

St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church



**"All things of God made me
happy, yet those of the world
held me bound."
— St Teresa of Avila**

AUGUST 10, 2025

NINETEENTH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

**1490 19TH STREET (CHURCH)
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SAVE THE DATE

Sunday September 7th

Immediately following the 10 AM Mass, Father Greg will be hosting a presentation about the parish finances and the state of the St Teresa Budget for the 25-26 Fiscal year.

All are invited to attend and participate as we shape the future of St Teresa and discuss how best have our message reach the community.

The Parish Finance Council will also be in attendance and available for any questions pertaining to past and future expenses. Please join us in person or on livestream (@mass livestream link).

CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

There's new content weekly, including Fr. Gregory's homilies, announcements, and great pictures of our church.

<https://www.facebook.com/stteresasf>

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Please join us in celebrating the
Baptism of Carter Lacob



Child of Molly Lacob & Kirk
Lacob, Godchild of Jennifer Stein
and Timothy Benton. Carter will be
baptized by guest Rev. Andres
Emmanuel, I.V.Dei. this Sunday.

The Prayer Garden will be closed

For the remainder of the month the Prayer Garden will be closed while the North Side retaining wall is being repaired. Father Greg has a large number of pictures of the prayer garden. If you miss our time there or would like to dedicate a mass to someone once the garden reopens please email the office.

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Church is an EPA
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certified building.

The Assumption

This Friday, August 15th, is the Solemnity of the Assumption. It is a holy day of obligation, and Masses are at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm. Today's column provides history and background for the feast.

The first thing to note about the Assumption is that it is neither found in nor alluded to in the scriptures. Properly speaking, the Assumption belongs to what we call the *tradition* of the Church. Nevertheless, we begin our examination of the Assumption with an event from scripture, one which takes place in the Gospel of John at the foot of the cross:

"When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, 'Woman, behold, your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Behold, your mother' And from that hour the disciple took her into his home" (Jn 19:26-27).

Based upon this passage, the tradition of the Church assumed that this disciple whom Jesus loved took Mary into his home and cared for her for the remainder of her days. Although one strand of the tradition has Mary living in or around Jerusalem, there is a stronger tradition which has Mary making her "home" in Ephesus, a city in Asia Minor.

It should be pointed out that it would be quite remarkable if Mary did, in fact, make her home in Ephesus. Why? Because it would mean that Mary (a humble, Jewish woman from Nazareth) went into voluntary exile in at the foot of the cross a Greek city of the diaspora. No one would have been surprised had Mary remained in Jerusalem, moved back to Nazareth, or traveled to Antioch (in Syria), since Jerusalem, Galilee, and Antioch boasted early Jewish-Christian communities where the original disciples of Jesus – including the apostles – might have been found. But Ephesus? The tradition of the Church has Mary living in Ephesus, but the fact is that we have no historical evidence that this is where Mary spent her final days. What we do have is an ancient tradition which places Mary in that city. And, according to that tradition, Mary died in Ephesus and it was from Ephesus that she was assumed into heaven.

Historical questions aside, the Assumption of Mary presents us with an interesting *theological* question: Why would Mary – a human being -- be afforded this extraordinary privilege of being assumed, body and soul, into heaven?

As we attempt to answer this question we begin with one of the earliest beliefs in the Church: the sinlessness of Jesus. As this belief evolved and developed, the Church ultimately developed the theological position that Jesus was born without original sin. This gave rise to another question: since original sin was "inherited" from one's parents, how could Jesus be free from original sin unless Mary, too, was without original sin? It was almost inevitable that a parallel tradition would develop which stated that Mary – like Jesus – was without original sin. This would eventually become the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception. In Catholic theology, Mary and Jesus are the only human beings who were born without original sin. Because Mary was not "corrupted," she was deemed worthy to be assumed, body and soul, into heaven.

The earliest feasts of the Assumption date from the fourth century, both in the Eastern (Orthodox) and Western (Latin) churches. Nevertheless, it was not until 1950 – after nineteen centuries of Church history – that the dogma of the Assumption finally became "official." In his Apostolic Constitution, *Munificentissimus Deus*, Pius XII infallibly proclaimed the Assumption a dogma of the Church.

What most Catholics are not aware of is that the proclamation of the Assumption as a dogma of the Church is only the second time in history of the Church that a pope invoked the doctrine of infallibility. The first time occurred at the end the First Vatican Council (1870), when Pius IX proclaimed the doctrine of infallibility. Eighty years later, in 1950, the proclamation of the Assumption of Mary was the second time that infallibility was officially invoked.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm

FAITH FORMATION & RCIA

Our religious education programs will be starting next month.

