Parish Office:

704-664-3992

Hours: Monday-Friday

8:00am-12:00pm; 12:30-4:30pm

Saturday 9:00am-6:30pm

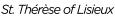
Sunday 7:30am-5:00pm

office@sainttherese.net

Mission Statement: The parish of St. Therese, rooted in Ignatian Spirituality, strives to Love God, Follow Jesus and Serve All

by doing ordinary things with great love.





CATHOLIC CHURCH

Faith Formation: 704-664-7762

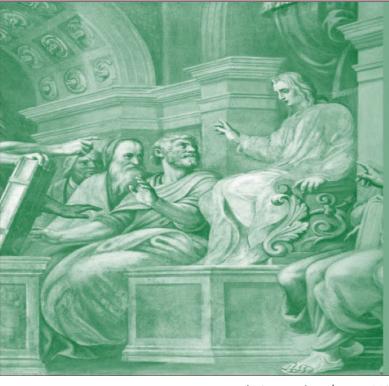
Hours: 10:00am-3:00pm Monday-Friday and during Faith Formation hours. See page 13.

Little Way Preschool 980-444-2305

Hours: 7:30am-3:30pm Monday-Friday See Page 13.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 30, 2022



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[He said to them], "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" - Lk 4:21-22

Pastor: Rev. Mark S. Lawlor | ext. 2102 | mlawlor@sainttherese.net Parochial Vicar: Rev. Bernard Oleru, MSP | ext. 2225 | boleru@sainttherese.net Deacons: Rev. Mr. Joe Santen 858-922-0325 | gon2mass@att.net Rev. Mr. Joe Smith 704-799-9144 | josmith3212@outlook.com

Retired Deacons: Rev. Mr. John Sims and Rev. Mr. Myles Decker

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm Sunday Mass Times: (English) 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, 5:30pm (Spanish) 2:30pm

Daily Mass: Mon-Fri at 9:00am First Saturday Devotion: Monthly Mass at 9:00am

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00pm-4:15pm **Sunday**: 4:45pm-5:15pm (Spanish) 2:00pm-2:20pm in the church or by appointment.

Please contact one of our priests by phone or email if you need to make an appointment for confession.

Blessed Sacrament

Join us for Adoration from 9:30am to 7:00pm on the First Friday of each month.

Next Adoration date: February 4

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Pastor's Reflection



BLESSINGS

Those of us in Holy Orders are regularly asked to give blessings. A blessing is an act of sanctification and may be given to a person, a place or an object designated for a sacred purpose. At every Mass, for example, there is a blessing over the congregation before the dismissal. At a wedding, the officiant

blesses the rings and also gives the Nuptial Blessing to the couple. Perhaps, among the most common requests would be to bless a rosary, a statue or another article of devotion such as a crucifix. Over the past twenty-seven years, I have enjoyed this aspect of pastoral ministry.

Last week, I was invited to bless a restaurant, El Veracruz, which just happens to be in the original parish church at 761 N. Main St. here in Mooresville. The owners and staff were very kind and hospitable during the visit and blessing. We have many families who have moved to the area long after the diocese sold the old church property about 33 years ago. I was never actually in the old church when it was an active parish, but I have been there several times as a patron of the Mexican restaurant, which is at least

the fourth restaurant to use the building. If you've never been to El Veracruz, I certainly recommend it for great Mexican cuisine and the opportunity to see part of our parish history.

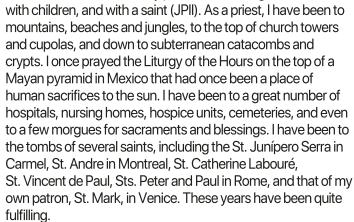
As I blessed their lovely and unique restaurant, I thought of the many places and experiences that I have had as a priest of the Church for blessings, Masses and visits. Some of these experiences I would never have dreamed of during my years of formation.

For example, I have blessed families, cars, bicycles, buses, boats, dogs, cats, horses, homes, restaurants, classrooms, and even a *tortilleria* (where they make many tortillas). I have celebrated Masses in parishes, schools, basilicas, shrines, cathedrals, homes, hotels, fields, prisons, and on cruise ships in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. I have also had the great experience of celebrating Masses at such holy places as the House of Mary in Ephesus, at the Chapel of Tepeyac in

Mexico where our Lady of Guadalupe gave the roses to St. Juan Diego, at the Grotto of Lourdes in France, at Our Lady of Knock in Ireland, at the mission of San Juan Capistrano in California, at the Site of the Apparitions in Fatima, at the altar and tomb of Pope St. John Paul II in St. Peter's, at the great Basilica of St. Anne de Beaupré in Canada, at the tomb of our Lord in Jerusalem, and at the site of the Annunciation to Mary in Nazareth.

