

# Saint Teresa of Avila Parish

The Mother Roman Catholic Church of Southeast Washington, D.C.



## Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

**Rev. Msgr. Raymond G. East, Pastor**  
**Rev. Mr. William Hawkins, Deacon**

### Sunday Masses

7:30am – Traditional Mass  
9:00 am – Contemporary Mass

### Daily Mass

7:00am Monday – Friday at the convent

### Holy Days

7:00am at the Convent  
12:00noon at the Parish Life Center  
7:00pm at the Church

### Eucharistic Adoration at the Convent

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday,  
10:00am-12:00noon  
Friday, 10:00 am -7:00pm

### Church Location

1244 V Street Southeast  
Washington, DC 20020

### Mailing Address:

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### Office Hours

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Joshua challenges the Israelites to serve either the Lord or other gods. They choose the Lord (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

**Psalm** — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

**Second Reading** — Paul reflects on

how husbands and wives should reverence and love each other (Ephesians 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]).

**Gospel** — Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life (John 6:60-69).

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

**Adult:** To whom do you go when you are looking for meaning or answers to life's questions?

**Teen:** Who and what help you believe in Jesus?

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51  
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26  
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32  
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51  
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13  
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Mk 6:17-29  
Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

### TODAY'S REFLECTION

Before his death, Moses promised God's mercy to the Israelites for their obedience and warned about His punishment for their disobedience. In Deut. 30: 15, he said, "Here, then, I have today set before you life and prosperity, death and doom." The scene in today's first reading takes place after Joshua has succeeded Moses as their leader and has led them into the Promised Land. It is indeed flowing with milk and honey. God has dispossessed the people already living in Canaan because of their pagan practices. The land has been divided among the twelve tribes. Now, Joshua assembles them and says, "If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are dwelling."

The people promise to serve only the Lord their God. However, they have promised this before and will

promise it again and again. They have seen the wonders God has performed for them and will continue to perform. Unfortunately, they fail to keep their faith despite God's faithfulness. They are just like the rest of us in this regard.

His faithfulness is described in Psalm 34. "When the just cry out, the Lord hears them, and from all their distress he rescues them. The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves." The people of Israel had seen the wonders God worked for them. His servant Moses led them dry-shod through the Red Sea. They wandered forty years in the desert but God fed them with quail and manna from heaven. When they were thirsty, water flowed from the rock. God destroyed all the kingdoms that opposed their occupation of the Promised Land.

We ourselves have also seen the wonders God has worked for us. Although some of us have to face sickness, most of us have experienced good health. Some of us may have gone hungry but most of us have enough food to eat. We may have gone astray at some point in our lives but God has brought us a mighty long way, even though He is not finished with us yet. We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. Great is God's faithfulness!

St. Paul writes of the relationship between husband and wife in the reading from the Letter to the Ephesians. They should love one another as Christ loves the members of His Body, the Church. "This is a great mystery..."

The Gospel finishes the Bread of Life discourse in John 6. God's faithfulness to the people of Israel and to us is exemplified in the bread He gives us for the journey. Jesus Himself is the Bread from heaven who is with us always, until the end of the age. The belief that Jesus is truly present in the Holy Eucharist is the center of our faith. "The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life." Yet not everyone has received the Father's gift of faith in the True Presence of His Only Begotten Son. What a blessing it is to be invited to follow Jesus and to reject our former way of life. There are always two paths we can choose to take. As in the days of Moses and Joshua, God continues to set before us "the blessing and the curse."

Deacon Bill

## ICUA

"Attention All Crab Lovers"

Come Join the ICUA Woman's Day Committee  
In Celebration of its Annual Crab Feast

Enjoy all the Crabs you can eat and other favorites  
Have a Relaxed and Enjoyable Sunday with family  
and friends at Martin Crosswinds, 7400 Greenway

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Center Drive, Greenbelt, MD 20770. **Today, August 23, 2009 2-6pm. Cost: \$55.00 per person.**

### Menu:

*Homemade Crab Soup/Soup du Jour, Steamed Crabs, Sirloin of Beef, Fried Filet of Fish, Shredded Beef B-B-Q, B-B-Q Chicken, Martin's Famous Jumbo All Beef Hot Dogs, Fresh Sweet Golden Corn, Pasta Primavera, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy*

**Cold Buffet Station:** *Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Seafood Salad, Homemade Chicken Salad, Slices of Fresh Melon*

**Fresh Bakery Station:** *Assorted Dinner Rolls*

For tickets contact: Eunice Wise (301) 574-3545



### **"A MOTHER'S SUMMERTIME TEA"**

A Free Event Promoting Healing for the Survivors and Victims of Homicide and Violent Crime

**When:** Sunday, August 30, 2009

**Where:** In the Ballroom of the

Historic Willard Intercontinental Hotel, 1401 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20019

**Time:** 3-5pm

**RSVP by:** Today, August 23, 2009 (202) 373-0398



Msgr. East will be celebrant for the TV Mass for shut-ins. The taping will occur on **Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.** at The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400

Michigan Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20017-1566 in the Crypt Church (lower level). Let's join our Pastor and fill the Crypt Church.



