



# ST. THERESA

## CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Worship Aid and Bulletin / October 4, 2020

# INTRODUCTORY RITES

## Processional Hymn – *The Keeper of the Vineyard*

*Please stand*

1. The keep - er of a vine - yard dreamed Of  
2. The keep - er had a child, first - born, Who  
3. And then the plant, fresh charged, would be It -

vines a - live with fruit And tend - ed vine and  
came to work the land. The mal - con - tents de -  
self a vein of grace, A way the keep - er

dream a - like Down years of sharp dis - pute, As  
sired his life But did not un - der - stand— This  
might ex - tend A hope - ful, green em - brace, Con -

oth - ers came to claim the land, To  
life, once it was and giv - en up, This  
nect - ing child and foe and friend, Co -

drink its fruit as spoil, With - out a grow - er's  
blood, once spilled like wine, Would soak deep down in -  
min - gled and en - twined, To be and bear the

love of growth Or farm - er's love of soil.  
to the ground And rise up in the vine.  
fruit of God In one life - giv - ing vine.

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Tune: KINGSFOLD, CMD; English melody; harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

## Penitential Rite

### Penitential Act

### Kyrie Eleison—Hassler, arr. Gwozdz

Kyrie eleison. *Lord have mercy.*  
Christe eleison. *Christ have mercy.*  
Kyrie eleison. *Lord have mercy.*



Glory to God — *Mass of St Theresa, Covington*  
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(Organ) Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace on earth to

peo-ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we

give you thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God hea-ven-ly King, O God, al -

migh-ty Fa - ther. Lord Je-sus Christ On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God

Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a - way the

sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you take a -

way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer;

you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on

us. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men,

a - men.

Collect  
Collect

*Please sit  
Please sit*

# THE LITURGY *of the* WORD

## First Reading – *Isaiah 5:1-7*

Let me now sing of my friend, my friend's song concerning his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside; he spaded it, cleared it of stones, and planted the choicest vines; within it he built a watchtower, and hewed out a wine press. Then he looked for the crop of grapes, but what it yielded was wild grapes. Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard: What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done? Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes? Now, I will let you know what I mean to do with my vineyard: take away its hedge, give it to grazing, break through its wall, let it be trampled! Yes, I will make it a ruin: it shall not be pruned or hoed, but overgrown with thorns and briers; I will command the clouds not to send rain upon it. The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished plant; he looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed! for justice, but hark, the outcry!

## Responsorial Psalm – *Psalm 80:9, 12-16, 19-20*



The vine-yard of the Lord is the house of Is - ra - el.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
you drove out the nations and  
planted it.  
It stretched out its branches to the sea;  
to the River it stretched out its  
shoots. R.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore;  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted,  
the son of man you have claimed  
for yourself. R.

Then why have you broken down its  
walls?  
It is plucked by all who pass by the  
way.  
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,  
devoured by the beasts of the field. R.

And we shall never forsake you again;  
give us life that we may call upon  
your name.  
O LORD God of hosts, bring us back;  
let your face shine forth, and we  
shall be saved. R.

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Music: Robert J. Batastini, © 2011, GIA Publications, Inc.

## Second Reading – *Philippians 4:6-9*

Brothers and sisters: Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

## Gospel Alleluia – *John 15:16*

*Please stand*

I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord,  
to go and bear fruit that will remain.

## Gospel – Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "Hear another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times."

Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures:

*The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;  
by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes?*

Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

## Homily

*Please sit*

## Nicene Creed

*Please stand*

I believe in one God, the Father  
almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down  
from heaven, (*All bow*)

*and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the  
Virgin Mary, and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius  
Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,  
the giver of life,

Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic  
Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the  
dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayers of the Faithful

## Announcements

*Please sit*

# THE LITURGY *of the* EUCHARIST

## Preparation of the Gifts

### Offertory Anthem – *Vinea Mea Electa*, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Text:	Translation:
<i>Vinea mea electa, ego te plantavi: quomodo conversa es in amaritudinem, ut me crucifigures et Barrabbam dimitteres. Sepiui te, et lapides elegi ex te, et ædificavi turrim.</i>	O vineyard, my chosen one, I planted thee. How is thy sweetness turned into bitterness, to crucify me and take Barabbas in my place? I protected thee; I took the hard stones away from thy path, and built a tower in thy defense

## Invitation to Prayer

*Please stand*

*Priest:* Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**Assembly:** May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

