29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 18, 2020

Saint Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

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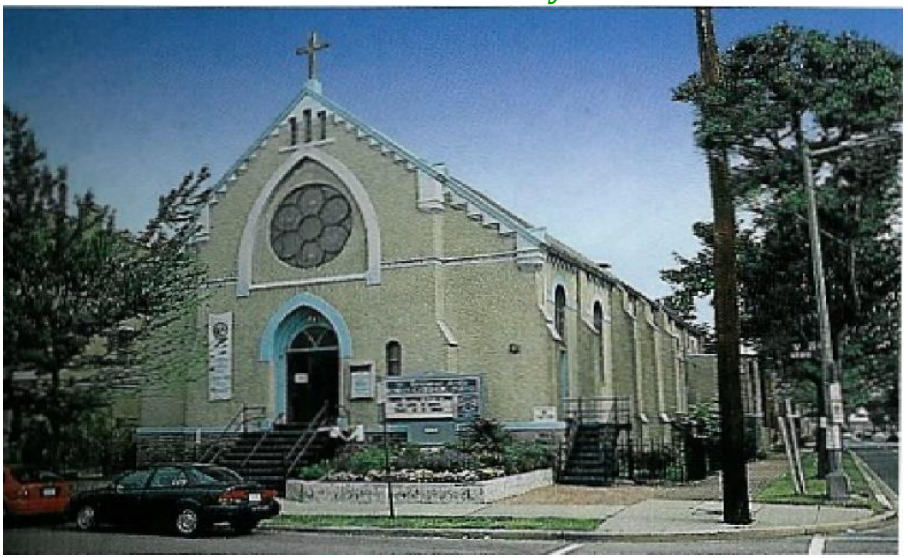
One Hundred-Forty Years as an Evangelizing Parish that positively impacts its Members and the Community in which it lives and serves.



Mass Schedule: Sunday 9:30 a.m. In-person by pre-registration and livestream at home

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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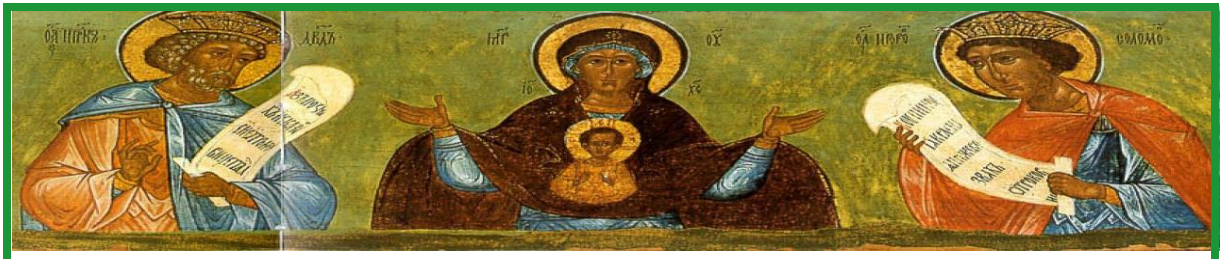


Reflection on Gospel

Sunday Meditation

"God's Law and Order"

In our world today, there is a lot of discussion, examination, and focus on what's referred to as *"Law and Order".* You likely wouldn't be alone if this phrase called to mind the television series that has remained wildly popular and has grown and expanded tremendously since it first aired 30 years ago. The show highlights the life and work of lawyers and police departments, sometimes working in harmony and other times in conflict, to uphold the "law of the land". As you can find in the news daily, matters of policing, legislation, and judicial policy are constantly on the minds of our people. These issues are often incredibly polarizing, and they can create extremely hard lines between us. In today's gospel, we find that the same was true in Jesus' time. To trap him into publicly declaring, once and for all, that he was, "for or against," the law of the land, the Pharisees asked him to take a hard stance on the tax laws.

