

St. Theresa Catholic Church

21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, Virginia 20147

November 19, 2023

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Masses for the Week

Mon, Nov 20	6:15— Jerome & Lou Miles+ 8:30— Lahn Nguyen & All Souls+ 12:15— Alfred Premkumar
Tues, Nov 21	6:15— Carla Ashton+ 8:30— Anh Wong
Wed, Nov 22	6:15— Chuck Burton+ 8:30— Kha Le & All Souls+ 12:15— Frank & Margaret Tesoriere+
Thurs, Nov 23	6:15— NGO Um Rose 8:30— Sherry Alex
Fri, Nov 24	6:15— Chuck Burton+ 8:30— Joseph Price+
Sat, Nov 25	8:30— The Nelson Family 5:30— Michael F. Cunningham+
Sun, Nov 26	7:30— St. Theresa Parishioners 8:45— Mark Woziwodzki+ 10:30— Earlene Gallegos+ 12:30— Eva & Mark Tellis 5:00— Gail Zapp+

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 12:15pm, Mondays (except Federal Holidays) and Wednesdays
Holy Days:	As announced
Holy Hour:	Wednesdays, 7pm
Confessions:	Wednesdays, 9am (until line ends); Holy Hour, 7pm (until line ends); Saturdays, 4pm (until line ends); and by appointment

Clergy

Reverend James C. Hudgins, Pastor
Reverend Paul Dudzinski, Parochial Vicar
Reverend Christopher T. Vaccaro, Parochial Vicar
Reverend John F. O'Farrell, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Paul C. Konold
Deacon Anthony J. Renzette
Deacon Matthew K. Noah

Prayers For The Sick: Stephen Stahl, Steve Smith, Philip Carrescia, Erik Pollock, Michael Williamson, Brenda Fitzpatrick, Jack LaFave, Barney Smith, Rick & Kathleen Mikszan, Ron Crick, Jeffrey Miller, Raymond Humanik, Kelly Hargreaves, Ellen Russow, Patricia Fuechslin, Prance Heinjarean, Nellie Gonzalez, Bernadette Valdez, Emma Ciaravino, Keelan Griffen, Evan Sweeney, Helen Atallah, Daniel Ramirez, Cynthia Ramirez, Haley Morris, Anabelle Huster, Russell Ramons, Martha Mason, John Forbes, Ruth Carradini, Mark Naftzger, Thomas Poerstel, Daniel John Begley, Scott Spitnale.

Prayers For Our Military: Tom Short, Bill Short, Sergio Mendez, Geoffrey Galasso, Logan Anna Davis, Stephen Holdorf, Jr. Daniel W. Beverly, Michael Cinnamon, Matthew Schierling, Eric Frames, Bill Freschi, Paul Schierling, Marshall Kellner, Colin Freyne, Eric Ciliberti, John Kesterson, Matthew Kesterson, Alexa Katharine Koenig, 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.

An Act of Mercy for Your Family

November is the month traditionally dedicated to the prayerful memory of the deceased. It's an act of mercy to pray for the souls of those who have gone before us, but there's another act of mercy that needs your attention: planning your own funeral and burial arrangements. It's not a pleasant task, but the better you prepare, the less your loved ones will need to worry in an already painful time. I plan to write a few articles here in the bulletin to help you do this.

The first thing to consider is whether you wish to be buried or cremated. At one time, the Church did not permit cremation. This was largely because enemies of the Church sometimes imposed cremation upon all the faithful, including the scattering of ashes. This was done to ridicule the Church's belief in the resurrection, or as a way of trying to obliterate the memory of a martyr for the faith. More recently, the Church has permitted cremation, simply because the former reasons for objecting to it no longer apply. However, please note the Church's preference is still for burial with a casket.

But whether by cremation or casket, the deceased is to be buried — they must not be placed in the home, or scattered on land or at sea. Whenever possible, Catholics should be buried in the consecrated ground of a Catholic cemetery, but if a Catholic cemetery is not available, other cemeteries may be chosen. Furthermore, this does not have to be in a grave. Interment in a columbarium or mausoleum is perfectly respectful and proper. Lastly, when choosing a grave marker or headstone, be sure to mark it prominently with a sign of your faith, such as with an etching of a cross or crucifix.

