

Saint Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

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

Pentecost Sunday

May 23, 2021



Msgr. Raymond G. East, Pastor rayeast@icloud.com; Mobile: 202-355-8888

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 9:30 a.m. in-person and livestream online

Sunday 11:30am in the courtyard between the church and the convent

weather permitting

RECONCILIATION

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

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Life Center

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Pentecost Reflection on The Gospel

“To Each, His or Her Own”

_____ *Galatians 5:16-25, John 20:19-23*

Today’s account of Jesus appearing to the disciples, as they hid behind locked doors, is a familiar one. It’s a scene that I have read and reflected on plenty in the past, but the beauty of the Easter season is that every moment overflows with something new, fresh, and bursting with life in a way that is uniquely mine to receive!

My encounter this time was rooted in the visual unfolding of the scene. In my mind’s eye, I saw Jesus take three actions. First, He, “came and stood in their midst.” It was easy for me to picture a room of individuals, coping with their fear in their own ways, and then everyone’s attention being riveted to the sight of Jesus suddenly standing in the center, where every eye could see Him. In his next action, “he showed them his hands and his side,” and again I could envision Him standing there, displaying these reminders of his victory over death, right where every disciple could see.

In Jesus’ third action, the scripture says, “he breathed on them,” and I had to press pause on my mental playback of the scene. Because how does one breathe on a large group of people, all at once? As I pondered this image, an answer came to me. Jesus, in His incredible way of ministering to both the masses and the individual, would impart the Holy Spirit to His followers...one by one. “As the Father has sent me, so I send you,” he says to the group. But I can almost hear an extra clarification that isn’t in the text: “I send you...each of you.” Then, I can imagine that He would go and look each one in the eye, breathe on him/her, and speak the words in a manner that is deeply personal and intimate: “Receive the Holy Spirit.”



A few weeks ago, a group of our young people were Confirmed, and we are always delighted when there are so many who are taking this step! But despite the quantity, in truth, they are not confirmed as a group. They are each confirmed as individuals who are stepping into the next phase of their lifelong, one-on-one journey with the Spirit. As we hear in today's second reading, "to each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." In the same way that the Cardinal blessed our Confirmandi one at a time, I believe that the disciples' encounter with Christ likely occurred in the same way.

Where each received the breath, the Holy Spirit, and the affirmation that unity, wholeness, and oneness with your brothers and sisters begins or ends with you.

And so it is for you and I, today and every day. As Christ breathes the Spirit on you, may your Pentecostal encounters be unique, intimate, and deeply felt at the very center of your being.

Lord, send out your Spirit, in each of us, and renew the face of the earth!

_____ **Namaste**

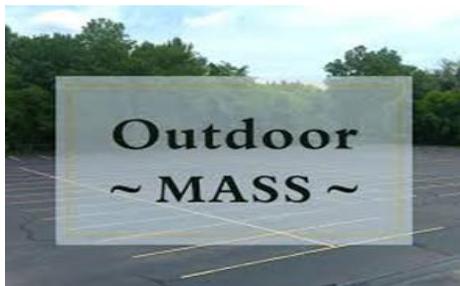
MASS PARTICIPATION AT STA

As COVID restrictions continue to loosen in the District of Columbia, for the continued health and safety of our parishioners, St. Teresa of Avila will continue to adhere to the rules and guidelines from both the District of Columbia and the Archdiocese of Washington regarding attendance at public Mass. Please [click here](#) to review the most current guidelines for in-person Mass at our parish.

Reminder: Each week if you plan to attend in-person Mass, to avoid any delays in getting into the church house, you must complete the online COVID-19 Questionnaire and Liability Waiver by Saturday 2pm. [Click here to complete the online questionnaire and waiver.](#) Temperature checks are still required upon arrival. Anyone who has not completed the online questionnaire in advance will be subject to completing it onsite along with our standard COVID protocol guidelines. As parishioners continue with vaccinations, parishioners who are particularly vulnerable (e.g., those with serious underlying health conditions, 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 the St. Teresa of Avila, DC YouTube channel every Sunday at 9:30am. Visit www.stachurchdc.org for links. We encourage you to log on 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/>



Outdoor, socially distanced Mass is offered each Sunday at 11:30am in the courtyard between the church and the convent, weather permitting. No RSVP is necessary.