As is always his way, Jesus turns this into a reminder that your life and your world are shaped by what governs your mind and heart. ***"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."*** To me, this statement is rooted not in the law and order of a society, but in *the law and order of the Kingdom of God*. We're reminded in ***Matthew 6: 25-34*** that God's laws are best explained when we examine Creation, the things governed by the laws of nature. Jesus tells us to observe how the birds are always fed and the flowers are always flourishing, without any stress or strain…because they are constantly provided for by God. This is the understanding of law and order that Christ is calling us to adopt. I hear him reminding me that what I pay to "Caesar" is only a concern if I'm depending on "Caesar" to provide for me. But if I remember that **all things** are provided by God and in absolute, ever-flowing abundance, then resting in gratitude and faith is all that's required! One dictionary definition of "law" refers to a phenomenon that is known to be unchanging, regardless of the circumstances. And the definitions of "order" describe a way of functioning in a state of harmony, peace, and freedom from confusion. Remembering to ***"seek first the Kingdom of God"*** keeps our minds and hearts rooted in **God's Law and Order**. And this is the way to unchangeable, unwavering, and everlasting peace.

_____Erin Wiley

MASS PARTICIPATION AT STA

We continue our modified in-person Mass celebrating the Eucharist together according to the Guidelines from the District of Columbia and the Archdiocese of Washington. Please click here to review the guidelines below for in-person Mass as we continue with one Mass per week at our parish.

Reminder: Each week, you will have to register if you plan to attend in-person mass. You must have a confirmed reservation to attend Mass, this includes anyone who may be serving in any capacity. Space is limited. Reservations must be made by Fridays at 12:00 p.m. Parishioners who are particularly vulnerable (e.g., over the age of 60, those with serious underlying health conditions: high blood pressure, diabetes, obesity, asthma, and those whose immune system is compromised, heart or lung conditions, or who are immune-compromised), and those who are ill or suspect they may be ill, should remain at home. Livestreaming of our Sunday Mass on our STA YouTube and Facebook Live channels will continue each Sunday, with Mass at 9:30 a.m.

StreamingLive

Join us for 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/

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

DAILY MASS READINGS

Sunday October 18th Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time *Isaiah 45:1, 4-6, Psalms 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5B* *Matthew 22:15-21*
Monday, October 19th Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time Memorial of Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs *Ephesians 2:1-10, Psalms 100:1B-2, 3, 4AB, 4C-5, Luke 12:13-21*
Tuesday, October 20th Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time *Ephesians 2:12-22, Psalms 85:9AB-10, 11-12, 13-14, Luke 12:35-38*
Wednesday, October 21st Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary *Ephesians 3:2-12, Isaiah 12:2-3, 4BCD, 5-6, Luke 12:39-48*
Thursday, October 22nd Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time *Ephesians 3:14-21, Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, Luke 12:49-53*
Friday, October 23rd Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time *Ephesians 4:1-6, Psalms 24:1-2, 3-4AB, 5-6, Luke 12:54-59*
Saturday, October 24th Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary *Ephesians 4:7-16, Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4AB, 4CD-5, Luke 13:1-9*
Sunday October 25th Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time *Exodus 22:20-26, Psalms 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51, 1 Thessalonians 1:5C-10* *Matthew 22:34-40*

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*

Richie Allison (son of Sandi Allison-Harris), Katie Butler, Audrey Caldwell, Vermel Thompson-Chichester, Betty Cook (aunt of Wanda Smith), Nadine and Earl Day, Helen Despertt, Sharon Franks-Dunbar, Clark James Durand, Sylvester Enlow (father of Denise Yorkshire), Ricardo Featherstone, Corey Fowler-Cooke, Patricia Franklin, Valerie Gillis (sister in-law of Fred and Betty Robinson), William Gorham, Mary Greenfield, Grimes and Tolliver families, Renee Gross, Antonio "Big Tony" Haggins, Ethel Hale, Audrey Hawkins, Barbara and Kevin 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), Joe Robinson (uncle of Lethia & John Kelly), Jocelyn Reyes, Bonita Robinson, Barbara Savoy (mother of Liz Hall), Lee Scott (husband of Joanne Scott), Michelle Whatley-Seabrooks, Willa Spruill, Wanda Smith and the entire Smith Family, Frieda Stanley, Darian Taylor, Dorothy Taylor (cousin of Pauline Barnes), 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.

