



St. Thérèse of Lisieux



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.

Parish Office:
704-664-3992

Hours: 9:00am–2:00pm

Monday–Friday

office@sainttherese.net

Faith Formation:
704-664-7762

Hours: 10:00am–3:00pm

Monday–Friday and during

Faith Formation hours

Little Way Preschool
980-444-2305

Hours: 7:30am–3:30pm

Monday–Friday

Third Sunday of Advent

December 12 | 2021

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:
January 7

[facebook.com/StThereseCatholicChurchMooresville](https://www.facebook.com/StThereseCatholicChurchMooresville) [youtube.com/c/StThereseCatholicChurchMooresvilleNC](https://www.youtube.com/c/StThereseCatholicChurchMooresvilleNC)

Please note: ALL Masses will take place at St. Therese.
NO offsite celebration this year.

CHRISTMAS

MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve (Friday, December 24)

2:00pm, 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm and 10:00pm

Christmas Day (Saturday, December 25)

10:00am (English) and 12:00pm (Spanish)

No 5:00pm Vigil Mass on December 25

Sunday, December 26 = Regular Mass schedule



Parish Offices will be closed from December 22 through December 27, and December 31.



THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT AND THE CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS:

We are now in the final days of Advent. Hopefully, this has been for us a time of preparation with joyful anticipation. The liturgical season of Christmas begins with the first Mass on Christmas Eve. In the

Catholic Church, Christmas is not simply a day, but a season. The Christmas season will continue through the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord which will be on Sunday, January 9th. I encourage our Faithful to maintain your Christmas spirit throughout the season. On Christmas, we remember how the light came to the earth. The Divine and Eternal Son of God was born in time. He came to reconcile sinful humanity to the Father. He came to recover what had been lost through sin and rebellion. He is our Savior, the promised Messiah.

It is my hope that the joy of Christmas will help to transform the darkness of this world and bring a spiritual renewal to the sorrowful, the grieving, the ill and the poor. It is my hope that many will rediscover their Faith and that they will return as active members of the Church.

Let us all pray for peace in the coming year.

The following is from a Christmas homily of Pope Francis:

«The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them, light has shined.»

(Is 9:1)

«An angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds and the glory of the Lord shone around them.»

(Lk 2:9)

This is how the liturgy of this holy Christmas night presents to us the birth of the Savior: as the light which pierces and dispels the deepest darkness. The presence of the Lord in the midst of his people cancels the sorrow of defeat and the misery of slavery, and ushers in joy and happiness.

We too, in this blessed night, have come to the house of God. We have passed through the darkness which envelops the earth, guided by the flame of faith which illuminates our steps, and enlivened by the hope of finding the "great light"

[...] Through the course of history, the light that shatters the darkness reveals to us that God is Father and that his patient fidelity is stronger than darkness and corruption. This is the message of Christmas night.

**To our parishioners, guests, and visitors:
Merry Christmas!**

Fr. Mark



NEW OFFICE HOURS—2022

Starting Monday, January 3, 2022,
our NEW Parish Office hours will be as follows:

Monday to Friday: 8:00am-12:00pm and 12:30pm-4:30pm
(Closed for lunch from 12 Noon-12:30pm)

Saturday: 9:00am – 6:30pm and **Sunday:** 7:30am-5:00pm

Spanish speaking staff available:

Monday-Thursday 10:00am-2:00pm and Sunday 1:00pm-5:00pm

FORMED:

El Fin de Adviento y la celebración de la Navidad: Ahora estamos en los últimos días de Adviento. Esperemos que esto haya sido para nosotros un tiempo de preparación con anticipación alegre. La temporada litúrgica de la Navidad comienza con la primera misa en Nochebuena. El tiempo litúrgico de la Navidad comienza con la primera misa de Nochebuena. En la Iglesia Católica, la Navidad no es solo un día, pero es una temporada. El tiempo de Navidad continuará a través de la fiesta del Bautismo del Señor, que será el domingo 9 de enero. Les animo a que mantengan su espíritu navideño durante toda la temporada. En Navidad, recordamos cómo la luz vino a la tierra. El Divino y Eterno Hijo de Dios nació en el tiempo. Él vino a reconciliar a la humanidad pecadora con el Padre. Él vino a recuperar lo que se había perdido por el pecado y la rebelión. Él es nuestro Salvador, el Mesías prometido.