## Prayer over the Offerings

### Holy, Holy, Holy – *Mass of St Theresa*, Covington

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord

God of hosts. Hea - ven and earth are

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

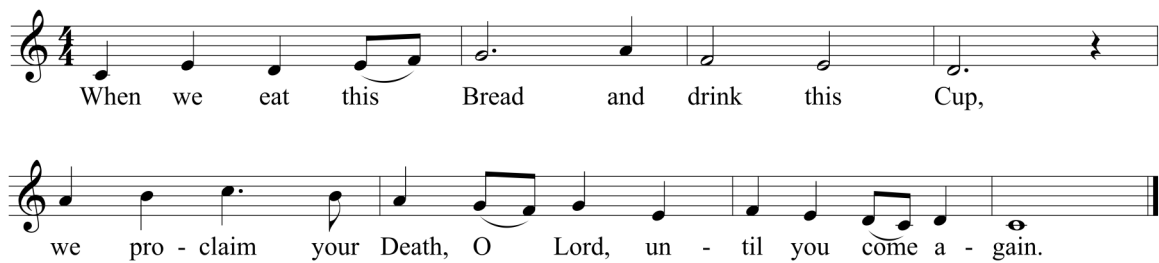
high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est.

*Please kneel or be seated*

## Mystery of Faith — *Mass of St Theresa, Covington*



## Great Amen

*Please stand*

# THE COMMUNION RITE

## Lord's Prayer

## Sign of Peace

## Lamb of God — *Angus Dei* from *Missa Douce mémoire*, Lassus, arr. Girardot

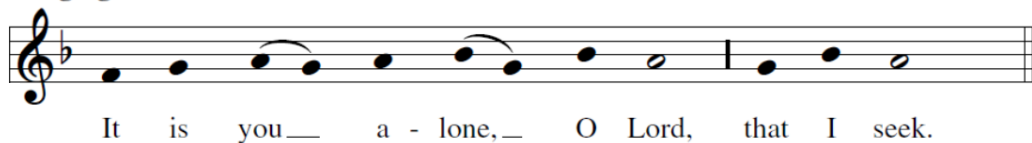
**Translation:** Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

*Please kneel as you are able*



## Communion Antiphon — *St. Meinrad Communion Antiphon*, Columba Kelly, OSB

### Congregational Refrain

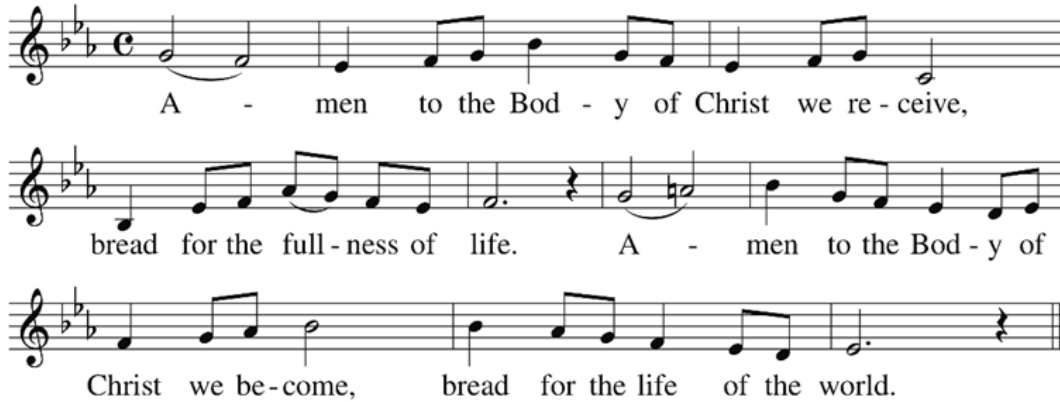


## Communion Meditation — *Come Humble Soul*, Ken Berg

**Text:** Come humble soul, receive the food your savior offers here.  
Believe and taste that he's good and longs each soul to cheer.  
Deem not that you to heaven can rise to meet your savior there;  
he comes in mercy from the skies that you his bliss may share.  
He ever lives, and only they in whom the Lord abides;  
and here, that he in us may be, he richest food provides.

