

Saint Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

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*Twining with our sister parish, St. Antoine, Vieux Bourg and with the Diocese of Jeremie
Haiti, West Indies*

The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 24, 2021



Msgr. Raymond G. East, Pastor raveast@icloud.com; Mobile: 202-355-8888

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 9:30 a.m. in-person and livestream online

Sunday 11:30am in the courtyard between the church and the convent

****Weather permitting****

RECONCILIATION

Monsignor East is available for drive-by confessions. Please contact the PLC to schedule a time.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Sunday Gospel Reflection

“But he kept calling out all the more.”

_____Mark 10:46-52

The gospels recount several instances of Jesus granting sight to the blind. When we consider the number of people today who require eyeglasses, contact lenses, optic medicine and surgery, varying degrees of blindness was a common condition in Jesus' day. Though individual circumstances differ, every healing miracle reveals God's desire for our profound transformation.

Oh, that through the mercy of God and by our faith we might see, hear, stand, and walk, think clearly, and become safe to touch! Jesus heals us and then what? Here's where you tell your story of following Him along with others on the divine journey. In this case, other people informed Bartimaeus that Jesus was near, and they told Jesus about Bartimaeus. And many rebuked the blind man to stay in his lowly and lonely place. Yet, he refused ***“calling out all the more.”*** Jesus then asked them to bring the blind man to himself.

Like many persons in need, Bartimaeus sat where beggars sit each day bothering passers-by on their way to important places to see important people and do important things. Yet, when he heard that Jesus was calling for him, he threw off his cloak which held his meager offering of coins. But, in anticipation and with the help of others Bartimaeus came forward to receive his blessing that very day. One might think his reply would be obvious, ***“Master, I want to see.”*** But what his request exceeded ordinary expectations. Instead, with great courage and faith he revealed his deepest desire to the One who could grant the impossible in power and from abundant compassion.

This intimate encounter occurred in public. It involved the assistance of other people. Today we are the others who can become involved in God's intimate encounters with persons in need. Notwithstanding our own needs, are there people for whom we can point to Jesus for their help in time of need? Isn't Jesus asking us to bring them to Him through prayer and action? Yet, what is our reaction to homeless and unemployed persons who beg for our mercy at familiar street corners on our regular routes to work, the store, even church?

Lately, I've been bothered by stagnation in Congress over providing government support for human and physical infrastructure that will help families and communities with childcare, pre-school and college education, eldercare, repair roads and bridges, clean the environment, expand public transportation, create good jobs in emerging green industries and much more. In this phenomenally wealthy country, many thousands of private industry workers strike for decent wages and safe working conditions. Meanwhile, in the blink of an eye the U.S. military budget was increased by \$780 Billion and law enforcement agencies continue to receive large boosts. And I help God do miracles.

Reflection: Where am I in this gospel story? Am I rebuking the blind man to cease pleading for mercy or am I helping Jesus achieve more transformative encounters?

**Donna Grimes, Member
Saint Teresa of Avila Catholic Church**



Rejoice and be Glad!



Sunday Homily Reflection

Jeremiah 31:7-9 * Psalm 126: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy! * Hebrews 5:1-6 * Mark 10:46-52

This is Synod Sunday, and the gospel is in Mark 10:46-52. Obedient to the Holy Father, our Cardinal Archbishop, Wilton Gregory set the stage for our Church's Synod. Don't think of this as some grand theological undertaking. It is, in fact, what we have been doing at STA for quite some time.

What is our charge in the communal gatherings that will comprise the Synod? We hear the charge in the words of Jeremiah 31:7-9: "I will bring them back...I will gather them from the ends of the world...I will lead them...so that none shall stumble." We are called to communal conversation, as has always been the case. Jesus was doing his thing in the Synod. He was always taking the disciples off to a quiet place and inviting them to go deeper, through Him, with Him, and in Him, before going into the neighborhood, nation, and world to proclaim that Christ is new. Pope Francis has made the vision plain for all of us in "Evangelii Gaudium," "Laudato Si' and Fratelli Tutti." In each of these writings, our Holy Father invites us to transform the world and continue God's miracle of creation by first, recognizing God's image in one another, then engage in communal conversation to go deeper and to emerge from the conversation as one Church. Finally, we are all called to respond to the crowd's exhortation from Jesus to Bartimaeus: "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you."