Tengo la esperanza de que la alegría de la Navidad ayudará a transformar las tinieblas de este mundo y traerá renovación espiritual a los tristes, los afligidos, los enfermos y los pobres. Es mi esperanza que muchos redescubran su fe y regresen como miembros activos de la Iglesia.

Oremos todos por la paz en el próximo año.

El siguiente es de la homilía de Navidad del Papa Francisco:

«El pueblo que caminaba en tinieblas vio una luz grande; habitaban tierras de sombras y una luz les brilló.» (Is 9,1)

«Un ángel del Señor se les presentó [a los pastores]: la gloria del Señor los envolvió de claridad.» (Lc 2,9)

De este modo, la liturgia de la santa noche de Navidad nos presenta el nacimiento del Salvador como luz que irrumpe y disipa la más densa oscuridad. La presencia del Señor en medio de su pueblo libera del peso de la derrota y de la tristeza de la esclavitud, e instaura el gozo y la alegría.

También nosotros, en esta noche bendita, hemos venido a la casa de Dios atravesando las tinieblas que envuelven la tierra, guiados por la llama de la fe que ilumina nuestros pasos y animados por la esperanza de encontrar la «luz grande». Abriendo nuestro corazón, tenemos también nosotros la posibilidad de contemplar el milagro de ese niño-sol que, viniendo de lo alto, ilumina el horizonte.

[...] A lo largo del camino de la historia, la luz que disipa la oscuridad nos revela que Dios es Padre y que su paciente fidelidad es más fuerte que las tinieblas y que la corrupción. En esto consiste el anuncio de la noche de Navidad."

**A todos nuestros feligreses
y personas que nos visitan,
¡Feliz Navidad!**

Padre Marcos



NUEVAS HORAS DE OFICINA—2022

A partir del lunes, 3 de enero, 2022,
nuestra NUEVAS horas de Oficina Parroquial serán:

Lunes a Viernes: 8:00am-12:00pm y 12:30pm-4:30pm
(Cerrado a la hora de almuerzo, de 12 medio día a 12:30pm)

Sábado: 9:00am – 6:30pm y **Domingo:** 7:30am-5:00pm

Atención al público en español:

Lunes a Jueves de 10:00am a 2:00pm y Domingo de 1:00pm a 5:00pm

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 18

5:00pm Jim Lancake † Lancake Family
Theresa Welner † John & Terry Schaefer

Sunday, December 19

8:00am Merrill Callen † Family
William Bobrowski † Family
10:00am Bob Beuley † Callen Family
Chuck Beuley † Bill & Pat Hannagan
12:00pm Parishioners of St. Therese ♥
2:30pm Judith Herrera † Johanna Herrera
Berna Arce ♥ Johanna Herrera
5:30pm Annie Mae Tate † Philip Brown

Monday, December 20

9:00am Evelyn Feris † Georgina Reynolds
Juan Santa Cruz † Patricia Melchor

Tuesday, December 21

9:00am Lugarda Santa Cruz † Patricia Melchor
Barbara Boyce (Healing) ♥ Hedy & Jerry Doyle

Wednesday, December 22

9:00am Jean Scarito † Family
Eliazar Melchor (Sp. Int) ♥ Patricia Melchor

Thursday, December 23

9:00am Evelyn Feris † Georgina Reynolds
Merrill Callen † Family

Friday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

9:00am William Haggerty ♥ Anonymous
2:00pm Allison Woodhatch ♥ Anonymous
4:00pm Priess Family ♥ Anonymous
6:00pm Ciplej-Carroll Families † Kathy Carroll
8:00pm Charles & Veronica Wessmiller † Family
10:00pm Laut Family ♥ Anonymous

Saturday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

10:00am Ennis Family ♥ Anonymous
12:00pm Justin & Kourtney Piraino & Fam ♥ Anonymous
Souls in Purgatory and Conversion of Sinners

Sunday, December 26

8:00am Joseph Piraino ♥ Anonymous
10:00am Rita Clark † Matt & Colleen Fea
Ray TKachuk † Family
12:00pm Parishioners of St. Therese ♥
2:30pm Adela Lopez Martinez † Mauricio Peña
Maria Itzia Peña Lopez † Mauricio Peña
Berna Arce ♥
5:30pm Van Buren & Rojas López Families ♥ Family

If you would like to request a Mass intention,
please visit the Parish Office during office hours.
See Page 2 for new Office Hours starting
Monday, January 3, 2022.