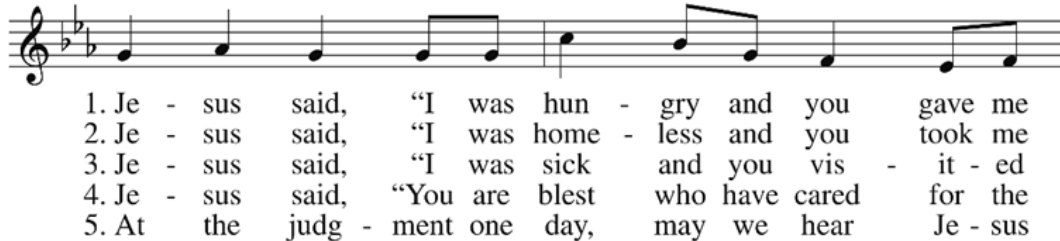
## Communion Hymn – Amen to the Body of Christ

### Refrain

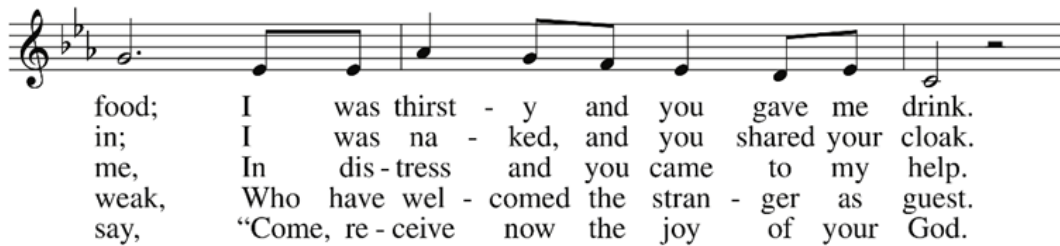


A - men to the Bod - y of Christ we re - ceive,  
bread for the full - ness of life. A - men to the Bod - y of  
Christ we be - come, bread for the life of the world.

### Verses



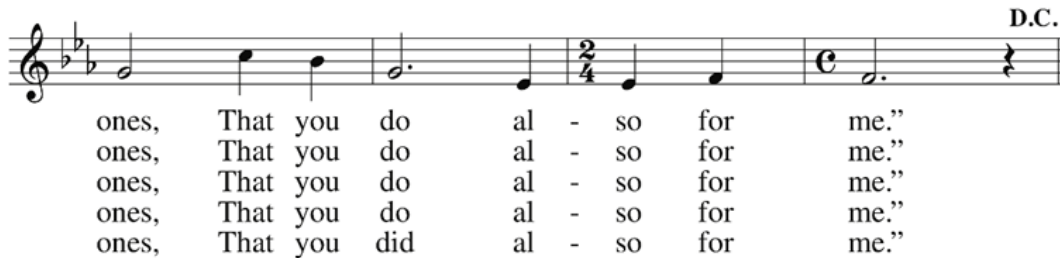
1. Je - sus said, "I was hun - gry and you gave me  
2. Je - sus said, "I was home - less and you took me  
3. Je - sus said, "I was sick and you vis - it - ed  
4. Je - sus said, "You are blest who have cared for the  
5. At the judg - ment one day, may we hear Je - sus



food; I was thirst - y and you gave me drink.  
in; I was na - ked, and you shared your cloak.  
me, In dis - tress and you came to my help.  
weak, Who have wel - comed the stran - ger as guest.  
say, "Come, re - ceive now the joy of your God.



What you do for my loved ones, My poor and my least  
What you do for my loved ones, My poor and my least  
What you do for my loved ones, My poor and my least  
What you do for my loved ones, My poor and my least  
What you did for my loved ones, My poor and my least



ones, That you do al - so for me."  
ones, That you do al - so for me."  
ones, That you do al - so for me."  
ones, That you do al - so for me."  
ones, That you did al - so for me."

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b.1939  
Tune: AMEN, 12 9 7 6 7 with refrain; Michel Guimont, b.1950  
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## Prayer after Communion



# THE CONCLUDING RITES

## Hymn of Thanksgiving – *All Creatures of Our God and King*

1. All crea - tures of our God and King, Lift  
2. O rush - ing wind and breez - es soft, O  
3. O flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, Make

up your voice and with us sing: Al - le - lu - ia!  
clouds that ride the winds a - loft, Sing your prais - es!  
mu - sic for your Lord to hear. Sing your prais - es!