Another item you should clarify is your wish for a funeral Mass, in Church. I have known many devoted souls whose children did not give their parents the gift of a funeral Mass, and so I ask you, please state this wish in writing, among your official documents. There may be times that a funeral Mass might not be chosen, such as a deep wound in the family which might be torn open in the context of Church, but I doubt this applies to most of you. Nonetheless, even if a funeral Mass is not chosen, a memorial Mass should be celebrated as soon as possible. There's no prayer more powerful than Mass, and once we're gone, we need all the prayer we can get!

Lastly, we remember to show our love for the deceased through our prayer. Please tell your loved ones that you want Mass offered for you in the years after your departure from this life. Ideal dates for these Masses include your birthday, your anniversary date, or any other date you might find meaningful. Please understand, it's not always possible to get a specific date for a Mass intention, and what matters most is that the prayer of the Mass is offered, regardless of the date. If you'd like Mass offered after you have passed, it's a good idea to make this wish known in writing. We will continue this same topic, next week.

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



Fr. Hudgins

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

Current Critical Adoration Needs

Critical Need

Saturday

3:00am



Note: The Adoration Schedule online system allows users to cancel commitments from time-to-time to allow for vacation, sickness, or other possibilities that may prevent attendance. In those instances, substitute adorers will provide one-time coverage.

Sign up for one of our open Adoration Time slots – it will change your life, your family's life, and the life of our St. Theresa Parish!

Visit the Parish website to access the Saint Theresa Parish Adoration Scheduler, or use this short web address:

OR www.tinyurl.com/weadore

Please visit the website to signup, or email letusadore@sainttheresaparish.com, or text to 703.608.4278 or 703.728.0168, or come by the parish office.

“What will convert America and save the world? My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in holy hours of prayer.”– St. Mother Theresa Won't you consider signing up for one hour a week to sit with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament in our Perpetual Adoration Chapel? To sign up, go to: <http://sainttheresa.letusadore.com>

As a committed adorer, if you are unable to attend due to planned travel or vacation, just let us know and we will find someone to come in and fill in your hour that week. Please consider spending one hour with the Lord. It will be the best time you will spend on earth.



Youth Education and News



ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com

November

Sunday, the 19th-Upper Room Squad, 6-7:45pm

Sunday, the 26th-Parish Food Drive (after 8:45am Mass & 5pm Mass)

Monday, the 27th-Food Sort by Expirations Dates, 7-8:30pm

Tuesday, the 28th-Load food for transport, 6:15-7pm

December

Saturday, December 2nd-CYO Basketball Games begin

Sunday, the 3rd-Upper Room Squad, 6-7:45pm

Sunday, the 10th-Upper Room Squad, 6-7:45pm

Sunday, the 17th-Upper Room Squad, 6-7:45pm

Mount2000 - A Retreat for High School Students led by Seminarians

MOUNT2000 is a yearly retreat hosted by Mount Saint Mary's Seminary for 1000+ high school teens. Offers youth an environment to encounter Jesus who is ALIVE and ACTIVE in our day with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, engaging speakers, spirit filled musicians, and breakout sessions led by the seminarians are offered. Held at Mount St. Mary's University Friday, February 2nd to Sunday, February 4, 2024. We depart early Friday afternoon and return Sunday afternoon. Please go to this link for more details

and to grab a spot:

<https://tinyurl.com/STCCMount2000>

Email Paul Dwyer at ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com with any questions.



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 families, we can't wait to see you this week! Please mark your calendars for the following events, and watch for details in the **Thursday Thunder** email newsletter:



Monday, November 20—
All-school Virtues assembly

Tuesday, November 21—
Early dismissal;
Thanksgiving break begins

Tuesday, November 28—
Students return

Wednesday, November 29—
Book Fair opens

Thursday, November 30—
HSPT, early dismissal
(8th grade only)

St. Theresa Catholic School's 2023 Thunder Appeal – Anchored in Faith is now underway!

Your tax-deductible gift will impact students and faculty every day, and help us grow in our mission of Educating Tomorrow's Catholic Leaders. Scan the QR code or visit our website, www.stsashburn.com to make a gift online, or mail a check to St. Theresa Catholic School ("Thunder Appeal" in the memo). For more information, please contact Regina Freschi, freschir@stsashburn.com or 703.729.3577. *Thank you for your support!*

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 3, in the School Library after all Masses. This is a great way to do some Christmas shopping and support the St. Theresa School Library! We hope to see you there!



