

Saint Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 14, 2022



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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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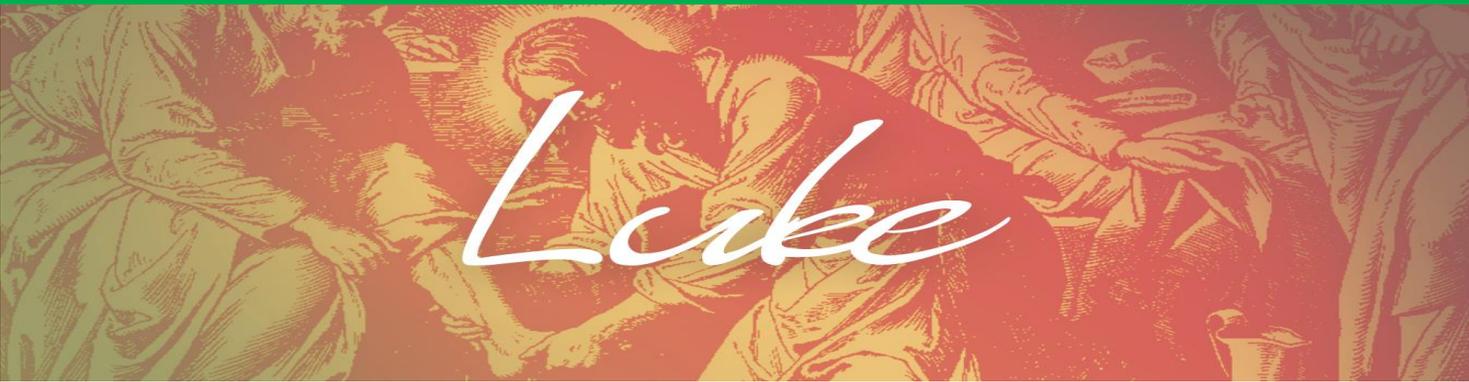
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Luke

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

“GOD GIVES US THE STRENGTH TO RUN THE RACE”

_____ Luke 12:49-53

Good Morning, St. Teresa. Today is the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Children will soon be returning to school and traffic jams will increase. The days are getting a bit shorter but there is still time to use those barbeque grills. Adults are coming home from vacation and a few may even look forward to being back at work. As is always the case, there will be both good and bad aspects to these situations. Despite the vaccines, people still come down with variants of COVID. Nonetheless, we know as Christians that God is always ready to help us meet and overcome all obstacles. My title today is God gives us the strength to run the race.

The prophet Jeremiah was called as a young man by God to tell the people of Israel what God wanted them to do. Jeremiah felt he was too young but God gave him the strength to do His will. Because the people were not following God's laws, things were not going well for Israel. Jeremiah kept telling the people to turn back to God. He warned them that God would punish them if they didn't. He was such a bearer of what they considered bad news that his name has come down to us in the term “jeremiad,” which means a mournful complaint.

Jeremiah spoke uncomfortable truths to those in power. Jerusalem was besieged by the Babylonians because King Zedekiah had rebelled. God inspired Jeremiah to tell the king to surrender the city or see it destroyed. If the king surrendered, then his life and those of his family would be spared and Jerusalem would not be burned. The princes of the city tried to kill Jeremiah because of this unpopular view. All the calamities foretold by Jeremiah came to pass.

Still Jeremiah persevered in carrying out God's will. Like Jeremiah, God gives us the strength to run the race.

There are parallels to the situation in which our country finds itself. King Zedekiah was ill-advised to rebel against the Babylonians. The American people were ill-advised to elect a self-absorbed narcissist as the President who preceded President Joe Biden. That president was elected because his opponent was a female Senator who was the wife of former President Clinton. Also many racists were bitter that President Obama had been elected not just once, but twice. We know the outcome of the siege of Jerusalem by the Babylonians. We don't yet know what the future holds for American democracy.

Now, we know Christianity is not a religion focused on material prosperity. It was founded by Jesus who was born poor and died poor. Christianity is not a religion that promises that things will always go the way we want them. Jesus asked His Father to take away the cup but surrendered to His Father's will. Christianity doesn't promise us a rose garden. Jesus received a crown of thorns and was crucified. Christianity doesn't promise us popularity. Jesus was killed for His challenges to both Jewish and Roman authority. Still, God gives us the strength to run the race.