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, Amanda B., Ramon B., Cheryl Booth, Jonathan Cantrell, Trevor Conklin, Gerardo Cruz, Agustin Cuenca, Tams D., William Dragon, Rebecca E., Joseph Faci, Joanna Ferreira, Logan Fogg, Darril Fosty, Jeff Hope, Lucia Ison, Gwen Kane, Girish Kohli, Christopher L., Nicole L., Jessica Lawrik, Devyn M., 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, John Rocco, Christine Rosenberg, Abigail S., Mary Sue S., Bryan Scharding, Matthew Smith, Tiffany Stewart, Bruce Van Buren, Carolyn Van Buren, Dein VanSickle, , Jack W., Bob Wessmiller, Johnnie Ziats.

Those who are Homebound:

Doyle & Faye Atkins, Gregory Breeckner, Sister Margarita Brewer, 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, Joan Waltman, Diane Whitley.

Cadence Living: Eileen Bunnell, Rose Caleagno, Kevin Clancy, Peggy Katich, Rosalee Kereztesi, Jackie Moran, Eleanor Pearson, Judy Richardson, Carolyn Scruggs.

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 (formerly Atrium Lake Norman):

Nancy Brown, Yolanda Cortez, Marty & Yvonne Donnelly, Antoinette Foppiano, Frannie Greco, Helen Holmes, Jean Loeshen, Frances Mattasits, Joyce Schank, Stefanya Wackowski.

The Citadel: Eileen Gubelman, Mike Hogan, Audrey Kufhta.

The Pines: Dolly O'Brien.

Williams Place: Lorna Josefchuk, Marie Salerno.

Praying for our Military



PLEASE NOTE: The list of Prayers for the Military
will be refreshed at the end of this year
and begin anew in January 2022.

Submit names and branch of service for this section at:
sainttherese.net/prayer-requests

Air Force: Nicholas Mazzone

Army: Don Geyer, Nathan-Erick Nance, Capt. Justus T. Neumann

Coast Guard: Daniel Harris

Marines: Ethan Hungarter, John McCue, Patrick McMurray,

Jesse-Elijah Nance, Joseph Priore, III, Kody Richard-Garrison

Navy: Gabriel Cotter, Katherine Durham, Michael Durham,

Ben Foster, Mary Hesler Foster, Tim MacCarrick

Veterans: Alex Baker, Kelly Baker, Pasquale Ison

May Christmas be an opportunity for all of us to rediscover the family as a cradle of life and faith, a place of acceptance and love, dialogue, forgiveness, fraternal solidarity and shared joy, a source of peace for all humanity.

Pope Francis



Que la Navidad sea una oportunidad para que todos redescubramos la familia como cuna de vida y de fe, lugar de acogida y de amor, de diálogo, de perdón, de solidaridad fraterna y de gozo compartido, una fuente de paz para toda la humanidad.

Papa Francisco

PASTORAL CARE: Stephen Ministry

Congratulations to our 7 newly commissioned Stephen Ministers!

We are so proud of the work that they have put in as well as the diversity they bring to this ministry. After 50 hours of training, they are prepared to walk with those who are facing challenging times.

Our Stephen Ministry has trained ministers prepared in all aspects of lay Christian counseling. If you feel you would benefit from confidential, one-on-one care and support, please reach out to either **Rosemary Hyman**, rhyman@sainttherese.net or **Mollie Anderson**, manderson@sainttherese.net

For more information about our Stephen ministry, please visit: sainttherese.net/stephen-ministry

Stephen Ministry Commissioning November 17, 2021

Photo courtesy of parishioner, Dan Callaghan
View Photo gallery at: sainttherese.net/st-therese-photo-galleries



Readings for next weekend: December 26, 2021

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph — Cycle C

Reading I	Responsorial Psalm	Reading II	Gospel
1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28	Psalm 84:2-3,5-6,9-10	1 John 3:1-2,21-24	Luke 2:41-52
Hannah dedicates her son, Samuel, to the Lord.	Those who dwell in the Lord's house are happy.	We are God's children now.	The boy Jesus is found in the Temple.