The Synod is our call to share with each other and the larger Church what we have seen and heard when Jesus helps us to look through any situation based on our faith. We have heard the charge of the Synod before; Habakkuk (2:1-3) told us in these words: "Write down the vision; Make it plain upon tablets, so that the one who reads it may run. For the vision is a witness for the appointed time, a testimony to the end; it will not disappoint. If it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late. The Synod is upon us; it is our time for vision."

Look at the neighbor on your right and say, ***“I AM BARTIMAEUS.”*** Look at the neighbor on your left and say, ***“YOU ARE BARTIMAEUS.”*** This is Synod Sunday for us. It is Sister Thea’s mantra that is to be shared with our Bishops; we are ontologically black, and just in case you missed it, Jesus told us to tell you what we have seen and heard that you might experience more of His love when you go into the neighborhood.

The Holy Father has invited us to be the risen and living body of Christ, to tell each other what we have seen and heard, and to make our words become flesh. Are you still on fire with the Spirit as Father Boxie, preacher and teacher broke it down for us at the Revival? During it all, let’s go back to the Sacraments and back to the Bible. As Father Daly asked last Sunday, what is our charge in the communal gatherings that will comprise the Synod? We hear the charge in the words of Jeremiah 31:7-9: “I will bring them back...I will gather them from the ends of the world...I will lead them...so that none shall stumble.”

Father Boxie was looking for his replacement in the neighborhood and invited us to join him in the search. And, if there are no young people in the pews, and there are not many, we need to engage them with the Bible where they will find truth. Father Boxie not only invited us to go into the neighborhood with the Sacraments and the Scripture; he invited us to take them to the kitchen table and serve them up at mealtime. The Synod also invites us to go a bit further and take the Gospel to the Bishops.

Through the boat ride from Mother Africa – through slavery and Jim Crow – through all the deaths in our neighborhoods after the murder of George Floyd - through more than four centuries of racism in the nation and the Church, we are still here, still faithful, and still building our Church. So many in our neighborhood are like Bartimaeus – blind and calling for help. And we are the crowd of Christians calling out to brothers and sisters in the neighborhood, “Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you.” If you are ready for the call – if you have responded to the call – say “thanks” to the one who called you.

Today, I do not want to know if you are with me. Are you with Jesus? Then “Get up, Jesus is calling you.” I know two Black Catholic families that responded to the call – the Healy family of ten children is the first family – 5 religious vocations – the first bishop, the president of Georgetown University, a 1st Vatican Council Theologian, and two women religious. They also paid to send their little brother to school in Canada – a brother who commanded the most famous ship in the history of the Coast Guard – all before Augustus Tolton started his priesthood. And, that other favorite Catholic family – it’s you – we have produced vocations, religious and other. As we go into the Synod from now until the end of 2023, let’s go like Bartimaeus. As the family did before us, “Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you.” This is our faith; this is our Church.

Deacon Timothy E. Tilghman

MASS PARTICIPATION AT STA



Whether fully vaccinated or not, St. Teresa of Avila will continue to practice COVID health and safety precautions for all. Each week if you plan to attend in-person Mass, to avoid any delays in getting into the church house, we ask that you complete the **online COVID-19 questionnaire by Saturday 2:00 p.m. (this includes children)**. Please [click here](#) to complete the online questionnaire.

StreamingLive[®]

Join us online each Sunday for Mass on STA [YouTube](#) and [Facebook Live](#) channels at 9:30 a.m. Visit the Archdiocese Website for additional recorded and live-streamed Masses at <https://adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/>.



