

St. Theresa Catholic Church

21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, Virginia 20147

March 22, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Lent



Masses for the Week

Mon, March 23	6:15— Edward A. Trott+ 8:30— Henry Charoui 12:15— Lisa Bignotti
Tues, March 24	6:15— Elena Risos+ 8:30— Father Mark Mullaney
Wed, March 25	6:15— Sue & Tony O'Neill+ 8:30— Irene Galioto 12:15— Maria Klimenko
Thurs, March 26	6:15— Nakita Naiyar+ 8:30— Rich Hibbeler+
Fri, March 27	6:15— Joan Manfredonia 8:30— Suzanne King+
Sat, March 28	8:30— Robert Turpin 5:30— Tellis Family
Sun, March 29	7:30— St. Theresa Parishioners 9:00— Medoro Sigua+ 10:30— Nicholas Barrientas 12:30— Catholic Charities Volunteers 5:00— Vincenza Cannizzo+

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

****Federal Holidays—6:15 and 8:30am Masses only**

Clergy

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

Prayers For The Sick: Mr. Melchor Dizon, Megan Brown, Katherine McCray, Maria Theresa Baric, Iris and Romeo Rigor, Jennifer Spurr, Luz Triana, Maddie N., Suzanne Miles, Martin Caplan, Gene Epperly, Patricia LeMay, Megan Brown, John Forbes, Ronald Lewis Cricks, Tom Poerstel, Mary Broderick, Mary Giebel, Esther Yager, Tori Edmonds, Daniel John Begley, Michael DeCardona, Stephen Stahl, Michael Williamson, Brenda Fitzpatrick, Barney Smith, Rick & Kathleen Mikszan, Jeffrey Miller, Raymond Humanik, Kelly Hargreaves, Ellen Russow.

Prayers For Our Military: Joaquin Gabriel, Brady Carmical, Ify Nwabuoku, Cabell Early, Jack Williamson, Sabrina Sokol, Aidan Sullivan, Kyle Sullivan, Heather Hurley, Connor McCarthy, Kraig Broecker Jr., Victoria Carrick Caviston, Jack Ward, Michael Scully, Matthew Baba, Anthony Lupetaliaami, Tom Short, Bill Short, Sergio Mendez, Geoffrey Galasso, Logan Anna Davis, Stephen Holdorf, Jr. Daniel W. Beverly, Matthew Schierling, Eric Frames, Bill Freschi, Paul Schierling, Marshall Kellner, Eric Ciliberti, John Kesterson, Matthew Kesterson.

Why Did We Veil the Statues?

Why are all of the statues covered in purple cloth? Even the crucifix is covered. Shouldn't we all be looking at the crucifix while we listen to the Passion narrative on Palm Sunday? There are four reasons we veil the statues:

First: The Church encourages it. The Roman Missal states, "In the Dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from this [the fifth] Sunday [of Lent] may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil."

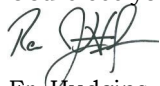
Second: The fact that the statues are veiled immediately grabs your mind's attention. One cannot help but think, "This is very different. What's the explanation?" The church does look different because these final days of Lent are special, and the veils make that difference visible. The final two weeks of Lent are meant to heighten your awareness of the upcoming Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday) which is the most sacred time of the year.

Third: The veiled images are meant to be a subtle suggestion that, for now, we should pay extra-close attention to what is not veiled, namely the spoken word at the pulpit and the Eucharist at the altar. Nothing is wrong with statues, but the last days of Lent are supposed to ask of us an even deeper focus on the two basic elements of prayer at Mass.

Finally: The Church uses these veils to heighten your anticipation for Easter. You don't want to see those veils there. "Get them off," you imagine to yourself, "it's unnatural for those statues to be covered." Believe it or not, that instinct is one of the main reasons the veils are there in the first place. The statues are meant to be unveiled, and Easter is when all will finally be set right.

The unveiling at Easter is a great reminder of the truth of our own lives on earth. We live in a "veiled" world, in exile from heaven, our true home. It is only through death (Good Friday) that the veil is finally lifted and at last we come to heaven (Easter Sunday), the land of eternal truth and beauty.