Source: Loyola Press

75th Anniversary: Clothes Donation

7,500 pounds of clothes were donated to the Mooresville Christian Mission as part of our 75th Anniversary Celebrations.

The delivery took place last month, courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Rao, from New Jersey, who generously refused to take any payment for the clothes. Because of this gesture, the 75th Anniversary Celebration Team came up with the idea of the "Mission Clothesline" by which St. Therese Parishioners raised funds for the Christian Mission as a way of reaching out to help the less fortunate in our community.



Parish Life

**Come out and play the fastest growing sport in the US!
Pickleball returns to St. Therese in January!**



Thursdays from 1:00pm to 4:00pm in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Parish Life Center.

Games will be played every Thursday starting January 13 through the end of March.

We will have three courts to host open pickle ball doubles games. If you are experienced or this is your first time, come out and play. Nets, paddles and balls will be provided. This is a great way to enjoy some fellowship with friends and meet some new friends!

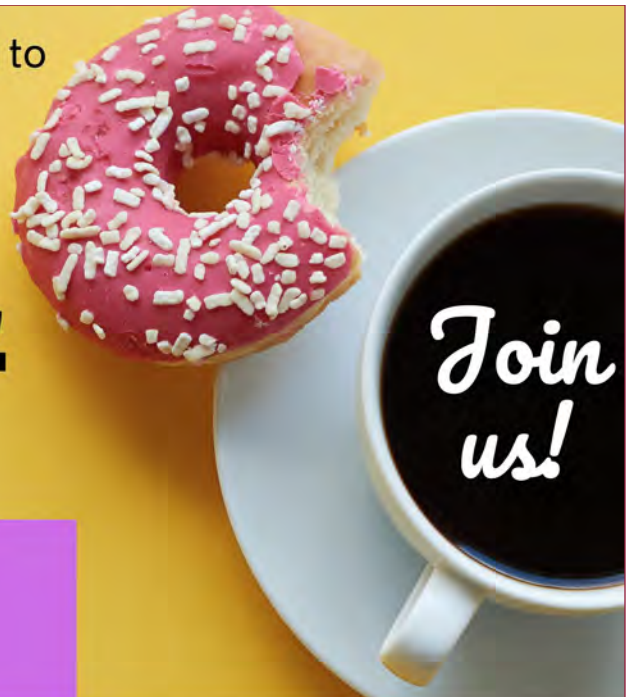
If you have any questions send them to: robiningols@gmail.com

The Men of St. Therese (M.O.S.T.) invite you to enjoy Fellowship and Community!

SUNDAY
**COFFEE &
DONUTS**

Sunday, December 19, 2021

After 8:00am and 10:00am Masses
Family Room



Contact: Jerry Doyle, gdoyle5564@aol.com or Bob Wessmiller, robertwessmiller@yahoo.com



ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

Our ESL classes for the Fall semester will end on Tuesday, December 21 and will start again for the Spring semester on Tuesday, January 4.

Class schedules:

- **Tuesday mornings:** 10:00am to 11:30am (Room 202/203)
- **Tuesday evenings:** 6:00pm to 7:00pm (Room 110)

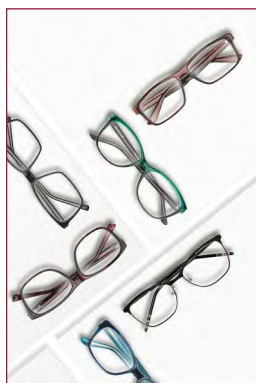
Students may register in person or online at: sainttherese.net/esl

For more information about the program, contact:

Chantale Murray, chantalemurray@yahoo.com.



USED EYEGLASSES, HEARING AIDS, AND CELL PHONES WANTED!



