

# Saint Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

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

## *Sunday, April 3, 2022* **Fifth Sunday of Lent**



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### MASS SCHEDULE

*Sunday 9:30 AM in-person and online*

*Sunday 11:30 AM 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.

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Friday, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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Get up everyday  
**LOVE GOD**  
and do your best  
he will do the rest

## SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

### ***“Loving And Forgiving Are You, O Lord”***

\_\_\_\_\_ John 8:1-1

Today's Gospel for Year C is about the woman caught in adultery.

***Loving and forgiving are you, O Lord,  
slow to anger, rich in kindness,  
loving and forgiving are You.  
All my being, bless the Lord,  
bless the holy name of God.  
All my being, bless the Lord,  
remembering the goodness of God.***

Our first reading is from the prophet Isaiah. *“Thus says the LORD, who opens a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters, who leads out chariots and horsemen, a powerful army, till they lie prostrate together, never to rise, snuffed out and quenched like a wick. Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new!”*

Church, the Lord is always doing something new! He is always trying to get us to draw closer to Him or trying to use us to try to draw someone else closer to Him. He wants all of us to be saved. Of course, Satan wants just the opposite. He wants all of us to be damned like he freely chose to be. They say misery loves company. That is another way of saying that the father of misery wants everybody else to be miserable with him in Hell. Satan could have chosen to stay with God in eternal bliss, but he wanted to do what he wanted to do and not what God wanted. The question for us has been and will always be, which side do we want to be on?

Do we want to at least try to do right whatever the circumstances or do we want to do wrong and keep on doing wrong? Monsignor constantly reminds us that our God is the God of second chances, third chances, and more chances. We can turn our lives around with God's help anytime we choose as long as we don't wait too late. Loving and Forgiving are You, O Lord.

The Responsorial Psalm declares the Israelites' happiness on returning to the Promised Land from their exile in Egypt. Having left their homeland because of famine, the Israelites sojourned peacefully in Egypt until there came pharaohs who didn't know Joseph and enslaved them for 400 years. God freed them from their bondage and brought them back to the Promised Land. ***“The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. When the Lord brought back the captives of Zion, we were like men dreaming. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with rejoicing.”***

The second reading is from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians, ***“Brothers and sisters: I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.”*** Church, it is sometimes hard to remember that the zeal that St. Paul showed as a disciple of Jesus was a mirror image of the zeal he showed as an opponent of the new Christian religion replacing his beloved Judaism. Acts 8:1 says that prior to his conversion, Saul was consenting to the martyrdom of St. Stephen and was a fierce opponent of the Christians. So, our past actions, whatever they may have been, are no excuse for not accepting Jesus' offer of eternal life. Loving and Forgiving are You, O Lord.

Today's Gospel is from John says, "Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle. They said to him, Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So, what do you say?" Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her. Again, he bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. So, he was left alone with the woman before him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you? She replied, No one, sir. Then Jesus said, neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore."

Church, although Jesus does not support the woman being stoned for her adultery, it is clear that He sees her as a sinner who needs to repent and turn her life around. He hates the sin, but He loves the sinner. As an aside, although there wasn't a mention of any penalty for the man caught in adultery with her, in fact the Mosaic law decreed the death penalty also for him. Self-righteous people like the Scribes and Pharisees in Jesus' time and those today who are like them focus on the externals of piety but internally ignore the commandments to love God above all things and our neighbors as ourselves.

*As heaven soars above the earth,  
so great the love of God for us.  
As far as east is from the west,  
the Lord takes our sins from us.  
Loving and forgiving are you, O Lord.  
slow to anger, rich in kindness,  
loving and forgiving are You.*

Church, our Lord Jesus Christ is loving and forgiving.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Dr. William A. Hawkins, Jr.**  
**Deacon St. Teresa of Avila**



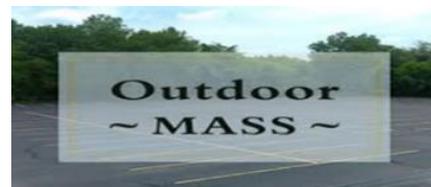
Welcome to Saint Teresa of Avila parish, where we recognize and celebrate the joy of the Lord as our strength! We are so glad you stopped by to visit us today.