Outdoor Mass is held on Sundays at 11:30am in the courtyard between the church and the convent, weather permitting. ***All are welcome!***



DAILY

MASS READINGS

October 24th Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 31:7-9, Psalms 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6, Hebrews 5:1-6, Mark 10:46-52

October 25th Monday Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time

Romans 8:12-17, Psalms 68:2 AND 4, 6-7AB, 20-21, Luke 13:10-17

October 26th Tuesday Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time

Romans 8:18-25, Psalms 126:1B-2AB, 2CD-3, 4-5, 6, Luke 13:18-21

October 27th Wednesday Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time

Romans 8:31B-39, Psalms 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31, Luke 13:31-35

October 28th Thursday Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time

Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

Ephesians 2:19-22, Psalms 19:2-3, 4-5, Luke 6:12-16

October 29th Friday Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time

Romans 9:1-5, Psalms 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20, Luke 14:1-6

October 30th Saturday Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time

*Romans 11:1-2A, 11-12, 25-29, Psalms 94:12-13A, 14-15, 17-18
Luke 14:1, 7-11*

October 31st Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Deuteronomy 6:2-6. Psalms 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51, Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 12:28B-34*

prayer & fasting

Please Pray for our sick, our shut-in, and all who are suffering from the scares of this Pandemic. And Jesus says, *“Let me fill you with My Love. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being.”*

_____ **Ephesians 3:16**

Richie Allison (son of Sandi Allison-Harris), Joyce Barbour (sister of Audrey Barbour), Marian Barbour (mother of Audrey Barbour), Darren Barnes, Briana Brown (granddaughter of Robin Kelly), Katie Butler, Audrey Caldwell, Vermel Thompson-Chichester, Betty Cook (aunt of Wanda Smith), Bro. Jeff Corry, Maurice Crump, Sr., Nadine Day, Helen Desperett, Clark James Durand, Thomas Easter, Howard Fleming, Patricia Franklin, William Gorham, Mary Greenfield, Renee Gross, Antonio “Big Tony” Haggins, Ethel Hale, Betty Hamer (mother of Anna Friday), Delores Hatcherson, Audrey Hawkins, Princess Collins (niece of Shirley Hawkins), Kim Jackson, Patricia Pickens-James, Margaret Jenkins, Charles Johnson III, Reginald Johnson, Sheila Kennedy, Jahan Keys (great nephew of Shirley Hawkins), Inez Matthews, Janet Mauceri-McCain, Paul McCloud (Ralph McCloud’s brother), Veronica McKinney, Gwendolyn Means, Dorothy Morgan, Mother Kamana Asteria Mukangango (mother of Fr. Didace), Vivian Parker (Sister Marie Bernadette’s sister), Dennis Patterson (father of Denise Wilson, Grandfather of Sheronne Wilson and Great Grandfather of Dylan), Angela (Angie) Powell (daughter of Jackie Christian), Jocelyn Reyes, Michelle Whatley-Seabrooks, Willa Spruill, Yolanda Thomas, Bernadette Trowell, Linus Wade and Family, Carol Walker, Jonathan Wallace (son of Mary Wallace), Sharree Walls, Denise Washington, Tawana Wiley, and Alice Wingate.

How can we pray for you and your family? You can send your request directly to stachurchcommunications@gmail.com or contact the PLC.



HIGHWAY TO HEAVEN



IN MEMORIAM

Please keep the families of our beloved parishioners who have gone home this month lifted in prayer.

Dorothy Barnes

(Cousin of Pat Waddell)

Earl Day

(Husband of Nadine Day, Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather)

Francis W. Metz

(Uncle of Alec Metz)

Marguerite Wade

(Mother of Linus Wade)

Mary Elizabeth Wilson

(Grandmother of Sherronne Wilson and Erin Wiley, Great Grandmother of Dylan Coleman, Naira Wiley, and Sienna Wiley)

They have made their way to this Highway to Heaven. We will miss them dearly, but we know that they had to go, and we will all see them again someday.