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Al - le - lu - ia! O burn - ing sun with gold - en beam  
Al - le - lu - ia! O ris - ing morn, in praise re - joice,  
Al - le - lu - ia! O fire so mas - ter - ful and bright,

And sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam,  
O lights of eve - ning, find a voice.  
Pro - vid - ing us with warmth and light,

Sing your prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

4. Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship God in humbleness,  
Sing your praises! Alleluia!  
Praise God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three in One!  
Sing your praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: *Altissimu, onnipotente bon Signore*; St. Francis of Assisi, 1182–1226; tr. by William H. Draper, 1855–1933, alt.  
Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, LM with alleluias; *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Cologne, 1623; harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

## Blessing and Dismissal

# THE 27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## MASS AND THE SACRAMENTS

**WELCOME** to St. Theresa Parish! We are glad you are here and want to walk with you no matter where you are on your journey of faith.

**Rev. Larry Covington, Pastor**  
**Rev. Moses Iyogwoya MSP, Parochial Vicar**

### MASS TIMES

**Monday—Friday** | 11:30 AM

**Saturday** | 5:00 PM

**Sunday** | 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM\*, 11:00 AM

*\*This mass will be livestreamed.*

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00—4:45 p.m. or by appointment

### OFFICE HOURS

**Mon—Friday** | 9 AM—5 PM | 512-451-5121

**BAPTISM**—Contact Donna Henderson, parish secretary.

**MARRIAGE**—Contact Kari Cruz (x1006) at least six months in advance of the wedding.

**FUNERALS**—Contact Kari Cruz (x1006) for arrangements.

**BECOMING CATHOLIC**—Contact Amy Allert (x1008).

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Sun, 10/4     **Cornerstone**, 8:45 a.m., Family Cntr, Zoom  
Gospel Reflection, Children, 9 a.m., virtual  
Children's Catechesis, 11:15 a.m., virtual  
M.S. Youth Group, self-paced  
H.S. Youth Group, 6-7 p.m., hybrid
- Tues, 10/6     Caregiver Support, 10:30 a.m., Zoom  
Crossroads Young Adults, 6:30 p.m.,  
Elmer Rm. 202 or via Zoom  
**Connections Women's Ministry**, 7 p.m.,  
Family Center and via Zoom
- Wed, 10/7     **Catalyst Men**, 6:20 a.m., via Zoom  
Sr. Adult Friends, 10 a.m., Elmer terrace  
**Bible Study, Ephesians**, 7 pm, Rm. 202
- Thurs, 10/8     **Bible Study, Ephesians**, 9:15 a.m., 202  
Grief Support, 4 p.m., via Zoom
- Sun, 10/11     **Cornerstone**, 8:45 a.m., Family Cntr, Zoom  
Gospel Reflection, Children, 9 a.m., virtual  
Children's Catechesis, self-paced  
M.S. Youth Group 10:30 a.m., on Zoom  
H.S. Youth Group, 6-7 p.m., hybrid

More information at [www.sttaustin.org](http://www.sttaustin.org).

## DAILY READINGS AND MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, October 3

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17 Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130

Lk 10:17-24

5:00 p.m. .... John and Debbie Noack

### Sunday, October 4

#### **TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Is 5:1-7 Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20 Phil 4:6-9 Mt 21:33-43

7:30 a.m. .... John Dohanich †

10:00 a.m. .... Parishioners of St. Theresa Catholic Church

### Monday, October 5

#### **Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest**

Gal 1:6-12 Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c Lk 10:25-37

11:30 a.m. .... Manuel Hernandez †

### Tuesday, October 6

#### **Saint Bruno, Priest;**

#### **Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin**

Gal 1:13-24 Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15 Lk 10:38-42

11:30 a.m. .... Maria Johnson †

### Wednesday, October 7

#### **Our Lady of the Rosary**

Acts 1:12-14 (Ps) Lk 1:46-55 Lk 1:26-38

11:30 a.m. .... Francis Ruddy †

### Thursday, October 8

Gal 3:1-5 (Ps) Lk 1:69-75 Lk 11:5-13

11:30 a.m. .... Pat Streetman

### Friday, October 9

#### **Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs;**

#### **Saint John Leonardi, Priest**

Gal 3:7-14 Ps 111:1b-6 Lk 11:15-26

11:30 a.m. .... Alfonso Wilson †

### Saturday, October 10

Gal 3:22-29 Ps 105:2-7 Lk 11:27-28

5:00 p.m. .... Toni and Ben Conroy †

### Sunday, October 11

#### **TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-6 Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 Mt 22:1-14

7:30 a.m. .... Chuck Rossa †

9:00 a.m. .... Richard Ratliff

11:00 a.m. .... Parishioners of St. Theresa Catholic Church

# New Times FOR LIVESTREAM and MASS

## Mass Schedule beginning Oct. 10th - 11th

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. (Vigil)

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (also livestream), 11:00 a.m.

