black letters. The date and time "SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023 7:00AM TO 1:00PM" are also included. At the bottom, there is a logo for "OUR LADY OF THE LAKE Blood Donor Center".

*Give the Gift of Life
"For it is in Giving that we Receive"
St. Francis of Assisi*

Blood Drive

**St. Theresa of Avila
Catholic Church**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023
7:00AM TO 1:00PM**

**OUR LADY
OF THE LAKE**
Blood Donor Center

The poster features a photograph of Bishop Duca performing a ritual at an altar. The text "You're invited to a HOLY HOUR with Bishop Duca" is written in a large, bold font. Below it, the date and time "FEBRUARY 28, 2023 | 6- 7 P.M." and the location "ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND, ALBANY" are included. At the bottom, there is a logo for "BATON ROUGE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL".

You're invited to a
HOLY HOUR
with Bishop Duca

FEBRUARY 28, 2023 | 6- 7 P.M.
ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND, ALBANY

Eucharistic Adoration | Praise | Scripture | Community | Silence

BATON ROUGE
EUCHARISTIC
REVIVAL

Kids Corner

Prayer

God, help me to follow your rules with my whole heart.

Mission for the Week

Ask your parents to list three ways you can honor them.

Sharing the Gospel

God's rules stop you from hurting yourself and the people around you. God knows that if you really love him, you will want to follow his rules. You will trust him. You will want to be thoughtful and kind. You will want to love people the way God does.

Now color the picture! →

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

OBEDY
BETTER
MURDER

ANGRY
FAITHFUL
THOUGHTS

PROMISE
KEEP
SWEAR

Y T O B U O M E U Y S
A G L S W E A R O T I
B R E H T I N Y E H A
C I F O R A G E Y O M
E S A T I B R O T U A
O D I S K O Y I E G C
B E T T E R M U N H D
E S H B E T Y R A T A
Y T F A P R O M I S E
A C U H I S E F O L U
W Y L A N M U R D E R



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Las lecturas de la semana del

12 de febrero de 2023

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Mt 5, 17-37 o 5, 20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37

Lunes: Gn 4, 1-15. 25/Sal 49, 1 y 8. 16-17. 20-21/Mc 8, 11-13

Martes: Gn 6, 5-8; 7, 1-5. 10/Sal 28, 1 y 2. 3-4. 3 y 9-10/Mc 8, 14-21

Miércoles: Gn 8, 6-13. 20-22/Sal 115, 12-13. 14-15. 18-19/Mc 8, 22-26

Jueves: Gn 9, 1-13/Sal 101, 16-18. 19-21. 29 y 22-23/Mc 8, 27-33

Viernes: Gn 11, 1-9/Sal 32, 10-11. 12-13. 14-15/Mc 8, 34—9, 1

Sábado: Heb 11, 1-7/Sal 144, 2-3. 4-5. 10-11/Mc 9, 2-13

Domingo siguiente: Lv 19, 1-2. 17-18/Sal 102, 1-2. 3-4. 8. 10. 12-13 (8)/1 Co 3, 16-23/

Mt 5, 38-48

12 de febrero de 2023

6º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Ser creyente y buen cristiano supone tomar partido conforme a lo que creemos. Lo uno o lo otro, sin medias tintas. Desde tiempos antiguos existía la división. Las discusiones y habladuría sin fundamento ni compromiso, estaban y están a la orden del día. Para tomar partido de alguna decisión importante es necesario sintonizarse con la sabiduría de Dios. Solo así, sabremos gozar de la libertad que él ofrece desde siempre. Sin embargo, muchas veces estamos amenazados por esa belleza de escoger lo mejor para cada uno de nosotros. El plan de salvación de Dios es siempre actual y el ser humano pone en juego su fidelidad a Dios y a lo que cree.

La Primera Lectura ayuda grandemente para clarificar el pensamiento y disponer el corazón a la Palabra iluminadora de Dios: "Si tú quieres, puedes observar los mandamientos; está en tus manos el ser fiel. Ante ti puso el fuego y el agua: extiende la mano a lo que prefieras. Delante de los hombres están la vida y la muerte, a cada uno se le dará lo que ha elegido" (Sirácides 15,15-17). Significa que somos responsables de nuestros propios actos. Los actos de culto no están ajenos de los actos de justicia por una sociedad mejor. Deseo que, en esta Eucaristía, descubramos la sabiduría de Dios que tanto necesitamos, que no cerremos nuestro corazón a lo que ya sabemos, sino que descubramos los nuevos horizontes de Jesús en sus enseñanzas. ¡Así sea!



Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of February 12, 2023

- Sunday:** Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 (1b)/1 Cor 2:6
10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37
- Monday:** Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday:** Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10
Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday:** Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12
13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26
- Thursday:** Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21,
29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33
- Friday:** Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13,
14-15/Mk 8:34—9:1
- Saturday:** Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145: 2-3, 4-5,
10-11/Mk 9:2-13
- Next Sunday:** Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2,
3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 (8a)/1 Cor
3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

It's often said that the Catholic Church lays heavy rules on her members, rules that can almost seem impossible. Mass every Sunday? No lying ever? Sexual purity all the time? I recently said to some non-Catholic friends that more than fifty adults were baptized at my parish at the Easter Vigil. One responded spontaneously with shock, "Why would anyone do that?" In other words, why would someone willingly place themselves in a system with such demanding and rigorous rules?

Of course, no one in the history of religions is more demanding and rigorous than Jesus himself. In the Sermon on the Mount, he says you have to be holier than pharisees or you're out. He says if you call someone a fool, you go to fiery Gehenna. He says you can't even look at a woman with lust or you're guilty of adultery (which was punishable by death). To top it all off, he says you can't even get divorced and re-married. Doesn't he know these are basically impossible demands? What world is he living in?

The new one, actually. He is the new world. Jesus' words aren't meant to condemn. They are meant to signal something new, a restored humanity. Jesus doesn't just give external laws; he gives us his Holy Spirit to internalize the law through love. He wants to fill us with his love. That's what the Church exists to do. Love demands extraordinary things. The "demands" of the Church only make sense because she is filled with Jesus' love. That wildly demanding love is why we are Catholic.

— *Father John Muir*



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Ron is a lifetime member of St. Theresa Church. He has been a faithful servant to the parish as a regular volunteer with the STAC Food Pantry, helping organize, streamline, and improve the efficiency of the collection and distribution of goods and services.

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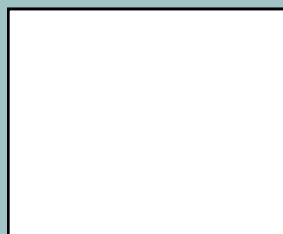
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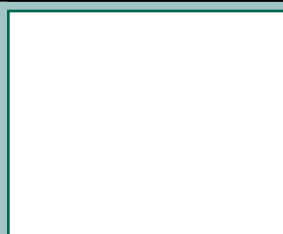


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