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



Fr. Hudgins

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

Note regarding Palm Sunday, March 29th

Please make note we have changed the 8:45am Mass for Palm Sunday to 9am.

Parish Lenten Activities

Lenten Soup Suppers **6 – 7:10pm in School Cafeteria**

March 27 - Knights
of Columbus

*Donations will be given to charity

Daily Mass Times

6:15 & 8:30am
12:15pm Mondays & Wednesdays

Confession Times

Wednesdays 9:00am & 6:30pm
Saturdays 4:00pm
(All until the line ends)

Vespers & Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent:
Vespers at 7:15pm &
Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm

Upcoming Early Bulletin Deadlines

*Due to the upcoming Holy Week and Easter schedules,
please make note of these early deadlines*

April 5 bulletin--due by Tuesday, March 24, 12noon

Youth Education and News



ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com

March

Sun, 22nd - Parish Food Drive (after 8:45am Mass & 5pm Mass)

Mon, 23rd - Food Sort by Expiration Dates, 7-8:30pm

Tues, 24th - Load food for transport, 6:15p-7pm

Sun, 29th-Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm

April

Sun, 1st-Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm

Sun, 12th-Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm

Tues, 14th-WorkCamp Prep Meeting, 7-8:30pm - Saint Zelig Martin Room 2&3

Sat, 19th-Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm

Sat, 25th-Middle School Bash, 2:15-9pm - O'Connell High School, for all Parish Middle School students, 6th to 8th grade

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

Mon, 27th-Food Sort by Expiration Dates, 7-8:30pm

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

Calling All Middle Schoolers to the Diocesan BASH—BASH is the Diocese of Arlington's largest gathering of Catholic middle school students (6th-8th graders) every year! Students from all over the Diocese will gather on Saturday, April 25th, at O'Connell High School in Arlington for faith, fellowship, and fun! We will depart as a group from the upper parking lot at 2:30pm and return at 9:00pm. Adult chaperones will be the drivers.

This event includes music, games, free t-shirt, inspirational speakers, confessions, and Vigil Mass and transportation. Bishop Burbidge will be the principal celebrant and homilist for the Mass. BASH is open to any Middle School aged youth that want to attend. Please follow this link for more details and to grab a spot for your

child - spots are first come - first serve so please act quickly! The cost of the ticket is \$20. You can also sign up to be a chaperone & drive if you would like to be a part of this great afternoon. We could always use the help!

Signup Genius for the Middle School Bash: <https://tinyurl.com/STMSBash>

Or use this QR Code



Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs. 9am-4pm; Fri. 9am-noon

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



Celebrating Pi Day
2026



Saint Theresa Catholic School

Educating Tomorrow's Catholic Leaders

www.stsashburn.com

STCS Parents, mark your calendars for these important upcoming events & see the Thursday Thunder email for details:

- Stations of the Cross
- Friday Rosary Group
- TheatreWorks Play
- Science Fair
- Battle of the Books

Discover the Spirit of Learning at Saint Theresa Catholic School! Applications are open for the 2026-27 school year. To complete an application or request a tour, visit our website, www.stsashburn.com (click "Admissions"). *We can't wait to welcome you!*

We are hiring - join our team! St. Theresa Catholic School is accepting applications for the following posi-

tions: Cafeteria/Recess Monitor and Extended Day Care Monitor. Please email hr@saintthereaparish.com for additional information.

The **STCS Annual PTO Auction, "All In - A Casino Experience"** is on **Friday, May 1, 2026**. The Auction Committee is seeking support from parents, alumni families, and parishioners to make this event a success. **Kindly consider donating gift cards or tickets for experiences, including dining, games, concerts, and more!** Further information and donation forms can be found on our school website, www.stsashburn.com. **THANK YOU!**



Adult Education and Spiritual Enrichment

Women's Discipleship Group—

Welcome all women of St Theresa Catholic Church. Our Group meets every Wednesday morning from 9:30–10:30 for Lectio Divina and 10:45–11:45 for reading of a selected book that provides daily encouragement, spiritual guidance and personal growth for women. Our focus for the Lectio Divina is the Mass readings for the upcoming Sunday. On September 3, 2025 we will be starting the book "Imitation of Christ" written by Thomas a Kempis, and translated by Ronald Knox and Michael Oakley. For more information contact Dawn Garabito 862.812.0039 or dmarie213@aol.com

That Man is You (TMIY)—TMIY is finishing Lent and growing in faith! If you are looking to strengthen your faith, become a better husband and father, and/or just get to know other men in the parish, we invite you to join us by using the following QR Code, or by contacting Jack Hayes at jack.hayes422@aol.com.



