

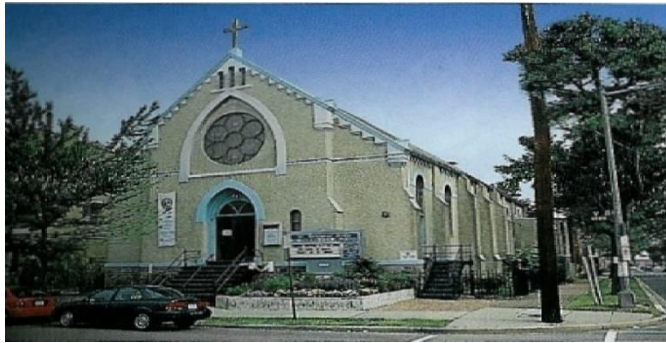
Saint Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

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

Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday

April 11, 2021



Msgr. Raymond G. East, Pastor rayeast@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

St. Teresa of Avila Parish Life Center

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Reflection on The Gospel

"...when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." _____John 20:19:31

On this Second Sunday of Easter, in John's Gospel, Jesus says to the disciples and us, **"Peace be with you."** Interestingly, Paul used a similar phrase when closing his letter to the Thessalonica community, **"May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way"**. (2 Thess. 3:16) Additionally, when comparing the dates of Paul's letter and John's Gospel, we discover Paul's encouraging words on peace that preceded John's writing. The Thessalonian letter was composed between 50-55 A.D., while John's gospel is dated 90-95 A.D. Therefore, from a biblical viewpoint, Paul's writing established the tradition of greeting the faith community, and we the Church, to always experience peace. In every way, even amid fear, we should experience God's peace.

However, since Jesus is the Prince of Peace, mentioned by the prophet Isaiah in the Old Testament (Is. 9:6), we always embrace Jesus' greeting of peace. Although the disciples were fearful of the Jewish leaders, Jesus proclaimed, **"Peace be with you."** Get this! Jesus avoided admonishing the disciples because of their lack of faith. Through His resurrection power, we see Jesus took away the disciple's fears and offered them "peace that surpasses all" human understanding. Here, as Paul prayed, we always have peace and in every way. Nevertheless, Jesus speaks more eloquently when He says, "Peace be with you."

For this reason, I have found joy in seeing so many people who did not let locked Church doors prevent us from hearing these soothing words of faith, **"Peace be with you."**

Here at St. Teresa of Avila, locked church doors did not stop us from worshipping the Lord. Miraculously, the community of unsung saints, guided by the Holy Spirit, made it possible for our pastor to greet us every Sunday morning virtually online with *Peace be with you*. No one knows the fear that the technicians, lectors, and those who set up the environment experienced, nor the amount of money used to produce the quality videos for us to worship the Lord. Remember, we were at the beginning stages of a Pandemic that closed Churches around the world. I believe that Jesus said to these individuals, "Peace be with you," as they gave their fears to Jesus.

When reflecting further on locked church doors, my thoughts went to individuals who clean the church to ensure our community's safety. Week after week, they dressed in protective gear, left their homes and the virtual Mass to wipe and spray chemicals to disinfect the church. Are you kidding me? Talking about being on the front line, these individuals used the whole armor of the gospel of Jesus to stand in the gap. You know they heard Jesus' words, "Peace be with you."

One must also include the ministers of the altar who clean the linen, Chalice, paten, and other sacred items used, and needed by the pastor weekly. How did these courageous individuals dismiss the fear of COVID-19? They, too, must have heard Jesus today saying, "Peace be with you."