Calling all St. Theresa Catholic School Alumni & Alumni Families!

We would love to hear from you, and add you to our Alumni & Friends Newsletter email list. Please send your news and contact information to alumni@stsashburn.com



News from our Parish

Considering Giving Tuesday and End-of-Year Giving? St. Theresa Catholic School's 2023 Thunder Appeal – Anchored in Faith is now underway -- please consider supporting our parish school!

Since our opening in 1994, STCS has been blessed to be part of such a vibrant parish community. Your tax-deductible gift will impact our students and faculty every day, and help us grow in our mission of *Educating Tomorrow's Catholic Leaders*. Scan the QR code or visit our website, www.stsashburn.com to make a gift online, or mail a check to St. Theresa Catholic School ("Thunder Appeal" in the memo). For more information, please contact Regina Freschi, freschir@stsashburn.com or 703.729.3577. *We are grateful for your support!*



We have extra jackets from the Friends of St. Theresa School (FOSTS) golf tournament for sale! They are 1/2-zip windbreakers with the 2023 FOSTS Golf logo. Unisex sizes available: Small (good for kids too!); XL, 2XL, 3XL. They were a big hit at the tournament and are going fast -- email Regina Freschi if you're interested, freschir@stsashburn.com.



Registration for New Altar Boys

Registration is now open for boys (4th grade and older) who are interested in becoming Altar Boys to serve at Mass and liturgies in the parish. Training for new altar boys takes place over four (4) sessions spread over several months. The initial training sessions will be held as follows:

Session 2: Sat., Dec. 9-10- 11:30am
To register for the training sessions or for more information, please contact Deacon Renzette, deacon@renzette.org.

The 2024 Mass Intention Book—Second Half (July-Dec) opened on

Tuesday, November 14th. For those requesting multiple Masses for the year, **you can request 2 per week and only on Tuesdays and Thursdays.** If you are requesting just one Mass you may come any day of the week.

Advent Calendar and Candle Sale!

Prepare for the coming of Christ with your family and support our teens going to WorkCamp by participating in our 2023 Advent Calendar and Candle Sale! The WorkCamp teens will be selling boxed sets of Advent candles as well as chocolate and paper Advent calendars after all Masses **Nov. 25 and 26.** Thank you for your support!

Green Sale

The annual Pro-Life Green Sale in support of A Woman's Choice will be held following all Masses on **December 1 and 2.** 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. Only checks and cash please.

Assistive Listening Devices. Did you know one out of every 8 adults in the U. S. has some difficulty hearing even when using a hearing aid? That means that on any given weekend, hundreds of our congregation are missing much of what is being said at Mass. To help them, St. Theresa's has an assistive listening system in the church that can be accessed by wearing compatible headphones (or an ear-piece) with a receiver that amplifies the voices heard over the sound system. A neck loop is also available for people who have hearing aids or coch-

lear implants with the telecoil (t-coil) function. These assisted listening devices can be checked out from an usher before Mass. Talk with an usher for more information.

Calling all homeschoolers

We are trying to form a St. Theresa's homeschooling group. If you would like to be added to our contact list, please email christinenkids@gmail.com.

Our Parish Choirs

New members welcome! Contact us at music@sainttheresaparish.com

Children's Choir: Rehearses on Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30.

Youth Choir: Rehearses on Saturdays from 4:00-5:00. This choir will learn more challenging music and learn to serve as cantor.

Parish 10:30 AM Choir always welcomes new members. We especially are in need of more men singers and "that man is YOU". This choir rehearses on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-9:00.

To The Ladies of St. Theresa—I remember the time when women wore head coverings when attending Mass as a matter of respect in the presence of the Lord. At that time, the covering of the head for women was mandated by the Church, but after Vatican II, this became optional.

Researching the practice, I found that for thousands of years, Jewish women covered their heads, not only when visiting the temple, but also in public, as a form of modesty and respect for their husbands. Today, Orthodox Christian women, and Muslim women have kept up this practice.