We think you will find STA a welcoming community of believers filled with the love of Jesus and each other. Your presence will allow us to be a friend, make a friend, and bring a friend to Christ.

*Worshiping  
Together  
at last!*

As we return to in person worship again, whether fully vaccinated or not, Saint Teresa of Avila will continue to practice COVID health and safety precautions for all. Each week if you plan to attend in-person Mass, to avoid any delays in getting into the church house, we ask that you **complete the online COVID-19 questionnaire by Saturday 2:00 pm (this includes children) or be prepared to complete and sign when you arrive.** Please [click here](#) to complete the online questionnaire.

Join us every Sunday online on [STA YouTube](#) and [Facebook Live](#) channels at **9:30 AM.** Visit the [Archdiocese Website](https://adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/) for additional recorded and live-streamed Masses at <https://adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/>.



**Outdoor Mass is held on Sundays at 11:30 AM** in the courtyard between the church and the convent, **weather permitting.** All are welcome!



**April 14, 2022**  
**7:00 PM Holy Thursday**

**April 15, 2022**  
**7:00 PM Good Friday**

**Saturday, April 16, 2022**  
**7:00 PM Easter Vigil**

**April 17, 2022 9:30 AM**  
**Easter Sunday**

***All services will be livestreamed and in-person!***

**FREE COVID-19 TEST KITS!** Starting January 19th, the Biden Administration began distributing at-home, rapid COVID-19 tests to American homes for free at [COVIDTests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov). This program will ensure that Americans have at-home, rapid COVID-19 tests available in the weeks and months ahead—in addition to the number of other ways they can get tested.



Join the Sodality in praying the Rosary Sunday at 11:00AM via free conference call. 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.

# **DAILY** **MASS READINGS**

***April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Fifth Sunday of Lent***

Isaiah 43:16-21, Psalms 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6  
 Philippians 3:8-14, John 8:1-11

***April 4th, Monday Fifth Week of Lent***

Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62, Psalms 23:1-3A,  
 3B-4, 5, 6, John 8:12-20

***April 5th, Tuesday Fifth Week of Lent***

Numbers 21:4-9, Psalms 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21  
 John 8:21-30

***April 6th, Wednesday Fifth Week of Lent***

Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95, Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56  
 John 8:31-42

***April 7th, Thursday Fifth Week of Lent***

Genesis 17:3-9, Psalms 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9  
 John 8:51-59

***April 8th, Friday Fifth Week of Lent***

Jeremiah 20:10-13, Psalms 18:2-3A, 3BC-4, 5-6, 7  
 John 10:31-42

***April 9th, Saturday Fifth Week of Lent***

Ezekiel 37:21-28, Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ABCD, 13  
 John 11:45-56

***April 10th, Palm Sunday***

Isaiah 50:4-7, Psalms 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24  
 Philippians 2:6-11  
 Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49



**Please Pray for our sick, our shut-in, and all who are suffering from the fears 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**

*Sandi Allison-Harris, Joyce Barbour (sister of Audrey Barbour), Marian Barbour (mother of Audrey Barbour), Briana Brown (granddaughter of Robin Kelly), Katie Butler, Jimmy Campbell (brother of Donna Bell), Vermel Thompson-Chichester, Betty Cook (aunt of Wanda Smith), Bro. Jeff Corry, Maurice Crump, Sr., Nadine Day, Helen Despertt, Clark James Durand, Thomas Easter, Howard Fleming, Patricia Franklin, Mary Frye, William Gorham, Keith Graham, Jr. (grandson of Ronique Jones), Mary Greenfield, Renee Gross, Antonio "Big Tony" Haggins, Ethel Hale, Betty Hamer (mother of Anna Friday), Delores Hatcherson, Audrey Hawkins, Princess Collins (niece of Shirley Hawkins), Kim Jackson, Patricia Pickens-James, Margaret Jenkins, Charles Johnson III, Reginald Johnson, Ethel Marshall, Rita Johnson, Jonnette Jones, Sheila Kennedy, Inez Matthews, Janet Mauceri-McCain, Paul McCloud (Ralph McCloud's brother), Veronica McKinney, Gwendolyn Means, Dorothy Morgan, Mother Kamana Asteria Mukangango (mother of Fr. Didace), Vivian Parker (Sister Marie Bernadette's sister), Angela (Angie) Powell (daughter of Jackie Christian), Jocelyn Reyes, Sis. Anne Marie Schreiner for healing and for her sister Patty in transition, Michelle Whatley-Seabrooks, Willa Spruill, Yolanda Thomas, Bernadette Trowell, Carol Walker, Jonathan Wallace (son of Mary Wallace), Mary Wallace, Sharree Walls, Denise Washington, Alice Wingate, Eunice Wise, and Tom Young.*

