



St. Theresa Catholic Church

21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, Virginia 20147

August 16, 2026
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Mon, August 17	6:15— Patrice Lincoln+ 8:30— John & Marian Geoghegan 12:15— Eileen Hughes
Tues, August 18	6:15— Carolyn Ott 8:30— Jeffrey Pevo+
Wed, August 19	6:15— Robert Heelan+ 8:30— Richard Geoghegan+ 12:15— Rosemary James+
Thurs, August 20	6:15— George Kassar & Parents+ 8:30— Cuqui Geigel+
Fri, August 21	6:15— Robert Heelan+ 8:30— Lisa Marlowe
Sat, August 22	8:30— Maureen O'Neill+ 5:30— Harv & Pat Hamel
Sun, August 23	7:30— James Lovelace+ 8:45— Patty Grywatch 10:30— St. Theresa Parishioners 12:30— Rt. Rev. Msgr. Elilio C Iasiello, PA+ 5:00— Samantha Rush

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 Alex Solsma, Parochial Vicar
 Reverend Matthew J. DeForest, In Residence
 Deacon Paul C. Konold
 Deacon Anthony J. Renzette

Prayers For The Sick: Samuel Russo, Sr., Eve Katherine Tinsley, Ashley Augustine, Regina McGrath, Mary Corrigan, Carol Logue, Lloyd Quist, Mr. Melchor Dizon, Megan Brown, Katherine McCray, Maria Theresa Baric, Iris and Romeo Rigor, Jennifer Spurr, Luz Triana, Maddie N., Suzanne Miles, Martin Caplan, 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.

Prayers For Our Military: Ron Willer, Michael Perez, Ethan Battaglini, Garrett Batt, Nicole Batt, 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.

What In the World Does “Hosanna” Mean?

Have you ever wondered what we mean when we say “Hosanna in the highest” at Mass? “Hosanna” just might be the most misunderstood word you’ve ever spoken. All our lives, we’ve said “Hosanna” as if it means, “Hooray, God!” or “Praise God!” or “Alleluia, Amen!” But it’s real meaning is far more beautiful. Let’s take a closer look.

As you probably already know, “Hosanna” is Hebrew. Whenever a foreign-language term is deliberately preserved in the Church throughout the world, there’s always a deep reason for it. “Hosanna” is just such a term. “Hosanna” is more than a word—it’s the anglicization of an entire Hebrew phrase, “Hoshi’ana,” which literally means “Save us, we beg you!” “Hosanna,” therefore, is not a word of celebration or praise. It’s a desperate cry to God for help.

In Jesus’ time, the cry of “Hosanna” was heard on the first Palm Sunday. It was the cry of a people who had been driven to their knees. Picture Jesus riding into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey, with the crowds laying palm branches at his feet, and crying out “Hosanna in the highest!” The Israelite people were tired, weary, wounded, and yearning for God to rescue them. They were tired of Roman brutality. They were tired of corrupt religious leaders. They were tired of waiting for the Messiah. Most of all, they were tired of silence from heaven in answer to their prayers. So, when the crowds suspected that Jesus was the promised Messiah, they pleaded with him, “Lord, save us, because the help of man is vain.” “Hosanna!”

Now sadly, the Israelites imagined God’s salvation as political, military, and Earthly. They thought Jesus had come to overthrow the Roman empire. For them, the cry of “Hosanna” meant, “Jesus, restore the Kingdom of David, and Solomon. Make Israel wealthy, powerful, and prosperous once again. Give us the esteem of the nations of the world.” Jesus had come to give them much more than that. They wanted a throne. Jesus came for a cross. They wanted a political revolution, to conquer a hated enemy. Jesus came for a spiritual revolution, to vanquish an enemy far more insidious—the kingdom of sin, the reign of death, and the power of Satan over souls. We’re not very different from the Israelites of that generation. How many of our prayers to God are entirely motivated by a desire for Earthly well-being, with no thought whatsoever of our eternal well-being? Just like the Israelites, the salvation we need is not the salvation we expect.