I have noticed today that in a number of churches, women are beginning to use mantillas, when they attend Mass. These mantillas are very feminine and are relatively inexpensive, and can be purchased easily online. Are you interested in resuming the ancient custom of respect in church? My name is Carmen Ross, and I can be reached as follows: crmnrs1929@gmail.com

Upcoming Early Bulletin Deadlines

Due to the upcoming Christmas and New Year's Holidays, here are the early bulletin deadlines:

December 17 bulletin--due to me by Tuesday, **December 5**, 2pm

December 24 bulletin--due to me by Monday, **December 11**, 2pm

December 31 bulletin--due to me by Monday, **December 18**, 2pm

More News from our Parish

**Saint Theresa
Donut Sunday – Nov 19th**



CARNIVAL

**Saint Theresa Donut
Sunday & Carnival Games – Dec 10th**

Please join us after 7:30am, 8:45am, 10:30am mass for Donuts and Fellowship. We will be serving Donuts, Starbucks Coffee, crumbl cookies, Bagels and Cream Cheese, Fruit Cups, Croissants, Meats & Cheese, Muffins, Crackers, Juice and Water.

Carnival Games include Lucky Duck, Ring Toss, Lollipop Tree, Snowball Throw, Spoon Ball Game and Raffles (Raffle prizes include gift cards to local restaurants and more!)

We are in need of donations and volunteers. Please sign up, if you can.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4EA4AA2D6-saint>

Please contact Angela Haberland at angela.haberland@gmail.com or 703.407.1204 with any questions. Thank you and God Bless!



Tickets are on Sale now!

Purchase your tickets in advance with QR Code below to Save Time in Lines.

1 Ticket = \$2.00

3 Tickets = \$5.00

8 Tickets = \$10.00

20 Tickets = \$20.00

No refunds on tickets.



Parish Advent Offerings

**Workcamp Advent
Candle and Calendar
Sales**

November 25-26
after all Masses



**Annual Pro-Life Greens
Sale**

December 2 & 3

Benefits A Woman's Choice
Beautiful & Fragrant
Wreaths Sold After All Masses



**Advent Retreat – Saturday,
December 16**

8:30 - Mass
9:00 - Light Breakfast
9:30 - Advent Reflection - Fr. John
9:45 - Quiet Prayer/Reflection Time
10:15 - Advent Reflection- Fr. Vaccaro
10:30 - Quiet Prayer/Reflection Time
11:00 - Closing



**Festival of Trees
December 2 & 3**
Saturday 2:30 - 7:30pm
Sunday 8am - 2pm

**Pancake Breakfast with
Santa**

December 3

After 7:30, 8:45 & 10:30am
Mass



**Immaculate Conception –
December 8 -**

Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, Dec. 7 Vigil
Mass: 7:30pm Friday,
Dec. 8: 6:15, 8:30am &
12:15, 4:30 & 7:30pm



**Donut Sunday –
December 10 & 24**

After 7:30, 8:45 &
10:30am Mass



Additional Confession Times

Wednesdays 9am
Mon., Wed. & Thurs. Dec. 18, 20
& 21: 7pm until the line runs out



Christmas Mass Schedule



****Dec. 24: no 12:30pm Mass for the
4th Sunday of Advent****

Sunday, Dec. 24:
Vigil Mass:
4, 6, 8 & 10pm



Monday, Dec. 25:
8 & 10am & 12pm

**Solemnity of Mary,
Holy Mother of God
Sunday, Dec. 31**

Vigil Mass: 5:00pm

Monday, Jan. 1:
6:15, 8:30 & 10:30am, 12:00



“Since you were faithful in small matters,
I will give you great responsibilities.
Come, share your master's joy.”

(Mt 25:21)

Adult Education and Spiritual Enrichment

That Man is You (TMIY)

That Man is You (TMIY) is a Catholic men's program that's made a real difference in our lives as husbands and fathers in St. Theresa's parish, helping us to better understand our Faith and to build friendships with fellow Catholic men. During our November 4th meeting we discussed the cost of living as true husbands and fathers, using Christ as our example; during the next meetings we will look at being leaders at home, current cultural challenges and other important issues. Please join us next Saturday at 6:30am for

fellowship, video and, and discussion, (6:30-8am) in the Parish building across from the Church. Please contact Jack Hayes at 703.537.6418 or jack.hayes422@aol.com for additional information.

Women's Discipleship Group

Meets every Wednesday morning, 9:30-10:30am for Lectio Divina and 10:45-11:45am for spiritual book reading. Our focus is the Mass reading for the upcoming Sunday and a spiritual book selected by our spiritual director Deacon Matthew Noah. Start-

ing October 11th, we will be reading the book, "Four Witnesses: The Early Church In Her Own Words. Parish women of all ages are cordially invited. For more information contact Dawn Garabito, 862.812.0039 or dmarie213@aol.com

Interested in learning about the Legion of Mary?