As a priest, I have visited mansions, apartments, trailers, jails, coal and copper mines, farms and ranches, monasteries, convents, vineyards, tobacco fields, the Apostolic Palace of the Vatican and even the Nunciature (like an embassy) in Washington, D.C. I have prayed in the cave on the island of

Patmos where the beloved disciple, St. John, received the vision for the Book of Revelation. I have prayed invocations at dinners, banquets, ecumenical services, meetings of the City Council and the County Commissioners, and even at an NFL game. I participated in an exorcism in Mexico, which was quite shocking to me. I have baptized thousands and officiated hundreds of weddings and funerals and given blessings to couples on anniversaries of all lengths: 25, 40, 50, 60, and even 70 years! I have prayed the Rosary with parishioners in many parishes, with religious sisters,



In Peace,

Fr. Mark



Catholic Schools Week 2022 January 30-February 5

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Reflexión del Párroco

LAS BENDICIONES:

A diáconos, sacerdotes, y obispos se les pide regularmente que den bendiciones. Una bendición es un acto de santificación y se puede dar a una persona, un lugar o un objeto designado para un propósito sagrado. En cada Misa, por ejemplo, se bendice a la congregación antes de la despedida. En una boda, el oficiante bendice los anillos y también da la Bendición Nupcial a la pareja. Quizás, entre las peticiones más comunes estaría la de bendecir un rosario, una estatua u otro artículo de devoción como un crucifijo. Durante los últimos veintisiete años, he disfrutado este aspecto del ministerio pastoral.

La semana pasada, me invitaron a bendecir un restaurante, El

Veracruz, que compró la iglesia parroquial original en 761 N. Main St. aquí en Mooresville. Los propietarios y el personal fueron muy amables y hospitalarios durante la visita y la bendición. Tenemos muchas familias que se han mudado al área mucho después de que la diócesis vendiera la antigua propiedad de la iglesia hace unos 33 años. En realidad, nunca estuve en la antiqua iglesia cuando era una parroquia activa, pero he estado allí varias veces como patrocinador del restaurante mexicano, que es al menos

el cuarto restaurante en usar el edificio. Si nunca ha estado en El Veracruz, sin duda lo recomiendo por la excelente cocina mexicana y la oportunidad de ver parte de la historia de nuestra parroquia.

Mientras bendecía su encantador y único restaurante, pensé en los muchos lugares y experiencias que he tenido como sacerdote de la Iglesia para bendiciones, misas y visitas. Algunas de estas experiencias nunca las hubiera soñado durante mis años de formación.

Por ejemplo, he bendecido familias, carros, bicicletas, buses, botes, perros, gatos, caballos, casas, restaurantes, salones de clases y hasta una tortillería (donde hacen muchas tortillas). He celebrado Misas en parroquias, escuelas, basílicas, santuarios, catedrales, casas, hoteles, campos, prisiones y en cruceros en los océanos Atlántico y Pacífico. También he tenido la gran experiencia de celebrar Misas en lugares tan sagrados como la Casa de María en Éfeso, en la Capilla del Tepeyac en México

donde Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe entregó las rosas a San Juan Diego, en la Gruta de Lourdes en Francia, en Nuestra Señora de Knock en Irlanda, en la misión de San Juan Capistrano en California, en el Sitio de las Apariciones en Fátima, en el altar y la tumba del Papa San Juan Pablo II en San Pedro, en la gran Basílica de Santa Ana de Beaupré en Canadá, en la tumba de nuestro Señor en Jerusalén, y en el lugar de la Anunciación a María en Nazaret.

Como sacerdote he visitado mansiones, apartamentos, caravanas, cárceles, minas de carbón y cobre, haciendas y ranchos, monasterios, conventos, viñedos, campos de tabaco, el Palacio Apostólico del Vaticano y hasta la Nunciatura (como una embajada) en Washington, DC. He orado en la cueva de la

> isla de Patmos donde el amado discípulo, San Juan, recibió la visión del Libro del Apocalipsis. He rezado invocaciones en cenas, banquetes, servicios ecuménicos, reuniones del Concejo Municipal y de los Comisionados del Condado, e incluso en un juego de la NFL. Participé en un exorcismo en México, que fue bastante impactante para mí. He bautizado a miles v oficiado cientos de bodas v funerales v he dado bendiciones a pareias en aniversarios de todas las edades: ¡25, 40, 50, 60 e incluso 70 años! He rezado el Rosario con feligreses en muchas parroquias, con religiosas, con niños, con

un santo (JPII). Como sacerdote, he estado en montañas, playas y selvas, en lo alto de torres y cúpulas de iglesias, y he bajado a catacumbas y criptas subterráneas. Una vez recé la Liturgia de las Horas en la cima de una pirámide maya en México que una vez había sido un lugar de sacrificios humanos al sol. He estado en un gran número de hospitales, hogares de ancianos, unidades de cuidados paliativos, cementerios e incluso en algunas morgues para recibir sacramentos y bendiciones. He estado en las tumbas de varios santos, incluvendo la de San Junípero Serra en el Carmelo, San Andrés en Montreal, Santa Catalina Labouré, San Vicente de Paúl, San Pedro y San Pablo en Roma, y la de mi propio patrón, San Marcos, en Venecia. Estos años han sido bastante gratificantes.