October is the Month of the Rosary.

*Join the Sodality in praying the Rosary each Sunday, at 11:00 a.m. via free conference. **The dial-in number is 1-602-580-9273.** The access code is 5360845. When dialing in, please mute your phone after announcing your name.*

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH FLOCK NOTE

Missing important STA communications? Stay connected with the parish by signing up to receive email and text messages through our Flock Note communications tool. **Sign up at:**

https://<https://www.stachurchdc.org>



APPLE OF THE WEEK

Breast Cancer has affected each of us; either a parent, sister, aunt, cousin, or friend has been affected by this diagnosis. Did you know, one in eight women will develop breast cancer in their lifetime? Also, 281,4550 women and men estimated will be diagnosed with invasive Breast Cancer in 2021. STA, can we stretch our faith to believe in miracles of healing for so many women and men within our communities. We know that Jesus Christ performed around 37 miracles on earth; 24 were miracles of healing. So, let's send prayers of healing to all those with this disease.

Everything is possible for him who believes. Mark 9:23 Be Well !!!



While we cannot personally wish you ***Happy Birthday***, we wanted you to know that we did not forget! Below is the list of birthdays for the ***fourth week of October***.

(10/24) ***Nicole Banks-Coleman***
 (10/25) ***Kelli Baxter, Bernadette Trowell***
 (10/26) ***Jonnett Jones***
 (10/30) ***Mira Hairston-Sims, Denia Woody***
 (10/31) ***Ethel Holland-Johnson***

We thank God for the life He has given us
 in each of you!

If we have not listed your birthday, we don't have it! PLEASE CONTACT the Parish Life Center IMMEDIATELY!



Wisdom Wednesdays

Join us ***each week at 11:00 a.m.*** as Shirli Hughes, STA Director of Worship and Arts guides us through the origin of another beloved hymn, praise and worship chorus, or Gospel song, followed by time for discussion and prayer. ***Check the Calendar of Events on the website for dial in information.***

YOUNG M.O.M.S., INC.

MOMS Mission Statement says, "You are called to continue M.O.M.S' mission of caring for Families-In-Crisis and Networking with other Community groups: DC, MD, and VA food banks, voter registrations, and marches."

For those interested in serving and supporting, contact M.O.M.S., Inc., Bernadette Trowell, President at 301-556-7875.



Youth Faith Formation is gearing up to resume classes early this Fall, and teachers are needed to join our team of Catechist. If you would like to volunteer, or if you have any questions, please contact the Parish Life Center at (202) 678-9068 to reach a member of the **Faith Formation Team**, led by members **Ann Batiste** and **Pat Waddell**. **Parents and teachers** let us partner together in a faith journey living out the scripture, "*Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it.*"

_____ Proverbs 22:6



**DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN &
ANNOUNCEMENT SUBMISSIONS
WEDNESDAYS BY 5:00PM SUBMIT TO:**
stachurchcommunications@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus Scholarship Opportunities

The Maryland State Council of the **Knights of Columbus** is the sponsor of several High School scholarships for its members and for Catholic Students in general. Click the link below for complete details on these scholarships and information regarding eligibility for scholarship awards. Awards may be applied to tuition payments only. **Application period is from October 1, 2021, to February 1, 2022.** All applications must be received in their entirety by the Scholarship Committee no later than February 1, 2022. For those who wish to apply, the **information and application can be found online at** <https://kofc-md.org/high-school-scholarships/>



"St. Teresa of Avila is called to be an evangelized and evangelizing community of believers who bear witness to Jesus Christ present in our midst..." If you are called to evangelize, please consider volunteering to read the **Parish Vision Statement**. You need not have experience, only a love for proclaiming our Parish Vision. Anyone interested please send an email to: stachurchcommunications@gmail.com.



