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**ST TERESA OF AVILA** 

JUNE 15, 2025

**TRINITY SUNDAY** 

### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Daily 7:00 am Church ₹

#### Saturday

8:30 am Church ? Confession to follow 4:00 pm (Vigil) Memorial Hall

### Sunday

7:30 am Church 9:00 am (Family) Memorial Hall\* 10:30 am Church ? 12:00 pm (Spanish) Church 5:00 pm Church ? = Mass also available via livestream

### **CHURCH HOURS**

Monday - Friday 6:45 am - 4:00 pm Saturday 8:00 am - 9:30 am Sunday 7:00 am - 1:00 pm and 4:45 pm to 6:00 pm

### **OFFICE HOURS**

Appointments requested Monday - Thursday 10:00 am -4:00 pm Friday By appointment only

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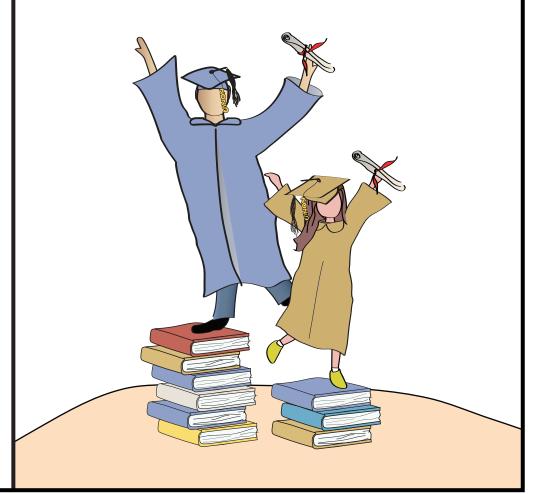
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# ST TERESA OF AVILA STH ANNUAL YEARBOOK EDITION BULLETIN

"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."

JEREMIAH 29:11



Mass + Intentions

#### To request a Mass intention, please visit st-teresa.org/mass-intentions.

Saturday, June 14	8:30 AM	† Carlos Jimenez	
	4:00 PM	† Barb & Jim Cuny	
Sunday, June 15	7:30 AM	For all fathers living and deceased	
	9:00 AM	For all fathers living and deceased	
	10:30 AM	For all fathers living and deceased	
	12:00 PM	For all fathers living and deceased	
	5:00 PM	For all fathers living and deceased	
Monday, June 16	7:00 AM	† Salvatore Fiorilli	
Tuesday, June 17	7:00 AM	† Theresa Caporaso	
Wednesday, June 18	7:00 AM	† Joseph Oakes III	
Thursday, June 19	7:00 AM	† Joseph C. Clemente	
Friday, June 20	7:00 AM	† Carl Meyer	
Saturday, June 21	8:30 AM	† Dr Mary Ellen Cooney Bowes	
	4:00 PM	+ Lawrence Sheridan	
Sunday, June 22	7:30 AM	† Vito Palumbo	
	9:00 AM	People of the Parish	
	10:30 AM	† Frances Gaffney	
	12:00 PM	People of the Parish	
	5:00 PM	People of the Parish	

## God Bless all Fathers on this Father's Day!

God took the strength of a mountain, The majesty of a tree, The warmth of a summer sun, The calm of a gniet sea, The generous soul of nature, The comforting arm of night, The wisdom of the ages, The power of the eagle's flight, The joy of a morning in spring, The faith of a mustard seed, The patience of eternity, The depth of a family need, Then God combined these qualities, When there was nothing more to add, He knew His masterpiece was complete, And so, He called it ... Dad





## Stewardship Reflections...

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth..." (JOHN 16:13)

It has been said that the best gift we can give someone is to teach them how to pray. If you don't talk and more importantly, listen, to God every day, how else will you know what He is calling you to do? Just as you talk to family and friends every day, get in the habit of talking with God every day. Develop a daily prayer routine. Keep your prayers simple and sincere. This is best done in silence, when you can hear God's response.