En paz,

Padre Marcos



Semana de Escuelas Católicas 2022 30 de enero - 5 de febrero

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Worship & Prayer

MASS INTENTIONS

| Saturd | lay, January 29 | |
|---|---|--|
| 5:00pm | Leonard Weiner † | John & Terry Schaefer |
| | Janis Niessing † | Peter Niessing |
| Sunda | ay, January 30 | |
| 8:00am | Kathleen Pennell ♥ | Edith Pleta |
| | Peter Sterling | Edith Pleta |
| 10:00am | Robert Kelley † | Claudia Adams |
| | Kirsten Falls (Sp. Int.) ♥ | Anonymous |
| | Parishioners of St. Therese 🎔 | |
| 2:30pm | América Jimenez † | |
| | Paula Estrada Duran † | |
| 5:30pm | | |
| | Mathias Haru † | Family |
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Saturday, February 5

| 9.00am | Glibert Bernards (Healing) | | Family |
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| 5:00pm | Rosemary Frye † | | JoAnne Knapp |
| · | John Wojtkowski (Healing) | y | Margaret Wojtkowski |
| Sunda | ay, February 6 | | , |
| 8.00am | Retty Sue Wooten (Healing) | • | Edith Plata |

Mass in Thanksgiving for Special Intention

Marge Gerosa ♥ Pat & Bill Hannagan

| Sunda | ay, February 6 | |
|---------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| 8:00am | Betty Sue Wooten (Healing) | Edith Pleta |
| | Bill Wooten (Healing) ♥ | Edith Pleta |
| 10:00am | Lucy Goforth (Sp. Int.) > | McAllister Family |
| | Paul Smith 🎔 | Paula Attanucci |
| 12:00pm | Deceased members of Gaeta F | amily †Family |
| 2:30pm | Parishioners of St. Therese 🎔 | |
| | Michael E. Suth † | |
| | Kay Freel † | Hastings Family |
| | | • |

If you would like to request a Mass intention, please visit the Parish Office during office hours.

Monday to Friday: 8:00am-12:00pm | 12:30pm-4:30pm Saturday: 9:00am - 6:30pm | Sunday: 7:30am-5:00pm

In Sympathy



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Please use the online form on our website to request prayers: sainttherese.net/prayer-requests

Special intentions for Healing:

Angelita A., Michael A., Maria Ashenbrener, Ramon B., Cheryl Booth, Frederick Bruyns, Kyle Cannella, Jonathan Cantrell, Trevor Conklin, Tams D., William Dragon, Rebecca E., Nathan Ernzen, Joseph Fasi, Marilyn Fiore, Logan Fogg, Darril Fosty, David Gee, Alan I., Lucia Isone, Chris J., Gwen Kane, John Brian Kaup, Girish Kohli, Christopher L., Lucy M., Joey Maldonado, Pat Maletta, Wendy Mancilla, Emilio Manzo, Zach Misiak, Mark Morton, Dan Mulligan, Stephen O., Tina Olszewski, Tereza Pelouchova, Raajiv Prasad, Jamey Price, Laetitia Ranneberg, Levi Raymond, Michele Rios, John Rocco, Christine Rosenberg, Rosaria Russo, Mary Sue S., Ludovico Sarraz-Bournet, Bryan Scharding, Tiffany Stewart, Oscar Tharpe, Carolyn Van Buren, Dein VanSickle, Jack W., Bob Wessmiller, Johnnie Ziats.

Those who are Homebound:

Doyle & Faye Atkins, Gregory Breeckner, Sister Margarita Brewer, Matilda Coyne, Robert Davis, Leela Edwin, Audrey & Don Geyer, Julianne & Scott Jarvis, Jodi Knight, Cinda Landro, Angela Leuci, Charles M., Luiz M., Claradilla Pineda, Jim & Pat Richart, Mark Rossmiller, Rita Sabella, Paula Vernon, Sharon Williams.