May 23rd Pentecost Sunday

ACTS 2:1-11, Psalms 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34, 1 Corinthians 12:3B-7, 12-13
Or: Romans 8:8-17. OR Galatians 5:16-25, John 20:19-23

May 24th Monday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Genesis 3:9-15, 20 Or ACTS 1:12-14, Psalms 87:1-2, 3 AND 5, 6-7
John 19:25-34

May 25th Tuesday in the Eighth Week of Easter

Sirach 35:1-15, Psalms 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 And 23, Mark 10:28-31

May 26th Wednesday in the Eighth Week of Easter - Memorial of Saint Philip Neri, Priest

Sirach 36:1, 4-5A, 10-17, Psalms 79:8, 9, 11 AND 13, Mark 10:32-45

May 27th Thursday of the Eighth Week of Easter

Sirach 42:15-25, Psalms 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, Mark 10:46-52

May 28th Friday of the Eighth Week of Easter

Sirach 44:1, 9-13, Psalms 149:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6A AND 9B, Mark 11:11-26

May 29th Saturday in the Eighth Week of Easter

Sirach 51:12CD-20, Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11, Mark 11:27-33

May 30th Sunday The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Exodus 34:4B-6, 8-9, Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
John 3:16-18

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

Stefan Abresch, Richie Allison (son of Sandi Allison-Harris), Joyce Barbour (sister of Audrey Barbour), Marian Barbour (mother of Audrey Barbour), Darren Barnes, Dorothy Barnes (cousin of Pat Waddell), Briana Brown (granddaughter of Robin Kelly), Katie Butler, Audrey Caldwell, Vermel Thompson-Chichester, Betty Cook (aunt of Wanda Smith), Bro. Jeff Corry, Nadine and Earl Day, Helen Desperett, Gloria (Sister of Ruth Dixon), George Dugué (father of Jennifer Tilghman), Clark James Durand, Ricardo Featherstone, Howard Fleming, Corey Fowler-Cooke, Patricia Franklin, Wanda Garrett, William Gorham, Mary Greenfield, Donna Grimes, Renee Gross, Antonio “Big Tony” Haggins, Ethel Hale, Delores Hatcherson, Audrey Hawkins, Princess Collins (niece Shirley Hawkins), Barbara Hill, Patricia Pickens-James, Margaret Jenkins, Reginald Johnson, Sheila Kennedy, Jahan Keys (great nephew of Shirley Hawkins), 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), Mackenzie Pierce (daughter of the late Thomas “Butter” Pierce), Angela (Angie) Powell (daughter of Jackie Christian), Jocelyn Reyes, Bonita Robinson, Anne Marie Schreiner, Joanne Scott, Lee Scott, Michelle Whatley-Seabrooks, Sister Anne Marie Schreiner, Willa Spruill, Darian Taylor, Dorothy Taylor (cousin of Pauline Barnes), Robert Taylor (husband of Sandra Taylor), Yolanda Thomas, Bernadette Trowell, Carol Walker, Sharree Walls, Denise Washington, John Whiteside and Alice Wingate. **How can we pray for you and your family? You can send your request directly to stachurchcommunications@gmail.com or contact the PLC.**





While we cannot personally wish you Happy Birthday, we wanted you to know that we did not forget! Below is the list of birthdays for the last week of May:

- (5/23) Sandra Brown
- (5/24) Betty Robinson, Morgan
Telesford
- (5/25) Ivette Basterrechea Jones
- (5/28) Adams M. Mathews
- (5/31) Antoinette Barnes

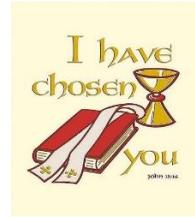
We thank God for the life He has given us in each of you! **If we have not listed your birthday, we don't have it! PLEASE CONTACT the Parish Life Center IMMEDIATELY!**

HEALTH MINISTRY

"Your Apple for the Week"

So, whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the love of God.

Apples are so nourishing for our bodies, an apple a day!! 🍏!