HIGHWAY TO HEAVEN

IN MEMORIAM

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

Elaine Dyson
(sister of Shirley Hawkins)
Kurt Gillis
(uncle of Fred & Betty Robinson)
Christopher Washington
(nephew of Charles Wiley)
Michael Austin
(brother of Craig Seastrong)
Jimmy Barnes
(uncle of Darren Barnes)
Jean Kelly Adams
(sister of John Kelly)
Gloria Whitfield
(mother of Ahsaki Daley and Grandmother of David Joseph Jackson)

*They have made their way to this **Highway to Heaven**. They will be missed dearly, but we know that they go before us, and we will see them someday soon.*

MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE PRAY AND WORK TO END THE SIN OF RACISM (CCC 1935)

OUR FAMILY PRAYER FOR JUSTICE AND HUMAN DIGNITY

Loving and faithful God, we come to you, Father, to ask that through your Son, Jesus and in communion with the Holy Spirit, you help us in the battle against America's "original sin" of racism that divides us from being the Body of Christ that we are called to be as your children. We implore you to give us your wisdom, so that we may build a community founded on the Gospel message of the life and dignity of all people from the womb to the tomb, and to live in communion like the divine communion of the Holy Trinity.

Bless parents that they may form their children in faith, to love one another regardless of skin color, ethnicity, and national origin, just as Jesus loves us.

Bless and protect all of us as we live out our faith in being "instruments of your peace" as St. Francis said. Fill us with a thirst for justice and righteousness. Hear our prayer and give us the courage, compassion, and perseverance to root out any form of injustice within our communities and to bring the healing love of Christ to all in need. Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of our Church, hasten to help us and intercede on our behalf, so that our Archdiocese can continue to witness to the Gospel message of life and dignity of all people. Amen.

Written by
The Most Rev. Wilton D. Gregory
The Most Rev. Mario E. Dorsonville
The Most Rev. Roy E. Campbell, Jr.
The Most Rev. Michael W. Fisher

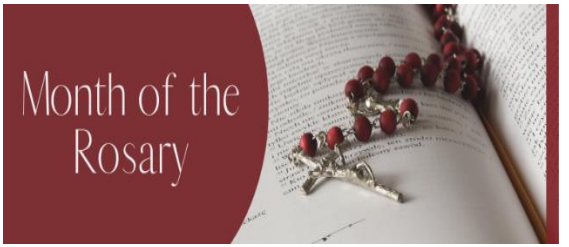
While we cannot personally wish you a "Happy Birthday", we wanted you to know that we did not forget! Below is the list of ***birthdays for the first week in October***. **If we have not listed your birthday, we don't have it! PLEASE CONTACT THE PLC IMMEDIATELY!**

(10/18) Ronique Jones, Stephanie Parker-Flowers, and Tasheeka Stewart
(10/19) Tifanny Afoakwa
(10/20) Oscar Mebane, Jr.
(10/22) Msgr. Raymond East

We thank God for the life he has given us in you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stay Connected
Take time for yourself and visit the ***Health Awareness*** page on the STA website at **www.stachurchdc.org** under the ***Ministries Tab*** for some articles on mental health and wellness.



October is the month of the Rosary. Join the Sodality in praying 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**. Please remember, when you call-in prior to 10:45 am, and after announcing your name, **please mute your phone.**

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH FLOCK NOTE
Missing important STA communications? 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.

Young-Onset Alzheimer's Disease and other Dementias SUPPORT GROUP
ON THE 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from noon to 1:30 p.m.
By phone and email during the COVID-19 emergency Jihan Starr: 443-717-2289 jstarr12@jhmi.edu OR Rita Anaka at ranaka1@jhmi.edu.

DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN & ANNOUNCEMENT SUBMISSIONS

WEDNESDAYS BY 5:00PM

Submit to stachurchcommunications@gmail.com

Your generosity is gratefully appreciated. You can't beat God's giving no matter how hard you try, and we appreciate all your efforts during this most difficult time.

There are three methods to give tithes and love offerings:

- **eGiving:** From your cell phone, **Text staChurch to 77977**, click the link and follow the instructions and choose your gift amount and frequency.

- Visit the Parish website at www.stachurchdc.org, click on ***"Tithes and Love Offerings"*** and follow the instructions for online giving.

- **Want to send a check? Drop off** is in at the PLC in the secure lockbox **at 1401 V Street, SE, Washington, DC 20020.**

Faith Links Small Groups announces 2 spirit-filled Series - How Do We Decide?
This series supports prayerful discernment as we navigate the current election.

The first **4 part series How Do We Decide?** kicked-off on **Tuesday*, October 13 and runs through November 7.*** The second **4 part series The A.C.T.S. of Advent, *begins November 22 - December 19.*** - Using the Gospels of the upcoming Advent cycle to prayerfully consider when to return to our parish home.

For information of available groups and schedules, email faithlinkssmallgroups@gmail.com or **visit our web page on the STA website**. You may also leave a message at the Parish Life Center for Charlene, Houston, or Ivette. ***Let's stay prayed up, Church!***

Communications Committee is looking for volunteers to assist with audio/visual and communications assistance. We need volunteers to assist with editing the bulletin and electronic communication, website, and social media management as well as technical assistance with weekly Mass audio/visual production and editing. **If you are interested please contact the communications team at** stachurchcommunications@gmail.com

Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.
_____Romans 12:13

Catholic Charities is recruiting volunteers to take on a weekly, year-long commitment to service. If you are friendly, dependable, culturally sensitive, and able to encourage a person going through a big change, become a virtual mentor or instructor today. Additionally, we are seeking doctors, nurses, lawyers, and/or financial professionals to contribute their expertise through pro bono opportunities. To volunteer and learn more about opportunities visit the Volunteer Opportunities Page at: https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/covid-19-volunteer-opportunities

Go Vote!

One million children praying the rosary

To our beloved brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the world:

Aid to the Church In need (Australia, & U.K) is helping to spread and Invite all to make a conscience approach in joining and praying the Rosary at your own time, with family and friends or at your own place of worship, which takes place every year on the 18th October 2020, at 9am.

We hope and pray that through the spirit of Christ you can Join us in this special prayer of the Rosary that only comes around once a year.

Visit the Australian website for more information

www.aidtothechurch.org

Telephone: - (029679-1929) *Australian number (Please note timeframes in each country and state differ, we would ask to keep these in mind)* **God Bless, may the love of Christ be with you all**

Ron Lee *jesuschristforever431@gmail.com*

"God created man in his own image…male and female he created them." *GN 1:27*

COUNCIL of CATHOLIC WOMEN in collaboration with other Women's Groups of ARCHDIOCESE of WASHINGTON
INVITE ALL OF OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS

Event: ***Racial Justice Discussion*** zoom meetings. Live reading, testimonies, and discussion of USCCB's 2018 Pastoral Letter on Racism ***"Open Wide Our Hearts".***
Not recorded. Must be present to experience it!

Dates: 3 unique but related sessions
Thursdays, October 8th, 22nd and November 5, 2020

Keynoter on October 8th is Msgr. Ray East, Pastor of St. Teresa of Avila parish in Washington, D.C.