Those in Nursing Homes/Assisted Living:

- Abernathy Laurels: Mary Frances Kimel.
- Accordius: Alfred Kern, Rosemary Leonetti, Hattie Walker, Diane Whitley.
- Cadence Living: Judy Richardson.
- Radbourne Manor: Patsy Freeze.
- Ranson Ridge: Dutch Detchemendy.
- Summit Place: Betty Beaulieu, Frank DeBerardinis, MaryJane Farrell, Mary Kozar, Nancy Nusser, Lewis & Rosemary Savisky.
- TerraBella Lake Norman:

Nancy Brown, Antoinette Foppiano, Helen Holmes, Jean Loeshen, Frances Mattasits, Joyce Schank, Stefanya Wackowski.

- The Citadel: Eileen Gubelman, Audrey Kufhta.
- The Pines: Dolly O'Brien.
- Williams Place: Lorna Josefchuk, Marie Salerno.

Praying for our Military



Please use the online form on our website sainttherese.net/prayer-requests

to add or resubmit names and branch of service for this section. Let us pray together as a family for your intentions!

Air Force:

Army: Nathan-Erick Nance, Justus Neumann.

Coast Guard:

Marines: Ethan Hungarter, John McCue, Jesse-Elijah Nance, Joseph Priore, III.

Navy: Gabriel Cotter, Katherine Durham, Michael Durham.

Veterans: Don Geyer, Nick Johnson.

Liturgy & Worship

It is only by paying attention to whom we listen, to what we listen, and to how we listen that we can grow in the art of communicating, the heart of which is not a theory or a technique, but the openness of heart that makes closeness possible. #WCD

Pope Francis



Sólo prestando atención a quién escuchamos, qué escuchamos y cómo escuchamos podemos crecer en el arte de comunicar, cuyo centro no es una teoría o una técnica, sino la capacidad del corazón que hace posible la proximidad. #JMCS

Papa Francisco

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

Intention for February: For Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women

You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention during the month of February:

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

VIRTUAL ROSARY

It's not too late to make a new New Year's resolution!

Pray the rosary with our Virtual Rosary Ministry each evening, Monday - Friday at 9:00pm.
Sign in by 8:55pm to pray with us.
Sign in via Zoom at zoom.us

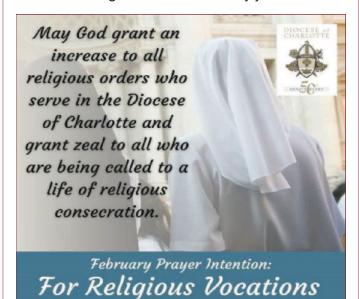
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Visit our website for more details: sainttherese.net/virtual-rosary

50th ANNIVERSARY DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTE

February Monthly Intention: For Religious Vocations

Please join Bishop Jugis in offering up prayers and sacrifices for these special intentions each month during the 50th anniversary year.



Readings for next weekend: February 6, 2022

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Cycle C

| Reading I | Responsorial Psalm | Reading II | Gospel |
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| Isaiah 6:1-2a,3-8 | Psalm 138:1-5,7-8 | 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 | Luke 5:1-11 |
| Isaiah describes his vision and call from the Lord. | A song of thanks to God who saves us. | Paul reminds the Corinthians of the gospel that he announced to them. | The fishermen (Simon, James, and John) leave their fishing boats and follow Jesus. |
| Source: Loyola Press | | | |

Parish Life

Special Works and
Tasks (S.W.A.T.)
Monthly meeting:
Tuesday, February 8 at 10:00am
In the Parish Life Center

We will be collecting fleece for The Linus Project. We ask that you bring 2 yards of fleece for adult blankets and 1-1/2 yards of fleece for a children's size blanket.

> Thank you in advance! See you then!

2022 SPRING SOFTBALL for Men and Women

April – June 2022 Mazeppa Park (Mooresville)

Come and join us for the Spring

2022 softball season. We have both men's and women's teams that play in the recreational division. Women play on Monday evenings and Men play on either Tuesday or Thursday evenings. The only requirement is that players must be at least 18-year-old. Please visit our website for further information.

The deadline for signing up is February 15, 2022.

Information: sainttherese.net/adult-athletics

Contact: athletics@sainttherese.net





SAVE THE DATE WELCOME COMMITTEE Newcomers' Brunch

Sunday, February 27 11:00am in the Family Room

Contact: jrpratt108@yahoo.com

Learn more: sainttherese.net/ welcome-committee

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Free Throw Championship

Tuesday, February 8 10:00am in the Multi-Purpose Room

Boys and girls Age 9-14. Snacks and drinks provided.

Contact:

Frank Sturm, 980-434-4415, 7406events@gmail.com

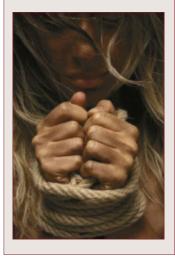
Community Ministries

PEACE & JUSTICE

Human Trafficking

Human trafficking is the trade of humans, especially women and children, for forced labor, sexual slavery, or commercial sexual exploitation. This may also encompass providing a spouse in the context of forced marriage. Trafficking does not necessarily even involve the movement of the person from one place to another. It also may include the extraction of organs or tissues, including for surrogacy.

