

# Church of St. Theresa

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*2855 St. Theresa Avenue, Bronx, New York*

*OCTOBER 11, 2015*

## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday at 5:00pm,  
Sunday at 7:30am, 9:00am(Italian),  
10:30am(Family Mass) 12:15pm ,  
1:30PM(Spanish) & 5:00pm

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday thru Saturday 8:00am & 9:00am

## DEVOTIONS

Miraculous Medal & St. Theresa Novenas  
after Monday morning Masses  
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morning Masses.

Thursday 12 Noon Mass  
& Eucharistic Adoration

Exposition & Benediction of the  
Blessed Sacrament

First Friday 7:30pm to 8:30pm followed  
by silent adoration.

## CONFESSION

Saturdays from 4:00pm to 5:00pm  
and by appointment

## BAPTISMS

Baptisms take place most Sundays  
after the 1:30pm Mass.

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preparation meeting. Register at the  
Rectory for the meeting. The date of  
the Baptism will be discussed at the  
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## MARRIAGES

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FROM THE DESK OF FATHER DERIVAN:

Today's gospel presents one of the greatest, but also one of the saddest scenes of the gospel. It is certainly one of the greatest scenes. Here is this good man, a man who has tried to observe the commandments since his youth, a man who sincerely wants to do what is right, a man who wants to inherit eternal life, here is this young man coming to Jesus and asking Him the way to heaven. It is certainly a great scene, a scene where Jesus looks upon this good young man's heart and loves him and invites him to go one step further, to "go, sell what you have, give to the poor, and find treasure in heaven." And then the scene becomes one of sadness. As St. Mark puts it, "At that statement the young man's face fell and he went away sad for he had many possessions." Greatness and sadness—the Lord is inviting this young man to have greatness of heart, the greatness of going all the way in following Christ, the greatness that would lead to heaven. But sadness—the sadness of the young man seeing his earthly possessions as more important than the eternal possession, eternal life, but also the sadness of the Lord Jesus as He saw this good young man walk away.

We do not know the name of the young man in today's gospel. But we do know the name of another young man who heard the words of Jesus to go, give up everything for the poor, find treasure in heaven and come and follow Him. That young man did not walk away sad. Quite the opposite—found his joy in serving the poor people whom the Lord put into his care. He was born Joseph de Veuster. But he is known to the world by the name he took when he entered religious life, Father Damien of Molokai. He was born in Belgium in 1840, one of eight children. He heard God's call to the priesthood and entered with the task of sending missionaries to Hawaii. When the first missionaries were selected, Damien was not one of them. But when one of them (his own brother) fell ill, Damien was given permission to take his place. He arrived in Hawaii and for ten years worked as a parish priest. But just as the Lord asked the young man in the gospel to do something more, so too the Lord put something more before Father Damien. There was need for a priest to serve on the island of Molokai, the island of the lepers. People who contracted the terrible disease of leprosy were literally dumped on that island, to fend for themselves and most importantly to avoid contact with healthy people. Father Damien volunteered to minister to those poor people and arrived there in 1873. He found an island of despair, but his very presence made it an island of joy. He helped the lepers to build houses, to establish a hospital and an orphanage, even to form a musical band. Most importantly he taught his people the love of Jesus Christ. He taught them that, despite their sickness, they were God's children, dearly loved by Him. Father Damien's example touched the world. Of course, there were people who did not accept him—Our Lord in the gospel promised that those who follow Him will have a hundredfold of blessings, but will have persecution also. Father Damien had his detractors who accused him of improper motives and even immoral conduct. But truth always wins out. The world saw Father Damien for what he was—a selfless, Christ-like priest who found his treasure in the leper people whom he served. In 1884, as hot water fell on his feet and he felt no pain, Father Damien realized that he himself had contracted leprosy. That morning at Mass, he did not begin his sermon with the usual words, "My dear lepers." Instead he said, "we lepers," because he was now one of them. He died at the age of 49 in 1889 and in 2009 was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI, today the young man who heard Jesus' call to "go give what you have, serve the poor," will be declared St. Damien of Molokai.

Father Damien did not walk away from Christ. He did not walk away from his lepers. Even before he contracted the disease, he said, "I would gladly give my life for them. I make myself a leper with the lepers to gain all to Jesus Christ." We are not called to the same degree of sacrifice as St. Damien was. But we are called to go the extra step in serving the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord asked that of the young man in the gospel and that young man could not take that extra step. The Lord asked that of Father Damien and Father Damien took that extra step with joy. Consider what more you can do to serve the Lord Jesus Christ—how you can serve Him more in your family, among your friends and neighbors; how you can serve Him in the sick and the suffering, in those who are in need of your compassion and love. May we hear the words of Jesus. May we take that extra step. May we be ready to give ourselves always to serve Jesus Christ. May we be ready to receive a hundred fold and to find treasure in heaven.