#### "Pero cuando Él venga, el Espíritu de verdad, los guiará a toda la verdad..." (Juan 16:13)

Se ha dicho que el mejor regalo que podemos darte a alguien es enseñarle a rezar. Si usted no habla, y lo que es más importante, no escucha a Dios cada día, ¿de qué manera va a saber lo que Dios lo está llamando a hacer? Así como usted habla con su familia y amigos cada día, acostúmbrese a hablar con Dios diariamente. Desarrolle una rutina de oración diaria. Mantenga sus oraciones simples y sinceras. Es mejor hacerlo en silencio, de manera que pueda escuchar la respuesta de Dios.



May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

"A Time to be Healed" PARISH SICK: Don Criqui

- Author Unknown



## **Message from our Pastor**

#### Dear Friends:

OU KNOW WELL THAT ST TERESA OF AVILA IS MORE THAN JUST A COLLECTION OF BUILDINGS—it is a community, a family, a home where we gather to worship, to support one another, and to grow in our love for God. In these times, as in times past, we are reminded that the Church is not built on bricks and mortar alone, but on the faith, generosity, and commitment of its people.

As Saint Paul tells us in the second reading today from Romans 5:5, Hope does not disappoint. We stand firm in the hope that God provides, but we also recognize that this hope calls us, all of us, to action. Our parish thrives because of you — your prayers, your service, your presence, and your generous support.

Now, more than ever, before summer vacations disperse us, we need everyone to do their part. Whether it is through volunteering, financial contributions, or simply inviting others to join us in worship and sacraments, your consistent and generous involvement makes a difference. Every small effort comes together to form the great work of St Teresa's here in our community.

Our 2024-2025 fiscal year ends in two weeks. Please take a moment to review the "racing sheet" contained in this bulletin. Then kindly take a moment to ask yourself whether you have done your part helping us. In these days when the Archdiocese is taking a closer look and review of all parishes and ministries, it is more important than ever for us to meet and surpass our financial goals. And you know well that while money is not everything, it very clearly and tangibly demonstrates the sustainability of a parish.

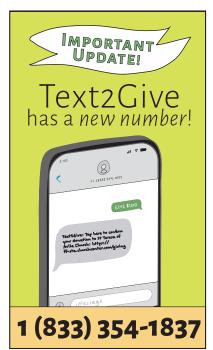
On this Trinity Sunday, let us hold fast to our faith, knowing that God blesses the hands that give and the hearts that serve.

Thank you for all that you do, and for all that you will continue to do as we build a stronger, more vibrant parish together where all people can find comfort and strength from our loving God.

With gratitude and blessings,



Fr Bob



Our parish has updated the number to use for Text2Give.

Texting to 84321 is no longer in effect.

Effective June 2, 2025, you can Text2Give by texting: GIVE \$ and your donation amount to 1-833-354-1837 (eg GIVE \$100)

You will receive a quick reply with a secure link to confirm your donation

Save this new number in your contacts for simplified giving



scan the QR to automatically enter the new phone number into a text message! Follow the prompts.





### MATTHEW ALVARADO

We bless yon, son, yon make ns prond.

> With love, Dad and Mom



### MATTHEW AURELIO

Congrats Matthew! We are excited to see what you can do in Middle School!

Love, Mom, Dad and Nate



#### KYLE FLUHR Delia Bolden Elementary

Kyle, we are so prond of yon and the young man yon are becoming! Yon surprise us every day and watching yon grow at home, in school, and in church is amazing! Ne can't wait to see what the next year brings!

Ne love you very much, Mom & Dad



## SINDHYA KARYAT

Congratulations, Sindhya! We are so prond of youl Ne can't wait to see what you accomplish in 6th grade next year. Ne love you! God bless you always!