Our Sunday Mass schedule is changing beginning next weekend, October 10th-11th. We will continue with the 5 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday, and the Sunday Masses will be celebrated at: 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., & 11 a.m. Hope you can join us!

**Livestream Mass must be viewed live and can no longer be posted as a recording to be viewed later.** The livestream Mass for this weekend, Oct. 3-4, is at 10 a.m. Beginning next weekend, Oct. 10-11, the Mass will be livestreamed at 9:00 a.m. For more on the bishop's Sept. 16th directive, visit [austindiocese.org](http://austindiocese.org).

## STRENGTHENING THE *Domestic Church!*

*"Every home is called to be a domestic church." - Pope Francis*

As we continue to navigate the challenges of this year, this is a perfect time to turn to God and the Church to find courage, love, humility and hope. Your parish joyfully offers many programs and resources to help you and your family strengthen your domestic church.

### THE ARK RETURNS

This weekly parish produced video series on YouTube offers individuals and families a reflection on the Sunday readings. The discussion questions can help you dive deeper into God's message and can serve as a mini-retreat in your home.

### ADULT STUDIES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Catalyst Men are learning about masculine spirituality, Connections Women are asking the big questions on every heart, St. Theresa Moms gather to study female saints, and Bible Study examines the evangelization work of St. Paul. Each Sunday you can come to the Family Center or join via Zoom to hear the hopeful message of the promises from God found in the Beatitudes. More information is available on these studies and more at [sttaustin.org](http://sttaustin.org).

### FOR OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Children are learning their faith in online catechesis classes offered by the parish on FlipGrid and in STCS religion classes. High School Confirmation sessions get underway this month, and teens turned out in good numbers for the kickoff of H.S. Youth Group last Sunday. Children's Sunday Gospel Reflections are now being offered by LWWC volunteers in the form of a video each week. Learn more at [sttaustin.org/youth](http://sttaustin.org/youth) or [sttaustin.org/childrens-ministry](http://sttaustin.org/childrens-ministry).



## STEWARDSHIP

### Contributions:

Weekly—Sept 21-27.....\$27,932  
Sept. to date.....\$154,077  
Fiscal Year '21 to date.....\$491,815

### Budgeted Numbers:

September Budget.....\$163,538  
FY21 Budget.....\$1,990,856

For more information visit [sttaustin.org/ways-to-give](http://sttaustin.org/ways-to-give). Thank you for your support!

## STORIES OF *Hope*

### FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

A 63-year-old woman, Regina, recently asked for help with her rent. For two months she had been living in a house for women overcoming addiction, and while successful in her sobriety, she was having difficulty finding employment. Regina has adult children who help out as they can, but despite their help, she was behind in her weekly rent of \$140 and owed a total of \$560. Fortunately, she obtained a position as a care giver and will start in the next 1-2 weeks. She is also pursuing additional employment opportunities. St. Theresa's St. Vincent de Paul was able to donate \$350 toward her rent balance. Both Regina and the coordinator of the home are very grateful for the parishioners of St. Theresa who donated money to help in her time of need.

Each month, St. Theresa's St. Vincent de Paul Conference helps an average of 30 families in need, totaling about 100 Individuals.

Thank you for your donation to the St. Vincent de Paul collection on the first weekend of each month.

## *Second Collection*

**Today for  
St. Vincent de Paul Society**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

# CHILDREN & YOUTH

## ST. THERESA FUND KICKS OFF, ONE-THIRD RAISED!

The annual St. Theresa School fund, which makes up the difference in tuition and what it costs to educate each child, is on its way to its goal. The fundraising season kicked off with an online event for the school last Friday, and already one-third of the goal for the 2020-21 school year has been raised. For more info see the school website [st-theresa.org](http://st-theresa.org).



## PLANTING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

### Faith in Focus videos

Coming soon! *Faith in Focus*, by Bishop Robert Barron, a series of short (~10min) videos with reflection questions. The videos will explore topics such as the identity of God, the compatibility of Faith and Science, and the Mass, to name a few. Parishioners are encouraged to reflect on the video and participate in an online discussion about their faith.