Most of us sing “Hosanna” without any understanding, so, let’s understand better. “Hosanna” means, “Jesus, I can’t save myself. Come to my rescue. I’m powerless against sin, anger, anxiety, fear, ego, and selfishness. Forgive my past. Care for my present. Provide for my future.” “Hosanna,” is a desperate cry, which forces us to be honest. It must come from the deepest part of your soul, “Lord, I hope in you. I need You. Rescue me, because no one else can.” When you pray “Hosanna,” remember—you are doing two things at once. You’re begging God to rescue you, and you’re praising him because you know he can. “Hosanna” is both a word of prayer, and of worship. It is human weakness, placed in the presence of divine omnipotence.

So, the next time you say “Hosanna” at Mass, do not say it casually. Say it with the same spirit as a drowning man reaching for a life preserver. Say it as if you know that only Christ can save you. Because “Hosanna” is not a cry of celebration. It’s a cry for salvation. Jesus still hears it, and answers!

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



Fr. Hudgins

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

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: 2:30am

Monday: 12:30 & 4pm

Tuesday: 3am

Thursday: 2:30am

Friday: 11:30pm

Saturday: 12:30pm

Also, urgent need for substitute adorers, especially for 9pm-5am

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.

Youth Education and News



ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com

August

Sun, 16th-Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm

Sun, 23rd-Parish Food Drive (after 8:45am Mass & 5pm Mass)

Mon, 24th-Food Sort by Expiration Dates, 7-8:30pm

Tues, 25th-Load food for transport, 6:15-7pm

Sun, 30th-Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm

St. Theresa CYO Thunder Runners Registration

—St. Theresa Thunder Runners, the Fall Track and Cross-Country program, is open to parishioners in grades 4th -8th. Our season will begin on Friday, August 28th and end early November. Practices will be Tuesdays and Fridays after school on the school track from 3-4:45. All athletes **MUST** be registered in both the Track & Field database and the Cross

Country database in order to participate in the program. Cost is \$85 per child. Registration will open on **August 23** at 7pm. Registration is first come, first served and spots fill up fast, don't wait to register! The first 35 registrations will be accepted; once registration is full the program will be closed. Once registration is closed, please email Katie Lipresti at katielipresti@gmail.com to be put on a wait-list. All levels of runners welcome. Contact Coach Katie Lipresti at katielipresti@gmail.com for questions.

Participation in the program is a privilege and conduct by an athlete or parent that is in violation of the CYO Code of Conduct or School Dress Code will result in removal from the team. This will be at the discretion of the Thunder Runners Coaches and CYO Administration. The same dress code that exists for the school will be in place for the program since we are on school grounds – appropriate shoes for track and appropriate shorts.

You can register at <https://>

reg.sportspilot.com/106557 once the link is opened on August 23 at 7pm.



Office Hours:

Mon–Thurs. 9am–4pm; Fri. 9am–noon

RE Registration for 2026-2027

School Year—is open. Any questions contact the RE office at 703.729.3714 or email

kasbanr@sainttheresaparish.com

RE Teachers needed for 2026-27

Please see the Parish section for details. Please contact the RE Office right away for details if you are interested in volunteering.

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.



Welcome back,
STCS
students & families!



Please see the Thursday Thunder email for details on these upcoming events:

- Meet Your Teacher Day
- First Day of School
- Back-to-School Picnic
- Back-to-School Nights

We're expecting another sold-out event, **REGISTER TODAY** for our parish's **16th Annual Friends of St. Theresa School (FOSTS) Golf Tournament for Tuition Assistance** on



Saint Theresa Catholic School

Educating Tomorrow's Catholic Leaders

www.stsashburn.com

Monday, October 5, 2026 at Belmont Country Club. This is the *primary fundraiser for FOSTS, which provides tuition assistance to STCS families who are facing a financial hardship. **Not a golfer? Please join us for dinner & the silent auction!*** To sponsor, golf, purchase a dinner-only ticket, or make a donation please scan the QR code or visit our parish website (www.SaintTheresaParish.com). **Sponsors are needed for the tournament** (individuals, businesses, families), please contact Regina Freschi, freschir@stsashburn.com or 703.729.3577

REGISTRATION OPEN! FOSTS 2026



STCS Families, be on the lookout this week for your Thursday Thunder email for details on all the upcoming events for the school year:

- Meet Your Teacher Day for students & families
- First Day of School
- Ice Cream Social
- Back-to-School Picnic
- Parents Welcome Back Coffee
- Back-to-School Parent Nights
- Labor Day Holiday

STCS Families, we can't wait to see you back at school! Don't forget to check the school website (stsashburn.com, click on "Parent Links") for **School Uniform Requirements** and **Summer Reading and Math for each grade level!** Assignments are due when school begins this month.

