

# Saint Teresa of Avila Parish

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



## Twenty-Third 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:

St. Teresa Parish Life Center  
1401 V Street Southeast  
Washington, DC 20020-5692

### Office Hours

Monday – Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm  
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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God (Isaiah 35:4-7a).

**Psalm** — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** — Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1-5).

**Gospel** — Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak (Mark 7:31-37).

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

**Adult:** Do you ever speak on behalf of those who have no voice or are not heard?

**Teen:** What do you think it is like not to be able to hear? How does Jesus help you hear and to speak?

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass “For the Blessing of Human Labor,” nos. 907-911  
Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [1:18-23]  
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26  
Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38  
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42  
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49  
Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

### TODAY'S REFLECTION

Do you expect the Lord to treat you well? Whatever Jesus did, he did well. He demonstrated both the beauty and goodness of God in his actions. When Jesus heals a man who is both deaf and a stutterer he shows his considerateness for this man's predicament. Jesus takes him aside privately, no doubt to remove him from embarrassment with a noisy crowd of gawkers. He puts his fingers into his ears and he touches his tongue with his own spittle to physically identify with this man's infirmity and to awaken faith in him. With a word of command the poor man's ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.

What is the significance of Jesus putting his fingers into the man's ears? Gregory the Great from the 6th century writes: The Spirit is called the finger of God. When the Lord puts his fingers into the ears of the deaf mute, he was opening the soul of man to faith through the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The people's response to this miracle testifies to Jesus' great care for others: He has done all things well. No problem or burden was too much for Jesus' careful consideration. The Lord treats each of us with kindness and compassion and he calls us to treat one another in like kind. The Holy Spirit who dwells within us enables us to love as Jesus loves. Do you love others and treat them with considerateness as Jesus did?

Daily Readings & Meditation  
Deacon Don Schwager  
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The Health ministry is conducting an "eat-in" which is a potluck dinner on **Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> 7pm** in the Msgr. Clark Hall.

This event is for the promotion of healthy school lunches for the fight against childhood obesity.



### 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.



**SISTERS IN THE SPIRIT** Triumph of the Cross Program will be held on **Saturday, September 12, 2009** at St. Peter Claver Church, 16922 St. Peter Claver

Road, Saint Inigoes, MD 20684-0240. *The theme will be "Christ on My Lips, My Mind and In My Heart".*  
**Keynote speaker:** Dr. Francine Dove Hawkins, with our very own Darnelle Sneed as one of the presenters.  
**Cost:** \$30 (includes transportation, program and lunch), \$15(program and lunch). Bus will leave Mt. Calvary Catholic Church, 6700 Marlboro Pike, Forestville, MD @ 8am. (Registration: **9:30am**, Program: **10am-2pm**). For more info, contact Thelma Adams (301) 630-0018.



### JAMMIN' 4 JESUS

We Walk Like This  
'cuz  
GOD CAN BACK US UP

**Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**

**7pm-12am** at St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church 409 Addison Road, Seat Pleasant, MD 20743

Teens ages (13-19) *YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THIS PRAISE PARTY*



### CURSILLISTAS!

Join us for our next Ultreya on **Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 7:30-9pm** in the Msgr. Clark Hall. Come out in celebration of our Lord!

The **199<sup>th</sup> Women's** Cursillo Weekend will be held **October 8<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>**. The **Men's 196<sup>th</sup>** Cursillo Weekend will be held **November 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>** at the Josephite Center, 1200 Varnum Street, NE, Washington, DC 20017. Anyone interested in making a weekend or are in need of an application please see LaMont or Kelli Baxter.

### Ministers of Hospitality 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary



St. Teresa of Avila Ministers of Hospitality will celebrate their 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, **Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 4pm** @ St. Teresa of Avila Parish, 1244 V Street, SE, Washington, DC 20020. Dinner will be served **12-3pm** in the MCH (Msgr. Clark Hall). Cost is \$7.00



### Baptism Preparation Class

Baptism sessions will begin **Saturday, October 10, 2009** for parents and godparents of infants through four years of age and for parents and godparents of students enrolled in the Religious Ed Baptism Preparation Class. At least one parent and godparent must be practicing Catholics. The second session will be held on **October 24, 2008** (12:00PM -1:30PM) in the PLC. **It is important that parents and godparents attend the two sessions.** **Baptism** is scheduled for **Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009** at the **9:00 AM Mass.** Please contact Sandi Allison-Harris (202-829-2209) or the PLC (202-678-3709) to sign up.



