

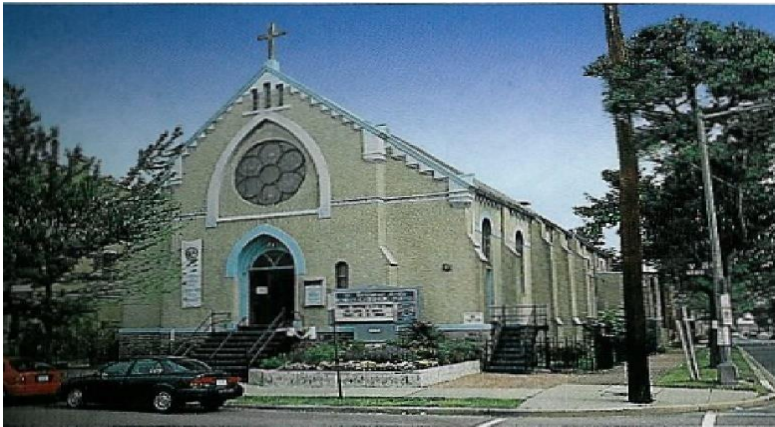
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 2, 2020

Saint Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

1244 V Street SE, Washington, DC 20020-7016 www.stachurchdc.org

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



We continue in Phase 2 of the District of Columbia with restrictions on 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

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 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



Sunday August 2nd Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:1-3, Psalms 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18, Romans 8:35, 37-39, Matthew 14:13-21

Monday, August 3rd Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 28:1-17, Psalms 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102, Matthew 14:22-36

Tuesday, August 4th Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest

Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22, Psalms 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 AND 22-23

Matthew 14:22-36 Or Matthew 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday, August 5th Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 31:1-7, Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12AB, 13, Matthew 15: 21-28

Thursday, August 6th Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, Psalms 97:1-2, 5-6, 9, 2 Peter 1:16-19, Mark 9:2-10

Friday, August 7th Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7, Deuteronomy 32:35-36, 39, 41, Matthew 16:24-28

Saturday, August 8th Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Habakkuk 1:12-2:4, Psalms 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13, Matthew 17:14-20

Sunday August 9th Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:9A, 11-13A, Psalms 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14, Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:22-33

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:

Bernard Brown, Katie Butler, Audrey Caldwell, Vermel Thompson-Chichester, Jeff Corey, 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, Grimes and Tolliver families as they mourn the loss of mom/grandma Phyllis Toliver, Renee Gross, Antonio “Big Tony” Haggins, Ethel Hale, Audrey Hawkins, Barbara Hill, Patricia Pickens-James, Reginald Johnson, Sheila Kennedy, 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), Jocelyn Reyes, Bonita Robinson, Barbara Savoy (mother of Liz Hall), Lee Scott (husband of Joanne Scott), Michelle Whatley-Seabrooks, Mary Smith and her sister Betty Cook, Willa Spruill, Frieda Stanley, Darian Taylor, Yolanda Thomas, Bernadette Trowell, Paulette Vernon, Sharree Walls, and Denise Washington.

How can we pray for you and your family? You can send your request directly to stachurchcommunications@gmail.com or contact the PLC.



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 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.
- 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.





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 first week of August.*** **If we have not listed your birthday, we don’t have it! PLEASE CONTACT THE PLC IMMEDIATELY!** We thank God for the life that he has given us in you!

(8/1) Nina Boylen, Leonise
Wellington
(8/2) Dalik Gregory
(8/4) Calvin Short, Talmah Turner
(8/5) Wanda Hall
(8/7) Pauline Barnes, Ahsaki Daley
(8/8) Deborah Watson

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

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY**

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

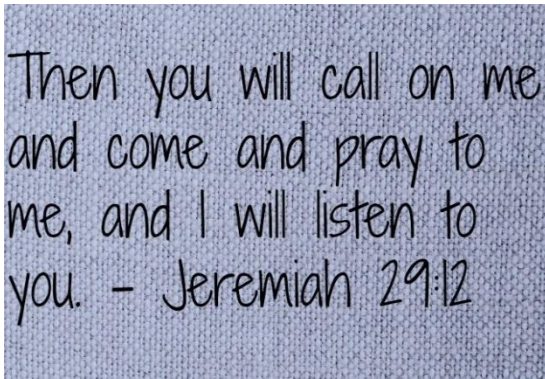
- eGiving:Text staChurch to 77977, click the link and follow the prompts
- www.stachurchdc.org and click on “Tithes and Love Offerings”



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.



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 under the ***Ministries Tab*** for some articles on mental and behavioral health.

THANKSGIVING FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Thank you to my STA family for all your prayers, cards, words of encouragement and calls during my hospitalization and ongoing recovery. My STA family is a continuing source of strength and encouragement for me. Yolanda.Thomas



Our own Charlene Howard elected to the 2020 Pax Christi USA National Council

Her term will begin in October 2020. [Click here to read more & to find short bios for our new council members and the vision](#)

[statement each shared for the ballot.](#)
Congratulations Charlene!



The Sodality invites you to join them in reciting the Rosary **each Sunday at 10:45 am** via free conference. The dial in **number is 1-602-580-9273**. The **access code is 5360845**.