Love, Mama, Papa & Isaac



### CAMILA KOWAL

Mila, we love how yon think for yourself and make bold, fearless choices. You're building a life grounded in your values. Stay curious, stay close to God, and hold on to your independence. Be strong and courageous... for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. - Joshna 1:9



CAMILA MORA

Camila, Congratulations on finishing elementary schooll You've worked hard and reached an important milestone. Keep learning and discovering new interests. Ne are proud of yon, and you should be tool Remember, you are God's daughter and have the strength to achieve your dreams. We love you!



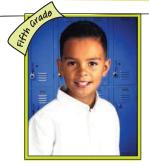
## JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY

Congratulations Kayden! Mom is so prond of youl Keep being the amazing person yon are. May God lead your path and give you strength on the next chapter of your journey. I will forever be here to cheer you on! I love you with all my heart.



BRYAN RODRIGUEZ WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY

Bryan and Randy, we are extremely prond of you! Continue to move forward and fulfill all your life's dreams, hopes and goals and we will always support you in your journey! Te Amamos! Papi y Mami



#### RANDY RODRIGUEZ WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY

Bryan and Randy, we are extremely prond of you! Continue to move forward and fulfill all your life's dreams, hopes and goals and we will always support you in your journey! Te Amamos! Papi y Mami



MCKAYLA SOSA

McKayla, Let the light of God keep shining bright throngh yon. Love Mom and Dad

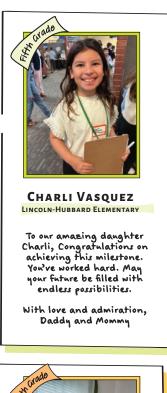
mom and Dad



#### CATALEYA VARGAS-MCBLAIN JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY

We are very prond of the wonderful, thoughtful, caring, and loving young lady you have become. You continue to amaze us time and time again. Always remember we love you very much unconditionally.

Love always, Mom, Dad, and Koda





**KWASI A YEBOAH** 

Congratulations, Kwasi!

We are so prond of yon and wish yon all the best. May God bless yon.



#### ALEJANDRO ALDANA LAWTON C. JOHNSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Alejandro, we are so proud of your journey and all yow've accomplished. Your faith, kindness, and determination shine brightly. As you step into high school, may God continue to guide and bless you. Keep striving for excellence and walking with Christ always.

Te amamos por siempre —Mom and Dad



### GAVIN GLASBAND

You're at the helm of your own journey, and every decision you make is a step toward greatness. Trust yourself, embrace your inner strength, and choose boldly your confidence will light the way to incredible possibilities!



## JACOB GONZALEZ

Ne're so prond of yon, Jacobl Gradnating 8th grade is a wonderful achievement, and we couldn't be happier for all that you've accomplished. Keep working hard, stay kind, and never stop learning. Ne love you!



#### JUSTIN KLATT CHATHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

Our little man is now a rising 9th grader. Don't stop believin'. We love and celebrate yon.

Mom, Dad, Madeline, and Winston



#### MADISON OWENS LAWTON C. JOHNSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

This is just the beginning, Maddie. Dream Big, Work Hard and Stay Kind. We love yon so love yon so very much!



#### JOSHUA VELA LAWTON C. JOHNSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

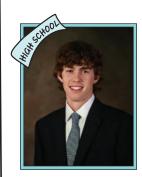
Congratulations Joshna! May God's grace guide your path as you embark on this new chapter.



### TERESA WALKER

Congratulations Tess! On to bigger and better. Ne love yon more.

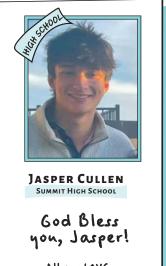
Mom, Dad, Henry & Katie



SUMMIT HIGH SCHOOL

Congratulations Rory, we are so proud of you. God Bless you in all your future endeavors.