Young Adults—

ACYA Speaker Series

Fr. Vacarro will resume his formation speaker series after Easter.

ACYA Bible Study

The ACYA Bible Study is covering salvation history, especially through the lens of covenant.

4/1 - Noah (Part 2)

Sessions held from 6:30 - 8pm at Barnes & Noble in One Loudoun on alternating Wednesdays. The study is designed so that anyone joining in partway through the year or missing sessions will be caught up.

Contact st.theresas.ya@gmail.com for more info.



Legion of Mary

Want to be part of something bigger than yourself, build community, serve others, and grow your relationship

with our Lord? There are two praesidium options: Saturdays at 9:15am and Wednesdays at 7pm. We invite you to join us in the St. Louis Martin room to say the Rosary with us and learn more.

Our Works

Invite Jesus into your home through a Sacred Heart Enthronement—a formal ceremony where Jesus is invited into your home and given authority over your family/household, bringing grace and blessings. Also, hosting the Pilgrim Virgin Statue is a beautiful way to invite God's blessings into your home, unite your family in prayer, and a tangible reminder that Mary is truly present and active in your daily lives. To schedule, complete the request forms online at <https://sainttheresaparish.com/activity/legion-of-mary/>

Prayer Request - Are you in need of prayer?

Are you in need of prayer and would like the Legion of Mary to pray along with you? Email us at legionof-marysttheresa@gmail.com or scan the QR code to send us your prayer request.



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 29

Vigil Mass, Sat. March 28—5:30pm
Sunday March 29—
7:30, 9:00 & 10:30am, 12:30 & 5pm

Monday-Wednesday, March 30, 31 & April 1

Mass-6:15 & 8:30am
(12:15pm Monday & Wednesday)
Confessions, 9am Wed. & Fri.
Evenings 6:30pm Mon, Wed & Fri

**Adoration Chapel closes at 10am Holy
Thursday, April 2: reopens 10am
Easter Sunday, April 5**

Holy Thursday, April 2

Morning Prayer, 8:30am
Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:30pm
Adoration at the Altar of Repose until
Midnight

Good Friday, April 3

Morning Prayer, 8:30am
Confessions, 9am
Midday Prayers at Noon
Stations of the Cross, 12:15pm
Commemoration of the Lord's
Passion, 3pm, Confessions 6:30pm

Holy Saturday, April 4

Morning Prayer, 8:30am
Blessing of Easter Food, 10:45am

**No Confessions,
No 5:30pm Mass**

Easter Vigil, 8:30pm

Easter Sunday, April 5

7:30, 9:00 and 10:45am, 12:30pm

Make note of Mass time changes

****No 5pm Mass****

News from our Parish

Job Opportunity—We are hiring - join our team! St. Theresa Catholic School is accepting applications for the following 2 part-time positions starting at \$16/hr: Cafeteria/Recess Monitor: M & Wed 11:30-1:30; Extended Day Care Monitor: M-F 2:30-5pm. Please contact the Principal, Danny Costa at hr@stsashburn.com for more info.

Lenten Soup Suppers—Our last 2026 Lenten Soup Supper will be on **Friday March 27**. You are all invited to a free meatless meal of Soup, Sandwiches and Pasta hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Come and meet your friends and fellow Parishioners, enjoy supper, then proceed to the Stations of the Cross in the Church afterwards. Our thanks to Vinitha Paul and her Friends for hosting last week's Supper and to our Parishioners for your participation and support.