2020 SODALITY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Sodality 2020 Scholarship Application is available on the website—www.stachurchdc.org. **The submission deadline date is August 30, 2020.** The committee contact information is listed on the application.

Free College Scholarships to Minority College Students interested in the Study of Medicine! **THE LANGONE MEDICAL CENTER COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AT THE NEW YORK UNIVERSITY** Has \$600 million of unclaimed money for scholarships. **Minority College students interested in the Study of Medicine please apply today!**

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Stay connected with the parish by signing up to receive email and text messages through our Flock Note communications tool. Sign up at www.stachurchdc.org



AUGUST PARISH CHALLENGE – “Guess the Gardener”

Are you a gardener (vegetable, floral or fruit) or have you received your “gift of the green thumb” during this time of COVID-19 and started your own garden, inside or outside? Showcase your unique gardening skills in the “**Guess the Gardener Challenge!**”

This month we are presenting our parish gardens! **Send us a photo of your beautiful garden and another photo of you in or beside your garden**, with a few details on what you enjoy growing the most. Each week in the month of August we will share a new group of photos showcasing our parish family gardening skills. Send photos to:

stachurchcommunications@gmail.com.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

As a health precaution for all in-person opportunities, who wish to continue helping you return for a shift once every two weeks.

Spanish Catholic Center Food Package Assembler and Distributer

Bi-lingual volunteers need at Spanish Catholic Center location in DC to assist with the weekly food distribution taking place every Wednesday. Volunteers who are screened and cleared will assemble grocery packages for pick up and distribute them as needed. **Sign up here:**

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

Food Distribution

Team of volunteers to direct cars through a pickup line to receive a box of food containing frozen proteins and fresh produce for 4 people and a bag containing prepared meals to take home. **Distribution typically happens on Friday from 10am – 2pm. Please see this link for the latest details and to sign up:**

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

SHARE Food Distribution

On the 2nd or 3rd Saturday at the SHARE Food Warehouse in Landover, MD.

While maintaining safety and social distancing, volunteers needed to assist senior citizens, load vehicles with food packages, and make sure people get the correct amount of food items.

Lifting 20-30lbs repeatedly may be required and your temperature will be checked when you arrive at the Warehouse.

Sign up at:

<https://tinyurl.com/ShareWarehouse>

Montgomery County Family Center Food Pantry

Join the dedicated Montgomery County Family Center staff to prepare for food distributions every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. Get information and Signup here:

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

Remote Opportunities

Sew Face Coverings

Your help is needed in making sewn face coverings to protect the employees and volunteers at community food distribution sites and homeless shelters.

Get information and sign up here:

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

Write Letters and Poems to Support Our Staff –

You are invited to show your support for our front-line staff. You can write a poem or letter to offer encouragement and gratitude to support front-line staff.

Please see here for instructions:

<https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Coronavirus-Poetry-Assignment-1.pdf>

Catholic Charities Remote Internship Opportunity

- Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington is currently looking for an intern for our volunteer office.

Please contact intern coordinator

claire.sanfilippo@cc-dc.org with any questions.

“Current undergraduate students looking for a remote internship opportunity are invited to apply to the Outreach and Events Intern at Catholic Charities D.C. for the Fall semester. The intern will work with our Volunteer Engagement Office to and will be responsible for project coordination and communication with our volunteers. This is a good position for someone interested in developing skills in community outreach, event coordination, and learning more about large non-profits. Interested students can find the full job description and apply online at:

<https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/2020-summer-internships/>”

SUNDAY MEDITATION

“In all these things we conquer overwhelmingly”

_____ (Romans 8:37)

Julius Caesar. Alexander the Great. Napoleon Bonaparte. Genghis Khan. What do these men have in common? They were among the world’s greatest conquerors. They waged military campaigns that took them far and wide, forming mighty empires along the way.

Would you include Jesus in that list? Or St. Paul? Or yourself, for that matter? We don’t think of Christ, or Christians in general, as conquerors. Jesus died an ignoble death at the hands of the Romans. St. Paul was beheaded by the same empire. They looked more like the conquered than conquerors. Even today many Christians are martyred by those in power.

And yet through his sacrifice on the cross and his resurrection from the dead, Jesus conquered the greatest enemies of all: sin and death. And because of our baptism into Christ, that’s a victory we all share in—no matter what befalls us in this life.

Paul’s words must have comforted the early Christians whenever they experienced persecution for their faith. Even when it looked like they were “losing,” they knew they were actually “winning.” They trusted that not even the worst calamity could separate them from Jesus (Romans 8:39)!

These verses can bring you comfort as well. You may be experiencing the kind of anguish and distress that St. Paul described. Or maybe you are repeatedly “losing” to a certain temptation. Whatever the case, know that as you cling to the Lord, you will “win” in the end. One day Jesus will welcome you into his heavenly kingdom, and everything will be made right and beautiful.

Until then, remember that God will never separate himself from you; his love is too strong, too real, and solid. And through that love, you too will triumph over sin, death, and all the trials of life. You too will be a conqueror.

“Jesus, may I never be separated from your love!”

_____ “The Word Among Us”