Monsignor's 40th Anniversary in the Priesthood

As we celebrate Pentecost, we are richly blessed by the gift that God has given to this faith community, and millions around the country. We thank you Father, for giving us the precious gift of your own, Msgr. Raymond East, who we celebrate today, May 23, 2021, his forty years of service in the priesthood. May you keep him in the palm of your hands, bless him, protect him, and guide his footsteps as he continues this journey with our Lord and Savior.

_____ Amen, Amen, Amen



Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist

"Please Pray for Us"

We will celebrate First Communion at the 9:30 Mass on Sunday, June 6, 2021, the Feast of Corpus Christi. Our four candidates are: ***Kaymonnie Hutchinson, Nicholas Lewis, Elliott Reed, and Ruby Reed.*** Please pray for our children as they take the next step in their sacramental journey.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Partnered in Mission – Annual Summit of Members will be held **May 23 -26th.**

This inaugural summit of members will focus on deepening our communal understanding of the new mission, vision, and values of In Word and Witness. All members of our community are encouraged to partake in this gathering. **Register today at:**

<https://inwordandwitness.org/events/partnered-in-mission/>

COMMUNITY EVENTS & JOB OPENINGS WITH THE ARCHDIOCESE

The National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry is looking to hire a Digital Content Coordinator. More information can be found at <https://nfcym.org/nfcym-is-hiring-digital-content-specialist/>.

The Archdiocese of Washington Catholic Campus Ministry position is available at George Washington University. **The job posting can be found at:**

<https://recruiting.ultipro.com/ARC1012ARCHW/JobBoard/a6c08282-64df-408a-a35b-yld=eaca23d9-a267-4249-a62d-abfd5bf632c3>.



Join the Sodality in praying the Rosary each Sunday, at 11:00 a.m. via free conference. The dial-in number is **1-602-580-9273**. The access code is **5360845**. When dialing in, **please mute your phone** after announcing your name.



Youth Faith Formation sessions are held **every 1st and 3rd Sunday at 11:30 a.m.** It is our prayer that parents will partner with catechists in this faith journey in living out the scripture, **Proverbs 22:6** ***“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it.”*** Should you have any questions, please contact the PLC at (202) 678-9068 to reach a member of the **Faith, Formation Team: Ann Batiste, Pat Waddell, or Bernadette Catalan.**

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.

Wisdom Wednesdays

Join us **every week at 11:00 a.m.** 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.**



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, 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 at** the PLC in the secure lockbox at **1401 V Street, SE, Washington, DC 20020**

NOTE: *In our continued efforts to streamline Parish expenses, if you use Push Pay and don't use your regular weekly offering envelopes, please contact the Parish Life Center to be removed from the envelope mailing list. Thank you for your generous support.*

Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

**DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN &
ANNOUNCEMENT
SUBMISSIONS
WEDNESDAYS BY 5:00PM
SUBMIT TO:**

stachurchcommunications@gmail.com

THE PROGRAM "STAY DC" provides financial assistance to residents unable to pay rent and/or utilities due to COVID-19 pandemic. Through STAY DC the District will —Pay unpaid rent going back to April 2020; Pay forward rent up to 3 months at a time.

Pay for water, gas, and electricity expenses on your behalf, and provide extended housing support for up to 18 months, per tenant.

We encourage anyone who is struggling to pay their rent or utility bills to visit stay.dc.gov or call 833-4-STAYDC from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. We do not want a situation where the public health emergency ends and suddenly, we have residents who owe thousands of dollars in back rent and bills.



MOH Virtual Fundraiser

The Ministers of Hospitality (MOH) are hosting a virtual fundraiser to support a family impacted by the Texas Winter Storm. The Candle Fundraiser will run until June 30, 2021. Click on the link to order:

<https://www.candlefundraiser.org/teresa>.

You must enter the name of the MOH member you are supporting. If no one is assisting you with your order, enter the following:

First name: Saint

Last name: Teresa

Make sure that your address and phone number are included on your order, so that a MOH member can contact you when your product arrives. ***Supporters should be local because all orders must be picked up.*** All orders will be submitted as a group at the end of the fundraiser on June 30, 2021. **Please allow 15 – 18 days for the orders to arrive at our church and be sorted.**

As we get closer to the end of the fundraiser, we will provide a date for pick up from the church in the bulletin. You will be contacted directly if there is no MOH member associated with your order.

