

Saint Teresa of Avila Parish

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



Twenty-Fifth 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

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The wicked say: With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test (Wisdom 2:12, 17-20).

Psalm — The Lord upholds my life (Psalm 54).

Second Reading — The wisdom from above is full of mercy and good fruits (James 3:16 — 4:3).

Gospel — Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me (Mark 9:30-37).

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Adult: Is the role of being a servant for others easy or difficult for you to embrace?

Teen: Why do you want to be first in line at school or first to do fun things at home? Why is it good to let others be first at something?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday: Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

TODAY'S REFLECTION

There is a saying that “success has a hundred fathers but failure is an orphan.” And Bessie Smith sang, “Nobody wants you when you’re down and out.” Ironically, a person looking to do wrong can find lots of encouragement in the world. Just the opposite is true when one wants to walk the straight and narrow. The same people that applauded a downward spiraling lifestyle try everything they can to pull back someone turning toward the upward road. This situation is not new. About one hundred years before Christ, the writer of the Book of Wisdom was inspired to write, “The wicked say: ‘Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us; he sets himself against our doings, reproaches us for transgressions of the law and charges us with violations of our training.’ ”

In these and any other circumstances, we can depend on God. Psalm 54 says, “O God, by your name save me, and by your might defend my cause.” The need for the love of God encompasses all of us, for we “all have sinned and are deprived of the glory of God,” as Paul says in Romans 3: 23. God is always willing to forgive our faults. After all, He sent His Only Begotten Son to die to save us.

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Like any family, the people of God can have issues that are hard to resolve. We can all agree that our purpose is to serve God and our neighbors. But we sometimes cannot agree how this should be done. This is only natural when human beings try to work together. STA is no different. Our reading from the Letter of James was written to address this problem within his community and to help us address it within our own.

Jesus says to his disciples in Matthew 7: 16, "By their fruits you will know them." James applied this idea when he wrote, "But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity." So God tells us to choose a course of action as a Christian community that will produce good fruits by good means. For us, good ends can never be used to justify wrong means.

The gospel of prosperity preached by many Christians implies that only good things happen to good people. We would reason incorrectly from this false assumption that bad things only happen to bad people. In other words, it would be reasonable to conclude that misfortune is a sign of moral weakness. Similarly, good fortune would be a sign of a virtuous life. Jesus Himself says in today's Gospel that such ideas are false. According to Jesus, a person's true greatness is measured by service. He should know. He is the Sinless Servant Who suffered and died for our sinfulness.

Hatred and strife, sickness and death are part of our earthly existence because of the broken human nature we inherited from Adam and Eve. For His reasons, God can allow evil persons to prosper and good persons to suffer. This is something we may never understand while we are limited to the perspective of this life. In faith, we are called to unite our sufferings to those of Jesus for the glory of God. Our Creator Who loves us more than we can ever know or understand will always strengthen us to follow the path He has placed before us for the benefit of our immortal souls or the souls for whom we pray.

-Deacon Bill

SAINT ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Spiritual Life Institute Fall Program 2009

Exploring our Deepest Longing with St. John's Gospel and Ignatius Loyola

When: Tuesdays September 22nd, 29th 10am & 7pm (Christian Meditation @ 6:30pm)
Fridays, September 25th, October 2nd 10am

Where: St. Ann Catholic Church/Anderson Room (Library), 4400 Wisconsin Ave., NW, Tenley Circle, Washington, DC 20016. **Offering:** \$25.00 covers all books, papers, talks, etc. Please bring a Bible and notebook. Please make checks payable to St. Ann's Church. For more info, call Sister Mary @ (202) 966-6288 ext. 15

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It's a combination of basketball, soccer, and hockey

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FALL LACROSSE CLINIC!

Saturday, September 26th 1-3pm

Hosted by Southeast DC Partners and Winners
Lacrosse

(Children ages 6-13)

Located at Randle Highlands Elementary School
4339 Bowen Rd SE, Washington, DC 20019-5600

For more info, Contact Morgan Kret @ the Southeast White House for details, (202) 575-3339 x1012 or morgansedcp@gmail.com.



