



ST. THERESA
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

PARISH BULLETIN

THE 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 19, 2026

Dear St. Theresa Parishioners,



After just over seven years at St. Theresa, I will be transitioning to St. Helen Catholic Church in Georgetown beginning in May. My final weekend at St. Theresa will be April 25–26.

Archbishop Joe Vásquez assigned me to St. Theresa at my ordination in March 2019, and this parish has been the place of so many “firsts” in my diaconal ministry. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve you and to grow alongside this community in faith.

My family and I have lived in Georgetown since 2021, but it was not until my appointment last year as Director of the St. John Paul II Residence for Priests in Georgetown, where I now serve our retired priests, that the distance began to make it difficult to remain fully present in parish ministry at St. Theresa. This transition comes after much prayer and discernment.

While this move is bittersweet, I trust in the Lord’s guidance and remain thankful for all that we have shared.

Please know of my prayers for you, and I humbly ask for yours.

Peace,
Deacon Peter Barger

CONGRATULATIONS TO GIL ON 35 YEARS OF SVDP SERVICE!

St. Theresa's Society of St. Vincent de Paul recently honored Gil Koss for 35 extraordinary years of service. Over that time, he served approximately 1,700 households and more than 3,000 people in need. What an incredible testament to a life of generosity and compassion!



CEDARBRAKE RETREAT CENTER - NAVIGATING GRIEF | MAY 9 | 9 AM - 2:30 PM - Taking steps to work through grief is the focus of this day’s retreat. Retreatants will identify and reflect on their personal grief symptoms followed by a ritual to help ease the pain of grief and increase positive emotions. The cost is \$50, which includes lunch. To register or for more information, visit www.austindiocese.org/cedarbrake



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS - Please pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, that more men and women will have the courage to follow a call from God to serve in the Church.

WORD ON FIRE - Check out the free daily Scripture readings, inspirational videos, and Bishop Barron’s weekly homily. www.wordonfire.org



FORMED - Experience the treasures of the Church, from daily reflections to small group studies, all designed to nourish your faith journey. www.formed.org St Theresa has a free online subscription.



WEEK AT A GLANCE

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

5:00 PM – Mike McMahon, The Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

7:30 AM – Sam Key, Leslie Key

9:00 AM – Barbara Dewhurst †, Linda Hairston †

11:00 AM – Parishioners of STCC

MONDAY, APRIL 20

11:30 AM – Caitlin Conlan, Chris Conlan

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

11:30 AM – The Souls in Purgatory, Diaconate Class of 2031

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

11:30 AM – J.D. McQueen, Lou Hornung

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

11:30 AM – Erin Crowley †, Joelle Maryn

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

11:30 AM – Maureen Davis, Alice DeBoer †

DAILY MASS - MON - FRI 11:30 AM

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

9:00 AM | Liturgy of the Word with Children | FC

10:25 AM | Catechesis | Elmer

12:00 PM | HSYM | Elmer Hall - Great Room

MONDAY, APRIL 20

7:00 PM | Summit - A Night of Encounter | Church

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

6:45 PM | Connections | FC

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

6:00 AM | Catalyst | FC

7:00 PM | Bible Study | Elmer Rm 205

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

9:15 AM | Bible Study | Elmer Rm 202

12:15 PM | 55+ Ministry - Mahjong Games | FC

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

5:45 AM | Early Bird Taco Ministry | FC

MASS INTENTIONS - To honor someone with a Mass intention please visit the parish office during business hours or call (512)451-5121. The suggested donation per Mass intention is \$5.

ALTAR FLOWERS - A wonderful way to remember a loved one who is celebrating a birthday, anniversary, or who has passed. Contact the parish office for information.

JOIN US AND GET INVOLVED

SUN THE 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER | LUKE 24:13-35

Apr 19

In today's Gospel, the disciples recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread. How do we recognize the Lord in our midst? In his exhortation The Joy of the Gospel Pope Francis reminded us that one important way to see the Lord in our midst is through personal encounters with the poor. As important as it is to share our resources, it is in sharing ourselves, our time and our presence with the poor that we can have the experience which the disciples had – that we know the Lord in the breaking of the bread.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY (HSYM) | NOON - 1:30 PM | ELMER HALL - GREAT ROOM - All high school teens are invited to youth group every Sunday, for lunch, fellowship, faith and fun. Different topics, games and activities each week. Bring a friend!

SPRING CONCERT SERIES | SUNDAY, APRIL 19th | 3:00 PM | CHURCH - Join us for a free concert featuring Dr. Damin Spritzer, internationally acclaimed concert organist and Associate Professor of Organ at the University of Oklahoma. Known for her performances across the U.S. and abroad, Dr. Spritzer is also a passionate teacher and scholar of Romantic-era composers. You're in for another beautiful afternoon of music here at St. Theresa!



MON

Apr 20

A NIGHT OF ENCOUNTER - SUMMIT 7 PM - 8:30 PM | CHURCH

All are welcome to encounter a powerful night centered on Eucharistic Adoration, worship and prayer. Whether you've experienced Adoration before or not, this night is open to everyone—teens, parents, and families. Our youth group invites us all to join them for a night to encounter our Lord in a peaceful place. If you've been needing a moment to pause, pray, and reconnect with God—this night is for you. Come as you are. We'd love to see you there.



TUE

Apr 21

55+ LUNCH AND LEARN | 12:15 PM | FAMILY CENTER (FC) - Social Security Questions Answered. Join us as a knowledgeable representative from Northern Trust will walk us through Social Security planning. Bring your lunch and come learn with us!

CONNECTIONS | 6:45 PM - 8:30 PM | FC - Fr. Barry speaks on the importance of Pentecost and why we celebrate it. All women are welcome and bring a friend!