## **YOUTH DANCE MINISTRY**

All youth (Age 7-17)

Dance Rehearsal begins

**Saturday, September**

**12<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm** in the Upper

Church. Contact: Antoinette Barnes at (202) 344-3121.

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## Calendar of Events

**Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**

7-8p Knights of Columbia (KOC) Mtg (MCH)

7-9p Adult Dance Reh (UC)

**Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>**

7-8:30p WCD Bible Study (UC)

**Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**

7-9p Sabbath Gospel Choir (PLC/LCR/MPR)

**Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>**

7:30a Traditional Mass

9a Contemporary Mass

11:30a-1:30p Health Ministry Mtg (PLC/LCR/MPR)



### HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT

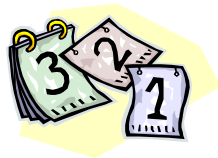
Buy an extra can of food and give it to the food bank.

### ATTENDANCE

7:30am – Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> -33

9am – Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> - 191

**STA INCREASE THE COUNT!**



### THIS WEEKS PRAYER

"Lord Jesus, you have the words of everlasting life. Strengthen my faith and help me to cast aside all doubt, fear, and indifference to your word that I may obey it with trust and joy.

May there be nothing in my life which separates me from your love and truth."

### SAVE THE DATE

**Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>** – The STA Ministers of Hospitality celebrates its **31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**

### BLESSED

If you have sight, you are blessed. If you have insight, you are a thousand times blessed.

—Anonymous

### THE WAY

It's hard to train a child in a way the parents don't go themselves.

—Anonymous

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## Prayer Intentions Please Pray for:

Allison-Harris Family, Dominique Arrington, Vera Bell, Mary Braxton, Jackie & Terry Bond, Carter Family, Clarke Family, June Contee, Letitia Crawford, Nadine Day, Mary Deloatch,

Helen Desperett, Fowler Family, Margaret Frazier, Mary Frye, Anthony Gonzalez, Lucille Greene, Angela Hackney, Desiree Haley, Pearl Hedgepeth, Richard Hoggard, Marzell Holt, Patricia Pickens-James, Gertrude Jamison, Merelene Jolivet, Peggy Joseph, Josephine Keys, Vermelle Kinnard, John McCoy, Yvonne McKinney & Family, Thomas Matthew, Jerry Morse, Hattie Munson, Neil Family, Nora Naranjo, Angelique Nolan, Charles Sanderlin, Scott Family, Linda Smith, Willa Spruill, Dominick Stewart, Latonya Stewart, Lee Streeter, Yvonne Thomas, Freda Thornton, Joan Wade, Darnell Warfield, Annie Whatley

## Happy Birthday

*to all with birthdays during  
the weeks of:*



August 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> 2009

(8/29) Janice Smith, (8/30) Viola Washington, Jennifer Gray, (8/31) Rhonda Brady, Jane Yorkman, (9/2) Danielle Bell, Doney Olivieri, (9/3) Tanya Hankton, Michele Jones, (9/4) Aubrey Seabrooks, (9/5) Jasmine Gross, Barbara Hill, Bryanna El-Amin, (9/7) LaMont Baxter, David Coates, Karl Bratcher, Nicole Butler, (9/8) Howwin Carter, Sr., (9/9) Tara Lyles, (9/10) Crystal Edmonds, (9/11) Jakyah Ross, (9/12) Stephen Coates, Kelvin Gross, (9/13) Rakyah Renee Gross, Kate Perkins, (9/14) Andonikka Deare, Wanda Smith, (9/15) William Hawkins, (9/17) Kayla Daniels, Lisa Bell, (9/19) Ian Guch, (9/20) Pamela Lawson, Linda Ellis, (9/22) Jermaine Johnson, Annie Whatley, Joan Garner, Eunice B. Wise, (9/23) Clara Pate, (9/26) Sherri Franklin, Camille B. Woody, (9/27) Virginia Young, Reginald Johnson, Annie Batiste, Zenia Smith, Rita Y. Wilson, (9/28) Delores Hatcherson, (9/29) Rosemary Austin

### MOCHA WALK AND SYMPOSIUM

The District of Columbia has the highest mortality rate for cancer in the United States. Most of the individuals that die from cancer are from Wards 7 & 8. Join us in the Mocha Walk and Symposium. This is

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an outreach activity to educate African Americans about cancer.