Father Thomas B. Derivan



#### A "THANK YOU!" FROM FATHER IMBELLI

A most sincere expression of gratitude to all who participated in the celebration of my fiftieth anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. A special word of thanks to Father Derivan, to the Altar Society, to the choir and servers and to the parish staff for their generous labors. All my guests commented on the beauty of the liturgy and the hospitality of all those they met. My heartfelt thanks.



Our Food Pantry is in need of food to replenish the pantry. We are hoping you can help us. We are asking for tomato sauce, pasta, box or can juices, soups, cake mixes, frostings, oatmeal, cereal, crackers, rice, tuna fish, canned non-perishable goods, peanut butter & jelly. Thank You and God Bless you for your kindness and support. Please leave your donations in the church vestibule or in the Rectory.

**MONTH OF OCTOBER, MONTH OF MARY:**

We honor Our Blessed Mother Mary throughout this month of October, one of two months of the year (the other being May) when we pay special honor to her. Our Blessed Mother appeared many time to ask for our prayers. Each week in this bulletin this month we will reflect on one of those apparitions.

Today we honor Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes.



**OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

The story of Lourdes is well known. Between February 11 and July 16, 1858 the Blessed virgin Mary appeared eighteen times to fourteen-year old Bernadette Soubirous in that small town located in the foothills of the Pyrene mountains of southern France.

Bernadette was born on January 7, 1844, the eldest of six children of Francis Soubirous and Louise Caserot. She was a delicate girl who suffered from asthma and cholera. She could neither read nor write and spoke only the Burgundian dialect of her area. Her family was sinking into poverty, and the day the first apparition took place she went to gather firewood along the bank of the River Gave to help her mother.

Her attention was drawn to the noise of rustling bushes near the Grotto of Massabielle, from the French *vielle masse* meaning ancient mass. Then Bernadette saw a beautiful young girl of sixteen or seventeen. She described this girl as “dressed in a white robe, girded at the waist with a blue ribbon. She wore upon her head a white veil which gave just a glimpse of hair. Her feet were bare but covered by the last folds of her robe and a yellow rose was upon each of them. She held on her right arm a rosary of white beads with a chain of gold shining like the two roses on her feet.”

Bernadette knelt and began to pray the rosary. At the end of the five decades the woman smiled and disappeared. The young visionary returned and on February 18 Our Lady began her message telling young Bernadette, “I do not promise to make you happy in this life but in the next.” On February 24, Mary asked for penance and prayer for the conversion of sinners and the following day, she instructed Bernadette to dig the ground near the grotto. From that a spring came forth which to this day is used for the bath by pilgrims to Lourdes.

At the apparition of March 2, Bernadette was instructed by Our Lady to “tell the priests that people should come here in procession and that a chapel should be built on the site.” On the Feast of the Annunciation, March 25, the Blessed Virgin told Bernadette in the dialect of Lourdes, “I am the Immaculate Conception.” This dogma had been defined by Pope Pius IX just a few years earlier on December 8, 1854.

The Basilica at Lourdes was consecrated in 1876 and the faithful, countless in number, flock in pious pilgrimage to the holy grotto. It is there that their faith and devotion are aroused and they recommit themselves to conform their lives to the Christian message. There, as well, miraculous favors are granted and healings, both physical and spiritual, have taken place. Great emphasis is placed on devotion to the Eucharist and just as at the wedding feast of Cana, Mary points to her son.

The liturgical feast of Our Lady of Lourdes was established for February 11, approved by Pope Leo XIII, and first granted to the Diocese of Tarbes in the year 1890. Less than twenty years later, on November 13, 1907, his successor, Pope St. Pius X proclaimed that it be observed throughout the universal Church.

The visionary Bernadette entered the Sisters of Notre Dame at Nevers in 1866 and was given the name of Sister Mary Bernarda. She worked there as sacristan and avoided publicity as best she could. She referred to herself as “ a broom which Our Lady used, but now I have been put back in my corner.” She died on April 16, 1879 at the young age of thirty-five, was beatified in 1925 by Pope Pius XI and canonized by him on the Feast of the Immaculate conception, December 8, 1933. She appears in the church records as St. Mary Bernarda but in the hearts of the faithful she is affectionately remembered as St. Bernadette.