Mnm, Dad and Frankie



All our LOVE, Mom, Dad & Summer



SOFIA ESTUPIÑÁN SUMMIT HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Sofia, You've faced every challenge with courage, determination, and a sense of humor - and your success today is a testament to your hard work and amazing spirit. As you step into this exciting new chapter, embrace every adventure and continue to shine. Love,

Papi, Mom, Bruno, and Emma



**TJ FLACK** SUMMIT HIGH SCHOOL We are prond of yon and all yon have accomplished. It's been a pleasure watching yon become the fine young man yon are today. We pray that the Lord's spirit is always with yon, and he blesses yon with a life filled with love, happiness and good health. Love,

Mom, Dad, Ryan and Victoria



RYAN GRONDIN SUMMIT HIGH SCHOOL

Congratulations Ryan! We are so incredibly proud of yon. Continue to spread joy and love everywhere yon go. May God continue to bless you and watch over you and may you continue to share your gifts with the world.

Ne love yon so much -Mom, Dad, Jack, Lyla and Ella



SHREYA GOPAL SUMMIT HIGH SCHOOL

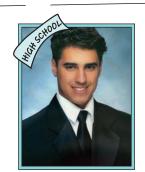
High School graduation is a significant milestone. Continue to embrace the challenges ahead with confidence and determination.



MEGHAN LENIS SUMMIT HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Meghan, Congratulations! We are so very prond of yon and love yon so much! We wish yon much success at Syracuse University!

Love, Mom, Dad, Maeve, & Clara



WILLIAM MAXWELL SETON HALL PREP

Congratulations, Liam! As you move on to college, remember three things: God has a unique plan for you, work to understand and follow that plan, don't be afraid to take risks and remember that failure is just success in progress and lastly that your family loves you very much.



SAMUEL MORRIS

You have made us proud as a Son, a Brother, a Friend, a Student, a Teammate and as an Athlete. Your belief in yourself and God, has shown us that You are a true warrior who has accepted all challenges and has become an inspiration in taking control of your own desting. We are so proud of all of your accomplishments and can't wait to see what the next chapter in your story offers. Samuel, #DigIn because Muhlenberg got a good one!



SIMON PEREZ JONATHAN DAYTON HIGH SCHOOL Dear Simon, congratulations on graduation! Hard work and dedication brought you to this moment. As you step into the future remember to believe in yourself, follow your passions and know we are always cheering you on. We're so proud of you.

Love, Mommy, Daddy & Cecilia



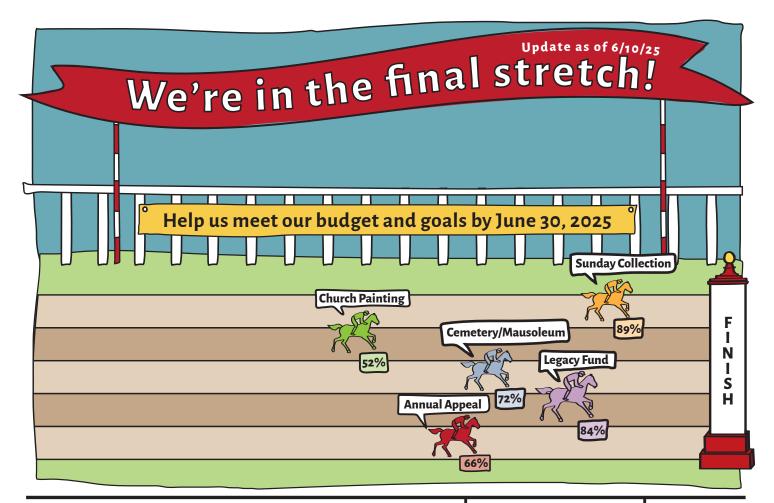
Michael, yon make ns prond today and every day. No doubt yon will go ont and set the world on fire. God, country, Notre Dame! With so much love, Mom, Dad and Luke





VALEINE TOLENTINO PACE UNIVERSITY

Congratulations to our dear Valeine on your graduation. This is the culmination of your hard work and dedication to your craft. God bless you as you start on your new journey. Ne are proud of you and we love you!