**When:** Saturday, September 5, 2009

**Where:** Holy Christian House of Praise For All People, 5110 Nannie Helen Burroughs Ave., NE, Washington, DC 20019

**Bishop Stephen E. Young, Sr.**

**Schedule:**

7-8am – Registration

8-9am – Walk/Run Distance: 5k (3.5 miles)

10am – Symposium

Contact: Chris Hart-Wright (202) 714-0918, [chris.hartwright@strivedc.org](mailto:chris.hartwright@strivedc.org).

**MASS FOR BLESSING ON HUMAN**

**LABOR** – All are invited to join Archbishop Wuerl as he celebrates the annual Mass of Blessing on Human Labor, **Saturday, September 12th 5:15pm** at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle. This special liturgical celebration will recognize the role of work as it expresses the essential dignity of every man and woman in society and pray for blessing on all workers and those who strive to foster a fair and just workplace. As our country celebrates Labor Day, the Church affirms its teachings on the value of work and the rights and dignity of workers.

All workshops are **9:30am-2:30pm**. Please take a brown bag lunch, beverages will be provided.

Cost: **\$5.00**.

**Pre-registration is absolutely necessary.** Please call the Office of Worship at (301) 853-4594.

**EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS**

A free Eucharistic Congress will take place at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception of **September 11-12, 2009**. The theme is Sacrifice of Enduring Love. Liturgies, talks and events will focus on three vocations: priesthood, religious life and marriage. Speakers will include Archbishop Wuerl, Cardinals Sean O'Malley, Justin Rigali and Marc Ouellet, and dozens of others. A piece of the actual tilma of St. Juan Diego also will be exhibited. Learn more online at [www.cmswr.org](http://www.cmswr.org).

**WARD 8 FARMER'S MARKET COOPERATIVE, INC.**

**Farmer's Market 11<sup>th</sup> Season**

At the old Congress heights School Parking Lot, Alabama & MLK Ave., SE every **Saturday now thru November 21<sup>st</sup>, 9am-2pm**. WIC Coupons and Food Stamps Accepted. **PRODUCE DIRECTLY FROM THE FARMERS**. For more info, call (202) 561-8204.

**PASSION PLAY**

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Join Bishop Martin Holley on a once- in-a-lifetime journey to attend the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany, **September 3-12, 2010**. Includes visits to Munich, Neuschwanstein, Wieskirch, the Marian Shrine at Altotting, Marktl (birth place of Pope Benedict XVI), Salzburg, Vienna and more!

**Only \$3, 999** from Dulles International Airport. To download a free color brochure and registration form, visit: [www.GoCatholicTravel.com/Holley](http://www.GoCatholicTravel.com/Holley) or contact group oordinator, Dawn Woods, at (301) 952-9074 or [mdwoods@adw.org](mailto:mdwoods@adw.org).

**CHAMPS: (Children and adolescent Mobile Psychiatric Service)** is a new crisis intervention program that offers help for children that face a behavioral or mental health crisis. We are free, 24/7 days a week help. Our crisis specialists quickly respond to every call, and they go wherever the child in need is located in the District of Columbia. For referrals please call (202) 481-1450.

**MARRIAGE MATTERS:** but do you know why?

Find out what the Catholic Church teaches about marriage and why it's important, including articles addressing marriage, scriptural passages and reflections on marriage and family life, marriage preparation information, resources for enriching your marriage and more. The archdiocese of Washington's educational initiative called Marriage Matters is online at [www.MarriageMattersDC.org](http://www.MarriageMattersDC.org).

**COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA**

The Catholic University of America is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, DC. It provides an academically rigorous education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to 6,000 students every year. Next week is the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Every dollar given directly supports financial aid for students from diocese across the country, including ours. Please be generous.

**CATHOLIC WEBSITE OF THE WEEK**

<http://www.ewtn.org/>

[www.adw.org](http://www.adw.org) The Archdiocese of Washington has a newly designed website. Read one of Msgr. Pope's online articles; respond by sending him a twitter. Blog with Archbishop, and do something to show that STA is logging in on the new interactive part of the Archdiocesan website.

**STA HIGH SCHOOLERS:** We need you to help us with our [www.stachurch.org](http://www.stachurch.org) website content. E-mail Mrs. Darah Means at [Darah@stachurch.org](mailto:Darah@stachurch.org).

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