To enroll your child/ren in **Faith Formation**, please submit an application (available in the church).

For more information with respect to **RCIA**, please contact Fr. Mike Kwiecien or the Parish Office.

CARE FOR OUR CHURCH

Please take a moment before you leave to replace the Missals in their racks, bring any unwanted bulletins up front to the vestibule, and look around your area for anything that may need to be thrown out or returned to its proper place.

Thank You!

Children's Bulletins

These are available in the vestibule every week. There are 2 versions available:

ages 3-6 or 7-12. Many of these bulletins contain a link to on-line games, etc.



GUN SAFETY COMMITTEE

Every day, 125 people in the United States are killed with guns, twice as many are shot and wounded, and countless others are impacted by acts of gun violence. When assault weapons (weapons of war) are used in mass shootings, six times as many people are shot. When assault weapons are easily accessible no place is safe from gun violence. Weak federal gun laws and gaps between states' gun laws make all Americans less safe. Lawmakers need to step up and do their jobs to ban assault weapons, stop federal concealed carry and advocate for gun safety legislation.

EVERYTOWN FOR GUN SAFETY

AAA 2025—WEEK 24

Assessed Amount: \$28,663
Amount Rec'd/Pledged: \$24,442
Balance Remaining: \$4,221

We are at **86%** of our goal! Thank you to all who have donated & pledged. Last year we met our goal within 11 weeks with 73 donors. So far 56 donors have given/pledged. Let's try to wrap this up with a bang!

Please check with your employer to see if they provide matching funds for charitable donations.

Any excess funds received are returned directly back to our parish.

You can donate now on the Archdiocesan web-site: ➡

<https://sfarch.org/aaa>

or Scan this QR code



➡ You may also donate on our online portal [here](#) or Scan this QR code

ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

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Have you ever learned about habitat restoration projects and what goes into them? It's often easy to think that rehabilitating a damaged ecosystem can be as easy as planting a few trees and leaving it alone (sometimes it is!), but there's a whole lot of work that goes into these sorts of projects. For an easy and engaging introduction into various habitat restoration projects, check out the youtube channel Mossy Earth. They work with conservation groups all around the world (though mostly in Europe) to study and rehabilitate damaged habitats. This could be a great source of inspiration if you've got a budding environmental scientist in your home!

ST. TERESA'S MISSION STATEMENT

As members of St. Teresa's Parish we fulfill our baptismal commitment by being the hands and heart of Christ in our world.

We achieve this commitment by accepting the human dignity of all persons, and by advocating for and serving those oppressed in our society.

The community of St. Teresa's finds its strength to fulfill this through participation in the Eucharist, prayer, learning the building of relationships, and action for Justice.

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 4:15 pm
Sunday 8:30 & 10:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday—Friday
8:30am

MARRIAGE

Please call 6 months prior

BAPTISM

Please call for appointment

RECONCILIATION

Monday—Friday
Following 8:30am Mass
or call for appointment

PARISH OFFICE / MAILING ADDRESS

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SECOND COLLECTIONS

THIS WEEK there is no second collection

NEXT WEEK there is no second collection

Donate [here](#) to support our Charity Fund.

The Piano will be removed from the church for reconditioning the last week of August, 25-30.
Thank you for generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

4:15pm **Saturday, August 9**
† James J Burns, Sr

8:30am **Sunday, August 10**
† Robert & Lois Biniek
10:00am † Frank Sullivan

8:30am **Monday, August 11**
Nick Daddio(Spc.Int)

8:30am **Tuesday, August 12**
Barbara Alvarez(Spc.Int)

8:30am **Wednesday, August 13**
† Bill Hurd

8:30am **Thursday, August 14**
† Lupita Perea

8:30am **Friday, August 15**
The People of the Parish
7:00pm The Sick of the Parish

4:15pm **Saturday, August 16**
† Mary Katherine Law

8:30am **Sunday, August 17**
† Bianca & Peter Lodolo
10:00am † Rachael Cariglia

Welcome to St. Teresa of Avila's Parish Community

We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here celebrating with us. Whether long-time residents or newly arrived in our parish, we thank God that you are with us. If you are not registered or have changes to your registration, please fill in the form below, or complete the form on our website.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

☐ New Parishioner

☐ New Address and/or phone

☐ On-Line Giving