

# St. Teresa of Avila Church Est. 1869

**JANUARY 23, 2022 - 3RD 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 Liturgies* .....8:00 AM, 10:15 AM  
*Saturday Vigil*.....4:30 PM  
*Daily Mass* .....8:00 AM, except Wednesday 5:30 PM  
*Saturday* .....9:00 AM  
*Vigil of Holy Days* .....5:30 PM  
*Holy Days* .....8:00 AM, 7:30 PM

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturdays 3:30 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 24

8:00 Marguriete Marinelli  
by Mary Olsen

Tues., January 25 - Conversion of  
St. Paul

8:00 John Hawes - Birthday  
Remembrance by Mom

Wed., January 26 - St. Timothy &  
Titus

5:30 Adeline Raykowski  
by Rich Raykowski

Thurs., January 27 - St. Angela Merici

8:00 People of St. Teresa's Parish

Fri., January 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas

8:00 Birthday Blessings to Mary  
Grace Bergman by Mom & Dad

Sat., January 29 - BVM

9:00 Donald Benker  
by the Benker Family

4:30 In Memory of Ron Kintzel  
With Love, Glo

Sun., January 30

8:00 Marianne Rejewski  
by Flumerfeldt Family

10:15 Frederick Wysocki  
by Jean Wysocki



### Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - 2 Samuel 5:1-7,10  
Mark 3:22-30

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

Wednesday - 2 Timothy 1:1-8  
Mark 4:1-20

Thursday - 2 Samuel 7:18-19,24-29  
Mark 4:21-25

Friday - 2 Samuel 11:1-4a,5-10a,13-17  
Mark 4:26-34

Saturday - 2 Samuel 12:1-7a,10-17  
Mark 4:35-41

Sunday - Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19  
1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13  
Luke 4:21-30



January 23, 2022  
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is – the God of our salvation history or the “gods” of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves.

That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us. As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us. Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy.

The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away

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For protection for doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health; we pray to the Lord.

Please pray for the sick of the parish and their family members, especially Elena Coppola, Bob Tiedt, Jean Ottney, Nancy O'Donnell, Shirley Lantz, Donna Stock, Martha Cummingham, Rita Whalen and Lorraine Sylvester.

Please also pray for the sacredness of all human life from conception until natural death.



MASS  
INTENTIONS

There are openings in the daily and weekend Mass schedule during the upcoming months. Please contact the rectory to schedule a mass.

## THE 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JANUARY 23, 2022

**Religious Education:** Did you know that Mass is offered everyday here in our parish? When I mention this in classes on Sunday mornings, our youth seem surprised. As adults we may want to consider coming to Mass more than just once a week as we are obliged to do on Sundays. Looking for a New Year's resolution? Consider coming to Mass more often.

**Youth Ministry** - Youth Group Meets on Sunday, January 23rd, from 6 to 8 in the Parish Hall. All youths in 8th grade to 12th grade are invited.

**Are you interested in becoming a Lector?** We are looking for additional parishioners who would like to join our team of dedicated lectors. Lector once a month, half a month or on a monthly basis. If you are interested, please call the office at 716-542-9103.

**Come to know the Lord better** in 2022 with a podcast by Jeff Cavins "Drink in the New Year: The Word of God is a Fountain". Listen Now at Ascension Press. To get your Bible in a Year podcast reading plan and start listening, see [ascensionpress.com/bibleinayear](http://ascensionpress.com/bibleinayear).

**Join a New Group Study** - Every Friday at 8:45 am, **The Chosen**, which is an amazing, biblically-centered, quality video series that tracks the life of Jesus through the gospels. We will be using the video resource along with biblical text to dig into Jesus' life during an eight-week faith adventure together. Everyone welcome, just show up at the Parish Hall to watch a 45 minute video each week. For more information, call Amy Bergman at 716-542-9704 or Lori Reisdorf at 585-409-3133.



As Valentine's Day approaches, we ask you to make a **Gift of Love** to the **Response to Love Center** at St. Adalbert's in Buffalo. The Center assists people in that area and is run by the Felician Sisters. Items being collected include personal care products that cannot be purchased with food stamps. Open your hearts to those in need. A Valentine box will be in the narthex on the weekends of February 5th and February 12th. The following are items that are most needed at this time:

dish soap	hand lotion	shampoo	toothpaste
shaving cream	deodorant	baby wash	toothbrushes
liquid hand soap	bar soap		

### Knights of Columbus Annual Spaghetti Dinner Sunday February 6th, 2022



Time: 2:00-6:00 PM

Place: Our Lady of Peace Parish Center, 10950 Main St. Clarence

Cost: Adult: \$10.00; Family: \$35.00 (2 adults, 2 or more kids under 17); Children (under 6) Free

Dine or take out. Basket Raffle. Benefits: Knights of Columbus Charities

**"God's Son, My Son": St. Joseph**, a one-man play on Monday, Feb. 7 at 7 pm at Our Lady of Pompeii Church, 129 Laverack Ave., Lancaster; presented by Michael Sacilowski, Director of Religious Education of Queen of Martyrs Parish, Cheektowaga. Through this theatrical presentation, accompany St. Joseph as he fulfills his call to be a human father to Jesus. Listen to the Patron Saint of Workers who taught our Lord the carpenter's trade.



A woman phones up her husband at work for a chat...

Says He: "I'm sorry honey but I'm up to my neck in work today"

Says She: "But I've got some good news and some bad news for you dear."

Says He: "OK darling, but since I've got no time now, just give me the good news, OK?"

Says She: "Well, the air bag works..."



- **Sunday, January 23** - Religious Education Classes  
9:00 am - 10:00 am and  
11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- **Sunday, January 23** - Youth Group Meeting , 6-8 pm  
In the Parish Hall
- **REMINDER** - The Collection Barrel for the Akron/Newstead Food Pantry is in the back of church - soups, beans, canned pastas are needed
- **Friday, January 28** - The Chosen Study Group meets  
In the Parish Hall at 8:45 am  
following 8:00 Mass
- **Saturday, January 29** - Pro-Life Prayer Group,  
9:30 am, in the parking lot near  
the St. Teresa Statue
- **Sunday, January 30** - Religious Education Classes  
9:00 am - 10:00 am and  
11:15 am - 12:30 pm

### A VOCATION VIEW

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives." Jesus' first sermon reminds us that so many in our culture are held captive by addictions. Priests have a special ability to set them free through the grace of Confession. Are you called to join this rescue mission? If so, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

*"To gain wisdom, we must recognize that its origin is not human, but lies in God, a God who is ultimately beyond our comprehension."*

*From Bible in a Year*