Two 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; or Saturday 9:15am.



Knights of Columbus

Advent Retreat for the Parish:

a Morning of Reflection is planned for Dec 16, 8:30-11am. All parishioners are invited.

Food Drive: Many thanks to the parishioners, volunteers, youth group, and Knights for donating, sorting, and transferring the food for the Catholic Charities Loudoun Food Pantry in Sterling in October.

The next collection will take place on the weekend of November 25-26. Please pick up a blue bag on November 18-19 and return it the following week. Please, no expired items. The pantry is unable to distribute expired items. Thanks for your support.

Keep Christ in Christmas - Youth

Poster Contest: We invite youth, ages 5 - 14, to participate in the Knights' annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. Contest participants can design, decorate, and submit an 11x17" poster reflecting the theme of "Keep Christ in Christmas." By engag-

ing the creative talents and imaginations of our young people, we hope they will come to a deeper understanding of the true, spiritual meaning of Christmas.

Entry forms are available at: www.st-louismartin-kofc.org and the Saint Theresa school office. Please submit completed posters with entry forms to the Saint Theresa school office. The deadline for submission of completed posters and entry forms to the school office is Friday, December 1, 2022. Prizes will be awarded to winners at the December Pancake Breakfast!



KOVAR: KOVAR is a Virginia Knights of Columbus charity. It works to provide assistance through grants and home loans to tax exempt organizations. These organizations give training and assistance to persons with intellectual disabilities. We need your help through donations to fund this

vital charity. We will be collecting at all Masses November 18th and 19th or use QR code below. Thank you for your generosity in giving to KOVAR.

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 should take no more than 1-2 hours and involve no more than 1-2 men. Please submit your request on our website at: <https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/handy-man-services>.

Catholic men: Interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus? See our most Frequently Asked Questions at: <https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/faqs> or to submit a request for more information or to be contacted by our Membership Committee scan the following QR code.



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.

Wanting to hear Fr. Hudgins' homilies?

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

News Around the Diocese

Opening of the Golden Jubilee Celebration—Please join us on Sunday, **November 26** at 5pm, the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe, at St. Michael Catholic Church, 7401 St. Michael's Lane, Annandale, for the opening of the Golden Jubilee celebration of the Diocese of Arlington. There will be Solemn Vespers with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington, will be the celebrant and homilist. A reception will follow in the school gym. Please RSVP to events@arlingtondiocese.org

Advent Weekend Retreats— for Women, Dec 1-3, 2023, for Men Dec 8-10, 2023—An Advent retreat based on the Spiritual Exercises crafted by St. Ignatius is a wonderful way to prepare your soul for the Christmas season. Registration is required. Cost: \$300 per person. Find more information and links to register on the website www.ourladyofbethesda.org. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, A Place to Encounter Christ! 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. Plan your next retreat today!

Silent Advent Retreat for Women
Retreat to our Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Spirituality Center in White Post, Virginia, from Friday-Sunday, **December 1-3**, and savor the silence with your sisters. We will "treasure and ponder" the mysteries of Advent while we read, think, and pray ... and rest with Jesus Christ. Fr. Riley will lead us in a consideration of the true meaning of the peaceful and solemn

season of Advent and how we might better prepare to welcome the Christ Child with joy into our families and our homes on Christmas morning. Retreat cost is \$285, and financial assistance may be available. For more info or to register for this retreat, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org.

2023 Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe led by Bishop Burbidge—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 death. The Novena starts on **Monday, December 4 and concludes on Tuesday, December 12**, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. A private Mass will be offered by Bishop Michael Burbidge for this intention during the Novena. To receive the Novena and submit your intentions: OurFruitfulLove.com/Novena.

Advent Evening of Reflection for Couples—"No Room at the Inn" Wednesday, **Dec 13, 2023**
Married and Engaged couples are invited to an Evening of Reflection especially for you! The evening will begin with mass and include a delicious dinner, talk, time for quiet reflection and the opportunity for confession. \$75 per couple. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. Registration is required. We also have monthly Mini-Retreats for women and Evenings of Reflection for men. Visit us at www.ourladyofbethesda.org or call 301.365.0612.

