

# Saint Teresa of Avila Parish

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



## Twenty-Sixth 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  
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### Office Hours

Monday – Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Moses said, "Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!" (Numbers 11:25-29).

**Psalms** — The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart (Psalm 19).

**Second Reading** — Come now, you rich. The wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud (James 5:1-6).

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**Gospel** — Whoever is not against us is for us (Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48).

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

**Adult:** Who is God for you? What opportunities do you have to promote or explain your faith?

**Teen:** What does God look like to you? How does God help you to live each and every day?

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK of 9/27/09

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Lk 9:46-50  
Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51  
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62  
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Lk 10:1-12  
Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Mt 18:1-5, 10  
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24  
Sunday: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

### TODAY'S REFLECTION

Do you rejoice in the good that others do? Jesus reprimands his disciples for their jealousy and suspicion. They were upset that someone who was not of the same company of disciples as themselves was casting out a demon in the name of Jesus. They even "forbade" the man "because he was not following us". Jesus' reply is filled with wisdom: "No one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon after to speak evil of me." Are we not like the disciples when we get upset at the good others do because of jealousy or fear? Paul says that "love is not jealous... but rejoices in the right" (1 Corinthians 13:4, 6).

Envy and jealousy, its counterpart, are sinful because they lead us to sorrow over what should make us rejoice namely, our neighbor's good. The reason we may grieve over another's good is that somehow we see that good as lessening our own value or excellence. Envy forms when we believe that the other person's advantage or possession diminishes or brings disgrace on us. Envy is contrary to love. Both the object of love and the object

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of envy is our neighbor's good, but by contrary movements, since love rejoices in our neighbor's good, while envy grieves over it. How can we overcome envy? With the love that God puts into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5). This love seeks the highest good of our neighbor. Paul the Apostle says that "love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right (1 Corinthians 13:5-6). Ask the Lord to fill you with the fire of his purifying love that you may rejoice in the good of others even in those who cross you or cause you difficulty.

Paul the Apostle tells us that "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit" (Romans 5:5). God's love purifies our hearts and compels us to express charity towards our neighbor who is created in the image and likeness of God. We were created in love for love. The charity we show to our neighbor in his need expresses the gratitude we have for the abundant goodness and kindness of God towards us. Jesus declared that any kindness shown and any help given to the people of Christ will not lose its reward. Jesus never refused to give to anyone in need who asked for his help. As his disciples we are called to be kind and generous as he is.

Gregory of Nyssa, a fourth century church father wrote: God never asks his servants to do what is impossible. The love and goodness of his Godhead is revealed as richly available. It is poured out like water upon all. God furnished to each person according to his will the ability to do something good. None of those seeking to be saved will be lacking in this ability, given by the one who said: whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ, will by no means lose his reward. Ask the Holy Spirit to transform your heart by the fire of his love that you may wholly desire what is good for your neighbor.

Was Jesus exaggerating when he urged his followers to use drastic measures to avoid evil and its harmful consequences? Jesus set before his disciples the one supreme goal in life that is worth any sacrifice, and that goal is God himself and his will for our lives which leads to everlasting peace and happiness. Just as a doctor might remove a limb or some part of the body in order to preserve the life of the whole body, so we must be ready to part with anything that causes us to sin and which leads to spiritual death. Jesus warns his disciples of the terrible responsibility that they must set no stumbling block in the way of another, that is, not give offense or bad example that might lead another to sin. The Greek word for temptation (scandalon) is exactly the same as the English word scandal. The original meaning of scandal is a trap or a stumbling block which causes one to trip and fall. The Jews held that it was an unforgivable sin to teach another to sin.

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If we teach another to sin, he in turn may teach still another, until a train of sin is set in motion with no foreseeable end. The young in faith are especially vulnerable to the bad example of those who should be passing on the faith. Do you set a good example for others to follow, especially the young?

Daily Readings & Meditation  
Deacon Don Schwager  
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## SAINT ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Spiritual Life Institute Fall Program 2009

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

**When:** Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> 10am & 7pm  
(Christian Meditation @ 6:30pm)

Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> 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



## SOUTHEAST DEANERY REVIVAL SCHEDULE (7PM EACH NIGHT)

Monday, Oct. 5 <sup>th</sup>	St. Thomas More 4275 4 <sup>th</sup> Street, SE
Tuesday, Oct. 6 <sup>th</sup> (Youth Night)	Incarnation 880 Eastern Avenue, SE
Wednesday, Oct. 7 <sup>th</sup>	St. Luke's 4925 East Capitol Street, SE
Thursday, Oct. 8 <sup>th</sup> (Mass)	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 ministering for the Southeast Deanery's 20<sup>th</sup> annual revival this year. If anyone is able to provide housing for one of our guest that Wednesday & Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, please contact Colene Nelson-Harrison at (301) 567-6590 or Alice Wingate (323) 816-5438.

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## Calendar of Events

### Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>

10a-12p Sodality Exec. Board Mtg (MCH)  
YOM KIPPUR

### Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>

10:30a-12p WIN Leaders Mtg/Public Safety (PLC/LCR)  
7-9p Parish Council Mtg. (PLC/LCR)

### Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>

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

### Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

5:45-7p SGC Assessment Team (UC)  
7-9p Sabbath Gospel Choir (UC)  
7:30-9p Knights of St. Peter Claver Exec. Brd. Mtg. (PLC/LCR)

### Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>

8:30-10a Mind, Body & Soul Xercise (MCH)  
9-10a Altar Servers (UC)  
10-11:30a RCIA (PLC/LCR)  
10a-12p Youth Dance Reh. (UC)  
10a-2p Senior Luncheon (MCH/Kit)  
11a-2:30p Girl Scouts Mtg (PLC/Bsmt/MPR)

### Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

7:30a Traditional Mass  
9a Contemporary Mass  
8a-2p Boy Scouts Fundraiser/Bake Sale (MCH/Kit)  
9-11a Sodality Mtg. (PLC/LCR/MPR)  
11:30a-1:30p Young Adult Choir (UC)



## HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT

Return an item that you borrowed from somebody.