Prayerful Servants Christian Life Community are collecting **used eyeglasses, hearing aids, and cell phones**. They will be cleaned, repaired, and sorted so that they may be given to people in need, in Africa. Collection boxes are permanently located in the St. Ignatius Day Chapel Narthex, outside the Faith Formation Office and in the Church Narthex.

All eyeglasses—prescription sunglasses, readers, and especially children's—are needed and accepted until December 20. Please, do not include the cases. Thank you very much for your generosity!

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
December 21.**

This is our Christmas packing!

Items needed are:

- Pancake Mix
- Syrup
- Canned fruit
- Canned vegetables
- Canned hams
- Ore-Ida® packaged potatoes
- Fresh Oranges (Cuties or regular)
- Snacks (e.g. Little Debbie's®)

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

Advent by Candlelight

A special thank you to our 22 gracious hostesses for *Advent by Candlelight*, sponsored by *Catholic Moms Connect*. This special evening of reflection was held on December 2 and attended by 180 women. Father Mark opened the evening in prayer, and was followed by two guest speakers, Father Peter Devereux, LC and Carmen SanJuan. A wonderful time was had by all in the beautifully transformed Multi-Purpose Room that was lit by candlelight.

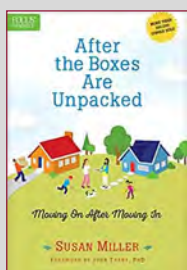
Photos courtesy of parishioner, Carol Massey.

View Photo gallery at: sainttherese.net/st-therese-photo-galleries



JUST MOVED: Newcomers' 10-session class

New to the area? Still feeling new? Please join us!



Beginning Wednesday, February 2, we will offer to all women a 10-week Just Moved – Newcomers' class which will provide encouragement for women going through the transition and adjustment of moving.

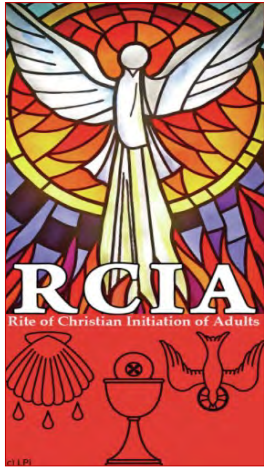
Based on the book *After the Boxes are Unpacked*, this is an opportunity to meet others, exchange insights, and find the courage to put down roots all over again.

Sessions will meet from 10:00am to noon. Book: \$10. Interested, contact:

Sophia McNiff, 704-519-8178, sophiamcniff@gmail.com

Tracy deRoos, 704-663-3575, tracyderoos@gmail.com

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.)
Sessions resume every Thursday (7:00pm)
on January 6



Those who are interested in learning about the teachings of the Catholic Church, with the possibility of celebrating sacraments, are invited to attend our sessions on Thursday evenings, in the church.

For those unable to join in person, the session is also available LIVE through the parish website:
sainttherese.net/mass-livestream

Recorded sessions are also available in our parish YouTube Channel:

youtube.com/c/StThereseCatholicChurchMooresvilleNC

Please invite anyone you know who may be interested in the Catholic Church. All are welcome! Please note: RCIA sessions will be in recess on 12/23 & 12/30.

Contact: Fr. Mark Lawlor, mlawlor@sainttherese.net

Learn more: sainttherese.net/rcia

Little Way Preschool

Registration for the 2022-23 School Year
Little Way Preschool registration for the 2022-23 school year
starts in January:

- January 1-15 – Currently enrolled students and siblings
- January 16-30 – Registered parishioners
- January 31 – Remaining spots open to the public

For more information, please contact the Little Way Preschool Director:
Dayna Auten, 980-444-2305, dauten@sainttherese.net

Job Opening

Little Way Preschool is Seeking a Lead Teacher for Pre-K

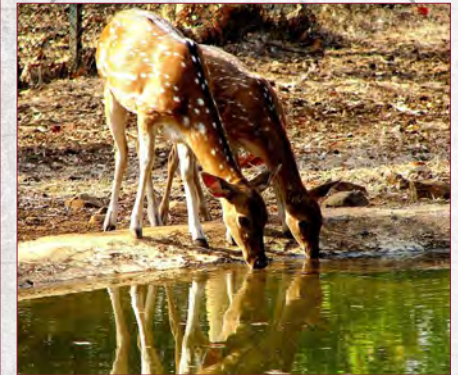
This part-time paid position works 27 hours per week and reports to Little Way Preschool Director.