Three to Get Married Marriage Prep in 2023—Dec 14-17/ Jan 18-20 / Feb 22-25 (virtual)

A Catholic Pre-Cana program for seriously dating and engaged couples. This marriage preparation course is an intensive preparation experience true to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Convenient one-weekend schedule. FOCCUS administration is included. \$375 per couple. Space will be limited and these weekends fill up quickly, so reserve your spot today! Find more info on the website ourladyofbethesda.org. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, Bethesda, MD.

Separated or Divorced?—St. John's Separated and Divorced Ministry invites all separated or divorced Catholics to their meetings every third Thursday of the month, 7:30pm at St. John's in Leesburg. Email separated.divorced@stjohnleesburg.com for more information.

Do you love someone with a drug or alcohol problem?—The Nar-Anon is a worldwide fellowship for those affected by a friend's or family member's addiction. As a twelve-step program, we offer our help by sharing our experience, strength, and hope. Please join us for an evening of support and recovery; you're only a stranger until you walk through the door. For more information, contact Deacon Noah at dcnnoah@saintthereseparish.com. Weekly meetings are held: 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7-8pm, Cascades Library; 1st, 3rd & 5th Mondays, 7-8pm via Zoom; Thursdays, 7-8pm, Leesburg Presbyterian Church.

**National
Eucharistic
Congress**

**INDIANAPOLIS
JULY 17 - 21, 2024**

Diocese of Arlington

We are inviting you to participate in this pivotal moment in the Church! Join our diocese at the National Eucharistic Congress and draw into a deeper intimacy with our Lord. Scan the QR Code at the right for more information.



[Learn More](#)

Parish Offices

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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) held the first Thursday of each month at 7:30pm in a Conference Room in the Administration Bldg. You may schedule your child for the Sacrament of Baptism (held all Sundays 1:30pm) by visiting the Parish website under Faith, Sacraments, Baptism. Date is confirmed once all paperwork is received in the office (at least 2 weeks prior to the date of desired 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

All items due back by **Monday, Nov 20th**. Please do not leave items at church during the week due to theft. (Please note for monetary donations you can donate online at the parish website www.sainttheresaparish.com under Donate.) Drop off to the boxes outside the parish office. Thank you for helping others in need! God bless you! Questions or still waiting on items? Contact Marianne at 703.729.2334 or dmoutreach@sainttheresaparish.com

Furniture Ministry Coordinator

needed—We need your help. Our furniture ministry needs a coordinator or two. This includes picking up donated tables and chairs and small dressers and delivering them to families in need. It's would be about 2-4 times a month, whatever works for your schedule. This would be great for a couple of friends to work together to help others. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Marianne Guidos at 703.729.2334 or dmoutreach@sainttheresaparish.com

Festival of Trees 2023—Plan to attend this beautiful, fun family event!

We have close to 40 themed, decorated 4ft Christmas trees, baskets and wreaths. If you haven't been to the Festival this is the year to attend. Many wonderful items and it's a great way to meet other parishioners. Go to the parish website under Outreach, Festival of trees to see some of last years pictures.

Questions about the Festival of Trees please contact the co-chairs Mary Sinnott at allthesinnotts@verizon.net or Angela Haberland at angela.haberland@gmail.com

Last chance for Pre-sale tickets online until Nov 20th on the parish website under Festival of Trees. You can also get them after masses this weekend (Nov 18th & 19th) to get extra free bonus tickets. Tickets will be on sale at the event but no bonus tickets at the event.

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

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monetary donation online! Thank you for helping us to bring Christ's love to others by helping them in their time of need.

Bed Ministry—volunteers with trucks or Large SUVs needed especially! Consider taking a short time out of your day to bring some light into another's life. Extra helpers needed to bring new beds and bedding from our storage to families moving out of the shelters and other families in need. Interested, contact Bea Craig at 571.439.0364 or beds@sainttheresaparish.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 arrival of a new baby, illness or a medical situation in the immediate family...Contact Emily Wilsey at emwilsey@aol.com or 703.585.5435 to volunteer to make meals or if you or a loved one need of help with meals.

Looking for more ways help? Sign up to receive our Outreach email to get up to date information on needs and volunteer opportunities. If you sign up 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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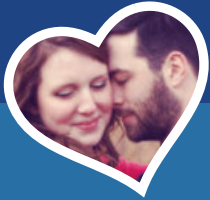
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