

St. Theresa Catholic Church

21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, Virginia 20147



October 31, 2021

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Mon, Nov 1	6:15— Miles Family 8:30— Lam Do+ 7:30— Mrs. Stephen Kraychy+
Tues, Nov 2	6:15— All Souls Novena 8:30— Joseph Michael Begley+
Wed, Nov 3	6:15— All Souls 8:30— All Souls Novena 12:15— Mrs. Lam Do+
Thurs, Nov 4	6:15— All Souls Novena 8:30— Pacita Pacis
Fri, Nov 5	6:15— Norbert Miles 8:30— All Souls Novena 7:30— Deceased Legionaries+
Sat, Nov 6	8:30— All Souls Novena 5:30— Earl & Amanda Wong
Sun, Nov 7	7:30— Matthew Miles 8:45— Christopher Miles 10:30— Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary+ 12:30— All Souls Novena 5:00— Jack Flannagan+

Parish Mass Schedule

Saturday:	8:30am, 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday:	7:30, 8:45am & 10:30am 12:30 & 5:00pm
Weekdays:	6:15 and 8:30am, Monday through Friday Wednesdays: 12:15pm
Holy Days:	As announced
Holy Hour:	Wednesdays, 7pm
Confessions:	Saturdays, 4:00-4:45 pm; during Holy Hour; and by appointment

Clergy

Reverend James C. Hudgins, Pastor
Reverend Paul Dudzinski, Parochial Vicar
Reverend Nicholas R. Barnes, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Paul C. Konold
Deacon Anthony J. Renzette
Deacon Matthew K. Noah

Prayers For The Sick: Ann Hannah, Thomas Poerstel, Daniel John Begley, Scott Spitnale, Danny Schmude, Jess Williamson, Doug Schmude, Matthew Albert Skubie, Barbara Orandello, Jeff Peters, Leah Monteiro, Marcela Garcia, CJ Buechner, Nancye Pochick, Quinn Gorman, Michael Robertson, Nickalus Shalin, Celeste Hall, Donna Caulfield, Ethan Falciani, Mary Ann Lyons, Rosario Acot, Keith Waltower, Ben Thede, Eugene Prosack, Lynn Petrarra, John Spriggs, George Morelos, Carol Logue, MaryEllen Back, Apryl Binder, Carole Davidson, Cheryl Grieve, Rita Giunta, Maria Giunta, Danny Bessette.

Prayers For Our Military: Eric Frames, Bill Freschi, Paul Schierling, Marshall Kellner, Colin Freyne, Eric Ciliberti, John Kesterson, Matthew Kesterson, Alexa Katharine Koenig, Mark Short, Jonathan Bayly, Russell Escalante, Eric Reilly, John Conrad, Fr. James Hinkle, Andrew Gillespie, Stephen Gilliland, David Seliquni, Joseph Auler, Adam Parkinson, Jake Shelton, Patrick G. Fitzgerald, Sean Spurr, Jack Hayes, David and Katherine Bergeron, Christopher Martin, Thomas Gleason, Tony Mattice, Greg Lee, David Lakey, Jim Murray, Keith Bittle, Michael McCurdy, Steven Digangi, Michael J. Pruden.

The Mass in Slow Motion, Continued... The Agnus Dei

Let's continue looking closely at the Mass, as we have in past weeks. Last time, we looked at the Sign of Peace. This week, we look at the prayer we say just after the Sign of Peace—the Agnus Dei, or Lamb of God. *“Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us...”* What does this prayer mean, and why do we say it?

The Agnus Dei dates from the 7th century, when Pope St. Sergius I introduced it into the Mass. It was a beloved prayer he had prayed in his local church, since his childhood. The words of the Agnus Dei recall two images. The first comes from the prophet Isaiah, “Innocent, he never opened his mouth, like a lamb led to the slaughter” (Is 53:7). The second comes from the book of Revelation, “The wedding feast of the lamb has begun, and his bride is prepared to welcome him” (Rev 19:7). The celebration of the Mass, remember, is the offering of Christ himself on the cross, and the reception of the Eucharist is our spousal oneness (or Communion) with him. Do you see how this prayer helps us remember who Christ is for his people, especially at the moment of Communion? Christ is the groom who gives his life for his bride—the most perfect and complete love imaginable. This simple prayer reminds us that the Eucharist is both the sacrifice of Christ himself, and the communion with God that's possible as a consequence. The priest reminds the people of the greatness of this moment when he uses the words of St. John the Baptist when he pointed out Christ for the first time, “Behold, the lamb of God” (Jn 1:29).