Learn more at togetherfreedom.org/trafficking-facts-statistics



DONATIONS NEEDED Weekend of February 12-13





In celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Diocese of Charlotte and its 50 Acts of Kindness, Community Ministries is collecting items for Fifth Street Ministries, FeedNC, The Christian Mission and Kindness Closet.

The following items are needed:

- Baby Wipes
- Bars of Soap
- Bath Towels
- Coffee
- Conditioner
- Cough and Cold (adult and children)
- Dental Floss
- Deodorant
- Diapers
- Feminine Hygiene
- Hand Sanitizer
- Large bottles of spices
- Laundry Detergent
- Multi-vitamins
- Paper Towels
- Plastic Cups for cold/hot beverages
- Plastic silverware
- Quart & Gallon Baggies
- Shampoo
- Single Size tents
- Tissues
- Toilet Paper
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Tylenol (adult and children)

BACKPACK MINISTRY

The Community Ministries with Prayerful Servants CLC and West Methodist Church are filling backpacks every other week. To help us out, you can donate items in the carts in the church narthex.



Our next packing will be February 2.

Items needed are:

- Regular or Quick Oatmeal (18 oz. canisters)
- Canned Vegetables (15 oz.)
- Canned Fruit (15 oz.)
- Canned Soup (15 oz.)
- Saltine Crackers
- Canned Tuna
- SpaghettiOs®

Also needed: toiletries, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, personal products, etc. for 6 families from Lake Norman High School.
Cash and Gift Card donations are also welcome. BACKPACK envelopes are available in the narthex of both churches. Just place them in the collection basket.

We appreciate any help you can give and truly appreciate your generosity! Thank you very much.

Community Resources: Do YOU need support?

Hot Meals

5th Street Ministries (Statesville) Lunch and Dinner 704-872-4045

> FeedNC (Mooresville) Breakfast and Lunch 704-660-9010

Mental Health

Partners Behavioral Health 1-888-235-HOPE (4673)

Drug-Alcohol Coalition of Iredell 704-978-8814

> Suicide Prevention 1-800-273-8255 text TALK to 741741

Financial Assistance

United Way: Dial 2-1-1 Iredell Christian Ministries 704-924-6700 Mooresville Christian Mission 704-664-2357 Matthew 25 Ministries 704-546-5859

Education & Formation

FRESH INK from our Director of Religious Education RESOLUTIONS by Kelli Olszewski

... as in New Year's resolutions. It is a new year which means If they succeeded, they believed the gods would show favor new you. Adiós 2021! Hola 2022!

However you wish to embrace it or fight it, 2022 has arrived.

The world of marketing convinces us that we need to change. And the reality of it is we do, but do our changes reflect the millions and millions of dollars spent on marketing and advertising campaigns that tell us not only what to change, but how to do it?

As we always spend the last few days of the year: spending hours in return lines at the stores, eating leftovers and too much desserts, we see everyone's "year in review" and we realize we need to "make changes" for the impending new year. Do we spend enough time discerning and praying what we need to change? I know time gets ahead of me and I forget.

As I was at the gym (prior to the new year), there were approximately 20 television screens above the treadmills, ellipticals, stair climbers, and rowing machines. As every advertisement came on one of the screens it was for a diet, athletic wear or at-home exercise equipment.

The last time I made a New Year's resolution was in 2011. Though God took me on a different path and redirected his plans for me, I completed my 2011 resolution eight years later - completing my master's degree. I didn't receive the degree I originally wanted to get (Masters in English Literature), God redirected how he wanted to use me – in ministry.

I do not recall most of my previous resolutions. Worse yet, I am more than certain I never accomplished any of my resolutions. After doing some research I found out a few things about resolutions and how they came to be. Unfortunately, only eight percent of people accomplish their New Year's resolution and 80% give up by mid-February. Yes, I have failed many times over the years.

Resolutions date back over 4,000 years to the Babylonians. They would celebrate their annual New Year aligned with their agricultural planting season during their pagan festival Akitu.

Their celebration included crowning a king and making promises to re-pay their debts.

upon them.

A similar custom is also noted under the Roman Empire during the reign of Julius Caesar. Honoring the two-faced god, Janus, of which our Julian calendar and month of January derives from, they would make sacrifices and promises to the deity. For early Christians it became a traditional custom to reflect on one's mistakes during the past year "resolving" to make positive changes for the coming year.

Regardless of its religious roots, New Year's resolutions are now considered to be a secularized custom primarily focused on self-improvement. This made me think of previous years of attempting a resolution. They were more superficial in nature: losing weight to "look better" instead of focusing more on healthier living with better food choices and increased activity.

