

St. Theresa Catholic Church

21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, Virginia 20147



November 21, 2021 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Masses for the Week

Mon, Nov 22	6:15— Cris Giaona+ 8:30— David Manzer
Tues, Nov 23	6:15— Anthony Santoni+ 8:30— Conrado Ramos
Wed, Nov 24	6:15— Bernard Ballard+ 8:30— Gregory Lee Taylor+ 12:15— Antonio Ang+
Thurs, Nov 25	6:15— Patrick & Jackie Larzing 8:30— Joseph, Carlo & Laura Maresca+
Fri, Nov 26	6:15— Religious Ed Students 8:30— Michael Manzer
Sat, Nov 27	8:30— Leonard J. & Mary C. Stevens+ 5:30— Thea Garrity+
Sun, Nov 28	7:30— Stephen Miles 8:45— Chelsea Reeves 10:30— St. Theresa Parishioners 12:30— Volunteers of the Leesburg Catholic Charities Office 5:00— Frank Kegel+

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: Mark Naftzger, Ann Hannah, Thomas Poerstel, Daniel John Begley, Scott Spitnale, Danny Schmude, Jess Williamson, Doug Schmude, Matthew Albert Skubie, Barbara Orandello, Jeff Peters, 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 Pet-rara, 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 Seliquini, 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.

A Word About Cremation

A few years ago, Pope Francis directed the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith to reiterate our consistent teaching about cremation, while clarifying certain questions that have arisen in recent years. Specifically, cremation of the deceased is permitted in the Catholic Church, but Pope Francis stressed the need to emphasize these three principles:

1. Cremated remains, must be laid to rest in a sacred place, that is, in a cemetery or, in certain cases, in a church or an area, which has been set aside for this purpose, and so dedicated by the competent ecclesial authority.
2. The conservation of the ashes of the deceased in a domestic residence is not permitted.
3. It is not permitted to scatter the ashes of the faithful departed in the air, on land, at sea, or in some other way, nor may they be preserved in mementos, pieces of jewelry or other objects.

Cremated remains should be treated with the same respect and reverence as bodily remains. For indeed, cremated remains are in fact what does remain of the body. While many people refer to them merely as “ashes,” they are remains of a human body and should be treated as such.

Why should cremated remains be interred? Simply stated, no human being is ever a private possession. Both in life and in death, they remain a member of the human community. To keep cremated ashes in one’s home is to deny this reality, almost as if the deceased has become a private memento. Furthermore, a healthy grieving process involves acknowledging the full reality of the loss of death. Placing the deceased’s remains into a mausoleum or cemetery is an enormous help in accepting the reality of death and moving on, in God’s providence. In a sense, the greatest loss occurs when ashes are scattered with no gravesite whatsoever. A specific grave, with a name and dates of birth and death, is a tremendous help to the grieving process of the living.

This is true not only for the family of the deceased, but for all of us. Try to imagine a world without cemeteries, in which no one interred the deceased. What an incalculable loss to all of us that would be! Cemeteries remind us all of the importance of life, by reminding us of the reality of death. Without speaking a single word, each tombstone teaches the world the deepest wisdom of all—tempus fugit. Time flies. The days of our lives are incalculably precious.

If you are planning a funeral, please remember the importance of interring the deceased. It’s not only the “Catholic” thing to do, it’s the right thing to do.

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



Fr. Hudgins

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

Upcoming Early Bulletin Deadlines

December 19th bulletin submissions due by 12pm Tuesday December 7

December 26th bulletin submissions due by 12pm Monday December 13

January 2, 2022 bulletin submissions due by 12pm Monday December 20

Wanting to hear Fr. Hudgins’ homilies?

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

How to Register to be a Parishioner of St. Theresa Catholic Church

In the sacramental life of the Church, Catholic faithful will need to prove residency in a parish. Registration with the parish office allows us to track your sacramental data and keep you connected with the life of the church.

In order to register, come to the parish office Monday – Friday 9:30am – 3:30pm to fill out a registration card. Yellow registration cards can also be obtained at all of the Church entrances – these can be mailed to the parish or given to an usher during a church liturgy.

Youth Education and News



ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com

Upcoming Youth Group Events:

November:

Sunday, the 21st– Upper Room Squad
– High School Youth Group, 6-7:45pm

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

December:

Sunday, the 5th– Upper Room Squad
– High School Youth Group, 6-7:45pm

Sunday, the 12th– Upper Room Squad
– High School Youth Group, 6-7:45pm

Sunday, the 19th– Upper Room Squad
– High School Youth Group, 6-7:45pm

Adult Volunteers Needed - Youth
Ministry is looking for sincere, moti-
vated, and willing adults who would
like to help out with our Parish youth.
Saint JP II 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 - hav-
ing a background clearance check and
having completed a mandatory Child

Protection Course (Virtus – Protecting
God's Children). Contact Paul Dwyer,
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.



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



Saint Theresa Catholic School

these:

•**Wednesday, November 24 – Tues-
day, November 30:**

Thanksgiving Break

•**Wednesday, December 1 –**

Book Fair begins, thru Dec. 8

•**Thursday, December 2 –**

High School Placement Test,
8th Grade

•**Friday, December 3 –**

Early dismissal, 1:30pm

•**Wednesday, December 8 –**

Mass all classes for Feast of
the Immaculate Conception.