This list is endless. From the Choir Director to STA Communications, Lectors, Health Ministry, the Finance Committee, the Men of St. Teresa (M.O.S.T.), Sodality, Faith Links (small groups), and all other ministries in our faith community, God blessed us. Therefore, hear these words from Jesus, "Peace be with you." We will gather soon. Until then, Paul said, "***May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way.***"

**Evangelist Michael Howard, MACS
Founder of Eat the Scroll Ministry
Member of Saint Teresa of Avila**

MASS PARTICIPATION AT STA

As capacity guidelines are loosened in the District of Columbia, for the continued health and safety of our parishioners, St. Teresa of Avila will continue to adhere to the rules and guidelines from both the District of Columbia and the Archdiocese of Washington regarding attendance at public Mass. Please [click here](#) to review the modified guidelines for in-person Mass at our parish.

Reminder: Each week if you plan to attend in-person Mass, to avoid any delays in getting into the church house, you must complete the online COVID-19 Questionnaire and Liability Waiver by Saturday 2pm. [Click here to complete the online questionnaire and waiver.](#) Anyone who has not completed the online questionnaire in advance will be subject to completing it onsite along with the standard COVID protocol guidelines to include temperatures checks. Parishioners who are particularly vulnerable (e.g., over the age of 60, those with serious underlying health conditions: high blood pressure, diabetes, obesity, asthma, and those whose immune system is compromised, heart or lung conditions, or who are immune compromised), and those who are ill or suspect they may be ill, should remain at home. Livestreaming of our Sunday Mass on our STA [YouTube](#) and [Facebook Live](#) channels will continue each Sunday, with Mass at 9:30 a.m.

StreamingLive[®]

Join us for Livestream Mass on the STA Facebook page and the St. Teresa of Avila, DC YouTube channel every Sunday at 9:30am. Visit www.stachurchdc.org for links. We encourage you to log on 10 minutes early for virtual fellowship, praise, and worship time. Visit the Archdiocese website for additional recorded and live-streamed Masses at <https://adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/>



Outdoor, socially distanced Mass is offered each Sunday at 11:30am in the courtyard between the church and the convent, weather permitting. No RSVP is necessary.



April 11th Divine Mercy Sunday - Second Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:32-35, Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24, 1 John 5:1-6, John 20:19-31

April 12th Monday in the Second Week of Easter
ACTS 4:23-31, Psalms 2:1-3, 4-7A, 7B-9, John 3:1-8

April 13th Tuesday in the Second Week of Easter
Acts 4:32-37, Psalms 93:1AB, 1CD-2, 5, John 3:7B-15

April 14th Wednesday in the Second Week of Easter
Acts 5:17-26, Psalms 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, John 3:16-21

April 15th Thursday in the Second Week of Easter
Acts 5:27-33, Psalms 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20, John 3:31-36

April 16th Friday in the Second Week of Easter
Acts 5:34-42, Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14, John 6:1-15

April 17th Saturday in the Second Week of Easter
Acts 6:1-7, Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19, John 6:16-21

April 18th Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 3:13-15, 17-19, Psalms 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9, 1 John 2:1-5A, Luke 24:35-48

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

Stefan Abresch, Richie Allison (son of Sandi Allison-Harris), Joyce Barbour (sister of Audrey Barbour), Marian Barbour (mother of Audrey Barbour), Darren Barnes, Dorothy Barnes (cousin of Pat Waddell), Briana Brown (granddaughter of Robin Kelly), Katie Butler, Audrey Caldwell, Vermel Thompson-Chichester, Betty Cook (aunt of Wanda Smith), Bro. Jeff Corry, Nadine and Earl Day, Helen Desperett, Gloria (Sister of Ruth Dixon), George Dugué (father of Jennifer Tilghman), Clark James Durand, Ricardo Featherstone, Howard Fleming, Corey Fowler-Cooke, Patricia Franklin, Wanda Garrett, William Gorham, Mary Greenfield, Donna Grimes, Renee Gross, Antonio “Big Tony” Haggins, Ethel Hale, Audrey Hawkins, Barbara Hill, Patricia Pickens-James, Margaret Jenkins, Reginald Johnson, Sheila Kennedy, Ronald McCants, Paul McCloud (Ralph McCloud’s brother), Channing McKinney, Veronica McKinney, Inez Matthews, Dorothy Morgan, Mother Kamana Asteria Mukangango (mother of Fr. Didace), Vivian Parker (Sister Marie Bernadette’s sister), Mackenzie Pierce (daughter of the late Thomas “Butter” Pierce), Angela (Angie) Powell (daughter of Jackie Christian), Jocelyn Reyes, Bonita Robinson, Joanne Scott, Lee Scott, Michelle Whatley-Seabrooks, Willa Spruill, Darian Taylor, Dorothy Taylor (cousin of Pauline Barnes), Yolanda Thomas, Bernadette Trowell, Carol Walker, Sharree Walls, Denise Washington, John Whiteside. **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 MEMORIUM