STA Ministers of Hospitality 31st Anniversary

St. Teresa of Avila Ministers of Hospitality will celebrate their 31st Anniversary, **Sunday, September 27th 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

CURSILLISTAS!

The Women's 199th Cursillo Weekend will be held **October 8th - 11th**. The Men's 196th Cursillo Weekend will be held **November 5th - 8th** 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.



Announcements may go into the bulletin at no costs to the ministry. The announcement may be 1/2 a page or a 1/4 of a page. However, Flyers/bulletin inserts are inserted in the bulletin by cost. 200 b/w bulletin inserts cost \$10, 200 color bulletin inserts costs \$64.

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Calendar of Events

Monday, September 21st

7:30-9:30p LIS Prayer Group (UC)

Tuesday, September 22nd

AUTUMN BEGINS

Wednesday, September 23rd

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

Thursday, September 24th

5:45-7p SGC Assessment Team (UC)

7-9p Sabbath Gospel Choir (UC)

Friday, September 25th

3-8P Kitchen Cmte Prep time (church Kit)

6:45-9p East River Revival Cmte (PLC/LCR)

Saturday, September 26th

8-10a SHARE (MCH)

8:30-10a Mind, Body & Soul Xercise (MCH)

10-11:30a RCIA (PLC/MPR)

10a-12p Youth Dance Reh. (UC)

10a-2p SVDP Soup Mtg & Soup Kit

(MCH/Kit)

11a-2:30p Girl Scouts Mtg (PLC/Bsmt/MPR)

2-4p Young Adult Choir (UC)

Sunday, September 27th

7:30a Traditional Mass

9a Contemporary Mass

11a-1:30p Teen Group Mtg (PLC/Bsmt)

11a-2p Dinner Sales by Kitchen Cmte

(MCH/Kit)

4-7p STA MOH 31st Anniversary (UC)



HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT

Refer a friend to an inspirational story that you read in a magazine or newspaper.

ATTENDANCE

7:30am – Sunday, September 13th -38

9am – Sunday, September 13th -230

STA INCREASE THE COUNT!



THIS WEEKS PRAYER

"Lord Jesus, by your cross you have redeemed the world and revealed your glory and triumph over sin and death. May I never fail to see your glory and victory in the cross. Help me to conform my life to your will and to follow in your way of holiness."

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Prayer Intentions Please Pray for:

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

Desperrt, Xavier Dudley, Fowler Family, Margaret Frazier, Mary Frye, Anthony Gonzalez, Lucille Greene, Angela Hackney, Desiree Haley, Rose Hammond, Pearl Hedgepeth, Richard Hoggard, Marzell Holt, Patricia Pickens-James, Gertrude Jamison, Rita L. Johnson, Merelene Jolivet, Peggy Joseph, Josephine Keys, Vermelle Kinnard, John McCoy, Jerry Morse, Hattie Munson, Neil Family, Nora Naranjo, Charles Sanderlin, Scott Family, Linda Smith, Willa Spruill, Dominick Stewart, Latonya Stewart, Lee Streeter, Yvonne Thomas, Freda Thornton, Bernadette Trowell, Joan Wade, Darnell Warfield, Denise Washington, Annie Whatley, Virnitia Wood

Happy Birthday

to all with birthdays during the weeks of:

September 20th – Sept. 30th 2009



(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

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

This fall, the unique pro-life campaign, "40 Days for Life," will be held in cities nationwide. From **September 23rd – November 1st**, 40 days of around-the-clock, peaceful prayer will be held outside abortion clinics, including the Planned Parenthood clinic on 16th & L Street, NW, Washington, DC. Please visit www.40daysforlife.com/washington for more information.

17th International Week of Prayer and Fasting

All are invited to participate in the 17th International Week of Prayer and Fasting, **October 2-12** in Washington, DC on **Saturday, October 10th, 9am Journey Conference – Young adult Festival** at the John Paul II Cultural Center. **Sunday, October 11th 5:30pm** the *God's Plan for Live and love Award Banquet* will be held at the Omni Shoreham hotel in Washington, DC. **Monday, October 12th 9am** a

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Eucharistic Prayer Vigil at the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. For more info, go to www.iwopf.org.