**How can we pray for you and your family? You can send your request directly to:**  
[stachurchcommunications@gmail.com](mailto:stachurchcommunications@gmail.com) or contact the PLC.

**ADMINISTRATION**

Pastoral Council | Finance Council  
Parish Staff | Communications Committee  
Membership

**SERVICE**

Haiti Mission | Health Awareness  
Senior Adult Outreach | Virginia Morgan  
Memorial Soup Kitchen | Mothers on the Move Spiritually (M.O.M.S)

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

Eucharistic Ministers | Lectors | Ministers of Hospitality | Nurses | Environment

**WORSHIP & ARTS**

Liturgical Dance | Drama Ministry | Gospel Choir  
| Children & Youth Choir | Men's Ensemble  
| Women's Ensemble | Sisters of Praise  
| Instrumental Praise | Sight & Sound Ministry

**EDUCATION**

Youth Faith Formation | Adult Faith Formation  
Faith Links Small Group | Bible Study Baptism

**COMMUNITY**

Sodality | St. Vincent DePaul | S.H.A.R.E.  
| Kairos Prison Ministry | M.O.S.T. (Men of St. Teresa) | Washington Interfaith Network Cursillo  
Ultreya | Teen Club | Girl Scouts | Boy Scouts  
| Bereavement Ministry

**"Don't Carry That Cross Alone"**





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 **first week of April**.

**We thank God for the life He has given us in each of you!**

(4/1) Shirley Johnson, Charlene Scott  
(4/5) Donna Grimes, Kathy King and Ayissetou Short

(4/7) David Jackson

(4/8) Lewis Greenhowe, Torrey Wellington and Leonise Wellington

(4/9) Christopher McDonald

**If we have not listed your birthday, we do not have it! PLEASE CONTACT the Parish Life Center IMMEDIATELY!**



**Wisdom Wednesdays**

Join us on **Wednesday mornings at 11:00 AM** for praise and worship. Each week we come together and learn more about the origins of many gospel hymns, praise and worship chorus, and Gospel songs, followed by time for discussion and prayer. **Please check the calendar of events on the website for dial in information.**



**An Apple of the Week - Using our time wisely.**

Pope Frances reminds us not to forget the message based on a passage from St Paul's Letter to the Galatians. "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for, in time, we shall reap our harvest if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all." Galatians 6 9.

The soil is prepared by fasting, watered by prayer, and enriched by charity. Fasting can be a quiet fast, Spending quiet time with the Lord.

An apple a day assists with a healthier body. Perhaps fasting a day on apples during lent will bring a more profound result to the body.

\_\_\_\_The Health Ministry



Here at STA, we practice "Stewardship" through our ministries, liturgies, and outreach, St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church touches the lives of hundreds of people in the Washington metropolitan area.

You can help play a special and enduring role in our work. Regardless of your situation in life, there are multiple ways to support STA — first through your prayers but also through the gifts of your time, talents, financial resources and treasures.

Thank you for your generous tithes and love offerings. There are two easy ways to give:

- **eGiving:** Visit [www.stachurchdc.org](http://www.stachurchdc.org) and click on "Tithes and Love Offerings."
- Drop off or send your donation by mail to the **Parish Life Center** at 1401 V Street, SE, Washington, DC 20020.



## HELPING HANDS

**“St. Teresa of Avila is called to be an evangelized and evangelizing community of believers who bear witness to Jesus Christ present in our midst.”** If you are called to evangelize, please consider volunteering to read the **Parish Vision Statement**. You need not have experience, only a love for proclaiming our Parish Vision.