## NOW ENROLLING AT STCS

There are limited spaces in most classes at St. Theresa's Catholic School. Our first month back to school has been a huge success. If you are considering an alternative to your current school, please contact Susie Thompson for a tour at [sthompson@st-theresa.org](mailto:sthompson@st-theresa.org).



## THANK YOU TO BLOOD DONORS

We extend a big thank you to everyone who has "lent an arm" and given blood in one of our blood drives for parish teen Elena Antenora. What success! All of the donor slots filled up at each of the drives, resulting in a total of 73 units of blood donated so far. That equates to 219 transfusable units of blood product, impacting over 200 people's lives!

## SENIOR ADULTS CORNER

We thank God for our senior adult parishioners and pray for their continued safety during this pandemic. We want to recognize and respond to their needs. If you are a senior adult and need support of any kind, please contact Sr. Ann Pennington at (512) 451-5121, ext. 1017 or [ann@sttaustin.org](mailto:ann@sttaustin.org).

## SENIOR ADULT FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Senior adults of the parish are invited to join this new group each Wednesday at 10 a.m. on the outdoor terrace of Elmer Hall. This is an opportunity to safely socialize with friends new and old to maintain friendships and support each other.

**Caregiver Support Group** meets the first Tuesday of each month from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. via Zoom. Contact Sr. Ann at [ann@sttaustin.org](mailto:ann@sttaustin.org) to receive the link to join.

**Grief Support Group** meets each Thursday at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. For more information and/or to be put on the Zoom invitation list, please contact Sr. Ann at [ann@sttaustin.org](mailto:ann@sttaustin.org).

**Brookdale Senior Living Bible Study** begins meeting again on Friday mornings via Zoom and is led by Sr. Ann.

The 19th Annual  
**WHITE MASS**  
FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS  
Celebrated by Bishop Joseph Vasquez

Thursday, October 15, 6:00 p.m.  
St. Theresa Catholic Church  
4311 Small Dr.  
Austin, TX 78731

Seating is limited due to the pandemic.  
The Mass will be livestreamed on the  
St. Theresa YouTube channel



## ST. THERESA PARISH TO HOST WHITE MASS

Our parish is excited to host the annual White Mass, Oct. 15th at 6 p.m., for all who work in health care in the Diocese. All are welcome to this Mass of the Holy Spirit with the Most Rev. Joe S. Vásquez, Bishop of Austin, as the main celebrant. Those who wish to attend in person must register on the Diocese website. The Mass will be livestreamed on our YouTube channel.



# PARISH NEWS

## INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY FOR YOUTH AND AGED

We are excited to offer a new intergenerational ministry of Spiritual Adoption. Participating children and teens of the parish are invited to become a prayer partner with a parishioner who is homebound, in the hospital, or in long-term care, remembering that person every day in prayer. The young person may also write to the older person, and send cards and notes on special occasions. Teens and children are strongly encouraged to join in on this amazing opportunity. Students looking for service hours could use this as their ministry and service for the year. For more information, you may contact Sr. Ann Pennington at [ann@sttaustin.org](mailto:ann@sttaustin.org), Beverly Riviello at [beverly-riviello@sttaustin.org](mailto:beverly-riviello@sttaustin.org), or Chase Crouse at [chase-crouse@sttaustin.org](mailto:chase-crouse@sttaustin.org).

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION NOW TWO TIMES PER MONTH

### *First Friday and Third Tuesday*

Exciting news! Beginning in October we will have Eucharistic Adoration twice each month. Once on First Fridays from 7 a.m.—8 a.m., and again on Third Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. and sponsored by Crossroads, the Young Adults group of St. Theresa. So, plan for Friday, Oct. 2nd and Tuesday Oct. 20th. Come experience the power of prayer in the Real Presence of the Blessed Sacrament.