## Calendar of Events

### Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>

7:30-9:30p LIS Prayer Group (UC)  
LABOR DAY HOLIDAY/PLC CLOSED

### Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>

### Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>

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

### Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

5:45-7p SGC Assessment Team (UC)  
7-9p Sabbath Gospel Choir (UC)

### Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

### Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

8:30-10a Mind Body & Soul Xercise (MCH)  
9-11a Youth Ministry Mtg (PLC/LCR)  
10a-2p V. Morgan Soup Kit. (MCH/Kit)  
10a-12p Youth Dance Reh (UC)  
10-11:30a RCIA (PLC/MPR)  
12-1:30p JMOH Mtg/Reh (UC)  
2-4p Young Adult Choir Reh (UC)

### Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>

7:30a Traditional Mass  
9a Contemporary Mass  
7:30a-1:30p Taste of Health (MCH/Kit)  
11:30a-1p Girl Scouts Leaders Mtg (PLC/MPR)



## HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT

Give someone a flower from your garden.



## ATTENDANCE

7:30am – Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> -33  
9am – Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> - 279

**STA INCREASE THE COUNT!**

## THIS WEEKS PRAYER



"Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit and inflame my heart with love and compassion for everyone in need. Make me attentive to the needs of others that I may show them kindness and care. Make me an instrument of your mercy and peace that I may help others find healing and wholeness in you."



Saint Teresa of Avila



## Prayer Intentions Please Pray for:

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

Day, Mary Deloatch, Helen Despertt, 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, Rita L. Johnson, 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:



September 6<sup>th</sup> – Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> 2009

(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

## REMINDER

The PLC will be closed  
Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>



Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>

September 6, 2009

## **EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS**

A free Eucharistic Congress will take place at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception **September 11-12, 2009 5:15pm**. 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).

## **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.

## **CATHOLIC INFORMATION CENTER WASHINGTON, DC**

The Catholic Information Center invites you to a lecture by noted author Peter Kreeft entitled "Between Jesus & Allah: What Christians Can Learn from Muslims" on **Saturday, September 12th 11am**. Dr. Kreeft has written over 45 books including *Socrates Meets Jesus*, *The Philosophy of Tolkien*, *Heaven: The Heart's Deepest Longing*, and *Handbook of Catholic Apologetics*. The CIC is located at 1501 K Street, NW and can be contacted at [www.cicdc.org](http://www.cicdc.org) or (202) 783-2062.

## **FOOD HANDLERS**

There will be a Food Handlers class held at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in the Red Room, 4275 4th St., SE, on **Saturday, September 19, 2009 9am-3pm**. The fee is **\$80.00** per person, bring your lunch. Call St. Thomas More Parish (202) 562-0431 ask for Mary Waters.

## **WORKSHOPS TO BE OFFERED BY THE OFFICE OF WORSHIP**

**Saturday, October 10th 9:30am-2:30pm**  
Lector Workshop at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 5001 Eastern Avenue, Hyattsville, MD 20782. Presenters: Mary & Bill Graham. This workshop will be given in English.

**Saturday, October 17th 9:30am-2:30pm**  
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at Saint John Vianney Parish Hall, 105 Vianney Lane, Prince Saint Teresa of Avila

Frederick, MD 20678. Presenters: Fr. Timothy Baer and Fr. Walter Tappe. This workshop will be given in English.

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.

**CHAMPS: (Children and adolescent Mobile Psychiatric Service)** is a new crisis intervention program that offers help for children facing a behavioral or mental 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).

## **SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, September 12th 1-3pm**

The gathering for volunteers in the District of Columbia parishes will be held **Saturday, September 12th 1-3pm** at St. Matthew Cathedral, East Conference Room (lower level), 1725 Rhode Island Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20036. Sponsored by the Department of Social Concerns, Archdiocese of Washington. For further info, call Tony Bosnick at (301) 853-5340 or email [DSC@adw.org](mailto:DSC@adw.org).

## **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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