Anyone interested please send an email to:  
[stachurchcommunications@gmail.com](mailto:stachurchcommunications@gmail.com)

### ***Prayer for Haiti (Novena)***

***In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen***

**God of Life...** Heavenly Father, we come to you being grateful for the gift of life for ourselves and our brothers and sisters in Haiti. We ask that you move in a mighty way to overcome challenges of life and death by providing necessary resources amid political unrest and devastation due to natural disasters. Help us to recognize and assist in some way to achieve “quality of life” in Haiti.

**God of Hope...** We come to you asking for restoration of food, shelter, health, peace, and unity for the common good of all people.

**God of Creation...** Creator of the Universe.... Maker of great and small, touch the hearts and hands of us. Let us unite our efforts to achieve by caring for God’s people with respect and dignity.

**God of Love...** Let your love be the driving force that compels us to words and actions of faith, hope and charity. Lord, we ask you to replace any division, malice, discord, or greed with love. For in this love, we share safety, joy, and victory over evil.

**God of Miracles...** God, we thank you for divine intervention to the ongoing challenges that impact the quality of life among our brothers and sisters in Haiti.

\_\_\_\_\_ Amen



## United States Naval Academy Summer Seminar

The United States Naval Academy Summer Seminar is the first step in navigating your future to becoming one of our nation’s next generation of leaders.

If you are currently in your junior year of high school and considering the Naval Academy as your college of choice, we strongly recommend you consider applying to Summer Seminar. Summer Seminar will introduce you to life at the Academy, where you will experience first-class academic, athletic, and professional training at the #1 public college in the Country (released 2021 U.S. News & World Report College Ranking Report). Your Summer Seminar application will also serve as a preliminary application to the Academy that you will complete before or during your senior year.

Visit the USNA at:

<https://www.usna.edu/Admissions/Programs/NASS.php#fndtn-panel1-Steps-For>

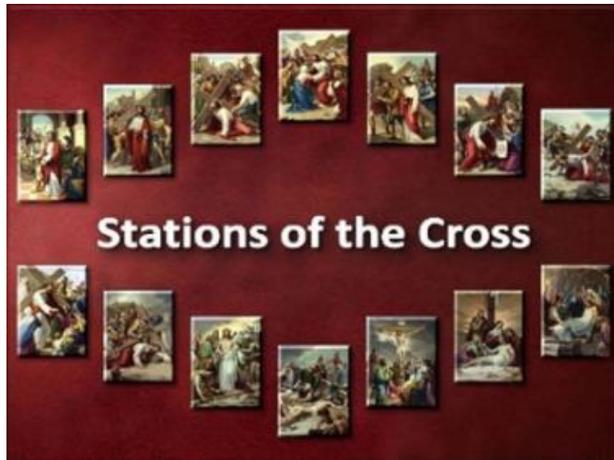


### **Infant Baptism on Easter Sunday**

**Infant Baptism Preparation Virtual Class**  
Baptism prep virtual session will be held on **Friday, April 8, 2022, from 6:30PM -7:30 PM** for parents and godparents of infants through four years of age and for parents and godparents of students enrolled in the **Religious Education Baptism Preparation Class**. At least one parent and godparent must be practicing Catholics. It is important that parents and godparents attend the virtual session.

Baptism is scheduled for Easter (Resurrection) Sunday, April 17th at the 9:30 AM Mass. **Please contact Sandi Allison-Harris at 301-233-6649 or the Parish Life Center at 202-678-3709 to sign up.**

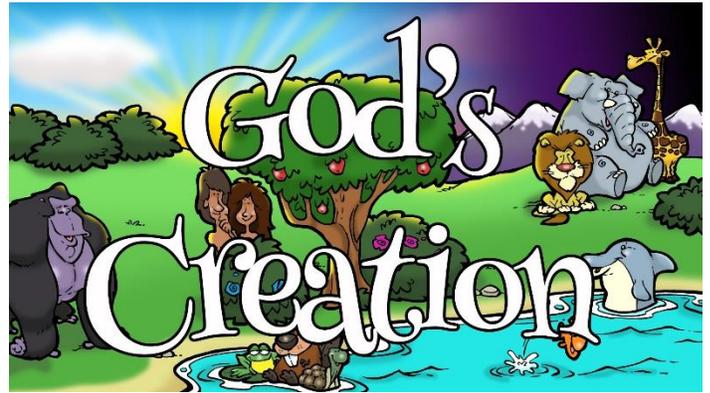
Sodality will host the virtual Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 12:00pm.