The Letter to the Hebrews says, **“Brothers and sisters: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith.”**

Church, many model Christians, commonly called saints, are known for their perseverance against obstacles.

St. Teresa of Avila was opposed in her efforts to found convents under a stricter rule for some Carmelites. St. Teresa of Calcutta cared for the poorest of the poor in deplorable conditions. A number of saints whose feast days occur in August were martyrs. St. Maximilian Kolbe was killed by the Nazis in Auschwitz 81 years ago today after volunteering to replace a man with a family. St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, born Edith Stein, was a convert from Judaism who was also killed at Auschwitz almost exactly one year later. Pope Sixtus II and four of his deacons were martyred in the year 258 on the day he was arrested for saying Mass in the cemetery of St. Callistus. St. Lawrence was another deacon ordained by Sixtus who was martyred over a slow fire for a period of four days after Sixtus was killed. But he refused to give the Church treasury to the Prefect of Rome and instead distributed it to the poor.

Now, I bet most of you are thinking: ***“Deacon Bill, that was a long time ago and anyway, we can’t be martyrs.”*** Well, I had a similar conversation once with my spiritual director about whether I could face being martyred. He told me that God is not looking for me to give my body to the torturers. God is not looking for me to have my body nailed to a cross. He wants me to nail my sinfulness to His Son’s Cross. God wants me to forgive my enemies their debts as He has forgiven me my sins. He wants me to repent of my sins and turn to Him with a humble and contrite heart. God wants me to persevere in running the race just like Jesus did. Then He will strengthen me just like He strengthened Jesus. God gives us the strength to run the race.

St. Jane Frances de Chantal, whose feast day was this past Friday, once spoke to sisters of the Visitation Order she founded. She said, ***“My dear daughters, many of our holy fathers in the faith, men who were pillars of the Church, did not die martyrs. Why do you think this was?”*** She continued after they had all suggested answers. ***“Well, I myself think it was because there is another martyrdom: the martyrdom of love.”*** When asked what form this martyrdom would take, she answered. ***“Yield yourself fully to God, and you will find out! Divine love takes its sword to the hidden recesses of our inmost soul and divides us from ourselves.”*** She was asked whether this martyrdom was equal to the martyrdom of the body.

She said, ***“We should not worry about equality. I do think, however, that the martyrdom of love cannot be relegated to a second place, for love is as strong as death. For the martyrs of love suffer infinitely more in remaining in this life so as to serve God, than if they died a thousand times over in testimony to their faith and love and fidelity.”*** So you can see, Church, there is nothing stopping us from becoming these kinds of martyrs. God gives us the strength to run the race.

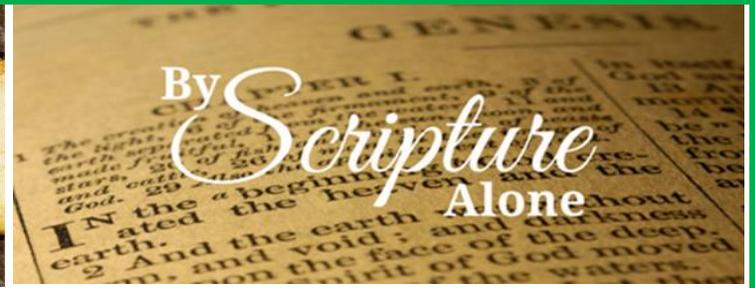
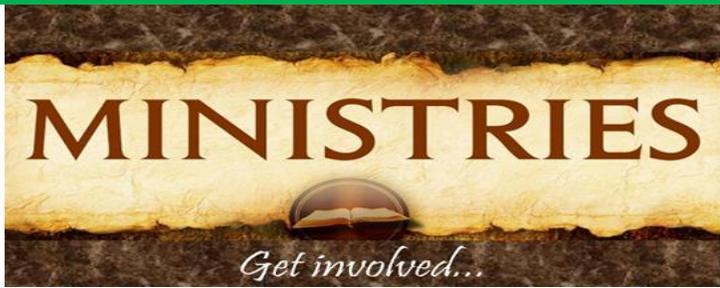
So, being a Christian is not for the faint of heart. Jesus challenged the secular and religious authorities of His day. Sometimes we are also called to challenge the conventional wisdom. Not even our families can stand in the way of our doing God’s will. Jesus says in today’s Gospel, “Do you think I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.”