Please pass along the link to support our fundraiser.

Ministers of Hospitality Fundraising Committee

Eunice Wise - 202-669-8617

Michelle Gilbert – 240-606-4299

Shirley Johnson - 202-563-1286

Join us on our Pilgrimage to where Heaven meets Earth

Medjugorje



October 04 -14, 2021
\$2,879 from Washington DC & New York

**ADDITIONAL DEPARTURE CITIES AVAILABLE **



Join us on our Pilgrimage to where Heaven meets Earth.



Group Director: Deacon Leo Flynn
Spiritual Leader: Msgr. Raymond G. East



For Additional Information Contact:

Deacon Leo Flynn at 703-328-4762 Email: leo@theflynnteam.com



To Register Please Visit:

www.pilgrimages.com/dcnflynn

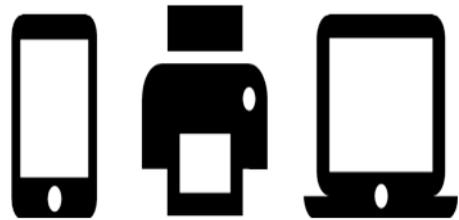
Washington DC Electronic Recycling Events

All events are 10am - 2pm



June 12, 2021

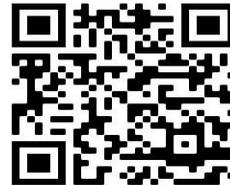
Ward 8: William O. Lockridge
Bellevue Library
115 Atlantic St SW



June 19, 2021

Ward 2: West End Library
2301 L St NW

Find more events at:



June 26, 2021

Ward 1: Fab Test Lab Library
2000 14th St NW

For more information visit <https://doee.dc.gov/node/1239526>



The Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary St. Teresa of Avila



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The Sodality Membership Committee invites you to join our ministry.

JOIN US IF:

***You want to know more about Mary the Mother of God.
You yearn for a consistent prayer life.
You would like to improve your relationship with God.
You want to hear God when He talks to you.***

WHAT IS A SODALIST?

A Sodalist is a man or woman who has an interest in developing a deeper devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of Jesus Christ and lives the way of life that recognizes the presence of Christ in their everyday life.

The St. Teresa of Avila Sodality invites you to join us to share ways to help improve your well-being with prayer and connection with Jesus through the Blessed Virgin Mary. We are devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of the Church, the Mother of God who calls us to lives of conversion and witness: to work at embodying the truth and values of Christ in everything we do, living out the virtues of Faith, Hope and Love.

If interested in learning more about the Sodality, please contact Jackie Christian via email at jacquelyn9305@gmail.com or call 301-943-3044.

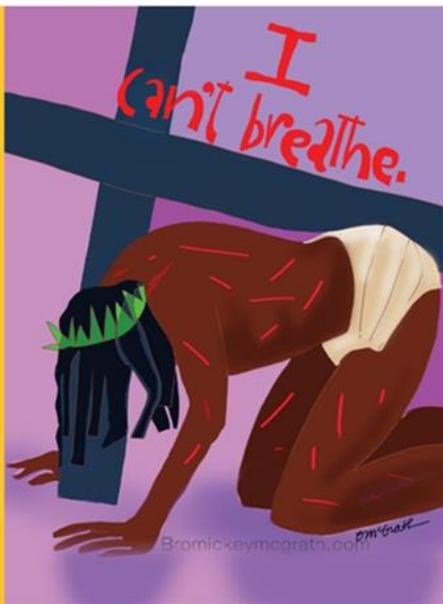
Continue to join the Sodality in reciting the Rosary Sunday mornings via free conference call. The dial-in number is (602)580-9273. The access code is 5360845.

To Jesus through Mary, we walk according to His Truth.

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June 27 - July 16, 2021


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The IBCS is an "enriching and challenging program steeped in daily prayer and Eucharist that seriously investigates theological and pastoral issues, that embraces and critiques African American culture as the context for evangelization, that formulates and pursues action for social justice, and confronts all of this in light of the Gospel and the Church's teachings."
- M. Shawn Copeland, Ph.D. "In All Things", Winter 2004

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