You(th) vs Hunger Sign Ups—This year's You(th) vs Hunger food packing event will be in the St. Theresa School gym on **Saturday, March 28**. We will be packing 50,000 meals this year and will send them overseas to the poorest of the poor. **Sign ups opened on Sunday, March 1 at 9pm**. Sign up here: <https://>

youthvshunger.wordpress.com/sign-ups/ or email Rachel Revelle at rmrevelle@gmail.com

Donut Sunday—Please join us for Donut Sunday on **April 12th** from 8-12pm in the School Cafeteria following 7:30am, 8:45am and 10:30am mass. We will be serving: Donuts, Coffee, Juice, Bagels, Fruit, Muffins, Yogurt Parfaits, Croissants and much more! I am in need of volunteers and donations, please sign up if you can. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4EA4AA2D6-saint#/>

April Baptism Class—Please take note, the April Baptism class will be the 3rd Thursday, **April 16th**.

Attend a free Estate and Funeral Mass Planning Seminar – April 16, 2026—Creating a will is more than a legal task—it's a gift of peace and clarity to those you leave behind. This fall and winter, the Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Arlington is offering free estate planning seminar at St. Theresa on Thursday, April 16, 2026 from 7-9 pm. Topics include how to prepare your will, funeral Mass planning, and how to leave a legacy of faith. Join us at location and time that works best

for you. Register at catholicarlington.org/parishseminars or contact Samantha Donohue at 703.778.8600.

St. Theresa Parish VBS 2026—The Great Journey with Jesus Through the Church Year. Save the Date: **June 22th - 26th**; Ages: 4 yr. olds through rising 5th graders; Hours: 9:15am to 12:15pm. Online Registration began **Monday, March 2nd!** We expect to fill up quickly - registration will close once we reach capacity. See the parish website for more details and the registration link. For volunteer information/questions, email Christine Brooks at christinenkids@gmail.com

Divine Mercy Devotional Materials—including books, pamphlets, rosaries, crucifixes, plaques, Bibles, and children's books will be available in the parish vestibule from now until April 13. Stop by the table and consider picking up some books for Lenten reading. Divine Mercy plaques will be available after April 1 in advance of Divine Mercy Sunday on April 12. All donations benefit Divine Mercy Outreach and can be placed in the wooden box on the wall in the vestibule.



A Simple Way to Give This Lent

Lent is a sacred season of prayer, sacrifice, and generosity. As we prepare our hearts for Easter, we are invited to reflect on the blessings God has given us and how we can share them with others. One meaningful way to live out this Lenten call is through eGiving.

eGiving is a simple, secure way to give online, making it easy to support our parish all year long. Please consider eGiving to support our parish and sustain ministries, programs, and services that strengthen our community and serve those in need every day.

It's easy to get started. Here are the ways to sign up:

- Call ParishSOFT Customer Service at 866-930-4774 option 6
- Scan the QR code
- Text "Give" to 703-991-2964

Thank you and may God bless your generosity.



ParishSOFT
by Ministry Brands

Status of Adult Children of Parishioners -- Upon reaching adulthood, children of registered parishioners must register again (if they reside within St. Theresa boundaries), separately and independently, as members of St. Theresa parish, even if they continue to live at home with their parents. These new registrations are valid until adult children move to another address. Upon moving elsewhere, they should register at the local parish in which they reside. Adult children of parishioners who no longer live within the parish will not be able to continue to claim parish membership.



Knights of Columbus

Pray the Rosary with the Knights!

The Knights of Columbus invite parishioners to pray the Rosary via Zoom on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 7pm on the Feast of the Annunciation.

Scan the QR code below -

Meeting ID: 728 7760

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to seeing you online on

March 25th!



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

Your contributions and effort make this program a successful one.

Please keep up the generosity by returning your bag this weekend (March 21-22) with items in the attached flyer. If you were unable to pick up a blue bag, you can always return food in a reusable, paper, or plastic bag. Please, no expired items. The pantry is unable to distribute expired items.

Are you a parishioner in need of a home repair? If you are physically or financially unable to complete basic home repairs, we can help. Our Handy-Man team skills include Plumbing, Electrical, Carpentry, and Painting but exclude outdoor yard or gardening work. If you are in need of repairs, or

would like to be part of the Handy-man Team, please visit this website to submit your repair project request or to join the team <https://www.st-louis martin-kofc.org/handy-man-services>.

Answer the Call to Serve. Guided by principles of charity, unity, and fraternity, the Knights of Columbus are men of faith and action - supporting our parish, our families, and our community. Join us as we put our faith into action. Check out our FAQs at <https://www.st-louis martin-kofc.org/faqs> - or scan the QR code learn more about becoming a Knight.