Hours are 8:30am to 1:30pm plus two hours per week planning. Includes paid Holy Days, holidays, vacation and sick time.

For qualifications and more information, please visit:

sainttherese.net/st-therese-is-hiring

Ignatian Corner



*As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.
My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.*

Psalm 42:2-4

What are you longing for?
What is your heart trying to tell you?
The gift God offers is the invitation to
explore your inner longings.

The Church, through our Advent
customs, and even the weather of the
season itself support such inner work.
During this week, give yourself time
and space to contemplate what you
are truly longing for in life. Know that
this is the season when your longings
will lead you to the Christ Child, in
whom the hopes and fears of all the
years are known and responded to
with generous love.

As individuals and as a community,
we are longing for the presence of
God. World events shatter our
complacency; family difficulties shake
our resolve. How can we say God is
present when so much seems to be
unstable?

Yet, He is!

We chose to turn from Him
and lose our way.

**This Advent, find your way
back home to the loving
embrace of your Father.**

Stewardship... a way of life



"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy." (LUKE 1:44)

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself.

What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Or, do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.

Stewardship of Treasure - Thank you for your generosity

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE OFFERTORY RECEIVED AT MASSES, BY MAIL, AND ONLINE THROUGH November 21, 2021

Collection Date	Actual	Budget	Over/ (Under)
November 7	\$26,439	\$20,000	\$6,439
November 14	\$27,784	\$20,000	\$7,784
November 21	\$23,017	\$20,000	\$3,017
YTD (7/1/21—11/21/21)	\$637,433	\$620,000	(\$17,433)

Offertory Budget for the year is \$1,800,000
2,972 Registered Families as of 11/30/2021
Thank You for Your Generosity!

Total Mass Attendance

November 21, 2021 = 1,860

Saturday
5:00pm
309

Sunday
8:00am
303

Sunday
10:00am
480

Sunday
12:00pm
317

Sunday
2:30pm
204

Sunday
5:30pm
247



2021 Diocesan Support Appeal
as of December 6:

Amount Paid: \$235,720.74
Amount Pledged: \$6,265.75
Goal: \$202,525 | Donors: 580

Our diocesan ministries touch
the lives of thousands of
Catholics each year.

If you have not yet made a gift to
the Diocesan Support Appeal
(DSA) to support these ministries,
you make checks payable to DSA,
or text "DSA" to 704-389-2096.

You may also give online at:
charlottediocese.org/dsa
or scan the QR code below:



Weekly Offertory and Online Giving

Your contributions help to keep the mission of St. Therese thriving during these times. Our parish is dependent upon your weekly financial gifts to continue its ministries in this critical time of crisis.

If you are able to continue to support the needs of your church please consider transitioning to online giving using this link:

sainttherese.net/online-contributions

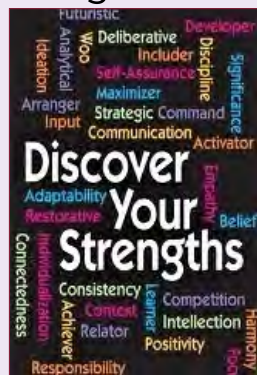
or mail your weekly offertory donations to the parish at:

St. Therese Catholic Church · 217 Brawley School Road, Mooresville, NC, 28117.

Help us to continue to **Love God, Follow Jesus and Serve All** through your generosity of treasure.



Living Your Strengths Workshop



Saturdays, January 22 and January 29, 2022
(9:00am-11:00am in the Family Room)
Register by Saturday, January 8.

You are uniquely created by God and endowed with gifts that are yours alone. Discover your innate talents, and start using them for service, praise and growth.

Many Catholics feel disconnected from the church and as a result, don't participate or attend Mass as much as they would like.

Unfortunately, because too many people don't get to use their God-given talents in the church, they don't feel like part of their faith community.