As I grew in my relationship with Jesus, I realized my better option for self-improvement is during Lent, a six-week period to increase and deepen one's spiritual life by focusing on Jesus. Prayer becomes a huge aspect of that desired change and sacrifice made. I have had more success making spiritual changes that far exceed society's definition of "self-improvement".

Though many aim to guit smoking, guit drinking, find a new job or lose weight, they are by far very important lifestyle changes, ones that still impact a person interiorly for his or her betterment. The whole point of the "resolution" is to resolve a problem or break bad habits, but they can be about developing good habits too. By developing good habits we become more virtuous, especially as it relates to developing and increasing our spiritual practices. The more we retain virtue the more holy we become which puts us on a remarkable journey to becoming a saint. If I ever attempt a New Year's resolution again, I know I cannot do it without the support of my faith and prayer. In the fabulous words of G.K. Chesterton, "The object of a new year is not that we should have a new year, but rather that we should have a new soul."

So I will see you around March 2, Ash Wednesday, as we begin our 2022 Lenten journey together.

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITIES

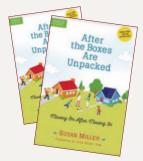
Listen to the beautiful Thank You message from our brothers and sisters in Christ, in Africa.

Fr. Bernard successfully delivered donated eyeglasses and cell phones to his home country, in Africa. The collection took place last December, in our parish, as an initiative from "Prayerful Servants" Christian Life Community to help provide better sight to those who do not have available services for this care.

Watch the video on our YouTube channel at: tinyurl.com/2022AfricanThankYou

Education & Formation

JUST MOVED: 10-session Newcomers' class for women New to the area? Still feeling new? Please join us!



Beginning Wednesday, February 2, we will offer a ten-week Just Moved Newcomers' class which will provide encouragement for women going through the transition and adjustment of moving.

Based on the book *After the Boxes are Unpacked*, this is an opportunity to meet others, exchange insights, and find the courage to put down roots all over again.

Whether you stay at home, work outside the home, are single, married or retired, the stress of moving can overcome you at times. Make some time for yourself to share and to be assured by new friends that you will not feel lost in the shuffle.

Sessions meet from 10:00am to noon. Book \$10.

Interested, contact:

Sophia McNiff, 704-519-8178 or <u>sophialmcniff@gmail.com</u> or **Tracy deRoos**, 704-663-3575 or tracyderoos@gmail.com

Learn more: sainttherese.net/just-moved

BIBLE STUDY: THE PASSION AND RESURRECTION (Narratives of Jesus)

Lenten 6-week Bible study starting in March (Zoom or in person)



This Lent 2022, St. Therese is pleased to offer an opportunity for enrichment and study, as we journey through the Gospel stories of Jesus' Passion and Resurrection, revealing further the nature of God, person of Jesus and the path for each of us as a disciple of Christ.

TWO schedules available for this 6-week Lenten journey:

Women's Bible Study: Thursday daytime meetings

Start on Thursday, March 3 and end on Thursday, April 7. Meetings are in person at 10:00am.

To register, contact Paula Boyd, pboyd2722@gmail.com

Adult Men and Women's Bible Study: Tuesday evening meetings

Start on Tuesday, March 1 and end on Tuesday, April 5.

Meetings take place via Zoom at 7:00pm.

To register contact **Donna Smith**, dsmith18123@gmail.com

Register by February 14 to receive a discount price of \$12 for Study Guide, which may be purchased through facilitators.

Learn more: sainttherese.net/womens-bible-study

Ignatian Corner

KINDNESS (continued) by Joyce Eckart

January and February seem to be cold damp "let down months". More members of our community stay inside, Covid cases are increasing, there is more political unrest, we become more anxious and impatient. We might look back on the holidays with disappointment that things did not work out as we had planned.

We make New Year's resolutions to live healthier lives by watching our carbs and exercising. But did you know that there's another thing to do to live healthier. This habit may also have many health benefits *such as lowering pain levels, relieving stress and anxiety, and increasing life expectancy. When we practice this behavior, we are healing others and ourselves at the same time. It's the practice of KINDNESS.

(Selecthealth.com article by Emily Crawford) *Dartmouth.edu "Kindness Facts"

For this week practice these two ways.

Focus on others: Kindness puts others at the center. It is not focused on how it will benefit us. That is manipulation. True Kindness comes from a place of compassion, understanding, and goodwill.

Offer a helping hand: Asking for help is one of the most difficult things to do.
We often run from it, seeing it as a weakness and using it as a last resort.
Consider being thoughtful. We are made in Christ's image. See the Christ in others. Look outside yourself to be aware of the needs of others. Hold a door open, connect with people, send a card, text, phone call. Let others know they are important to you. Help someone at work. Be generous with your time to community needs.