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

Paulette Vernon

(mother of Antoinette Barnes and grandmother of Tiana and Anthony Barnes)

Helen Hairston

(mother of Mira Hairston-Sims and grandmother of Kristen Brewer)

Mary Shearard

(sister of Deacon Timothy Tilghman and sister-in-law of Jennifer Tilghman)

Audrey Bazemore

(mother of Camille Woody, grandmother of Denia Woody and great grandmother of Christian Bunter)

They have made their way to this Highway to Heaven. They will be missed dearly, but we know that they go before us, and we will see them again someday soon.



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 second week in April:

- (4/10) Mary Lyles
- (4/12) Jonathan Crittenden, Chloe Hyatt and Chance Williams
- (4/13) Katrina Simpson
- (4/15) Annette Smith

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!**





ANNOUNCEMENTS

Homegoing Services

Paulette Vernon

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 17, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

Saint Teresa of Avila Church
1244 V St., S.E., Washington, DC

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, only family and a limited number of guests will be allowed. The service will be live streamed.

Visit www.stachurchdc.org under the calendar of events for the link.

Audrey Bazemore

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Briscoe-Tonic Funeral Home
2294 Old Washington Rd, Waldorf, MD

Visitation-(Open to all) 9-11am

Funeral - (Immediate family only due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The service will be live-streamed on
Briscoe-Tonic's website at

<https://www.briscoe-tonicfuneralhome.com>

Please keep the Vernon, Barnes, Bazemore, and Woody families lifted in prayer.

The Interfaith Council of Washington DC

has invited the Archdiocese of Washington to participate in their virtual Martin Luther King Jr. event which will take place on April 11th from 3-5pm. Registration can be found at

<https://givebutter.com/MLK21>.



Monday, April 12, 2021

Topic: STA Virtual Ultreya

Time: 7:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88542945802?pwd=VThPQml3c1F0a1BqcWJvL0NFVmZEQT09>

Meeting ID: 885 4294 5802

Passcode: 283985

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The Archdiocese of Washington

Catholic Campus Ministry position is available at George Washington University.

The job post can be found at:

<https://recruiting.ultipro.com/ARC1012ARCHW/JobBoard/a6c08282-64df-408a-a35b-24830a852469/OpportunityDetail?opportunityId=eaca23d9-a267-4249-a62d-abfd5bf632c3>

Other Black and Women's History Ministry Activities in March and April

April 22-24, 2021:

B&W's Sister Love/Sharing Christ Service Project will collect bagged items and/or monetary donations to assist women and children living in transitional housing because of homelessness and/or domestic violence. Monetary Donations Accepted in MARCH!

Specify Donation/Category as: Sister Love/Sharing Christ Link for Donations:
<https://paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/3920899>



Join the Sodality in praying the Rosary each Sunday at 10:45 a.m. via free conference. The dial-in **number is 602-580-9273.**

The **access code is 5360845.** When you call-in prior to 10:45 a.m., **please mute your phone** after announcing your name.



Youth Faith Formation sessions are held **every 1st and 3rd Sunday at 11:30 a.m.** It is our prayer that parents will partner with catechists in this faith journey in living out the scripture, **Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it."**

Should you have any questions, please contact the PLC at (202) 678-9068 to reach a member of the **Faith, Formation Team: Ann Batiste, Pat Waddell, or Bernadette Catalan.**

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 www.stachurchdc.org.