Rev. Matthew R. Mauriello



**SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrate in our church this Saturday, October 17 with a special Mass at 12:00pm. We invite all who are in need of Christ’s healing grace, because of sickness or old age, to come on Saturday to receive this beautiful sacrament.

In the past, this sacrament (previously called Extreme Unction) was given only at the “extreme” time of life, namely the hour of death. Now its use has been extended as a truly healing sacrament, a source of grace to those who come to receive it. So many people mention that the anointing brings peace of soul amid the sufferings of life. The prayer said by the priest when he anoints the forehead and the palms of the person receiving the sacrament express this message of peace: *“Through this holy anointing may the Lord in His love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up.”*



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## OCTOBER, MONTH OF THE ROSARY

During the weeks of October, we especially honor Our Blessed Mother Mary through her Rosary. The following reflections on the mysteries of the Rosary apply each mystery to our prayers for vocations. Please keep that in your particular prayers.

Today we consider **The Luminous Mysteries**

### **1st Luminous Mystery: The Baptism of Jesus**

The mystery of our Lord's Baptism is the mystery of Jesus taking upon Himself the mission of the Messiah. Thus begins His public ministry. Let us offer this decade for those called to the priesthood and religious life but are afraid to answer because of what others may say or think. Grant them courage, O Lord, to accept the mission You are giving them.

### **2nd Luminous Mystery: The Wedding Feast of Cana**

Through the intercession of Mary, Jesus transforms ordinary water into extraordinary wine. What incredible things God's grace can do in our lives! Let us offer this decade for those who are being called but doubt that they have much to offer. May they trust in the power of God to bring all things into completion and say "yes" to His call.

### **3rd Luminous Mystery: The Proclamation of the Kingdom**

Our Lord begins His public ministry by announcing the arrival of the Kingdom of God. What joyous news this is for all humanity to hear! Let us offer this decade for an increase in vocations that there might be many more priests and religious who will proclaim this truth and bear witness to it with their lives.

### **4th Luminous Mystery: The Transfiguration**

Jesus strengthened the faith of His Apostles by allowing His divinity to be momentarily perceived. He wished them to gain a Supernatural perspective on His forthcoming Passion and Death. Let us offer this decade for all those who are being called as priests and religious that they may have the grace to recognize God's call in the midst of life and courageously accept carrying the Cross.

### **5th Luminous Mystery: The Institution of the Holy Eucharist**

The gift of the Most Holy Eucharist is a mystery going beyond our ability to fully comprehend. Our Lord's abiding Presence in the Blessed Sacrament, the saving mystery of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass — the world would suffer a great loss without these miracles. Jesus gives Himself in the Holy Eucharist through the ministry of His priests. Let us offer this decade for more priests for our Archdiocese. May God call many more men to share in the Priesthood and may they respond generously.



### **ST. THERESA'S ALTAR SOCIETY**

The women of St. Theresa's Altar Society will be meeting on Wednesday, October 14th at 7:30pm in the large Rectory meeting room. We will recite the Rosary in front of the statue of St. Theresa which is in front of the Rectory at 7:00pm. All are invited we are always looking for new members so please join us.

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All are invited to join in the charitable works of our parish's St. Vincent de Paul society, which particularly focuses on food for the needy. We are collecting food each weekend in the baskets at the entrance of the church (near the cry room). If you are interested in joining the St. Vincent de Paul Society, please come to the meeting in the rectory this Friday, October 16th at 7:30pm.

### **PETITION BOOK**

Have you noticed our Petition Book in the vestibule of the Church? Every Saturday before the 5:00PM Mass, the petitions entered into the book for that week are brought up to the altar of the Blessed Mother, where they remain for all the weekend Masses. Please pray for these intentions.





**OCTOBER 11  
ST. JOHN XXIII  
(1881-1963)**

Although few people had as great an impact on the 20th century as Pope John XXIII, he avoided the limelight as much as possible. Indeed, one writer has noted that his “ordinariness” seems one of his most remarkable qualities.

The firstborn son of a farming family in Sotto il Monte, near Bergamo in northern Italy, Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was always proud of his down-to-earth roots. In Bergamo’s diocesan seminary, he joined the Secular Franciscan Order.

After his ordination in 1904, Angelo returned to Rome for canon law studies. He soon worked as his bishop’s secretary, Church history teacher in the seminary, and as publisher of the diocesan paper.

His service as a stretcher-bearer for the Italian army during World War I gave him a firsthand knowledge of war. In 1921 he was made national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. He also found time to teach patristics at a seminary in the Eternal City.

