

*You shall love the Lord
God with all of your
heart, soul and
mind*



St Teresa of Avila Catholic Church
The Mother Roman Catholic Church of SE Washington DC

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

Sunday Masses

7:30am – Traditional Mass

9:00am – Contemporary Gospel Mass

Daily Mass

7:00am Monday – Saturday in 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

Mon, Tues, and Thur 10:00am-12:00noon & 2:30-6:30pm

Friday, 10:00am-7:00pm

Saturday: 10am-12Noon; 4:30-6:30pm

Confessions: Sat. 1:00-2:00pm in the church

Church Location

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — *You shall not oppress an alien, for you yourselves were once aliens in Egypt* (Exodus 22:20-26).

Psalms — *I love you, Lord, my strength* (Psalm 18).

Second Reading — *You became imitators of the Lord, so that you became a model for all believers* (1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10).

Gospel — *You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself* (Matthew 22:34-40).

Priorities, priorities, priorities!! In last week's scriptures, Jesus reminded us that there is nothing of this world that compares to who God is and how much God cares for us. In today's scriptures Jesus clearly states what our priorities. We are to **love God with all of our hearts, soul, and minds; love others; and then ourselves.** Our love for God must take priority over everything else. The love of God is what gave us life in creation. The love of God is what sought us out and offers us salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Why love others, because loving God and loving others are not separate. When we love God with **all that we have and all that we are** we will love others the way we ought to love others, in the same way God loves us, unconditionally. Our love for God must be carried out by loving actions toward others. However, this can be challenging because loving others involves risk, pain, heartache and rejection. It is not difficult to care for and love those who are familiar to us. It is, however, difficult to trust the stranger who we meet on the street, the stranger who approaches our door, the new member in the group, or the new neighbor in our neighborhood. Allowing God's love to flow through us to others can be risky, but it will bring so much joy that is worth the risk! Each day we face countless opportunities to love others and in doing so, we show our love for God

Excerpts from the Living Liturgy

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30; Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39; Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16
Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29;
Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sunday: Mal 1:14b — 2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131;
1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER

"Lord Jesus, your love surpasses all. Flood my heart with your love and increase my faith and hope in your promises. Help me to give myself in generous service to others as you have so generously given yourself to me."

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS:

Mary Braxton, Vera Brummell, Letitia Crawford, June Contee, Helen Despertt, Xavier Dudley, Joan Garner, Albert & Clara Hawkins, Yvonne Hawkins, Pearl Hedgepeth, Marzelle Holt, Jonnette Jones, Delores John Paul, Vermelle Kinnard, Marian Robinson, Linda Smith, Darnell Warfield, Viola Washington, Anne Whatley, Michelle Whatley-Seabrooks, and Rita Wilson.

Keep In Prayer the prayer intentions of our parish family members and friends listed

Clarice Anderson, Lucius Anderson, Dominique Arrington, Henrietta Barnes, Leroy Barnes, Msgr. Joaquin Bazan, Doris Bunyon, Barbara Carter, Towanda Carter Family, Margaret Cash, Charles Chichester, Clarke Family, Pamela Council, Thelma Davis, Nadine Day, Fowler Family, Margaret Frazier, Mary Frye, Essie Garris, Kenneth Gaskins, Anthony Gonzalez, Lucille Greene, Delores Hatcherson, Kimberly Holiday & Family, Richard Hoggard, Marzell Holt, Gloria Howard, Patricia Pickens-James, Gertrude Jamison, Rita L. Johnson, Mereline Jolievet, Peggy Joseph, Sonia Joyner, Lethia Kelly, Keys family, Wendy Kennedy, Margaret King, Wayne Knox, The Inez Matthews Family, Willie McCall, John McCoy, Charles McKinley, Jean Meredith, Wendy Mitchell, Jerry Morse, Rondé Miller, Neil Family, Nora Naranjo, Edna O'Connor, Gregory Orr, Evelyn Pitts, Gustave Quist, Charles Sanderlin, Scott Family, Marion Shorter, Zenia Smith, Willa Spruill, Barbara & Dominic Stewart & family, Lee Streeter, Barbara Talley, Margaret Taylor, Yvonne Thomas, Freda Thornton, Bernadette Trowell, Clement Wade, Denise Washington, Gertrude Watkins, Laura Wilkerson.



Happy Birthday!

