

St. Teresa of Avila Church Est. 1869

JANUARY 22, 2023 - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Catholic faith community of St. Teresa of Avila parish, guided by the Holy Spirit, commit ourselves to proclaim and follow the Good News of Jesus Christ. Basing our lives on faith, hope and love, we seek to meet our needs and the spiritual and corporal needs of those around us. It is our humble prayer that our lives will be visible signs of His presence in the world as we celebrate Christ in His Word and Sacraments.



MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Liturgies8:00 AM, 10:15 AM
Saturday Vigil.....4:30 PM
Daily Mass8:00 AM, except Wednesday 5:30 PM
Saturday9:00 AM
Vigil of Holy Days5:30 PM
Holy Days8:00 AM, 7:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:00 to 4:00 PM
First Saturday 8:15 to 8:45 AM
Vigil of Holy Days 3:30 to 4:15 PM
or anytime by request.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

As preparation for Baptism, parents are asked to contact the parish office to make an appointment with the Pastor.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements to be made at the Rectory 6 months in advance.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please register at the Rectory as soon as you move within the parish.
Note: If you are moving out of the parish, please notify the Rectory.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

These letters needed for Baptismal and Confirmation sponsors are issued gladly to those who: have been registered for 6 months; attend Mass regularly; have been confirmed; if married, have done so in conformity with the Church laws, and whose children attend Religious Education.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., January 23

8:00 Edoardo Marinelli - Birthday
Blessing by *Mary Olsen*

Tues., January 24 - St. Francis deSales

8:00 John Hawes - Birthday
Remembrance by *Mom*

Wed., January 25 - Conversion of St. Paul

5:30 The Repose of the Soul of John
Dodge
by *Flumerfeldt Family*

Thurs., January 26 - Sts Timothy & Titus

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Fri., January 27

8:00 For the People of St. Teresa's
Parish by *Fr. Art Mattulke*

Sat., January 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas

9:00 Jim Schneider - Birthday
Blessings
by *Wife*

4:30 Arthur & Antoinette Charles
by *Mike & Mary Charles*

Sun., January 29

8:00 Marianne Rejewski
by *Flumerfeldt Family*

10:15 Donald Benker
by *Benker Family*



Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - Hebrews 9:15, 24-28
Mark 3:22-30

Tuesday - Hebrews 10:1-10
Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday - Acts 22:3-16
Mark 16:15-18

Thursday - 2 Timothy 1:1-8
Mark 4:21-25

Friday - Hebrews 10:32-39
Mark 4:26-34

Saturday - Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
Mark 4:35-41

Sunday - Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13
1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Matthew 5:1-12a



Remember a loved
one, living or
deceased in a
special way with a

Mass. Contact the parish office to
reserve a date.



January 22, 2023
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was a young seminarian, I asked a wise old priest how to pray better. He said simply, "Don't lie when you pray." He helped me to see how much energy I waste in trying to appear acceptable to God when I pray. For me, prayer was showing off for God and hiding what was ugly.

It's stunning that the Gospel of Matthew tells us of Jesus, "He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulon and Naphtali..." This isn't just the Lord's relocation up north. It's his moving into places of shame and defeat. This region was where the enemy invasion of Israel began centuries before. Jesus left the comfortable confines of Nazareth and sought out a place of darkness, not to bring shame, but to announce the dawning of his light.

When we pray, we usually prefer Jesus to stay put in our little Nazareths – where we feel comfortable, successful, and in control. But he moves. He re-locates into the Zebulons and Naphtalis of our shame, embarrassment, fear, and sense of being defeated. The question for us is: will we allow him to take up residence in those places in our prayer time? Will we talk to him honestly about our places of darkness? If we do, we're no longer lying when we pray.

Father John Muir

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For an end to all war and violence and for the blossoming of peace in our world; we pray to the Lord...

Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members, especially Oliver James Englert, Viola Izydorczak, Lois Sullivan, Gary Karaskiewicz, Louis Pulvino, Iola Ciammetti, Ita Steele, Austin Penn, Jim & Joe Vasi, Sterling McCarriagher, Virginia Maloney, Bob Tiedt, Jean Ottney, Shirley Lantz, Donna Stock, Rita Whalen, Laura Gray & Lorraine Sylvester

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Jean Kisker and Virginia Green.

Prayer to Begin the Day

Lord God, may everything we do begin with your inspiration and Continue with your help, so that all of our work today will bring us closer to you. Guide us in our work today, that we may do it not for ourselves alone, but for the common good of all. We ask this in your name, amen.


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Bison Children's Scholarship - Do you need tuition assistance so your child can attend a Catholic grammar school? Applications are now being accepted. To start the process, families can complete a pre-application form online at <http://bisonfund.com/our-scholarships>. The deadline to apply for a scholarship is March 15, 2023. Scholarships are awarded using a lottery system from all submitted pre-application forms and all applicants will be notified of lottery results via email.

Catholic Relief Services - Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Cardinal O'Hara High School Alumni Association to present two live concerts: BBC Band concert will take place Friday, January 27 and The Strictly Hip will perform on Friday, March 10 with an 8 pm start for each. The BBC Band features music from The Beatles, Dave Clark Five, The Who, The Kinks, The Bee Gees, The Hollies, The Zombies and other bands from the 60s. The Strictly Hip are the "Masters of the Music of The Tragically Hip." Tickets may be purchased online at www.cardinalohara.com or call 716-695-2600, ext. 312. Concerts will take place in the O'Hara Performing Arts Center, 39 O'Hara Rd., Tonawanda.


Help For Your Marriage - Retrouvaille can help. Call (716) 474-9371 or visit <https://www.HelpOurMarriage.org>. The next weekend is January 27-29, 2023.

 **Prayer for Vocations** - God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers and religious priests. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Dating Retreat and Study Series for single Catholics! NCSC is hosting a **FREE online Dating Retreat with guest speaker Fr. Robert Spitzer (January 27 & 28)**. Currently over 400 single Catholics from around the world are registered and we're expecting 500+. Don't miss the opportunity to meet other like-minded singles and go deeper in your faith!

Starting the week of February 6th, NCSC will also be hosting a **6-week study series - "Relationship Ready: A Single Catholic's Roadmap to Marriage"** that will cover topics such as the meaning of love, communication, conflict resolution, and much more. To sign up for these programs, visit NationalCatholicSingles.com.

Winter Open House | February 19-20, 2023 - High school students and their parents are invited to experience the rich academic program and community life at Thomas More College! The winter Open House is an opportunity to speak with professors, meet students, and participate in classes. The College's program of studies offers a rigorous training in the humanities, liberal arts, and disciplines of philosophy and theology. Don't miss this opportunity to experience our curriculum first-hand and learn more about our program of studies as well as students' internships and careers.

 An elephant drinking from a stream spots a tortoise lounging on the shore. He grabs it with his trunk and flings it into the jungle. A passing zebra asks, "Why did you do that?" "Forty years ago that very tortoise nipped my tail just for fun," the elephant said. "Wow, forty years ago! How did you remember that?" "Well I have turtle recall," replied the elephant.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- **Sunday, January 22** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- **Tuesday, January 24** - Bible Study , Rectory Meeting Room, 8:45 am or 7 pm
- **Thursday, January 26** - Men's Group meets in the Rectory basement meeting room, 6:45 pm
- **Thursday, January 26** - Parish Council Meets at 7 pm in the Parish Hall
- **Saturday, January 28** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the Blessed Mother Mary statue
- **Sunday, January 29** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm

VOCATION VIEW

The Chosen streaming series has shown us powerful human stories of ordinary people being called to follow Jesus. He's still calling people today to be "fishers of men." Respond to the call, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"Entertainment and consumption have practically become the point of life in our modern culture. Without time for serious thought processes, we are losing the ability to think deeply. We don't even have time to wonder. What is the meaning of it all? Do we possess our possessions, or do they possess us? Do we consume pleasures and entertainment or do they consume us?"

Jeanette Flood from her book
Eight Ways of Loving God