Stewardship: The Grateful Response of a Christian Disciple



"Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous..." (1 CORINTHIANS 13:4)

Do you get jealous? Do you focus more on the things that other people have than on the gifts that God has given to you? Are you pompous? Do you acquire more possessions to impress others? At times we are all guilty of these things. Pray for more humility. Humility helps us become less "self-centered" and become more "God-centered" for the sake of others.

Stewardship of Treasure - Thank you for your generosity

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|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| Christmas | \$52,646 | \$51,000 | \$1,646 |
| December 26 | \$24,845 | \$15,000 | \$9,845 |
| End of Year Receipts | \$25,755 | \$25,000 | \$755 |
| YTD (7/1/21—12/31/21) | \$975,696 | \$895,000 | \$80,696 |

(*) For the latest offertory update, please contact **Melinda Drury**, <u>mdrury@sainttherese.net</u>

Offertory Budget for the year is \$1,800,000 2,981 Registered Families as of 12/31/2021

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December 26, 2021 = 1,309

Saturday 5:00pm N/A

Sunday 8:00am **225** Sunday 10:00am **425** Sunday 12:00pm **303**

Sunday 2:30pm **203**

Sunday 5:30pm **153**

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Please take notice of two addressed envelopes to St. Therese in your bi-monthly envelope package.

For those unable to attend Mass in person, these can be used to mail in your contributions directly to St. Therese.

Thank you for your support of our church.



Tax Letters 2021

We will be mailing out acknowledgement letters by January 31, 2022 to all parishioners that made donations of any amount between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021.

If you do not receive a letter for any reason by February 7, 2022, requests can be sent by email to

Mike Kilburn, Operations Assistant, or by calling the Parish Office at 704-664-3992.

Please include your name, address, phone number, email address and Family ID.

If you have any questions about your giving statement, please contact:

Mike Kilburn, mkilburn@sainttherese.net

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When we make our gift of treasure (could also be your *time and talent* as well), we join with our brothers and sisters in Christ to do the Lord's work—works of love and service that no one individual can do alone.

May our words and actions be a response to God's great love.

Evangelization & Communication

Connect with others through prayer, fellowship and faith sharing!

The Evangelization and Communication Commission is in the planning stages of forming new parish-wide Small Groups at St. Therese and we need your help!

In Small Groups, 8-10 parishioners gather for fellowship that encourages growth in relationship with Christ and each other through faith sharing.

We're looking for a team of individuals to help set up and implement this new Small Group program.

If you are interested in helping with this exciting project, please contact **Gail Benson**, <u>ECC@sainttherese.net</u>, 704-619-2663.

Community

RETROUIVALLE Marriage Help

Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too.

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Catholic Charities Elder Ministry:

Free Seminar: Caregiving from the Heart Thursday, February 10 at 2:00pm (Webinar)

Join us to explore ways that we can support caregivers and learn about resources available for the care recipient and caregiver.

In-Person option also available:

- February 9 (Hickory) St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Hickory)
- February 23 (Lenoir) St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
- February 23 (Morganton) St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

For more information or to register, contact:

Sandra Breakfield, Program Director Elder Ministry, 704-370-3220, sabreakfield@charlottediocese.org

Lenten Sacred Art Retreat: Pottery, Pysanky, and Prayer March 18-19, 2022 (Catholic Conference Center - Hickory)

Add something unique to your Lent! Attend a one-night sacred art retreat where you will make your own kiln-fired prayer bowl with personalized prayer stones. Learn the ancient craft of making *pysanky* eggs, and embrace the tradition of praying for the person who will receive your creation as a gift. Spend some time in prayer in the beautiful indoor and outdoor spaces at the center. Attendance is limited so register early.

For more details, contact: 828-327-7441, info@catholicconferrence.org

or visit catholicconference.org/art-retreat



Ministerio Latino

sainttherese.net/ministerio-latino

Olga Ferber, Coordinadora Latina, 704-664-3992 ext. 2114, oferber@sainttherese.net HORAS DE OFICINA PARA LA COMMUNIDAD LATINA:

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Martes, 8 de febrero, 10:00am en el Salón Multiuso

Niños y niñas de 9 a 14 años de edad están invitados a participar en este torneo gratuito organizado por los Caballeros de Colón. Se ofrecerá refrigerio y bebidas. Para más información, visita:

sainttherese.net/events/free-throw-championship

DÍA DE REFLEXIÓN PARA MUJERES (EN INGLÉS)

Sábado, 26 de febrero, 9:00am-3:30pm en el Salón Familiar. Incluve almuerzo.

El Padre Marcos dará unas palabras de bienvenida y el Padre Bernard hará la presentación en inglés. Todas las damas están invitadas.