In the month of October:

Kimberly Hopwood (21), Msgr. East (22), Roger Bailey (23), Kelli Baxter, Bernadette Trowell (25), Jonnett Jones (26), Donna Green (27), Dalantae Caldwell, Roland Caldwell, Theresa Landers (28), Deshandra Bratcher

(29), Mira Hairston-Sims, Denia Woody (30), Ethel Holland-Johnson (31)

TODAY October 23, 2011

7:30am Mass
8:30am Rosary
9:30am Mass
11:30am **Breast Health Seminar**
for men & women MCH
11:30am Teen Club Mtg PLC/Bsmnt
11:30am Cub Scout & Boy Scout Mtg PLC

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This week's collection is for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Our prayers and Eucharistic celebration are directed in a special way toward our brothers and sisters throughout the world who are waiting to hear the joyous "Good News" of Jesus.

Meetings & Rehearsals This Week

Monday, October 24th

10:00am Sodality Board Meeting MCH
7:00pm Life in the Spirit UC

Tuesday, October 25th

7:00pm Adult Dance Ministry Rehearsal UC
7:00pm RCIA PLC/LCR

Wednesday, October 26th

7:00pm Bible Study PLC/LCR

Thursday, October 27th

6:30pm WIN Mtg Job Creation PLC/Bsmnt
7:00pm Sabbath Gospel Choir Rehearsal UC
7:00pm Adult Dance Ministry Rehearsal MCH

Friday, October 28th

No Event Scheduled

Saturday, October 29th

10:00am Sign Language Class w/Ruth PLC/MPR
10:00am Youth Dance Ministry Rehearsal UC



The second baptism preparation session will be held on Saturday, October 29th from 12:00noon until 1:30pm at the PLC. Baptism is currently scheduled for Sunday, October 30th at the 9:30am Mass.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Please take time to join our Sodality in praying the rosary between the 7:30am and 9:30am Masses.



Halloween Party

Hosted by
Girl Scout Troop #5165

Saturday, October 29th
6pm-9pm
1244 V Street SE
Washington DC

Msgr. Clark Hall Tickets \$10 Games, Food, Fun

BAKE SALES SCHEDULE:

Sunday, October 30th Dance Ministry
Sunday, November 5th Girl Scouts
Sunday, December 4th Girl Scouts

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St Teresa of Avila

Dance Ministry

Dance Celebration



We Shall Behold Him

3pm Sunday, November 13, 2011
St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church
1244 V St SE Washington, DC
Tickets \$10
Contact Monica Barnes 201-613-5609

Preparing to use the New Roman Missal –Part 8

The Nicene Creed: For the last two Sundays we have been studying the changes to the English translation of the longer creed we profess each week. I hope you have found the teachings helpful and not too boring! Fr. Ed Foley, OFM, notes that while the Nicene Creed clearly expresses our belief in the Holy Trinity, the entire Mass is ‘creedal’. Each part of the Mass expresses our beliefs: we believe in *the Father* who so loves us that he sent His only-begotten Son who lived, died and rose for us. We express our belief in the *Son* whose Real Presence is seen in his word proclaimed and preached, and in His atoning sacrifice on the cross, renewed in each Eucharist. We acclaim our belief in the *Risen Christ* present, body and blood, soul and divinity, in the Eucharist. We profess our belief in the *Holy Spirit* who is invoked in our opening prayers, comes down and consecrates the gifts of bread and wine so that by the Holy Spirit’s power they are changed into the body and blood of Christ (CCC1353)

St Justin shows us how the whole Mass is an expression our creed when he says: “... no one may

take part in the Eucharist unless he believes that what we teach is true, has received baptism for the forgiveness of sins and new birth, and lives in keeping with what Christ taught.: (CC1344) No wonder our weekly profession of our faith is so important to the liturgy. Remember, STA, we can also use the Apostles Creed on Sundays and at Masses for children.

The Liturgy of the Word concludes with the *Prayers of the Faithful*. These follow immediately after the Creed. St. Paul urges that “... supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, all kings, and all who are in high position.” (1 time. 2:1-2) These prayers do just that; they are not changed in the New Roman Missal. Why not, however, form a small team of prayer composers’ who could work with Sr. Oralisa, Deacon Bill and me to write a set of prayers that specifically address the needs of STA, our communities, our nation and the world? Lord, hear our prayer!



What’s going on?

Many of you have noticed the taping of pews which have collapsed when used by some of our parish family.

The wood finish for the pews is no longer effective in protecting the pews during the different temperature changes. The wood finish minimizes the affects of wood expanding and contracting. These are solid oak wood pews which need to be removed, resealed and glued properly.

This process is typically done every 40 or 50 years. We are currently receiving bids from church restoration companies to restore the pews and the broken stain glass window in the front of the church.

Many of these companies are located in North Carolina, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania. All of the pews will probably be removed temporarily and substituted with chairs for a period of ten to twelve weeks.

Other immediate repairs that are being addressed at this time include the carpet to the stairs, the metal exit doors to the Msgr. Clark Hall, tile floor in the church vestibule, and kneelers. If there are areas of concern that have been omitted, please share them with PLC.