## ATTENDANCE

7:30am – Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> -50  
9am – Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> -259  
**STA INCREASE THE COUNT!**



## THIS WEEKS PRAYER



"Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may radiate the joy of the gospel to others. May your light and truth shine through me that others may find new life and freedom from sin and the corruption of evil."



## Prayer Intentions Please Pray for:

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

Contee, Letitia Crawford, Nadine Day, Mary Deloatch, Helen Despertt, 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, Yvonne McKinney & Family, Thomas Matthew, 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:



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(9/27) Virginia Young, Reginald Johnson, Annie Batiste, Zenia Smith, Rita Y. Wilson, (9/28) Delores Hatcherson, (9/29) Rosemary Austin, (10/1) Brian Aucoin, (10/2) Tiana Barnes, Rayvone Brown, (10/4) Denise Arrington, Marvelle Steptoe, Rita Patrice Covington, (10/5) Catherine Hill, Janet McCain-Mauceri, (10/6) Shaunte Johnson, Glenna Darlington, Charlene Howard, (10/7) Leslie Gross, Paulette Vernon, Rita Bennett, (10/8) Rachel Banks, (10/9) Antoinette Dutch-Braxton, Mary Greenfield, (10/13) Yvonne Stewart, (10/14) Kevin Hill, (10/16) Vivienne Clarke, Erin Wilson, Talmah Turner, (10/17) Gertrude Jamison, (10/18) Tasheeka Stewart, (10/20) Oscar Mebane, (10/21) Kimberly Hopwood, (10/22) Raymond East, (10/23) Roger Bailey, (10/25) Kelli Baxter, Bernadette Trowell, (10/26) Jonnett Jones, (10/27) Donna Green, (10/28) Roland Caldwell, Sr., Dalantae Caldwell, Theresa Landers, (10/29) Deshandra Bratcher, (10/30) Mira Hairston-Sims, Henrietta Barnes, Denia Woody, (10/31) Ethel Holland-Johnson



## MARRIAGE SUNDAY

**Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> 9am Mass**  
STA Married Couples will renew their marriage vows. Bible Study for couples will be held on **Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> 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, Robert & Sabina Cobb, Vincent & June Contee, Douglas & Rhonda Daniels, David & Glenna Darlington, Dr. David Davis & Elizabeth Lewis-Davis, Earl & Nadine Day, Anthony Diallo & Yoland Plummer-Diallo, Ricardo & Tina Featherstone, Frank & Sharon Francios, Jeffery & Sherri Franklin, John & Anna Friday, Charles Gray & Jacquelyn DeMesme-Gray, James & Olga Gilbert, Brian & Molly Graham, Warren & Donna Green, Ian & Ingrid Guch, Marvin & Tanya Hankton, James Harrison & S. Colene Nelson-Harrison, Albert & Clara Hawkins, William & Audrey Hawkins, Barbara & Kevin Hill, Henry & Ruby Hinnant, John Holmes & Jean Alston-Holmes, Reginald Johnson & Ethel Holland-Johnson, Kimberly & Junior Hopwood, Michael & Charlene Howard, James & Gloria Howard, Robert & Betty Johnson, John & Lethia Kelly, Oscar & Pamela Lawson, Mr. & Mrs. Livingston (Gwendolyn), Oscar & Nicole Mebane, Kurt & Lisa Runge, Aubrey & Mary Seabrooks, Robert & Rebecca Scriber, Ralph & Janice Smith, Robert & Darnell Sneed, Dominick & Barbara Stewart, Eduardo & Vernell Stultz, Robert & Sandra & Taylor, Michael & Denise Thompson, Mr. & Mrs. Triplett (Denise), Edward & Bernadette Trowell, Paulette & Tedrick Vernon, Paul & Denise Washington, Lawrence & Regina Washington, Torrey & Leonise Wellington, Chance & Tara Williams, Tony & Jane Yorkman, Theodore & Denise Yorkshire*



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.

### COLUMBUS DAY CEREMONY

Monday, October 12, 2009  
Music prelude **10:45am**; Program **11am**  
Columbus Plaza, Union Station in Washington, DC

#### Program Highlights

*United States Joint Armed forces Honor Guard  
Knights of Columbus Color Corps  
United States Military Band  
Diplomatic Corps*

“STA Family please come out and support our own Ambassador Girl Scout, JASMINE GROSS, at the Columbus Day Celebration at Union Station.

Access via Metrorail Union Station  
On street parking near plaza (holiday few restrictions). For further info, call (202) 619-7222.

### Annual Archdiocese of Washington Marian Pilgrimage

The annual Archdiocesan Marian Pilgrimage to the Basilica fo the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will be **Sunday, October 11, 2009**. This year the pilgrimage strives to serve as a reminder to us all of our common call to holiness from God by living out our vocations in an ever increasing secular world. Our theme is “*Mary, Mother of the Church and of our families.*” The principal celebrant and homolist will be Bishop Martin D. Holley.

The pilgrimage begins with the Rosary in the Upper Church at **2:30pm** followed by Mass at **3pm**. All are welcome to join the faithful from across the archdiocese in this prayerful and spiritual occasion. The Basilica is located at 400 Michigan Ave., NE, Washington, DC. (Brookland-CUA Metro; free parking).

## STA Baptism Preparation Class

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