**Thank you to all who visited our
Open House last Sunday, we were
so happy to welcome you to our
parish school!** If you would like infor-
mation on admissions for the 2022-23
school year, please visit our website,
www.stsashburn.com (click

'Admissions'), or contact Admis-
sions Director Denise Rotell,
rotelld@stsashburn.com.

Shop for the holidays and support

STCS! When you shop on Amazon,
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period after 'St'). At Harris Teeter, link
your VIC card to STCS with code
#5887 at the customer service desk or
online. Thank you for your support!

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



Adult Education and Spiritual Enrichment

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 relation-
ship 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.

News from our Parish

Advent Calendar and Candle Sale!

Prepare for the coming of Christ with your family, and support our teens going to Diocesan WorkCamp, by participating in our Advent Calendar and Candle Sale! The Youth Ministry office will be selling boxed sets of Advent candles as well as chocolate and paper Advent calendars after all Masses **this weekend**. Thank you for your support!

Festival of Trees Dec 4th & 5th

Tickets will be sold after the masses this weekend. Receive extra FREE tickets at the presale. Tickets can also be purchased online until Dec 1st to be eligible for free pre-sale tickets. See the parish website for more details. Tickets will be sold at the event as well. We have 38 beautifully decorated theme 4 foot trees that will be raffled as well as wreaths and baskets. We hope to see you there!

Pro-Life Green Sale Next Weekend

The Respect Life Committee will be selling Christmas wreaths and greens in support of A Woman's Choice next weekend only. Decorate your home and doors with beautiful and fragrant large wreaths and sprays. Advent candles and candle holders will also be available. A Woman's Choice is a non-profit pro-life organization that provides many services to women concerning their pregnancy, e.g. information on abortion, adoption and pregnancy; providing infant through toddler clothing/supplies; counseling for women of past abortions. They now have 2 locations in Falls Church and Herndon. So, beautify your home and at the same time support one of

the Church's most important ministries. Checks and cash only please.

Advent Retreat

Knights of Columbus St. Louis Martin Council would like to invite you to an Advent retreat we are organizing to be held in the main church at St. Theresa Parish, in Ashburn, Virginia, on Saturday, December 4, 2021. The retreat will run from 8:30-11:45 (approximate), starting with the regularly scheduled 8:30 Mass, followed by a light breakfast, two talks given by members of our clergy, with a quiet reflection time between the talks. We hope to see you there!

Interested in learning about the Legion of Mary?

Three Legion of Mary groups meet at different times. Check the website for information, or be our guest at any Legion meeting held on Wednesday, 7:15pm; Friday 10am, or Saturday 9:15am.

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.

Book Fair Save the Date!

Parishioners, please stop by the **St. Theresa Catholic School Book Fair** during the parish Festival of Trees on **Sunday, December 5**, in the School Library after all Masses. This is a great way to do some Christmas shopping and support the St. Theresa

School Library! Please note that masks are required for entry. We hope to see you there!



Thank You!

Dear parishioners of St. Theresa's, Birthright of Loudoun County would like to extend a most heartfelt thanks for the Virtual Baby Shower fundraiser you participated in during the month of October. A special thanks to Marianne Mazzatenta, who worked to put this together and run it, for the benefit of Gabriel Project and Birthright.

We were blessed and overwhelmed with an abundance of baby items, as well as maternity clothes, due to your generous support! We cannot thank you enough for helping us to serve the Moms and their families who God brings to us.

May God continue to bless each and every one of you!

Elaine Marshall, Executive Director
Birthright of Loudoun County

Shop for the Holidays & Support St. Theresa Catholic School!

When you shop on Amazon, please use Amazon Smile -- they'll donate a portion of your purchase to STCS. Go to www.amazon.com and choose "St. Theresa Parish School" from the list of charitable organizations. **Note: no period after "St"**

Link your Harris Teeter VIC card in-store with St. Theresa School using code # 5887.

We are grateful for your support!

News from the Diocese

Encourage: Help for the parents of children experiencing sexual identity confusion

The Diocese of Arlington is starting a support group for the parents of children aged 22 and younger who are reporting gender dysphoria or have embraced a "trans" or "non-binary" identity. The group is part of the Encourage apostolate. Facilitated by psychologist Dr. Frank Moncher and Fr. Stephen Schultz, the group will meet in person monthly.

Please email encourage@arlingtondiocese.org or call 571.732.1011 to speak with Fr. Schultz and get information about the meetings.

2021 Novena with Bishop Burbidge for Couples Struggling with Infertility, Miscarriage and Infant Loss

You are invited to join Bishop Burbidge in a Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe offered for the intentions of

couples struggling with infertility, miscarriage or early infant loss.

The novena begins on **December 4th and concludes on December 12**, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Bishop Burbidge will also be offering a Mass for this intention in his private chapel.