Click [here](#) to follow along with the Stations of the Cross Guide Booklet. Dial-in number: 602-580-9273; Access Code 5360845.



**DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN & ANNOUNCEMENT SUBMISSIONS IS WEDNESDAY BY 5:00 PM. PLEASE SUBMIT TO: [stachurchcommunications@gmail.com](mailto:stachurchcommunications@gmail.com)**



Preparation for ministering the Creation Skit is underway. Youth, crawling babies, toddlers, middle school age children are needed. Teen and adult help is also needed.

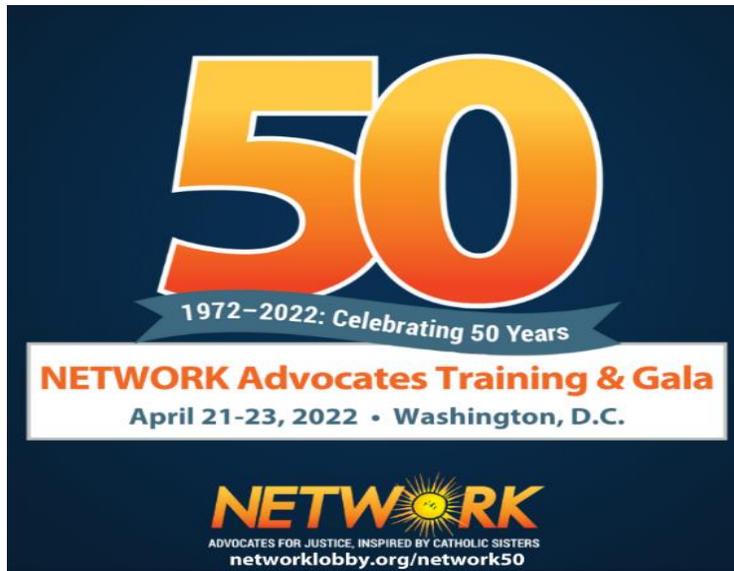
**Rehearsals will be:**

- **Sunday, April 3, immediately following mass.**
- Friday, April 8, 7PM
- Saturday, April 16, 4:30 promptly for last rehearsal and for the Mass at 7PM.

**For further information, contact Bernadette Catalan (703) 472-0783.**



The East of the River Revival will take place this year **October 3-5, 2022** at St. Luke's Catholic Church in NE Washington, DC. The Youth Revival will take place **Saturday, October 1st**, location not yet confirmed. Any youth in high school who would like to serve on the Youth Revival Planning Committee, please contact Sharon Daniel at 301-343-1500 for more information. STA, let's represent!



In 1972, Catholic sisters gathered in Washington, DC to form a network of advocates for justice. Over the last 50 years, **NETWORK Lobby** has grown into a justice-seeking force of thousands of religious and laypersons across the country. We faithfully advocate for Gospel justice and the dignity of all in the shared abundance of God's creation.

Thursday, April 21-Saturday, April 23, 2022, NETWORK honors 50 years of Catholic social justice advocacy and Sister-Spirit. Please join us as we learn, connect, and celebrate together!

Events to be held at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill

- Gala: Friday evening
- Advocates Training: Thursday-Saturday  
*This three-day training will equip justice-seekers with the tools and skills to educate, organize, and lobby for economic, racial, and social justice.*

If you are an active or inactive NETWORK member or have ever taken action with us (signed a petition, attended a workshop, advocated at a rally, etc.), the Gala is a chance to celebrate your significant role in our justice journey. And the training will sharpen your skills for your future work. We'll have workshops that serve the newest to the most seasoned members.

Are you hearing about NETWORK for the first time? We excitedly welcome you to train and celebrate with us! What better time to join a group of justice-seekers than at a party?

'Pay-what-you-can' gala tickets and training scholarships make it possible for you to attend with less of a financial burden.

**Please visit NETWORK's website for more information:** [networklobby.org/network50](https://networklobby.org/network50)



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