WED

Apr 22

CATALYST | 6:00 AM | FC - Spirituality of Work & Do What is Right - Ciocca Center. Each week at Catalyst, men of all ages come together to grow in faith and brotherhood. Breakfast tacos and coffee served at all meetings!

THU

Apr 23

COFFEE & CHRIST | 7:45 AM | ELMER RM 205 - 33 Days to Divine Mercy - Looking for a simple way to deepen your faith this Easter season? Join Coffee & Christ for 33 Days to Divine Mercy, a spiritual journey by Matthew Kelly designed to help you encounter God's mercy in a real and personal way. We'll have books available at our gatherings. Questions? MaryBeth-Hubik@st-theresa.org.

FRI

Apr 24

EARLY BIRD TACO MINISTRY | 5:45 AM - 7:15 AM | FC - The Early Bird Breakfast Taco Ministry provides about 200 tacos every Friday morning to folks at two homeless shelters in Austin. Contact: Tacos@sttheresa.org

50th ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY | 6:00 PM | ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Msgr. William (Bill) Brooks, beloved diocesan priest, pastor and friend, will be celebrating his 50th Ordination Anniversary on Friday, April 24, 2026. The 6:00 PM Mass and reception that follows will be held at his parish of ordination, St. Louis Catholic Church, 7601 Burnet Rd., Austin. Please join us in honoring his 50-year vocation and service to the people of our Diocese. Contact Louri O'Leary at lolarey2@gmail.com for additional information.



TASTE OF INDIA | APRIL 25th AT 6 PM - The Indian Catholic Association (ICA) presents Taste of India Fundraiser An Evening of Union at the Dell JCC in Austin. Enjoy delicious cuisine, colorful cultural performances, and a warm spirit of community, all while supporting ICA's charity mission in Austin and India. Visit <https://www.icaaustin.org/events> for tickets and details.

SAVE THE DATE | FRIDAY, MAY 1 | BINGO - Instead of our normal prizes we will have "Gift Card bingo". Please bring a \$10 gift card of your choice. The winners for each of the 5 rounds will have their choice of cards. Come join the fun!



WELCOME TO ST. THERESA

MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN (MOYC) – PARK PLAY DATE! | SAT. MAY 2 | 9:30 AM - Join us for a casual outdoor meetup at Beverly S. Sheffield Northwest District Park (7000 Ardath St). Bring your little ones — older siblings are welcome too! For any questions, feel free to reach out to Melissa Marget at melissa.marget@gmail.com. Scan the QR code to join our MOYC GroupMe and stay connected. We'd love to see you there!



ATTENTION CLASS OF 2026! - Please save the date for the Mass honoring our 2026 St. Theresa graduating high school and college seniors, Sunday, **May 31, at 11:00 AM**. This Mass will be celebrated with a procession, followed by cake and punch in the Family Center. We will be praying for all our seniors! Please RSVP and submit your senior photo and college plans for the graduation bulletin here: sttheresa.org/events/graduation



CENTRAL TEXAS FOOD BANK

ST. THERESA TEAM SERVE DAY

TEAM SERVE DAY AT CENTRAL TEXAS FOOD BANK | SAT., MAY 2 | 9:00 AM - NOON

Join Team St. Theresa for a parish service day at Central Texas Food Bank. As a volunteer you'll help us inspect, clean, sort, box and prepare donated food and non-food items that are distributed to our Partner Agencies for the families they serve. Registration required at: <https://sttheresa.org/serve>



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) | JUNE 8-12 | 9:00 AM -12:00 PM DAILY - VBS 2026 is speeding toward us like a jungle cat! We need your help building a strong team of volunteers - especially adults - to make this a high-quality faith-filled week for the children of our parish! So, let's "swing" into action like a howler monkey to put on the best VBS ever! Want to volunteer? Contact Christine Chow at Christine-Chow@sttheresa.org
Participant registration is now OPEN on our website at sttheresa.org/VBS



SUMMER CAMPS AT ST. THERESA! REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN - St. Theresa is getting ready for summer with camps for all interests! Join us for music, sports, and drama! Register at <https://st-theresa.org/summer-camps>



ST. THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL - 2026-2027 Applications are now open! Apply today at sttheresa.org/school - We invite you to live the "Little Way" at St. Theresa Catholic School. Serving 3 year olds to 8th grade. National Blue Ribbon School scoring in the top 15% of nationwide assessments.
Contact Susie Thompson, Admissions Director at sthompson@sttheresa.org

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Fr. Larry Covington - Pastor
Fr. Barry Cuba - Parochial Vicar
Deacon Tony Pynes
Deacon Keith Carter
Deacon Peter Barger

We are a vibrant and welcoming Catholic community in Northwest Austin. Following the example of our patroness, St. Theresa is grounded in scripture, growing in the Spirit, and reaching out in love. We are making disciples for the Lord Jesus Christ and, together in ministry for Him, advancing the Kingdom of God. All are welcome here!

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FURTHER THE CATHOLIC FAITH AND OUR VIBRANT ST. THERESA COMMUNITY!

Your Offertory

April 6-12: \$36,966
April MTD: \$110,904
April Budgeted Offertory: \$230,460

TEXT STCC
to 84576

email/text
updates

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM

Sunday Mass 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM*, 11:00 AM
*Livestream on YouTube

Daily Mass - 11:30 AM (M - F)

Reconciliation - Saturday, 4:00 PM or by appt.

Adoration - Fridays, Noon -1:00 PM



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Have questions? We'd love to help. Stop by our Welcome Desk in the narthex to learn more about our ministries, sacraments, faith formation, and the many ways you can grow and get involved at St. Theresa. Our friendly volunteers are there to greet you, answer your questions, and help you find opportunities in our parish community.