Wisdom Wednesdays

Join us **every 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.**



Your generosity is gratefully appreciated. You can't beat God's giving no matter how hard you try, and we appreciate all your efforts during this most difficult time. *There are three methods to give tithes and love offerings:*

- **eGiving:** From your cell phone, **Text staChurch to 77977**, click the link, follow the instructions, and choose your gift amount and frequency.
- Visit the Parish website at www.stachurchdc.org, click on **"Tithes and Love Offerings"** and follow the instructions for online giving.
- **Want to send a check? Drop-Off is at** the PLC in the secure lockbox **at 1401 V Street, SE, Washington, DC 20020**

Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

**DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN &
ANNOUNCEMENT
SUBMISSIONS
WEDNESDAYS BY 5:00PM
SUBMIT TO:**

stachurchcommunications@gmail.com



Saint Teresa Family!

The SHARE ministry would like your assistance to help Saint Teresa give back to the community. Saint Teresa will host a ***non-perishable "pop-up" on April 24, 2021, from 10am – 11:30am, at the Parish Life Center.***

For us to be successful we will need your help. If you are able ***please donate non-perishable items according to your last name of the following items:***

A-C [Rice, dried beans, lentils, corn tortilla, flour pasta, macaroni & Cheese

D-F [Canned/Plastic – tuna, salmon, sardines, chicken, peanut butter

G-I [Coconut Milk, lemon juice, tomato sauce, tomato paste, stewed tomatoes

J-L [Soups; beef stew, chili, chicken noodle, vegetable, turkey rice

M-N [Canned Veggies-Low Sodium/Salt, mixed, green beans, corn, red kidney beans, spinach, yams

O-Q [Whole Grain Cereals, Cheerios, corn flakes, raisin brans plain oatmeal

R-S [Canned Fruits – in its own juice or light syrup, pineapple, peaches, pears, and applesauce

T-V [Healthy Snacks, raisin dried fruits, nuts whole grain crackers

W-Z [Cooking Oils, Vegetable, Olive, Canola, smart balance.

If you prefer not to go to the store, and you are able, feel free to send a donation to the Church, with SHARE in the foot note or to SHARE via push pay. Items are being accepted now at the Parish Life Center, Monday – Thursday 11am- 2pm.

Thank you in advance for your consideration!
SHARE Ministry



MOH Virtual Fundraiser

The Ministers of Hospitality (MOH) are hosting a virtual fundraiser to support a family impacted by the Texas Winter Storm. The Candle **Fundraiser will run until June 30, 2021. Click on the link to order:** <https://www.candlefundraiser.org/teresa>.

You must enter the name of the MOH member you are supporting. If no one is assisting, you with your order. Enter the following:

First name: Saint
Last name: Teresa

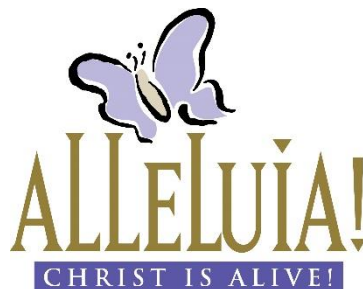
Ensure your address and phone number are included on your order, so that a MOH member can contact you when your product arrives. **Supporters should be local because all orders must be picked up.**

All orders will be submitted as a group at the end of the fundraiser on June 30, 2021. **Please allow 15 – 18 days for the orders to arrive** to our church and be sorted. As we get closer to the end of the fundraiser, we will provide a date for pick up from the church in the bulletin. You will be contacted directly if there is no MOH member associated with your order.

Please pass along the link to support our fundraiser.

Ministers of Hospitality Fundraising Committee

Eunice Wise - 202-669-8617
Michelle Gilbert – 240-606-4299
Shirley Johnson - 202-563-1286



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- M. Shawn Copeland, Ph.D. "In All Things", Winter 2004

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