**SOUTHEAST DEARNERY
REVIVAL SCHEDULE
(7PM EACH NIGHT)**

Monday, Oct. 5 th	St. Thomas More 4275 4 th Street, SE
Tuesday, Oct. 6 th (Youth Night)	Incarnation 880 Eastern Avenue, SE
Wednesday, Oct. 7 th (Reconciliation Night)	St. Luke's 4925 East Capitol Street, SE
Thursday, Oct. 8 th (Celebration of holy Eucharist)	Our Lady Queen of Peace 3800 Ely Place, SE

Our very own Msgr. East is the Revivalist for this year's REVIVAL.

STA LET'S COME OUT IN NUMBERS EACH NIGHT TO SUPPORT OUR PASTOR. AS MSGR. EAST WOULD SAY DON'T MEET ME THERE BEAT ME THERE!

GOSPEL CHOIR

The gospel choir of St. Monica's Catholic Church, Santa Monica, CA will be singing for the Southeast Deanery's 20th annual revival this year. If anyone is able to provide housing for one of our guest that Wednesday & Thursday, October 7th & 8th, please contact Colene Nelson-Harrison at (301) 567-6590 or Alice Wingate (323) 816-5438.



STA 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 25th, 2009 at the 9:00 AM Mass.** Please contact Sandi Allison-Harris (202-829-2209) or the PLC (202-678-3709) to sign up.



MARRIAGE SUNDAY

Sunday, October 4th 9am Mass
STA Married Couples will renew their marriage vows. Bible Study for couples will be held on **Wednesday, September 30th 7pm** in the church, followed by practice.

We at St. Teresa of Avila want to celebrate your marriage and loving commitment to each other. You are important to us! "WE NEED YOU TO SURVIVE!" You are St. Teresa! Please review the list below. We want to acknowledge all of our married couples. If your name is not listed, please contact the office (202) 678-3709.

MARRIED COUPLES

Jimmy Alford & Joyce Baker Alford, Curt & Judy Ashburn, Roger Harris & Sandra Allison-Harris, Roger & Lorena Bailey, Darren Barnes & Monica Jeffries-Barnes, LaMont & Kelli Baxter, Ernest & Jasmine Boykin, Karl & Glenda Bratcher, Bernard & Sandra Brown, Roland & Audrey Caldwell, Vinson & Patricia Canady, Howwin & Barbara Carter, Kevin & Bernadette Catalan, Charles Chichester & Vermel Thompson, Roscoe & Jacquelyn Christian, David & Susan Coates, Vincent & June Contee, Douglas & Rhonda Daniels, Mr. & Mrs. Darling (Glenna), Earl & Nadine Day, Anthony Diallo & Yoland Plummer-Diallo, Ricardo & Tina Featherstone, Frank & Sharon Francios, Jeffery & Sherri Franklin, Charles Gray & Jacquelyn DeMesme-Gray, James & Olga Gilbert, Brian & Molly Graham, Warren & Donna Green, Ian & Ingrid Guch, Robert & Darnell Sneed, Jack Hamlin & Dianne Stewart-Hamlin, Marvin & Tanya Hankton, James Harrison & S. Colene Nelson-Harrison, Albert & Clara Hawkins, William & Audrey Hawkins, Barbara & Kevin Hill, Henry & Ruby Hinnant, Reginald Johnson & Ethel Holland-Johnson, Kimberly & Junior Hopwood, Michael & Charlene Howard, James & Gloria Howard, Robert & Betty Johnson, John & Lethia Kelly, Oscar & Pamela Lawson, Thomas & Margaret Matthews, Oscar & Nicole Mebane, Kurt & Lisa Runge, Aubrey & Mary Seabrooks, Robert & Rebecca Scriber, David & Annette Smith, Dominick & Barbara Stewart, Eduardo & Vernell Stultz, Michael & Denise Thompson, Edward & Bernadette Trowell, Tedrick & Paulette Vernon, Paul & Denise Washington, Lawrence & Regina Washington, Torrey & Leonise Wellington, Chance & Tara Williams, Tony & Jane Yorkman, Theodore & Denise Yorkshire