Se requiere una donación de \$5 para guardar su campo. Por favor registrarse en línea en: sainttherese.net/womens-day-of-reflection

CONVIVIO DE BIENVENIDA A LOS RECIÉN LLEGADOS

Domingo, 27 de febrero, 11:00am en el Salón Familiar

Se invita a toda la comunidad a formar parte del convivio de bienvenida para nuevos feligreses de Santa Teresita. Se ofrecerá un refrigerio ligero y no es necesario anotarse con anticipación.

DONACIONES DE COMIDA

Ver la página 7 para una lista completa de alimentos tales como **vegetales y frutas enlatadas, avena, atún, y sopa enlatada, etc.** para apoyar a niños necesitados en nuestro circuito escolar. Por favor dejar sus donaciones en los carritos que se encuentran ubicados a la entrada de la iglesia.

DONACIONES PARA LA COMUNIDAD

Los Ministerios Comunitarios solicitan artículos de higiene personal tales como jabón de manos, champú, acondicionador, pasta y cepillos de dientes, hilo dental, desodorante, jabón de ropa, alcohol en gel, pañales y toallas de bebé, toallas sanitarias, multivitaminas, Tylenol. Asímismo, se acepta café molido, cubiertos plásticos (cuchillos, tenedores y cucharas) vasos de cartón, bolsas con cierre plástico (tipo Ziploc) de 1/4 de galón y de 1 galón. Las donaciones deben ser traídas el 12 y 13 de febrero. Con su apoyo, ayudaremos a varias organizaciones locales por medio de este Acto de Caridad que es parte de la celebración del 50 Aniversario de nuestra Diócesis de Charlotte.

Lecturas para la próxima semana: 6 de febrero, 2022

V Domingo en Tiempo Ordinario—Ciclo C

| l Lectura | Salmo Responsorial | II Lectura | Evangelio |
|--|--|--|--|
| Isaías 6:1-2a,3-8 | Salmo 138:1-5,7-8 | 1 Corintios 15:1-11 | Lucas 5:1-11 |
| Isaías describe su visión y la llamada del Señor. | Un canto de agradecimiento a Dios que nos salva. | Pablo recuerda a los corintios el evangelio que les anunció. | Los pescadores (Simón, Santiago y Juan) dejan sus barcas de pesca y siguen a Jesús. |

Mission Statement:

The parish of St. Therese, rooted in Ignatian Spirituality, strives to **Love God, Follow Jesus and Serve All** by doing ordinary things with great love.



Welcome to St. Therese Catholic Church! Thank you for being here with us!

The parishioners of St. Therese welcome our visitors. Please introduce yourselves to your neighbors. Your presence is very important to us, as is your support.

¡Bienvenidos a la Iglesia Católica de Santa Teresita! ¡Gracias por estar aquí con nosotros!

Los feligreses de Santa Teresita dan la bienvenida a nuestros visitantes. Su presencia es muy importante para nosotros, así como lo es su apoyo.



Registration

Every household is invited to register. Forms are available in the Parish Office or on our website. According to Diocesan policy, parish registration is required for Faith Formation, all Sacraments, ministries, and school vouchers.

MOVING? Please notify the Parish Office!

Communion of the Sick

Please notify the Parish Office if you want communion brought to the home, hospital or nursing home. Hospitals **do not** notify the church that you are there except at your direct request.

Anointing of the Sick

Please notify the Parish Office of those who are homebound or in hospitals, or nursing homes, especially when seriously ill.

Marriage

According to Diocesan policy, registered couples must begin marriage preparation at least **SIX MONTHS** prior to the desired wedding date. For more information, please contact Fr. Mark Lawlor, Pastor.

Registro Parroquial

Invitamos a todas las familias a registrarse. Formulario disponible en la Oficina Parroquial o en nuestra página web. Según la política diocesana, el registro parroquial es necesario para la formación de la fe, todos los sacramentos, ministerios y vales escolares. ¿Se va a mudar?

Por favor notificar la Oficina Parroquial.

Comunión de los enfermos

Por favor notificar a la Oficina Parroquial si usted desea la comunión llevada a casa, hospital, o asilo de ancianos. Los hospitales <u>NO</u> le notifican a la iglesia que usted está allí, excepto a su petición.

Unción de los enfermos

Por favor notificar a la Oficina Parroquial acerca de las personas confinadas en casa, en hospitales, o asilos de ancianos, especialmente cuando se encuentran seriamente enfermos

Matrimonios

Según la política diocesana, las parejas registradas deben comenzar la preparación del matrimonio por lo menos seis meses antes de la fecha deseada de la boda. Para más información, contacte al Padre Marcos Lawlor, Párroco.

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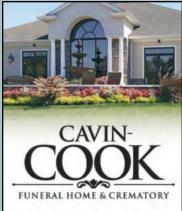




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