

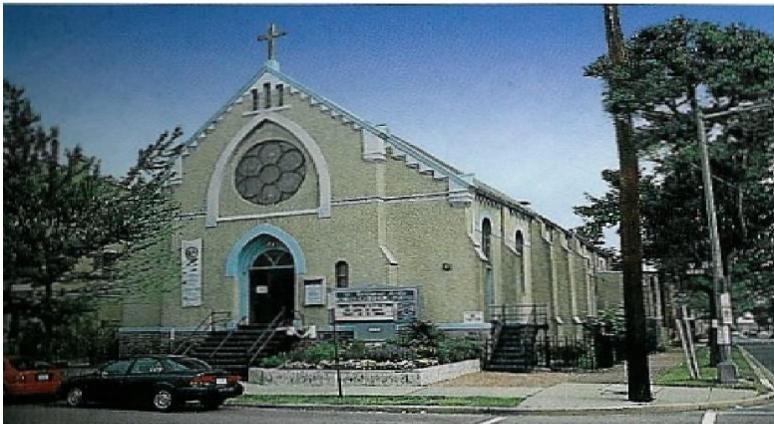
# 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## “Father’s Day” - June 21, 2020

### Saint Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

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*Our 140th Year as an Evangelizing Parish that positively impacts its Members and the Community in which it lives.*



**Phase 2 of the District of Columbia begins on June 22, 2020 with the extension of public mass gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Archbishop of Washington published guidelines for the phased reopening of parishes. STA will continue abstinence from public Masses until such time as it is safe for our Parish community. Livestream Mass will continue each Sunday at 9:30am from our Parish website at [www.stachurchdc.org](http://www.stachurchdc.org)**

**Reconciliation:** Monsignor East is available for drive-by confessions. Please contact the PLC to schedule a time

**Office Hours:** Monday – Thursday, 10:00am – 3:00pm and Friday, 10am – 1pm

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Join our Livestream Mass on the STA Facebook page and St. Teresa of Avila YouTube channel every Sunday at 9:30am. Visit [www.stachurchdc.org](http://www.stachurchdc.org) for links. We encourage you to get online 10 minutes early for virtual fellowship, praise, and worship time. Visit the Archdiocese website for additional recorded and live-streamed Masses at <https://adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/>

*Twining with our sister parish, St. Antoine, Vieux Bourg & with the Diocese of Jeremie in Haiti, West Indies*



<p><i>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Jeremiah 20:10-13, Psalms 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35, Romans 5:12-15 Matthew 10:26-33</p>
<p><i>Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time</i> 2 Kings 22:8-13; 23:1-3, Psalms 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40, Matthew 7:15-20</p>
<p><i>Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time</i> 2 Kings 19:9B-11, 14-21, 31-35A, 36, Psalms 48:2-3AB, 3CD-4, 10-11 Matthew 7:6, 12-14</p>
<p><i>Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time- Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist</i> Isaiah 49:1-6, Psalms 139:1B-3, 13-14AB, 14C-15, ACTS 13:22-26 Luke 1:57-66, 80</p>
<p><i>Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time</i> 2 Kings 24:8-17, Psalms 79:1B-2, 3-5, 8, 9, Matthew 7:21-29</p>
<p><i>Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time</i> 2 Kings 25:1-12, Psalms 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6, Matthew 8:1-4</p>
<p><i>Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time</i> Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19, Psalms 74:1B-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21 Matthew 8:5-17</p>
<p><i>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16A, Psalms 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 Romans 6:3-4, 8-11, Gospel Matthew 10:37-42</p>

# prayer & fasting

**Please Pray for Our Sick, Our Shut-In, and all who are suffering from the scares of this Pandemic.** And Jesus says, *let me fill you with My Love, "I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being". – Ephesians 3:16:*

*Judy Ashburn, Darren Barnes, Bernard Brown, Katie Butler, Audrey Caldwell, Nadine and Earl Day, Helen Desperitt, Clark James Durand, Sylvester Enlow (father of Denise Yorkshire) Ricardo Featherstone, Corey Fowler-Cooke, Patricia Franklin, William Gorham, Mary Greenfield, Renee Gross, Ethel Hale, Audrey Hawkins, Antonio "Big Tony" Haggins, Barbara Hill, Patricia Pickens-James, Reginald Johnson, Sheila Kennedy, Ralph McCloud, Ronald McCants, Paul McCloud (Ralph McCloud's brother), Channing McKinney, Veronica McKinney, Inez Matthews, Dorothy Morgan, Mother Kamana Asteria Mukangango (mother of Fr. Didace), Vivian Parker (Sister Marie Bernadette's sister), Bonita Robinson, Michelle Whatley-Seabrooks, Mary Smith and her sister Betty Cook, Willa Spruill, Darian Taylor, Yolanda Thomas, Vermel Thompson-Chichester, Bernadette Trowell, Paulette Vernon, Sharree Walls, Denise Washington, Denise and Tony Yorkshire at the death of Denise's sister.*