## ST. THERESA MOMS RECRUITING MEMBERS

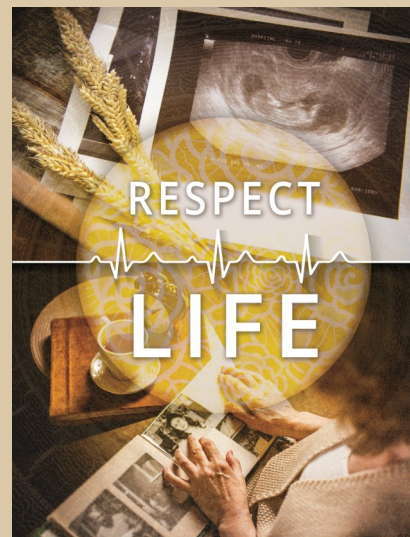
Mothers of all ages, now is the perfect time to check out the St. Theresa Moms Group. The Moms begin a new Endow study October 13th on Saint Catherine of Sienna. The group meets Tuesdays at 8:30 PM, and is online only for now. Contact Theresa Dickinson at [theresa.rose.k@gmail.com](mailto:theresa.rose.k@gmail.com) if you have questions or would like to participate.

## BLESSED?

This study on the Beatitudes contains uplifting messages for carrying us through challenging times. To learn more about God's promises found in the Beatitudes, join our Dir. of Liturgy, J.D. McQueen, for Cornerstone Sunday Ministry, either in-person in the Family Center or via Zoom. J.D. was a priest for 10 years in the Episcopal Church before becoming Catholic. Contact J.D. McQueen at [jdmqueen@sttaustin.org](mailto:jdmqueen@sttaustin.org) for more information and for links for the online option. Attend one, some or all. You will be welcomed.

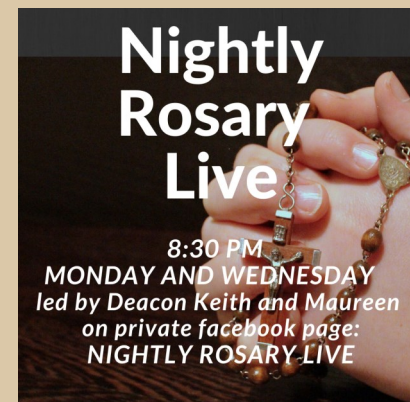


## LIVING THE GOSPEL



### 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The readings today challenge us to ask important questions about ourselves: What kind of tenants are we? Do we claim the vineyard of our lives for our own and turn God out or do we recognize that everything we have comes as gifts from God and is to be given back in praise? As we reflect on the gift of life and dignity given to each of us, how are we called to show greater respect for life: for the unborn; those on death row; the immigrants coming to our country? Where do we need to grow in love for the life and dignity of others?



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# IN THE DIOCESE

## OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

This year the Church celebrates the 25th anniversary of the landmark pro-life encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (The Gospel of Life). Written by Pope St. John Paul II, this prophetic document passionately reaffirmed the Church's constant teaching on the value and sacredness of every human life. It remains a foundational text for all our efforts to ensure that the life of every human person is protected and cherished. The annual Respect Life Program is a year-round, nationwide effort by leaders to help Catholics understand, value, and become engaged with building a culture that cherishes every human life. The U.S. bishops produce materials each year to assist you in these efforts. Find them at [www.respectlife.org](http://www.respectlife.org)



## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS IN OCTOBER

**October 10-11th** will be the annual Peter's Pence Collection to support the most disadvantaged around the world – victims of war, oppression, natural disasters and others in need of emergency assistance. This collection was moved from spring due to the pandemic.

**October 18th** is World Mission Sunday to support mission diocese overseas in some of the world's most vulnerable communities.

## LEARN MORE ABOUT ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC H.S.

**October 23, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.**

Interested families are invited to attend this Virtual Parent Information Session to learn more about the school, take a virtual tour of the beautiful campus, and hear about the admission process. Reserve a spot by visiting [saviochs.org](http://saviochs.org) > Admissions > Visit St. Dominic Savio.



## DISCERNMENT EVENT FOR SINGLE YOUNG WOMEN

Project Miriam, a discernment event for single young women up to 35 years old, will be held **Oct. 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** at St. Mary Cathedral in Austin. This is an opportunity to encounter joyful sisters from various religious communities, hear their discernment stories and learn about their communities. Their sharing and guidance will shed light on each participant's discernment journey. Visit [www.godiscalling.me](http://www.godiscalling.me) for more information and to register.

## ANNIVERSARY MASS FOR SVDP ON OCT. 30

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Diocesan Council of Austin will commemorate the 175th Anniversary of the Society's establishment in the United States with a Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Vásquez at St. Mary Cathedral on Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, at 6 p.m. It can be viewed livestream from the Cathedral's website or Facebook page. The Society has been providing person-to-person services to the most vulnerable in our communities throughout Central Texas.

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