To submit your intentions and to find the novena prayers, visit OurFruitfulLove.com

Current Vacant Adoration Slots

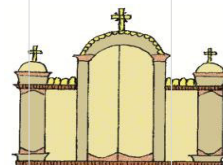
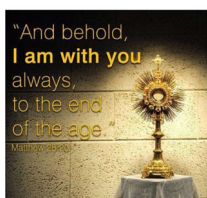
Critical Need

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
	1:00am	1:00am	1:00am	2:00am	1:30am	1:30am	1:30am
	2:00am	2:00am	2:00am	3:00am	2:30am	2:30am	2:30am
	3:00am	3:00am	3:00am	5:00am	3:30am	3:30am	3:30am
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
To sign up, go to:	7:00am	5:00am	5:30am	8:30am	7:30am	3:30pm	8:00am
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sainttheresa.letusadore.com	9:30am	7:30am	11:30am	11:30am	10:00pm	11:30pm	2:30pm
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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Knights of Columbus

Advent Retreat: The Knights of Columbus would like to invite the entire St. Theresa Parish community to an Advent Retreat, on Saturday morning, December 4, 2021. The retreat will begin in the Church with the regularly scheduled 8:30 am Mass, followed by a light breakfast, and two Advent-related talks by our clergy in the Church, with some quiet prayer time. We expect the retreat to end at about 11:45. This should be a great way to get your Advent spiritual preparation off to a good start. Hope to see you there!

Food Drive: St. Theresa's parishioners donated 4,041 lbs. of food in October. Thank you for your generosity and kindness. Your actions and the volunteers from the Knights of Columbus and Youth Group make this program successful. The final collection of the year will take place the weekend of November 27-28. Please pick up a blue donation bag this weekend (November 20-21) and bring it back the following week. If you miss picking up a blue bag, grocery bags and cash donations are also accepted. Thanks for your support!

Sweats for Vets program 2021: Please consider purchasing and donating a set (or two, or more) of sweat suits that will be donated to veterans

at the Veterans Administration hospital in Martinsburg, WV. There will be collection boxes in the Narthex and in the admin building. Also, Sweats for Vets is again on the "Light up someone's Christmas" program this year as a donation item, so you can donate that way as well. All donated sweats will be collected and delivered to VFW post 1177 in Leesburg, and then on Monday December 26, we will have the "Wrap and Pack" event at the VFW Post to wrap/box up the sweats for distribution to the veterans. On Saturday January 22, we will transport the boxed sets of sweats to the VA Medical Center in Martinsburg.

Monetary donations are also welcomed. In a typical year there are optional patient/resident programs and outings that all our veterans might need assistance affording (horse-back riding OR a fishing day trip OR to take in a local play OR a bus ride to a unique historic location OR going apple picking). The donations we bring forth can make a world of difference for these fine men and women.

The last few years our Worthy District Deputy Cole Slattery and I have attended these events, including delivery to the hospital. This is a great event to show the Veterans that people still care about them. Any questions about this program or comments, please contact Joe Potak, PGK (ajpotak@yahoo.com)

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! Projects can involve carpentry plumbing, electrical, painting, and/or the installation of a new appliance. Please submit your request on our website at: <https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/handy-man-services>.

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/handy-man-services>.

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

Parish Offices

Secretary: Christine Young, 703.729.2287
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Youth Activities: Paul Dwyer, 703.729.0426
Secretary: Connie Gilligan, 703.729.3714
Secretary: Myriam Perez, 703.729.3714
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Fax: 703.729.9036

School Offices

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Email: schooloffice@stsashburn.com
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

Light Up Someone's Christmas

Gifts are due by Nov 22nd. If you forgot to bring your gifts this weekend, please drop off them to the parish office on Monday. Thanks to all who participated to help those in need. God bless you!

Festival of Trees Dec 4th & 5th

Tickets will be sold after the masses this weekend. Receive extra FREE tickets at the presale. Tickets can also be purchased online until Dec 1st to be eligible for free pre-sale tickets. See the parish website for more details. Tickets will be sold at the event as well. We hope to see you there!

Furniture Ministry—accepting kitchen tables & chairs, smaller dressers and metal bed frames. Please contact our furniture coordinator, Una Giachinta at 571.217.7551 or furniture@sainttheresaparish.com if you want to help or if you have these items to donate.

Monetary Donations

Your donations make a difference in the lives of struggling families! There

are struggling 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.

Volunteers for the Bed Ministry—volunteers with trucks or Large SUVs needed especially! It's rewarding to assist families in need. Consider taking a short time out of your day to bring some light into another's life. We need extra helpers to bring new beds to families moving out of the shelters and other families and children in need. Interested in helping contact Bea Craig at 571.439.0364 or beds@sainttheresaparish.com

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.

Friends in Need

Provides meals on a short term basis for those families or individuals in the parish who are unable to cook for themselves due to illness or a medical situation in the immediate family, arrival of a new baby...Contact Emily Wilsey at emwilsey@aol.com or 703.585.5435 to volunteer to make meals or if you or a loved one are in need of help with meals.

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

Please do not leave clothing at church. We are not accepting clothing donations.

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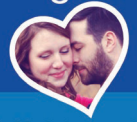
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