Time: Doors open at 6:30 pm Eastern Time

Event: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Registration is required: Free Zoom Event – click the link below
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/reading-of-open-wide-our-hearts-on-line-eventtickets-120122799527

You must register for each night you plan to attend *(1 night = 1 ticket, 3 nights= 3 tickets).*

Questions? Contact Sharon A. O'Brien at Archdioceseccw@gmail.com

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FOOD DRIVE

Aiding in food insecurity in DC due to COVID-19

4275 4th St SE, Washington, DC 20032

Distributing on 10/7 starting @ 9am

2,500 family boxes with fresh produce, meat and dairy products

Organizations need to arrange their own pickups

First come, first serve basis

See us again on 10/14, 10/21, and 10/28

CITY GATE

Healthcare is a Racial Justice Issue

4-Part Virtual Series on Dismantling Systemic Racism in U.S. Healthcare

Tuesday, September 29 – Racial Justice Grand Rounds: Training Healthcare Workers to Provide Equally Compassionate, Patient Centered Medical Care

- Dr. David Ansell, MD, MPH - Senior Vice President for Community Health Equity, Rush University Medical Center
- Dr. Lena Hatchett, PhD - Associate Professor, Loyola University Neiswanger Institute for Bioethics, Stritch School of Medicine; Director, Community and University Partnerships

Tuesday,October 6 – Systemic Racism in the U.S. Healthcare System

- Jessica Simpson, MPH - Founder and President of White Coats 4 Black Lives at Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine
- Dr. Brian Williams, MD - Associate Professor of Surgery, University of Chicago Medical School

Wednesday, October 14 – The Role of Faith Communities in Dismantling White Supremacy in the U.S. Healthcare System

- Ralph McCloud - Director of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
- Dr. Shawnee Daniels, PhD - Associate Professor of Theology and Ethics, Mount Mary University

Wednesday, October 28 – Reconciliation, Reparations, and Racial Justice in Healthcare: What do Catholic institutions owe?

- Dr. Therese Lysaught, PhD - Professor and Director, Graduate Program in Healthcare Mission Leadership, Loyola University Neiswanger Institute for Bioethics
- Dr. Malik Henfield, PhD - Professor and Dean of the School of Education at Loyola University Chicago
- Dr. Cory Mitchell - Director of Mission Integration, Mercy Health

This series is presented as a collaboration by White Coats 4 Black Lives Chicago Chapters, Loyola University Chicago and The Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage, and a coalition of parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago including Holy Name Cathedral, Saint Vincent de Paul, Saint Teresa of Avila, and Saint Clement.

More Info/Register: https://hsd.luc.edu/racialjustice/

All sessions will be held at 7pm Central on Zoom and Facebook Live.

Contact: Michael Bayer - mbayer1248@gmail.com

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Preparing people to lead extraordinary lives

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MEN OF SAINT TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

George T. Wade Scholarship for Continuing Education

PURPOSE: To Assist and Aid in Furthering the Educational Goals of a registered member of Saint Teresa of Avila Catholic Church.

WHO CAN APPLY: Any Registered Member of STA Catholic Church Ages 19 and Older who is not a previous winner of the George T. Wade Scholarship.

HOW TO APPLY: Applicant Must Submit a 500 Word, Double-Spaced, Typed Essay on One of the Following Subjects:

- How would this scholarship benefit you and/or your family?
- How would your course of study benefit God's Kingdom/Community?
- How has your religious faith influenced your educational development?

Also included with the essay, applicant must submit proof of acceptance at an accredited institute of higher learning.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION: (Award of scholarship will be based on :)

- ***Quality*** (distinguishing attributes, excellence, and strength)
- ***Grammatical Accuracy*** (conformity to rules of grammar)
- ***Sincerity*** (honesty and earnest devotion)

Awardees will receive up to $600.00 credit payable to the educational institution.
Non awardees will receive a letter of acknowledgement.

INSTRUCTIONS

Any registered member of Saint Teresa of Avila Catholic Church, 19 years old or older who is not previous awardees of the George T. Wade scholarship should submit application for scholarship on or **before Sunday October 25, 2020** to:

Paul M. Washington: pmwashi@hotmail.com **Tony Yorkshire**: tyorkies1@verizon.net
or Michael Howard: etsm@prodigy.net

Or Mail to:
STA Parish Life Center
MOST George T. Wade Scholarship
1401 V Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20020

The name of the Scholarship recipient will be announced at the 9:30 am Mass
Good Luck! May Our Good Lord Continue to Bless You and your educational goals.