Urgent Need for Committed Adorers



We have an urgent need for committed adorers who can spend a grace-filled holy hour every week with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament for the following vacant one hour adoration slots:

Sunday: 12:30 & 7am; 4:30pm

Monday: 1:30am; 2, 3, 4, & 9:30pm

Tuesday: 1:30, 3, & 5pm

Wednesday: 7am; 12:30, 2, 3, & 4:30pm

Thursday: 12:30am; 3 & 10pm

Friday: 12, 8:30 & 11:30am; 3:30pm

Saturday: 11:30am; 2, 7, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30, & 11:30pm

To sign up for one of our open Adoration time slots above, please go to <http://sainttheresa.letusadore.com> or come by the parish office.

Please 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, you can vacate the slot in advance and substitute adorers will provide one-time coverage.

“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.



News Around the Diocese

In Christ, We Are One—A Message from Bishop Burbidge Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, This year's Bishop's Lenten Appeal, "In Christ We Are One," reminds us that we are never alone on our journey of faith. In Baptism, the Lord gathers us into one Body and calls us to share his love with all we meet. Each day across our diocese, your generosity makes this

unity visible and tangible. Through the BLA, you stand with our seminarians preparing for priestly service, support our parishes and missions, accompany families through Catholic Charities, and help form disciples among children, youth, young adults, and the elderly. You bring Christ's light to those who are suffering, searching, or feel far from the Church. I invite you

to join me in making a sacrificial gift to this year's Bishop's Lenten Appeal. For more information, visit arlingtondiocese.org/bla or scan the QR code:



Scan Me

More News Around the Diocese

Lent 2026—Walk with Christ this Lent with resources to guide your prayer, reflection, and acts of charity. From scripture challenges to practical tips for fasting and almsgiving, our tools are designed to help you grow closer to God and embrace the season of renewal with heart and soul. Visit arlingtondiocese.org/lent/ for resources like the Light is On, Examination of Conscience resources, courses on Porta Fidei, and more!

Ladies, do you desire to live in greater freedom? Are you longing for an authentic encounter with your true feminine identity? **Join us for the Undone Women's Conference**—Undone: Freedom for the Feminine Heart will be held at St. Mary's Church, 7301 Annapolis Rd., Landover, MD on **March 26-28, 2026**. (Thursday, March 26 and Friday, March 27, 6-10pm and Saturday, March 29, 9am to 4pm). This event is being offered in person OR virtually via livestream! Register online at www.jpilhealingcenter.org. Scholarships, student and missionary discounts available. Contact JPiIREtreatDMV@gmail.com for more info.

Lenten Retreats for Men—Mar 26-29 (Thu-Sun). Enter into Lent with a weekend of silence, prayer, and guided meditation rooted in the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises. Retreat will be offered Mar 26-29, 2026. Cost to attend this preached retreat: \$368 per person for the Fri-Sun retreat, \$424 for the Thu-Sun retreat. For those seeking solitude and self-directed prayer, the private retreat option is available: \$276 per person. Find more details on our website www.ourladyofbethesda.org.

7 Churches Pilgrimage—Join Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane on Holy Thursday! The 7 Churches Pilgrimage is an opportunity to connect with a venerated tradition of the Church in a new way! Created by the Office of Youth, Campus, and Young Adult Ministries, this pilgrimage weaves together passages from all four Gospels to take you through the narrative of

Jesus' time in the Garden of Gethsemane. Look for reflection guides for adults, teens and families in both English and Spanish at participating parishes. Visit our website for more information: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/young-adult-ministry/7-churches-pilgrimage/>

Peace Be With You: A Silent Retreat for Young Adult Men—All young adult men (ages 19-35) are invited on "Peace Be With You: A Silent Retreat" led by Fr. Philip Briggs at San Damiano **April 17-19**. Join Fr. Briggs for a time of silence, prayer, and rest as we reflect on the graces received during Lent and the celebration of the Paschal Triduum. Fr. Briggs will guide participants in contemplating the post-Resurrection accounts found in Scripture and will offer opportunities for spiritual guidance and personal prayer. Men from across the Diocese are invited to gather for this retreat experience and deepen their relationship with our Resurrected Lord. For more information and to register, visit our website: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/event/peace-be-with-you/>

Three to Get Married Marriage Prep in 2026: Apr 23-26—The Three to Get Married Marriage Preparation Program is 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. \$525 per couple. Website: ourladyofbethesda.org.