You may have noticed that while the Agnus Dei is recited, the priest literally breaks the host in half, and places a small fraction of the host into the chalice. This action symbolizes two things. First, it recalls the moment Jesus broke bread at the Last Supper. Even though the bread was broken, the Eucharist he gave was an indivisible unity. Similarly, even though hundreds of different hosts are given to the faithful at Communion, the Eucharist is still one. There is only one Eucharist (Christ himself), and only one altar of sacrifice, namely the cross. The priest then places a small piece of the broken host into the chalice, symbolizing that what was once separated—Jesus' body from his blood, on the cross—is now forever united, because Jesus rose from the dead. The body and blood of Christ are united, and indivisible forever. (This is a point I will emphasize more completely in upcoming bulletin columns.)

Furthermore, as the Agnus Dei is prayed, the priest offers a series of prayers in silence. These prayers are his own personal preparation to receive the Eucharist. These prayers date from the 10th century, and although I could describe these prayers here, I will pass over them for the sake of brevity. Suffice it to say that the priest knows he is not worthy to receive the Eucharist, and even leads the people in saying this aloud, using the words of the centurion from the Gospels, “Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof.” (Mt 8:8). We too should be aware of our unworthiness to receive the Eucharist, and we should be in a state of grace before doing so. Remember what St. Paul said to the Corinthians,

Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord. A person should examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body, eats and drinks judgment on himself (1 Cor 11:27-29).

These words may be sobering, but their importance cannot be overemphasized. Get to confession before receiving the Eucharist if you've committed a serious sin!

God bless you, and St. Theresa, pray for us!



Fr. Hudgins

Bulletin Deadline: Friday 2pm (9 days prior to publication)

Adult Education and Spiritual Enrichment

Men's Bible Study

The new year of the Men's Bible Study begins on Tuesday, Nov 2. @ 7:30pm. Study sessions will be held in the St. Louis Room in the parish office building. All men of the parish (18+) are welcome to join. No previous experience is necessary — only a desire to read and discuss Scripture with other

men. For additional details please see the parish website or contact Deacon Renzette, deacon@renzette.org.

Women's Discipleship Group

Meets every Wednesday morning from 10:30-11:30am on Zoom for Lectio Divina. Our focus is the scriptural readings for the upcoming Sunday

celebration of the Mass.

Parish women of all ages are cordially invited to explore a spiritual relationship with Jesus through the practice of Lectio Divina and spiritual readings.

For more information, contact Flo Rid-dock at 719.671.5610 or friddoc@gmail.com.

Youth Education and News



ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com

Upcoming Youth Group Events:

November:

Sunday, the 7th – Upper Room Squad High School Youth Group, 6-7:45pm

Saturday, the 20th – Rock Squad–Middle School Youth Group led by High Schoolers. 2-3:45pm

Sunday, the 28th– Parish Food Transport & Sort after 8:45am & 5pm Masses (about an hour)

Monday, the 29th– Complete the Food Sort, 7pm Louis Martin Room, (about 1.5 hours)

Tuesday, the 30th– Load Donated Food for transport to Food Pantry, 6:30-7pm

Adult Volunteers Needed - Youth Ministry is looking for sincere, motivated, and willing adults who would like to help out with our Parish youth. We have all sorts of roles and we know we can find a great fit for anyone willing to answer the call to work with our Youth. Saint JPII instructed our youth, "young people, do not be afraid to be holy!". We would love for you to join us as we walk alongside the amazing young people of our Parish family. All volunteers need to be compliant - having a background clearance check and having completed a mandatory Child Protection Course

(Virtus – Protecting God’s Children). Please contact Paul Dwyer for details at ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com.



Office Hours:

Mon–Thurs. 9am-4pm; Fri. 9am-noon

Adults Plan Ahead to Volunteer

Want to volunteer at the many St. Theresa’s children based programs/ events? We encourage and welcome your involvement however it requires that all volunteers be compliant. For details contact Connie Gilligan, Parish Child Protection Coordinator, at connie@sainttheresaparish.com or call 703.729.3714.

