

# St. Teresa of Avila Church Est. 1869

**JANUARY 30, 2022 - 4TH 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 31

8:00 In Memory of Alex & Florence Demers Anniversary  
by Lori & Larry Reisdorf

Tues., February 1

8:00 Intentions for Mothers

Wed., February 2 - The Presentation  
Of the Lord

5:30 Mary Patricia Paxon  
by Bill Paxon & Susan Molinari

Thurs., February 3 - St. Blaise &  
St. Ansgar

8:00 People of St. Teresa's Parish

Fri., February 4

8:00 Mary Strollo  
by Family

Sat., February 5 - St. Agatha

9:00 In Memory of Janice Wylde  
by Mark & Karen Molitor

4:30 Anna Bellittiere  
by Mattulke Family

Sun., February 6

8:00 Ronald Adamczak - by  
St. Teresa Women's Guild

10:15 Bob Drahushuk - Birthday  
Blessings by Mary Olsen



### Scripture Readings For the Week

Monday - 2 Samuel 15:5-13  
Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday - 2 Samuel 18:9-10,14b,24-  
25a,30-19:3  
Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday - Malachi 3:1-4  
Hebrews 2:14-18  
Luke 2:22-40

Thursday - 1 Kings 2:1-4,10-12  
Mark 6:7-13

Friday - Sirach 47:2-11  
Mark 6:14-29

Saturday - 1 Kings 3:4-13  
Mark 6:30-34

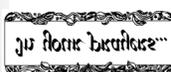
Sunday - Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Luke 5:1-11



January 30, 2022  
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Oscar Romero (1917-1980) was a "Salvadoran Roman Catholic archbishop who was a vocal critic of the violent activities of government armed forces, right-wing groups, and leftist guerrillas involved in El Salvador's civil conflict (Encyclopedia Britannica)." As a voice of the voiceless, he was an outspoken champion of the poor who were the ones most affected by the civil unrest and violence. His advocacy provoked several attempts on his life. Nonetheless, St. Oscar Romero was convinced that before all else his faith in the resurrected Christ and the values of the Gospel trumped any earthly concern or worry. He walked with complete confidence and trust. On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass. Such is often the fate of those who challenge the socio-political agendas of the day. We may look at the example of witness of St. Oscar Romero as something extraordinary. In one sense it is. Through the power of God, an ordinary human being did extraordinary things. But, in and of himself, St. Oscar Romero was simply a humble, loving servant of God. Oscar knew not only the power of love but the risk that comes when loving unconditionally. The beauty of God's message was able to shine in and through him because he was able to step out of the way and be a vessel. One can assume that for St. Oscar Romero, one's earthly life has no merit when faith, integrity, conviction, zeal and love are jettisoned. Fear and apprehension had no grip on this man who not only saw but spoke the truth. Do we speak the truth? It makes us feel good to speak of God as love. But have we ever considered the ramifications of this radical message? There are assaults on human life occurring daily. More and more the value and worth of a human being is being reduced and minimalized. We are becoming widgets in the production of life. In our whole simple humble ways, we too are called to be prophets. Knowing who you are and what is within your means to do, how can you make God's love real, stand up for what is right, and give witness to the sacredness of all that is around you?

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For all those in law enforcement throughout the United States, that they may not lose hope for making peace in our cities ; 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.

Also, please pray for the repose of the soul of Clark Gadd.

Please continue to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, religious life, the diaconate and lay ministries, and that the Lord guide the work of the hands of vocation directors, especially our own Fr. Dave Baker.



A genie granted me one wish, so I said, "I just want to be happy." Now I'm living in a cottage with 6 dwarves and working in a mine.

## THE 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JANUARY 30TH, 2022



**Religious Education:** In today's gospel from Luke, Jesus' townsfolk show themselves to be fickle and superficial. At first, they are amazed at the depth and beauty of His words but then they think of all the wonders he has worked elsewhere. They turn on Him for not having favored them with His power. Jesus challenges them to respond to his message, the message of a prophet, in a way that is different from their ancestors. Let us ask ourselves: What steps can I take to walk with Jesus, to listen to His words and be united with Him?

*Thank You* **The Women's Guild Pro-Life Committee** would like to thank those who donated to the Pro-Life Collection last weekend. \$155 was collected and will be sent to our Diocese Office of Pro-Life to further their efforts!

**Youth Ministry** - Youth Group Meets on Sunday, January 30th, from 6 to 8 in the Parish Hall. All youths in 8th grade to 12th grade are invited.

**The Ladies Guild** meets on Tuesday, February 1, at the Ross Funeral Home at 7 pm. New members welcome!

**Soup Nite** - Our Lady of Peace is celebrating their 100th Anniversary during 2022. They will be holding events throughout the year, including a "Soup Nite" on Saturday, February 12th, from 5:30 to 6:30 in the Parish Hall. Call 716-759-8554 for more information.

**Intercessory Prayer Group** meets immediately following the 5:30 Mass in the Parish Hall February 2nd. Prayer requests may be placed in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Prayer Group". All are welcome to join us to share intercessions, prayers, scripture & hymns.

**The Knights of Columbus** will be selling tickets for their Annual Spaghetti Dinner this weekend and next weekend. The dinner is on February 6th from 2-6 pm, dine in or take out. Tickets are \$10 each or family of 4 \$35.

**Group Study** - Every Friday at 8:45 am through March. Come watch "The Chosen", which is a video series that tracks the life of Jesus through the gospels. 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:

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

**Bison Children's Scholarship Fund** - A tuition assistance program helping children attend private grammar schools of their choice. The application process is now open for new families. To start the process, families can complete a pre-application form online at <http://bisonfund.com/our-scholarships>. The deadline to apply is Feb. 28, 2022. If you have any questions, contact Bison 716-854-0869 or email [cmdonald@bisonfund.com](mailto:cmdonald@bisonfund.com).

**The Mystery and Meaning of Marriage** - Married couples are invited to experience firsthand the wonder, mystery, and joy behind that first "I do" ... whether you said it last year or many years ago. Enjoy a weekend get-away with your spouse Friday, February 11th at 6:00 PM (with dinner) and closing on Sunday, February 13th, 2022 at 11:00 AM. This retreat will be hosted at Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish in N. Tonawanda. For more information or to register please contact Sr. Jacinta at 716-692-0276 or at [olcparishevent@gmail.com](mailto:olcparishevent@gmail.com).

- **Sunday, January 30** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
- **Sunday, January 30** - Youth Group Meeting, 6-8 pm in the Parish Hall
- **Wednesday, February 2** - Intercessory Prayer Group meets after the 5:30 Mass in the school hall.
- **Friday, February 4** - The Chosen Study Group meets at 8:45 am following 8:00 Mass
- **Saturday, February 5** - First Saturday - Rosary before the 9 am Mass and Confessions from 8:15-8:45 am and 3:30-4 pm
- **Saturday, February 5** - Pro-Life Prayer Group, 9:30 am, in the parking lot near the St. Teresa Statue
- **Weekend of February 5** - Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner tickets available after each Mass
- **Sunday, February 6** - Religious Education Classes 9:00 am - 10:00 am and 11:15 am - 12:30 pm

### A VOCATION VIEW

"Before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you." So it is with the call to ministry -- we are destined for it by God before our birth. Don't miss the chance to fulfill your destiny! Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

*"I will bless the Lord at all time  
His praise always on my lips,  
Taste and see that the Lord is good  
He is happy who seeks refuge in  
Him."*

*Psalms 34*