In 1925 he became a papal diplomat, serving first in Bulgaria, then in Turkey, and finally in France (1944-53). During World War II, he became well acquainted with Orthodox Church leaders. With the help of Germany’s ambassador to turkey, Archbishop Roncalli helped save an estimated 24,000 Jewish people.

Named a cardinal and appointed patriarch of Venice in 1953, he was finally a residential bishop. A month short of entering his 78th year, he was elected pope, taking the name John after his father and the two patrons of Rome’s cathedral, St. John Lateran. He took his work very seriously but not himself. His wit soon became proverbial, and he began meeting with political and religious leaders from around the world. In 1962 he was deeply involved in efforts to resolve the Cuban missile crisis.

His most famous encyclicals were *Mother and Teacher* (1961) and *Peace on Earth* (1963). Pope John XXIII enlarged the membership in the College of Cardinals and made it more international. At his address at the opening of the Second Vatican Council, he criticized the “prophets of doom” who “in these modern times see nothing but prevarication and ruin.” Pope John XXIII set a tone for the Council when he said, “The Church has always opposed...errors. Nowadays, however, the Spouse of Christ prefers to make use of the medicine of mercy rather than that of severity.”

On his deathbed he said: “It is not that the gospel has changed; it is that we have begun to understand it better. Those who have lived as long as I have...were enabled to compare different cultures and traditions, and know that the moment has come to discern the signs of the times, to seize the opportunity and to look far ahead.”

“Good Pope John” died on June 3, 1963. St. John Paul II beatified him in 2000, and Pope Francis canonized him in 2014.

Angelo Roncalli cooperated with God’s grace, believing that the job at hand was worthy of his best efforts. His sense of God’s providence made him the ideal person to promote a new dialogue with Protestant and Orthodox Christians, as well as with Jews and Muslims. In the sometimes noisy crypt of St. Peter’s Basilica, many people became silent on seeing the simple tomb of Pope John XXIII, grateful for the gift of his life and holiness. After the beatification, his tomb was moved into the basilica itself.

In 1903, young Angelo wrote in his spiritual journal: “From the saints I must take the substance, not the accidents of their virtues. I am not St. Aloysius, nor must I seek holiness in his particular way, but according to the requirements of my own nature, my own character and the different conditions of my life. I must not be the dry, bloodless reproduction of a model, however perfect. God desires us to follow the examples of the saints by absorbing the vital sap of their virtues and turning it into our own life-blood, adapting it to our own individual capacities and particular circumstances. If St. Aloysius had been as I am, he would have become holy in a different way” (Journal of a Soul).



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SUNDAY OCTOBER 11, 2015

7:30AM The Parishioners of St. Theresa Parish

9:00AM Congetta & Carmela Telesca

10:30AM Pietro Carovillano

12:15PM Sal Greco

1:30PM The Parishioners of St. Theresa Parish

5:00PM Anthony Marcellino

MONDAY OCTOBER 12, 2015

8:00AM Peter Serpico

9:00AM Angela Leto

TUESDAY OCTOBER 13, 2015

8:00AM Florence Mohan

9:00AM Rosemarie D'Iorio

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 14, 2015

8:00AM Angelo & Domenica Miranda

Thomas & Rosaria Mannino

9:00AM Richard Torrellas

THURSDAY OCTOBER 15, 2015

8:00AM Luigi Porco

9:00AM Nicole, Ded & Tom Shotai

12:00PM John Marro

FRIDAY OCTOBER 16, 2015

8:00AM Raffaele Porco

9:00AM The Cardone Family

SATURDAY OCTOBER 17, 2015

8:00AM Arcangelo & Giovanni Frangella

9:00AM Benedetta LoBalbo

5:00PM Carmine Fusco

SUNDAY OCTOBER 18, 2015

7:30AM The Parishioners of St. Theresa Parish

9:00AM Filomena Fuschetto & Antonio Ziccardi

10:30AM Michael & Rosina Martuccio

12:15PM Irma Orrico

1:30PM The Parishioners of St. Theresa Parish

5:00PM Margaret Perna

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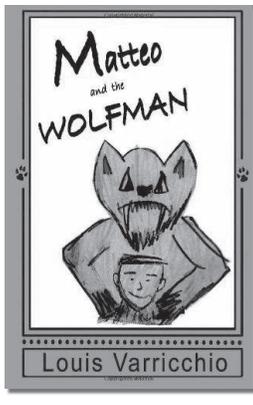
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