Learn more about our wonderful Parish school and how Catholic education can make a difference in your child’s life! Please join us for our **Open House on Sunday, November 14**, to see the St. Theresa Catholic School difference! Presentation at 2:00pm followed by tours. For information on our admissions process,



visit our website, www.stsashburn.com (click “Admissions”) or email Admissions Director Denise Rotell, rotelld@stsashburn.com. *We hope to see you November 14!*

STCS Parents, see the **Thursday Thunder Newsletter** for information on important dates and events like these:

- Monday, November 1:**
All Saints Day
- November 7-14:**
Vocations Awareness Week activities
- Thursday, November 11:**
Half-day; Parent-Teacher conferences; Veteran’s Day activities;
PTO Movie Night
- Friday, November 12:**
No school;
Parent-Teacher conferences

- Sunday, November 14:**
STCS Open House;
Discover Catholic Schools Week

Shopping early for the holidays?

Don’t forget to use Amazon Smile (search for “**St (no period) Theresa Parish School**”), and link your Harris Teeter card with our school’s code, 5887. *Thank you for supporting STCS!*

STCS is accepting applications for Substitute Teachers and Extended Day Care staff. To apply, please send your resume, cover letter, and references to HR@sainttheresaparish.com.

News from the Diocese

St. John’s Prep Open House

You are invited to attend an open house at Saint John’s Catholic Prep located in historic Buckeystown, MD on Sunday, November 7th from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM. The open house is a wonderful way for prospective students and their families to experience the school’s community, meet stu-

dents, faculty, and staff and learn more about a faith-based, college prep education. There will be tours of the campus as well as information about financial assistance. Saint John’s is a Catholic, coeducational, college preparatory high school located at 3989 Buckeystown Pike in Buckeystown, Maryland. Prospective families can

register at <https://www.saintjohnsprep.org/admissions/visit>

For more information about admissions or the open house, please call the school at 301.662.4210 or e-mail mjames@saintjohnsprep.org.

News from our Parish

In-House Basketball League

St. Theresa's in-house basketball league for children in Kindergarten thru 3rd grade is open for registration for the 2020/21 season. The league is open to St. Theresa Parishioners and St. Theresa school students. Registration will close on 14 November (or sooner if the league reaches capacity). See the Parish website under Activities/In-house Basketball for details. Contact Rusty Byrne via e-mail at stsk3basketball@gmail.com if any questions.

Is Mary Calling You to Her Legion?

We are busy visiting, helping, and praying with parishioners and neighbors, but we need more helping hands! Three Legion of Mary groups meet at different times. Come to a meeting—check the website for days and time, or call Christine Wilson: 571.274.6923.

We're Hiring

St. Theresa Catholic School is accepting applications for Substitute Teachers and Extended Day Care staff. To apply, please send your resume, cover letter, and references to HR@sainttheresaparish.com.

Music Ministry Updates

The St. Theresa Parish Choir (currently for the 10:30am Sunday Mass) is open to new and returning members. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays

at 7pm in the choir loft. An auditioned Schola Cantorum is also open to those who read music and have some vocal training or experience such as high school or college choir. The schola will focus on more advanced music, but combine with the Parish Choir.

The Little Flower Children's Choir, for children in grades 3 and up, rehearses on Saturdays at 4pm in the Parish Hall (St. Louis Martin room).

For more information, contact Anne Miller, choir director, or Matt Ho, music director, at music@sainttheresaparish.com.

Young at Heart Club

Men and Women (55 and over) Wednesday, Nov 17th – Thanksgiving Meal and Social. We meet in the admin building after attending 12:15 Mass. Everyone brings a dish to share. If you do not want to bring an item, you can pay \$5.00 to help cover the cost of the ham and turkey. Entertainment by St. Theresa School Students out in the courtyard. RSVP by Sunday Nov. 14th by emailing Grace Breighner at gracejb18@aol.com or call 703.729,7044. New people are Always welcome to join us!!

The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call for women to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of our parish priests. It

is a "holy wasting" or "lavishing of prayer" for their deeper conformity to Christ. Each woman commits to a Holy Hour on a distinct day of the week, thus covering a complete week. The Holy Hour is ideally prayed in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, either in an Adoration Chapel or in front of a Tabernacle. We are seeking groups of women to offer a weekly Holy Hour for a specific priest.