Join the STCS team! Interested in learning about employment opportunities at St. Theresa Catholic School? Scan the QR code to learn



News from our Parish

2026 Bishop's Lenten Appeal: "In Christ We Are One" – 94% to Parish Goal—Thank you to all the Saint Theresa families who have given to the 2026 BLA! If you have yet to participate in this year's BLA, will you join the 861 families who have made a gift? Your support, no matter the size, will steward over 40 ministries caring for seminarians, youth, families and many more across the diocese. Thank you, and please consider making your gift at www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA or by scanning the QR code below:



Scan Me

Patricians: What's love got to do with it? Everything that anger and malice don't! Let's discuss about anger and malice at our meeting on Thursday, **August 20** at 7pm at the Louis Room. All are welcome; please bring your family and friends! If you have any questions, please contact Maria Basu at maria_basu@yahoo.com or Jacqueline Biggio at jacbiggio@aol.com.

Join our Music Ministry—At the Vatican Concert for Peace in July, Pope Leo stated "...the beauty of music invites us to encounter the One who is Beauty itself." Our adult, youth and children's choirs are resuming rehearsals at the end of August and are open to new members. We are also looking for additional organists to join our ministry. See the website, take a brochure from the back of the church, or contact music@sainttheresaparish.com for more information.

Altar Server TRAINING

Training for new altar servers will be held on four consecutive Sunday evenings, **September 13, 20, 27 and October 4**, from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Attendance is required at all four events, and is open to any boy 4th grade and older, who would like to be an Altar Server at St Theresa.

Pre-registration is required. To register, go to the parish website: <https://sainttheresaparish.com/news/altar-boy-training/>

Please note: attendance at all four nights is required, and there will be no exceptions made. Parents are encouraged to attend with their child.

Interested in becoming a St Theresa Altar Server?—



Join us for a new year of Walking With Purpose

—Bible studies for women, young women, and middle school girls! Walking With Purpose is a Catholic women's ministry offering Bible studies designed to meet women of all ages right where they are in their faith journey. At St. Theresa Parish, our small groups meet weekly from late September through May, blending personal study with meaningful small-group discussion. Together, we explore everyday challenges through the lens of Christ's teachings and the truths of the Catholic Church.

New Study This Fall: Spiritual Motherhood This study is not just for biological mothers. It's a call to a new way of seeing and a radical gift of self. It's the feminine genius in action, and it has the power to completely transform us. Young women in their 20's will meet Tuesday evenings for a study on "Keeping in Balance". This study helps you get a hold on your life by looking at the importance of authenticity, setting priorities, managing expectations, and having healthy relationships. If you're looking to grow in faith within a supportive community of Catholic women, Walking With Purpose is for you!

Registration opened August 15! Explore studies, find your group, and take a meaningful step on your faith journey. Questions? Email: stthere-sawwp@gmail.com

RE Teachers needed for 2026-27—

The Religious Education program needs teachers for the following grades and days for the 2026-27 RE Year:

Sponsors Needed!

several levels available for individuals, families, & businesses

Friends of St. Theresa School (FOSTS)

16th Annual Golf Tournament for Tuition Assistance

Monday, October 5, 2026 | Belmont Country Club

To sponsor, golf & buy dinner-only tickets:

Scan the QR code, visit www.SaintTheresaParish.com, or call 703/729-3577

A St. Theresa parish tradition!



Monday Afternoons - 4:30-5:45pm

- 2nd grade; - 7th grade

Monday Evenings - 6:15-7:30pm

- 1st grade; - 3rd grade; - 4th grade

Tuesday Afternoons - 4:30-5:45pm

- Kindergarten

Wednesday Afternoons - 4:30-5:45pm

- 7th grade; - 8th grade

Please contact the RE Office right away for details if you are interested in volunteering.