## HIGHWAY TO HEAVEN



### IN MEMORIAM

*Please keep the families of our beloved parishioners who have gone home this month lifted in prayer.*

***Dina Dent***

*(Sister of Denise Yorkshire and Sister-in-Law of Tony Yorkshire)*

***James Howard***

*(Father of Michael Howard)*

***Viola Washington***

*He has made his way to this Highway to Heaven. We will miss him dearly, but we know that He is going before us, and we will see him someday soon.*



## Jesus Awaits Us in the Eucharist

*Selection from Homilies by Pope Benedict XVI*

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, many of us have had to go weeks or months without receiving the Eucharist. This has been very difficult for all of us, but it has also helped us to grow more in appreciation for this life-giving sacrament. These homilies by Pope Benedict XVI can help us reflect on the amazing gift of Jesus in the Eucharist.

### Do We Desire to Receive Jesus?

“I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer” (Luke 22:15). With these words, Jesus began the celebration of his final meal and the institution of the Holy Eucharist. Jesus approached that hour with eager desire. In his heart he awaited the moment when he would give himself to his own under the appearance of bread and wine. He awaited that moment, which would in some sense be the true messianic wedding feast: when he would transform the gifts of this world and become one with his own, so as to transform them and thus inaugurate the transformation of the world. In this eager desire of Jesus, we can recognize the desire of God himself—his expectant love for mankind, for his creation. A love that awaits the moment of union, a love that wants to draw mankind to itself and thereby fulfill the desire of all creation, for creation eagerly awaits the revelation of the children of God (cf. Romans 8:19). Jesus desires us, he awaits us.

But what about ourselves? Do we really desire him? Are we anxious to meet him? Do we desire to encounter him, to become one with him, to receive the gifts he offers us in the Holy Eucharist? Or are we indifferent, distracted, busy with other things? From Jesus' banquet parables, we realize that he knows all about empty places at table, invitations refused, lack of interest in him and his closeness.

For us, the empty places at the table of the Lord's wedding feast, whether excusable or not, are no longer a parable but a reality in those very countries to which he had revealed his closeness in a special way. Jesus also knew about guests who come to the banquet without being robed in the wedding garment—they come not to rejoice in his presence but merely out of habit, since their hearts are elsewhere.

In one of his homilies, St. Gregory the Great asks: Who are these people who enter without the wedding garment? What is this garment and how does one acquire it? He replies that those who are invited and enter do in some way have faith. It is faith that opens the door to them. But they lack the wedding garment of love.

Those who do not live their faith as love are not ready for the banquet and are cast out. Eucharistic communion requires faith, but faith requires love; otherwise, even as faith, it is dead. . .

*"I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you." Lord, you desire us, you desire me. You eagerly desire to share yourself with us in the Holy Eucharist, to be one with us. Lord, awaken in us the desire for you.*

***Strengthen us in unity with you and with one another. Grant unity to your Church, so that the world may believe. Amen.***

—Homily, Holy Thursday, St. Peter's Basilica, April 21, 2011

## How to Make a Spiritual Communion

*Below are recommendations for how to make a 'spiritual communion' when unable to participate in **the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass**. The recommendations can be adapted based upon personal and family needs.*

- Gather with others in your household and begin a time of prayer with the sign of the cross.
- Take time to read and reflect upon the readings from Sunday Mass. You can find the readings in this Sunday Bulletin or at [usccb.org](http://usccb.org) and a Sunday Gospel reflection on our [YouTube channel](#). In addition to the STA Live Stream Mass at 9:30 AM every Sunday, a weekly televised Sunday Mass is available to watch at [adw.org/tvmass](http://adw.org/tvmass).
- Share prayer intentions quietly or aloud.
- Pray the Lord's Prayer.
- Pray **"Prayer to the Most Holy Redeemer (Anima Christi)"** or **"Prayer to our Lord Jesus Christ Crucified"**
- Close with the sign of the cross.

**Prayer to the Most Holy Redeemer**  
**(Anima Christi)**

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.  
Body of Christ, save me.  
Blood of Christ, embolden me.  
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.  
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.  
O good Jesus, hear me.  
Within thy wounds hide me.  
Never permit me to be parted from you.  
From the evil Enemy defend me.  
In the hour of my death call me.  
and bid me come to thee,  
that with your saints I may praise thee  
for age upon age. Amen.