Fasting Brothers: Each man will prayerfully discern the unique type of fasting he will offer and commits to fast a designated day of the week (excepting Sunday). We are seeking groups of men to offer various forms of fasting to augment the prayer efforts of our Seven Sisters group.

We ask for a one-year commitment, which can begin at any time, and is renewable each May. If you are interested in committing to this apostolate, or simply wish to learn more, please contact Kelly Rush at Kelly4VT@gmail.com, or visit <https://sevensistersapostolate.org>.



Pro-Life Corner

Memorial for the Unborn

What do all of the crosses outside the Church mean? There are 300 crosses, and each cross represents 7.9 abortions each day in the USA. That is 862,320 abortions in 1 year.

We pray for an end to abortion. We pray for the women who are struggling with the emotional and physical pain after an abortion. We hope they can embrace Jesus's loving mercy. Project Rachel can help you heal spiritually after an abortion: hopeafterabortion.com

We also pray for women in crisis pregnancies. May we and those around them provide them with the love and support they so desperately need. The

Gabriel Project can help women in crisis pregnancies with emotional, spiritual, material, and financial support: helpforpregnantwomen.org



The Gabriel Project at St Theresa Church has been working with Birthright, one of our local Pregnancy Resource Centers, to provide ongoing support to our Gabriel Project Moms. We are so thankful for the working relationship we have with this Pregnancy Resource Center and hope that you will join us in helping to support them through our "Gabriel Project Virtual Baby Shower".

Virtual Baby Shower Honoring Birthright of Loudoun, One of our Local Pregnancy Resource Centers!

Starting October 16 – October 31
Go to [Smile.Amazon.com](https://Smile.amazon.com) / Search "Baby Registry"
Enter the Registry Name:
Birthright of Loudoun County Fund-raiser

Please include "St Theresa Catholic Church" in the Gift Message Box!

Gifts go directly to the Pregnancy Resource Center!

Questions? Contact Marianne Mazzatenta at sttheresagp@outlook.com

Current Vacant Adoration Slots

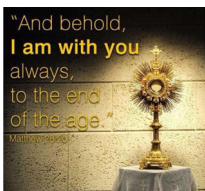
Critical Need

No Adorer	Saturday	2:30am
Scheduled	Sunday	4:30am

Urgent Need

No Adorer for	Saturday	11:30pm
First Half Hour	Tuesday	2:30am

	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
One Adorer already for these time slots but need one more Adorer.	12:00am	12:00am	12:00am	1:00am	12:30am	12:30am	12:30am
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If you can sign up for one of these available slots, it would be greatly appreciated.	4:00am	4:00am	4:00am	6:00am	4:30am	7:30am	5:00am
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Knights of Columbus

Pancake Breakfast:

A big Thank you to our parishioners for the donations collected at the October 17 Pancake Breakfast. These donations will support persecuted Christians in the Middle East. Our next Pancake Breakfast will be November 14 and proceeds will go to the Military Archdiocese.

Food Drive: Thanks to our parishioners, volunteers, and especially the youth group for donating food, sorting items, and transferring them to the Catholic Charities Loudoun Food Pantry in Sterling (address: 113 Executive Dr. Bldg. #2, Suite 110 Sterling, VA 20166). Your kindness and dedication have made this ongoing program successful. Food collection results for the month of October can be seen on the Knights of Columbus web page and will be posted in next week's bulletin. The final collection of the year will take place on the weekend of Novem-

ber 27-28. Please pick up a blue bag on November 20-21 and bring it back the following week. Thanks for your support!

Council Business Meeting: The next business meeting will be on Monday, November 8 in the Zellie Room at 7:30pm. We will pray the Rosary at 7pm in the Church.

Exemplification for new brothers will be held on Monday November 15, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Theresa's. All parishioners are invited.

Are you a parishioner in need of a home repair? If you need help in completing a small home repair that you cannot complete yourself or that may cause you financial hardship, we are here to help! Please submit your request to the to the following email address: jwilliamsinnott@gmail.com. Please include a brief description of what is needed and a contact number for us to reach you.

Call for Handyman Crew Volunteers:

Are you available to volunteer as a handyman for those in need? The volunteers of the St. Louis Martin Council of the Knights of Columbus are available to complete small home repairs for the benefit of those in need who are physically incapable of performing the work, or for whom the hiring of a professional is cost prohibitive. Typical projects include Plumbing, Electrical, Carpentry, and Painting. As a volunteer, you will have the opportunity to work alongside brother knights in support of a worthy cause. What do you get in return? A smile and a thank you from the people you helped. Learn more here: <https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/handyman-services>.

Interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus? Find our Frequently Asked Questions: <https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/faqs>.

Wanting to hear Fr. Hudgins' homilies?

You can find all of Fr. Hudgins homilies recorded on Fatherhudgins.com

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Fax: 703.729.8068

All offices located at 21370 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, VA

Sacraments

Sponsor Certificates

Please contact the Parish Office to obtain a sponsor certificate prior to a Baptism or Confirmation.

Baptisms

Parents desiring Baptism for their child must attend a class, preferably before the child's birth. The classes are held the first Thursday of each month at 7:30pm in the Louis Martin Conference Room in the Administration Bldg. After you attend the class, you may schedule your child for the Sacrament of Baptism (Sundays 1:30pm). Date is confirmed once all paperwork is received in the office. Forms can be found on the Parish website under Faith, Sacraments, Baptism.

Matrimony

The priest must be contacted at least six (6) months prior to the wedding date.

Visit the Parish Website under Faith, Sacraments, Marriage and fill out the Marriage Preparation Questionnaire prior to contacting the Parish Office. A priest will contact you.

RCIA

Adults desiring instruction in the Catholic Faith should visit the website to register for RCIA classes.

Hospitalized/Homebound

Please contact the Parish Office to ask for Holy Communion or the Anointing of the Sick.



Learn more, visit
www.sainttheresaparish.com

Festival of Trees Dec 4th & 5th

We still need a few more trees! Interested in donating a pre-lit decorated themed tree (Or wreath or basket) to help raise money for the needy during this fun event, contact Marianne at 703.729.2334 or dmoutreach@sainttheresaparish.com

Office Pantry Items

We are in need of items to help families with emergencies. Hearty canned soups and stews, spaghetti sauce, oatmeal, nuts, protein and granola bars (items homeless folks can eat in the car), Also needed laundry soap and dishwasher soap and shampoo and women's hygiene products.

Backpack Buddy Donations needed

Backpack Buddies is currently serving 6 schools. 35 family size meal bags are given per week. We are in need of 35 of each of the following items. Each week it's changed. **Can you consider donating a bag filled with these items or donating several of the same items?** Your help in feeding these families would be greatly appreciated.

Bag 1

- box of pancake mix, •a can of fruit,
- two cans of tuna or two boxes of Mac and cheese, •crackers, •a box of dry pasta, •jar of sauce, •can of veg,
- some other dinner items (box of rice mix, large can of chicken).

or Bag 2

- a large box of cereal, small/regular sized jar of pb and jelly, •graham crackers, •3 large cans soup, •beans,
- white rice, •canned corn •diced tomatoes, •a box of mashed potatoes with another big can of chicken •a can of peas

Items can be dropped off in the Backpack Buddies box at church or at the parish office. Questions? Contact Beth at bd@renzette.org Please drop them off in the Daily bread box near the outreach boxes at church. Thank you!

Monetary Donations Your donations make a difference in the lives of struggling families! They are individuals and families due to domestic violence, disabilities, layoffs, medical issues and unforeseen circumstances that need help in moving forward.

Donations accepted online, or by mail or drop off to the parish office. Please indicate DMO in the memo of the check or on the envelope. To donate online go to the parish website <http://www.sainttheresaparish.com>

and click on "Donate" tab to make a monetary donation online! Thank you for helping us to bring Christ's love to others by helping them in their time of need.

The Visitation Ministry—

Homebound or want to volunteer to visit the homebound? We have wonderful parishioners who would love to call and visit you by phone if you are not comfortable with a home visit at this time! If you need help with an errand or would like someone to pray with you, let us know. We are also looking to add to our list of volunteers to make visits. Please contact Claudia Lewis at 703.431.8670 or email her at clewis825@gmail.com.

Looking for ways help? Consider signing up to receive our Outreach email to get up to date information on needs and volunteer opportunities. You will learn about what we do and how you can become more involved in touching the lives of families who are struggling. Contact Marianne Guidos 703.729.2334 or dmoutreach@sainttheresaparish.com

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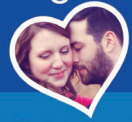
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