Tomorrow is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven, which is the fourth Glorious Mystery of the Rosary. This year, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation. Church, death was not part of God’s original plan for humanity. We die because of Original Sin. Since the Virgin Mary was preserved from Original Sin, she did not have to die. We believe she was taken body and soul into heaven without having to die, i.e., she was assumed into heaven.

Isaiah 40: 28-31 says, ***“Do you not know or have you not heard? The Lord is the eternal God, creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint nor grow weary, and his knowledge is beyond scrutiny. He gives strength to the fainting; for the weak he makes vigor abound. Though young men faint and grow weary, and youths stagger and fall, they that hope in the Lord will renew their strength, they will soar as with eagles’ wings; They will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint.”*** Church, Jesus’ power is made perfect in our weakness. His power to save us is greater than our ability to fail. God gives us the strength to run the race.

Amen. Amen.

_____ ***Deacon Dr. William A. Hawkins, Jr.***



MINISTRATION

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, He'll freely carry it
for you!”***



August 14th, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10, Psalms 40:2, 3, 4, 18
Hebrews 12:1-4, Luke 12:49-53*

August 15th, Monday Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time, Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*Revelation 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB, Psalms 45:10, 11, 12,
16, 1 Corinthians 15:20-27, Luke 1:39-56*

August 16th, Tuesday Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time

*Ezekiel 28:1-10, Deuteronomy 32:26-27AB, 27CD-28, 30,
35CD-36AB, Matthew 19:23-30*

August 17th, Wednesday Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time

*Ezekiel 34:1-11, Psalms 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6
Matthew 20:1-16*

August 18th, Thursday Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time

*Ezekiel 36:23-28, Psalms 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19
Matthew 22:1-14*

August 19th, Friday Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time

*Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalms 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Matthew 22:34-40*

August 20th, Saturday Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time, Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot, and Doctor of the Church

*Ezekiel 43:1-7AB, Psalms 85:9AB AND 10, 11-12, 13-14
Matthew 23:1-12*

August 21st, Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Isaiah 66:18-21, Psalms 117:1, 2, Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
Luke 13:22-30*



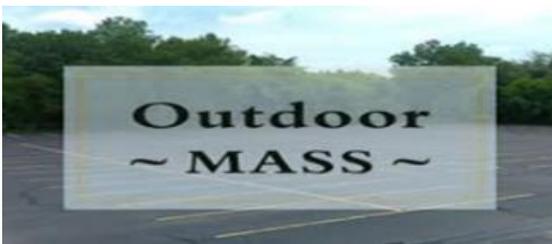
Welcome to Saint Teresa of Avila parish, where we recognize and celebrate the joy of the Lord as our strength! We are so glad you stopped by to visit us today.

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 continue to worship in person, whether fully vaccinated or not, Saint Teresa of Avila will 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 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!

All services are livestreamed and in-person!



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.



ATTENTION!!! STA high school and college students!!! The **Sodality 2022 Scholarship Application** is available on the website—
www.stachurchdc.org/sodality

Submission **deadline is August 21, 2022.** The committee contact information is listed on the application.



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.



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 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.

Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

**DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN & ANNOUNCEMENT
SUBMISSIONS IS WEDNESDAY
BY 5:00 PM. PLEASE SUBMIT**

TO: 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 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.

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**

prayer & fasting



Sandi Allison-Harris, Joyce Barbour (sister of Audrey Barbour), Marian Barbour (mother of Audrey Barbour), Briana Brown (granddaughter of Robin Kelly), Jimmy Campbell (brother of Donna Bell), Vermel Thompson-Chichester, Betty Cook (aunt of Wanda Smith), Bro. Jeff Corry, Jackie Christian, Maurice Crump, Sr., Nadine Day, Helen Despertt, Clark James Durand, Thomas Easter, Ricardo Featherstone, Howard Fleming, Parker Flowers, Patricia Franklin, Mary Frye, Mary and 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, Mattie Morris, Rita Johnson, Jonnette Jones, Sheila Kennedy, Inez Matthews, Janet Mauceri-McCain, Paul McCloud (Ralph McCloud's brother), Veronica McKinney, Gwendolyn Means, Dorothy Morgan, Mattie Morris, Mother Kamana Asteria Mukangango (mother of Fr. Didace), Ginny Novak, 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, Wanda Smith, Michelle Whatley-Seabrooks, Stephanie Christian-Smith, 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 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 **Second Week of August**. We thank God for the life He has given us in each of you.