2027 Mass Intention Book—opened on **Tuesday, August 11th**. Due to the high demand this year, and our book filling up so quickly, we are going to only open the book for **January -1 through June 30, 2027** right now. The second half will be opened later in the year. **For those requesting multiple Masses for the year, you can request 2 per week and only on Tuesdays and Thursdays.**



Cub Scout Pack 997 (sponsored by St Theresa Parish) welcomes new Cub Scouts for the 2026-2027 school year!

We have an exciting and engaging program planned for the upcoming year. We are open to boys in grades K through 5; Scouts need not be students at St Theresa School. The time commitment is two one-hour meetings per month, plus a handful of miscellaneous events during the year. A Join Scouting Night will be held on Wednesday, September 10, at 6:30 PM in the STCS cafeteria. Interested families should send an email to pack997leaders@googlegroups.com for more information.

More News from our Parish

Would You Like to Help Poor Children, By Donating Your Used Basketball Shoes?—"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord." – Proverbs 19:17—St. Theresa is helping The Eric Okenchi Athletic Foundation (information below) to help send shoes

to Nigeria. Would you consider donating new or gently used basketball shoes (all sizes) to children in Nigeria? Your gift can provide hope, opportunity, and encouragement. In future weeks, we will make a pulpit announcement to tell you when and

where to drop off shoes. To learn more, please write or call—inquiries only please. NO MONETARY DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

EricOkenchiAthleticFoundation@gmail.com, 703.964.6061



Knights of Columbus

Soccer Challenge: SAVE the DATE!

Soccer Challenge, Ages 9-14,
September 27, 2026 (St. Theresa's Picnic).



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 last month. We collected, sorted, and delivered 5,574 pounds of food last month. Your contributions and effort make this important program very successful.

Please keep up the generosity by taking a bag (or a flyer if bags are unavailable) on your way out and return it next weekend (August 22-23) with items on the attached flyer.

Please, no expired items. The pantry is unable to distribute expired items. Thank you for your help and generosity.

NOTE: Since bags go quickly, the food list can be found at <https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/loudoun-food-pantry-2> or scan here:



Become a Foster Parent in Loudoun County!

Loudoun County's Department of Family Services (DFS) is seeking caring individuals and families who are interested in making a meaningful difference in the life of a child. DFS is hosting virtual foster care information sessions for anyone interested in learning more about becoming a foster parent:

Wednesday, August 12: 6-7:30pm
Monday, September 28: 6:-7:30pm

During each session, DFS staff will discuss the current need for foster families, eligibility requirements, the process of becoming a foster parent, and the support available to foster families. Participants will also have the opportunity to ask questions and learn about next steps.

You do not need to have all the answers to get started – just a willingness to learn and help a child in need.

Attendance is free, but registration is required. For more information about foster care and to register for an upcoming information session, visit loudoun.gov/fostercare.

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 Handyman Team, please visit this website to submit your repair project request or to join the team <https://www.st-louismartin-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-louismartin-kofc.org/faqs> - or scan the QR code learn more about becoming a Knight.



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 (closed for lunch from 12-1) 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.

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. Starting September 9, 2026 we will be reading “Trusting God in the Present” by Fr. Jacques Philippe. For more information contact Dawn Garabito 862.812.0039 or dmarie213@aol.com

That Man is You (TMIY)—If you missed St Theresa's registration pro-

gram on 8-9 August you can still join our TMIY Year 4 program which begins September 12. Scan the QR Code below to register or contact Jack Hayes at: jack.hayes422@aol.com or 703.537.6418



Young Adults (ages 18-35)— YA Summer Speaker Series

Based on his 10+ years of young adult ministry, Fr. Vaccaro will be giving a series of talks on relationships and dating over the summer

8/24 - Friendship and Dating Q&A

Talks are held on alternating Mondays from 6:15-7:30pm in the Admin Building, Zelig 2 and 3 conference rooms.

There will be pizza after! College students eat for free.

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/AshburnCatholicYA> for more information.