THANK YOU, STA! New Orleans Auxiliary Bishop Cheri called on his St. Teresa of Avila family for donations to assist those families recently displaced during Hurricane Ida, and you answered the call.

Our Parish collected more than twenty-one gift cards for Bishop Cheri to distribute to families in need at St. Peter Claver Parish in New Orleans. ***We will continue collecting gift cards through the end of October***, so if you are interested in donating, please mail Walmart, Walgreens, and Visa gift cards, of any denomination, to the Parish Life Center (PLC) at 1401 V Street, SE Washington, DC 20020, or drop them off at the PLC using the secure mailbox. ***Should you have additional questions please contact the PLC at 202-678-3709.***

Thank you for sharing your gifts of love with our brothers and sisters in New Orleans.

Prayer for Haiti (Novena)

God of Life... Heavenly Father, we come to you being grateful for the gift of life for ourselves and our brothers and sisters in Haiti. We ask that you move in a mighty way to overcome challenges of life and death by providing necessary resources amid political unrest and devastation due to natural disasters. Help us to recognize and assist in some way to achieve ***“quality of life”*** in Haiti.

God of Hope... We come to you asking for restoration of food, shelter, health, peace, and unity for the common good of all people.

God of Creation... Creator of the Universe.... Maker of great and small, touch the hearts and hands of us. Let us unite our efforts to achieve by caring for God's people with respect and dignity.

God of Love... Let your love be the driving force that compels us to words and actions of faith, hope and charity. Lord, we ask you to replace any division, malice, discord, or greed with love. For in this love, we share safety, joy, and victory over evil.

God of Miracles... God, we thank you for divine intervention to the ongoing challenges that impact the quality of life among our brothers and sisters in Haiti.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

_____ **AMEN**



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MONTH**

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FACTS:

- Breast cancer has the highest mortality rate of any cancer in women between the ages of 20 and 59.
- African American women have a 31% breast cancer mortality rate – the highest of any U.S. racial or ethnic group.
- Among women younger than 45, breast cancer incidence is higher among African American women than White women.





M.O.S.T

MEN OF SAINT TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

George T. Wade Scholarship **For Continuing Education**

PURPOSE: To Assist and Aid in Furthering the Educational Goals of a registered member of Saint Teresa of Avila Catholic Church.

WHO CAN APPLY: Any Registered Member of STA Catholic Church Ages 19 and Older who is not a previous winner of the George T. Wade scholarship.

HOW TO APPLY: Applicant Must Submit a 500 Word, Double-Spaced, Typed Essay on One of the Following Subjects:

- How can Saint Teresa of Avila increase participation in church services and church activities during the pandemic?
- Do you feel that it is important to attend Mass physically or virtually?
- How has the pandemic affected your faith and/or religious participation?

Also included with the essay, applicant must submit proof of acceptance at an accredited institute of higher learning.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION: (Award of scholarship will be based on :)

- **Quality** (distinguishing attributes, excellence and strength)
- **Grammatical Accuracy** (conformity to rules of grammar)
- **Sincerity** (honesty and earnest devotion)

Awardees will receive up to \$1,000.00 credit payable to the educational institution. Non awardees will receive a letter of acknowledgement.

See Reverse Side for Instructions

Instructions:

Any registered member of Saint Teresa of Avila Catholic Church, 19 years old or older who is not a previous awardees of the George T. Wade scholarship should submit application for scholarship on or before Sunday November 14, 2021

To:

Paul M. Washington: (pmwashi@hotmail.com) Tony Yorkshire: tyorkies1@verizon.net or Michael Howard: (howard012155@gmail.com)

Or Mail or bring to:

**STA Parish Life Center
(MOST George T. Wade Scholarship
1401 V Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20020**

**The recipient of the Scholarship will be notified and will be announced
At the 9:30 am Sunday Mass**

Good Luck!

May Our Good Lord Continue to Bless You and your educational goals