(8/14) Asuena Maria Funes, Thomas Young

(8/15) Henry Hinnant

(8/17) Mary Virginia Boylen, Charles Thomas, Regina Washington, Tay Washington-William and Vondell Livingston

(8/18) Robert Johnson

(8/19) Gregory Peterson, Alice Wingate

(8/20) Sherice Johnson

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



HIGHWAY TO HEAVEN



IN MEMORIUM

Please keep the families of our beloved parishioners who have gone home this month lifted in prayers. They have made their way to this Highway to Heaven.

Frances Hall

(sister of Pat Jenkins)

Henry Leon Lyles Jr.

(oldest son of Mary Lyles)

Edward Byrd

(cousin of Pat Waddell)

Rose Taylor

(sister-in-Christ of Pat Waddell)

We will miss him dearly, but we know that he goes before us, and we will see him again.

“Father, grant us the peace and assurance that only You can give as we mourn these losses. We know that You are the author of life, that every one of Yours that leaves this world is coming directly to You. Grant those of us who remain here, waiting, watching, and trusting in You, the comfort, and strength to go on without them.”

Amen, Amen, Amen



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!

ERRC Release and Consent Form

We will be utilizing JotForm, an online form service to complete this year's youth participation. The Release form is a requirement for the Youth Rally. Please see the link below for the Release Form. All forms **MUST** be submitted by Sunday, September 18, 2022. Parents will be contacted to join a Information Parent Session via Zoom the week of the Youth Rally.

2022 ERRC Release and Consent Form:

<https://form.jotform.com/221597850839167>



“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.



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September 1 - 12, 2022

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The East of the River Revival
Committee Presents...

YOUTH RALLY

Walk by Faith, Not by Sight



DATE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2022
10:30 AM-4:00 PM
CLOSING MASS AT 4:00 PM

Admission: Free of Charge

Youth
Ages 7-18

Rally Venue

Holy Family Catholic Church

2210 Calloway Street
Hilcrest Heights, MD 20748

Completed Release and Consent Form for
minors required. All completed forms due by
Sunday, September 18, 2022. See link below.

<https://form.jotform.com/221597850839167>

THERE WILL
BE GAMES

FOOD
(IT'S FREE)

A CHANCE TO
MEET OTHERS

AND EVERYTHING
NICE!!



EAST OF THE RIVER YOUTH CHOIR

COME AND JOIN
THE EAST OF THE RIVER YOUTH CHOIR

AGES 7 - 17

ALL REHEARSALS WILL BE CONDUCTED AT:
HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH
10AM – 11AM

REHEARSAL DATES:

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13TH
SATURDAY, AUGUST 27TH
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

PERFORMANCE DATE:
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST @ 4pm

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST COMPLETE THE RELEASE AND
CONSENT FORM AT THE FIRST REHEARSAL. VOLUNTEER
SERVICE HOURS WILL BE GIVEN FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

DIRECTOR: GAIL RUFFIN

PIANIST: PEDRO HART

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH
2210 CALLAWAY STREET
HILLCREST HEIGHTS, MD 20748



St. Mary Mother of God Young Adult Group



How to Live Well & How to Die Well with Father Richard Nichols, S.J.

All are Welcome | Cost to Attend: \$20

Friday Evening

5:45 PM: Rosary
6:00 PM: Welcome & Introductions
6:15 PM: Coffee & Refreshments
6:45 PM: Talk One
7:30 PM: Q & A
7:45 PM: Small Group Discussion
8:15 PM: Examen & Adoration
with opportunity for Confession
9:30 PM: Benediction & Dismissal

Saturday Morning

8:45 AM: Morning Offering & Rosary
9:00 AM: Mass
9:45 AM: Coffee & Refreshments
10:15 AM: Talk Two
11:00 AM: Q & A
11:15 AM: Small Group Discussion
11:45 AM: Examen & Angelus
followed by closing remarks & Blessing
12:00 PM: Lunch



Scan the QR Code to purchase tickets
Questions? Contact
Smmogsmallgroups@gmail.com





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(301) 864-3115 EXT. 011.

WHEN: Every Thursday through December 2022, 10am-2pm

WHO: *1-25 volunteers needed* Individuals, groups, organizations, & families encouraged!
(under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult)

WHERE: SHARE Food Network Warehouse: 3222 Hubbard Rd. Landover, MD 20785

WHEN VOLUNTEERING AT SHARE:

BRING PROOF OF VACCINATION, WEAR MASKS, WEAR TENNIS SHOES