But when they learn to harness the power of their gifts, they can become more engaged and involved in their parishes.

Embrace Who God Created You to Be!

Living Your Strengths shows you how to identify and affirm your unique talents and how to use them for growth, service and spiritual enrichment.

A *Living Your Strengths* workshop is scheduled for Saturdays, January 22 and 29, 2022. These two-hour sessions will be held in the Family Room from 9:00am to 11:00am each day.

A donation of \$20 is collected to cover the cost of the *Living Your Strengths* book. Please register no later than January 8, 2022.

Registration is required in advance. Each participant needs to have the book at least 2 weeks in advance in order to take the Clifton Strengths Assessment, which is required prior to the workshop.

Interested participants may register online at:

sainttherese.net/living-your-strengths-series

Contact: Jack Hastings, jack.hastings0359@gmail.com

2021 End of Year Gift Appeal



As 2021 comes to a close, let us reflect on the stewardship theme of "God First." This theme has reminded us of the call to live as disciples of Jesus Christ. Putting "God First" changes our way of thinking and being: from an inward focus to an outward focus. With God's life within us, our life becomes a gift to be given away. The three tenants of "God First" involve Prayer, Service and Giving. We have focused on the importance of prayer and having a conversation with God, service by sharing our strengths, talents and skills within the parish and the community, and giving of our wealth, be it our money or our possessions.

The Christmas season is filled with the spirit of giving. How can we increase our giving?

- Consider a year end gift to St. Therese. Our parish uses your monetary gifts to support our mission to Love God, Follow Jesus and Serve All.
- Make a resolution to increase your weekly offertory amount. This increase will support our mission, ministries and services in which others will benefit.

In the end your reward will be great. *"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy."*
Mt. 25: 23

Community News

OPLATKI – BLESSED CHRISTMAS WAFERS – OPLATEK Proceeds will benefit our parish

The Eastern European Christmas Eve Tradition of sharing the *Oplatek* or Christmas Wafer at your Christmas Eve *Wigilia*, *Villis*, *Kucios*, or dinner can be rekindled. Traditionally, breaking and sharing the Christmas wafer with family and friends is accompanied with best wishes and expression of forgiveness, helping us to bring joy and happiness to our hearts and homes. **Orders for the wafers will be taken until December 21.** The cost is \$1.00 per wafer or buy a sealed packet of 4 white wafers for \$5.00. To place your order, please contact:

Mary Ellen Kawalec, 704-818-7111, melkawalec@yahoo.com

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Olga Ferber, Coordinadora Latina, 704-664-3992 ext. 2114, oferber@sainttherese.net

HORAS DE OFICINA PARA LA COMUNIDAD LATINA:

Lunes a Jueves: 10:00am-2:00pm y Domingos: 1:00pm-5:00pm



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NOTA: El boletín del pasado 12 de diciembre tenía un error en los días de la semana de Nochebuena (viernes) y Navidad (sábado). A continuación está el horario correcto:

Misas de Nochebuena y Navidad 2021



Nochebuena
VIERNES, 24 de diciembre
Todas las Misas en inglés
2:00pm 4:00pm
6:00pm 8:00pm 10:00pm

Navidad
SÁBADO, 25 de diciembre
10:00am Misa en inglés
12:00pm Misa en español

- Todas las Misas serán celebradas en Santa Teresita.
- Las Misas del domingo, 26 de diciembre, se celebrarán en el horario habitual.
- La Oficina Parroquial estará cerrada del 22 al 27 de diciembre, y el 29 de diciembre debido a las fiestas navideñas.

Lecturas para la próxima semana: 26 de diciembre, 2021

La Sagrada Familia—Ciclo C

I Lectura	Salmo Responsorial	II Lectura	Evangelio
1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28	Salmo 84,2-3,5-6,9-10	1 Juan 3,1-2,21-24	Lucas 2:41-52
Ana dedica al Señor a su hijo Samuel.	Los que habitan en la casa del Señor son felices.	Ahora somos hijos de Dios.	El niño Jesús se encuentra en el Templo.

Fuente: Loyola Press

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!

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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 a 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 **NO** 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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