Join the Virginia Catholic Conference Advocacy Network—The 2026 General Assembly session is underway! The Virginia Catholic Conference is the public policy arm for the Dioceses of Arlington and Richmond. We are the Catholic voice in the halls of the General Assembly. Vital votes will occur this session on assisted suicide, abortion, education, housing, healthcare, and more. Join the VCC

network to get weekly updates and alerts on important legislation! Join the VCC advocacy network here: va-catholic.org/joinus

Finding Jesus with St. Stephen – Men's Retreat—Retreat to our Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, Virginia and savor the silence with your brothers. St. Stephen, the Proto-Martyr, as he was being stoned to death, saw "the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God" (Acts 7:56). Through his eyes, we too can look into heaven and behold Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, entering more fully into the hidden mysteries of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. This vision can radically transform both our worship and our daily lives. Fr. John O'Donohue will lead this silent retreat. The retreat begins at 6pm **Friday April 24th** and concludes **Sunday April 26th** at noon. Retreat cost is \$299, and financial assistance may be available. For further information or to register, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at: mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org or visit our website at www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat

Mayflower Homeschoolers—Join Us! New member applications are OPEN for Mayflower Homeschoolers' 2026-2027 school year! If you are a Catholic homeschooler, or thinking of becoming one, we would love for you to apply to our happy group! MH is a social homeschool support group offering a different activity WEEKLY for ages 3-18 during the school year & monthly in the summer: Clubs, Social Sports, Field Trips, Religious Works & Celebrations, Parent Events, Teen Dances, Academic Fairs, and Graduation for 8th and 12th graders! Currently, 16 parishes are represented among Mayflower's 2 local chapters. For more information, arrange a visit, request a membership application, or inquire about opening a chapter near you, go to www.mayflowerhomeschoolers.org. We look forward to meeting you!

Wanting to hear Fr. Hudgins' homilies?

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

Parish Offices

Secretary: Kathy Fitzpatrick, 703.729.2287
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Secretary: Robin Kasban, 703.729.3714
Email: reoffice@sainttheresaparish.com
Fax: 703.729.9036

School Offices

Principal: Danny Costa, 703.729.3577
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Receptionist: Christa Turpin, 703.729.3577
Website: www.stsashburn.com
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) held the first Thursday of each month at **7pm** 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 parish must be contacted at least six (6) months prior to the wedding date.

Before contacting the Parish Office, visit the Parish Website under Faith, Sacraments, Marriage. **You must be registered at least 3 months** prior to filling out the Marriage Preparation Questionnaire. A priest will contact you.

OCIA

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

Hospitalized/Homebound

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



Learn more, visit
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Raffle Announcement—All Saints Church (Manassas, VA) has invited our parishioners to participate in their Multi Car Raffle. Prizes include four 2026 vehicles from Ourisman Ford of Manassas (Ford Escape, Mustang, Maverick Truck (Hybrid) and Bronco Sport). One \$5.00 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win all four vehicles plus \$42,000 (including one for \$20,000) in cash prizes. You will be receiving tickets in the mail within the next week or so. Please consider selling/purchasing the tickets mailed to you. \$29,000 was raised last year to help us assist families in need.

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Bed Ministry—volunteers with trucks or Large SUVs needed especially! We need extra helpers to bring new beds and bedding from our storage to families moving out of the shelters and other families and children in need. Interested in helping? Brian Dwinnell at beds@sainttheresaparish.com

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Looking for more ways help? Consider signing up to receive our Outreach email to get up to date information on needs and volunteer opportunities. To sign up for the emails, contact Myriam Perez 703.729.2334 or dmoutreach@sainttheresaparish.com

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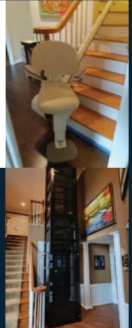
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