YA Bible Study

8/17 - Moses: The Flight into Egypt

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

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.



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 legionofmarysttheresa@gmail.com or scan the QR code to send us your prayer request.



News Around the Diocese

Three to Get Married Marriage Prep in 2026: Aug 20-23, Sep 17-20 (virtual only) Oct 22-25

—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. Space is limited, so reserve your spot today! Find more information at ourladyofbethesda.org. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, Bethesda, MD.

Personal Retreat Day, Friday, August 21, 9am-4pm—Summer is a season for rest and renewal. Why not set aside one day to rest in God's pres-

ence? Join us at Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center for a Personal Retreat Day, a peaceful opportunity for prayer, silence, and reflection. The day includes Mass, Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, and the option for spiritual direction, plus lunch and light snacks. You will be nourished and cared for while Our Lord speaks to your soul about the depths of His love for you. Advance Registration is required. Cost is \$135 per person. To register and find more dates, go to ourladyofbethesda.org. Or call 301.365.0612. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.

Men's Spiritual Bootcamp Weekend Retreat, Sep 25-27, 2026—Join us for a dynamic weekend retreat de-

signed specifically for men! The Men's Bootcamp Weekend Retreat combines the structure of the Spiritual Exercises with engaging breakout groups and powerful talks tailored to strengthen your faith, leadership, and brotherhood. While not a silent retreat, the schedule will include time for personal reflection, prayer, and discussion. Step away from the demands of daily life and strengthen your faith alongside other Catholic men. Cost to attend: \$368 per person. Find more details on our website www.ourladyofbethesda.org or call 301.365.0612. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817

More News Around the Diocese

Healing and Prayer Service—

Tuesday, **August 25**, Mass and Healing Prayer Service is scheduled for 7pm at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 11900 Lawyers Road, Reston. Fr. John Melmer of St. John the Beloved Church of McLean will celebrate. Confessions will be available. This liturgy comes through the Arlington Diocese Healing Ministry. For more information, please contact Dick Schaad, 703.455.6131.

Prime Time Single Catholics (PTSC):

We are a social group, mostly aged 60 and over. (35 to 59? Ask about our free associate group.) Meet us for: Museum of the Bible (Aug 18); Meadowlark Gardens (Aug 20); serving meal at Christ House (Aug 22); Nationals baseball game (Aug 27); picnic (Aug 30). For details, visit our website: bit.ly/ptsc. With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com.

Married Couples—If you enjoy the warmth of summer, why not sign up for the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and bring some more warmth and intimacy to your marriage. It's a positive, simple, common sense, private experience between husband and wife that revitalizes your marriage. And, it is now Vatican Approved! Upcoming experiences are:

August 28-30, 2026-Bristow, VA

(lodging is on your own—couples return home each night)

October 23-25, 2026- Hampton, VA (lodging provided)

November 6-8, 2026-Emerald Isle, NC (lodging provided)

February 12-14, 2027-Waynesboro, VA (lodging provided)

For more information please call 757.690.1369 or to register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for your desired location

Please join A Woman's Choice for our Advocates for Life Dinner on September 20, from 5–9pm, at Westwood Country Club in Vienna, Virginia. We are honored to welcome Angie

Thomas of Alliance Defending Freedom as our keynote speaker. It promises to be an inspiring evening as we come together to celebrate the dignity of life and the values of justice, compassion, and hope.

We look forward to sharing this special evening with you! You can purchase tickets at awomanschoicecenter.com.

Strengthening Your Love™ : A Catholic Workshop for Couples—

October 10–11, 2026. Invest in your marriage with this Christ-centered weekend workshop designed to nurture emotional closeness and strengthen communication. Based on Emotionally Focused Therapy (EFT), the Strengthening Your Love™ workshop is facilitated by an expert team of Catholic therapists and priests who will share their expertise and experience. They will also be available throughout the weekend for individual consultation upon request. Whether your marriage needs renewal or you're seeking a deeper connection, this workshop offers practical tools, encouragement, and hope. **Please note: This is NOT an overnight program. Cost: \$600 per couple. Seating is limited. Scan the QR code to register or visit www.ourladyofbethesda.org. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD

Associates of St. John Bosco Benefit—Please come help the Associates of St. John Bosco celebrate 15 years of serving, mentoring, and supporting young Catholics in Northern Virginia and beyond! **Thursday, October 15th** at 6pm at Falls Church Marriott Fairview Park

Enjoy a classy dinner, good company, and a keynote address by Dr. Peter Kilpatrick, President of Catholic University of America while supporting the next generation of Catholic leaders in the Church! Sponsorships & tickets available www.asjb.org/boscobenefit



If you have a used car you are considering trading in or selling, please consider donating it to The Car Ministry instead and also be eligible for a tax break. The Car Ministry is one of the very few that gives donated cars directly to families in desperate need of transportation help. Click on the "Donate your Car" link on The Car Ministry's website, www.carministry.org.

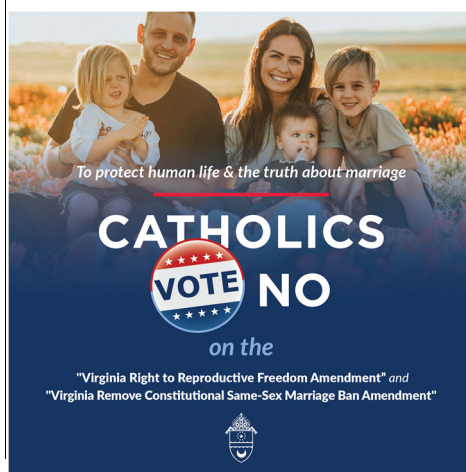
Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—

This year (2026) the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on a Saturday. In the United States of America, when the solemnities of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (January 1), the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15), or All Saints (November 1) falls on a Saturday or on a Monday, the obligation to participate in Mass does not apply.

Join the Catholic Diocese of Arlington in protecting human life and upholding the truth about marriage.

—The "Catholics Vote No" campaign invites you to pledge to vote no on the proposed Virginia constitutional amendments on abortion and marriage from September 18 through November 3, 2026.

Visit catholicsvoteno.com or arlingtondiocese.org/vote to learn more, access campaign resources, and pledge to vote.



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.

Parish Offices

Secretary: Kathy Fitzpatrick, 703.729.2287
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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.



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Save the Date: Festival of Trees Dec 5th & 6th - Contact Cathy Branly for tree/wreath donations, or to volunteer: festivaloftrees@sainttheresaparish.com. Proceeds help families in need through Divine Mercy Outreach.

Fall Children's (baby to teen) Consignment sale Sept 26th. The sale is for baby to teen ages only - **NO ADULT CLOTHING WILL BE ACCEPTED.** For more information go to www.littleflowerconsignments.org. Proceeds from the sale help families in need through Divine Mercy Outreach.

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Bed Ministry needs pillows and gift cards—We are in need of new pillows and Walmart or Amazon gift cards to help us purchase bedding in a bag. Drop off to the parish office or place in the Outreach boxes at church. Thank you and God bless you

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.

The Visitation Ministry—Are you HOMEBOUND? We have wonderful parishioners who would love to visit you or if you are not comfortable with a home visit at this time, they will call you! If you need help with an errand

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Bed Ministry—Volunteers! We need extra helpers to assist in delivering new beds, bedding and household items from our storage facility to families transitioning out of shelters, as well as other local families and children in need. Interested in helping? Please contact Brian Dwinell at beds@sainttheresaparish.com.

Do you have furniture items to donate?—Consider donating to help families in need that are moving out of the shelter. We partner with McLean Bible church to assist families coming out of the shelter. Contact Matthew Broderick at 703-966-0791 or mebroderick1@gmail.com

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

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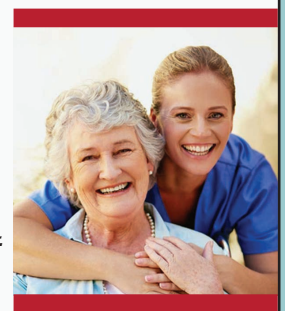
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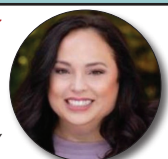
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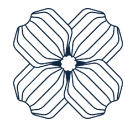
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