**GIVE THANKS  
TO THE LORD  
FOR HE IS GOOD**  
*His LOVE endures FOREVER!!!*



While we cannot personally wish you a “Happy Birthday”, we wanted you to know that we did not forget! Below is the list of birthdays for the week of June 21 – 26th. We thank God for the life that he has given us in you!

**(6/21)** Bernadette Catalan, Barbara Stewart

**(6/24)** Cordell Daniels

**(6/25)** Christina Jones, Klauss Von Glehn

**(6/26)** Robin Kelly

**Thank You for your Generosity**

You can contribute your **tithes and love offerings** three ways:

- eGiving: Text staChurch to 77977, click the link and follow the prompts
- [www.stachurchdc.org](http://www.stachurchdc.org) and click on “Tithes and Love Offerings”



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Phone-a-Prayer

Sister Anne Marie will be available each day from 10:00am - 4:00pm for anyone wanting intercessory prayer. Please telephone 205-919-0010 and leave a voicemail if there is no answer.

Then you will call on me  
and come and pray to  
me, and I will listen to  
you. - Jeremiah 29:12

### Wisdom Wednesdays at 11:00am

Join us every week as Shirli Hughes, STA Director of Worship and Arts guides us through the origin of another beloved hymn, praise and worship chorus, or Gospel song, followed by time for discussion and prayer. Check the ***Calendar of Events*** on the website for dial in information.

### Stay Connected

As we begin different phases of re-opening our cities, we must take care of our mental health. Take time for yourself and visit the Visit the ***Health Awareness*** page on the STA website at [www.stachurchdc.org](http://www.stachurchdc.org) under the ***Ministries Tab*** for some articles on mental and behavioral health.



**ATTENTION** STA high school and college students!!! The Sodality 2020 Scholarship Application is available on the website—[www.stachurchdc.org](http://www.stachurchdc.org). The **submission deadline date is August 30, 2020**. The committee contact information is listed on the application.

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES REMOTE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



The COVID-19 health crisis has impacted every part of our lives and many businesses are still shut down. Catholic Charities continues to provide essential services; our food, shelter and medical care programs are continuing. **We still need YOU**, your time, and talents! While most in-person volunteer opportunities continue to be suspended, there are still remote-based ways to get involved and assist Catholic Charities during this crisis.

**Sew Face Coverings** for the community and keep the staff and clients safe, by following guidelines from the CDC and local public health officials.

**For patterns and instructions, please click the link below:**

<https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteers-needed-to-sew-cloth-face-coverings/>

**For additional volunteer opportunities and information go to:**

<https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/covid-19-volunteer-opportunities/>

## FATHER'S DAY 2020

### “MY PERSECUTORS WILL STUMBLE”

\_\_\_\_\_they will not triumph. (Jeremiah 20:11)

In today's reading, Jeremiah was not having a good week. Like many African Americans, he had been arrested, beaten, and thrown into prison. Then, having been released, he pronounces an oracle of destruction against Jerusalem and offers a bitter prayer accusing the Lord of “seducing” him into this dangerous ministry (Jeremiah 20:7). And he prays for the chance to see his enemies' downfall—and to savor it (20:12)!

But we must ask ourselves, is that what Jesus had in mind when he said, **“Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you”** (Matthew 5:44). As a people of 400 years of persecution, we have only to think of Jesus' words of forgiveness on the cross to see what Jeremiah was saying, *“my persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph”*. (Jeremiah 20:11)

Like many of our fathers as we celebrate them today, it's comforting to know that even a great prophet like Jeremiah had bad days. It gives us some perspective on our own lives. With the recent reminders of what the African American man and people have endured in these Americas for over 400 years, who among us hasn't wished vengeance on someone who has hurt us? We know we shouldn't, we know it's wrong, but sometimes we find it extremely hard to resist the pull toward resentment and revenge when our fathers are taken away needlessly. The truth is, change takes time, and we must keep working at it. We must keep checking our thoughts, examining our motives, and holding our tongues until we develop the virtues that mirror Jesus' perfect, unconditional love. We also must keep pressing in to stay close to the Lord so that his love continues to shape our hearts. **But remember this: you are not alone!** You are part of a Church filled with saints, both famous and obscure, who show that change is possible. You have the Holy Spirit, who is always ready to remind you of Jesus' love and to give you his grace and encouragement. You, like Jeremiah will have far more good days than bad days because you never give up. (Excerpts from “The Word Among Us”)

***This Father's Day, we pray:***

***“Lord, teach our people how to love everyone, even the people who are making my life difficult. Keep our father's safe in your arms, and when they endure the hate, let them only feel your love and compassion, in Jesus precious name we pray.” Amen, Amen, Amen***