1	Sunday Collection As the Archdiocese contemplates the new pathways of We Are His Witnesses,it is important for our parish to have a balanced budget.	BUDGET ACTUAL DEFICIT	1,350,000 1,202,794 (147,206)	select 'sunday Offering' from the dropdown.
2	Church Painting Join your fellow parishioners to contribute to beautify our spiritual home.	BUDGET ACTUAL DEFICIT	120,000 61,955 (58,045)	select 'Church Painting' from the dropdown.
3	<b>Cemetery/Mausoleum</b> Now is the time to think about your eternal home. Visit our mausoleum office for information.	BUDGET ACTUAL DEFICIT	128,750 92,236 (36,514)	select 'Cemetery Perpetnal Care Fund' from the dropdown.
4	<b>Legacy Fund</b> Help us with the projects that are most important to the parish, 100% of donations are retained by St Teresa of Avila.	BUDGET ACTUAL DEFICIT	325,000 271,859 (53,141)	select 'Legacy Fund' from the dropdown.
5	Annual Appeal If we reach our goal, the parish saves \$33,000 for the next budget and at the same time helps others.	GOAL PLEDGED SHORTFALL	172,050 114,157 (57,893)	select 'st Teresa of Avila in Summit 2025' from the dropdown.



Contributions to the Sunday Collection, Church Painting, Cemetery/Mausoleum, and Legacy Fund may be made online by scanning the QR code, or visiting st-teresa.org/donate. Contributions to the Annual Appeal may be made by visiting rcan.org/sharing or by scanning the QR code.



# Who Is Lady Wisdom?

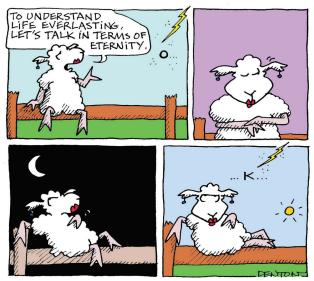
This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Proverbs 8:22-31 The discourse of wisdom
- ► Romans 5:1-5 Faith, hope, and love
- ► John 16:12-15 Coming of the paraclete

In the Christian tradition, we don't often reflect on passages in scripture that personify a female element of the divine. Today's reading from the Book of Proverbs does just that. This passage would have been well known to Jesus and his fellow Jews, as well as to the New Testament writers. Those authors sometimes drew direct and other times subtle connections between the central figure in the Proverbs reading, Lady Wisdom, with Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

The voice in the passage is Wisdom, often referred to as Lady Wisdom by scripture scholars. In the Old Testament, this Wisdom figure is always personified as a woman, just as references to God's spirit (which God breathed into the first humans) are feminine. Lady Wisdom seems to originate within God, not as a creation of God. "The Lord possessed me ... I was poured forth ... I was brought forth." Such a description is similar to the phrase in our creed that describes Jesus as "begotten not made, consubstantial with the Father." Lady Wisdom appears to be a co-worker with God in creation, a master craftsman (craftswoman!) reflecting herself in all of creation.

So who exactly is Lady Wisdom? Is she equivalent to Jesus? John suggests this parallel in the first verses of his Gospel. At times Paul equates the two as well. "Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God" (1 Cor 1:24). Or is Lady Wisdom the Holy Spirit because references to God's spirit in the Hebrew Bible are feminine? There is no right or wrong answer. The concept of the Trinity is a mystery far beyond what our



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"The Lord possessed me, the beginning of his ways...I was beside him as his craftsman...and I found delight in the human race."

### Sheepish Question:

What does the eternal presence of Father, Son and Holy Spirit mean to my relationship with God?

limited minds can imagine. What is important is that we don't fall into the trap of identifying God as a male or female, but as possessing attributes of both.

Ultimately, the concept of the Trinity remains a mystery for our limited human brains. How is God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit? How is God the creator, the redeemer, and the sanctifier? Where does Lady Wisdom enter all of this? Scripture writers, like us, falter at trying to describe the indescribable, which is why we have so many different and sometimes conflicting images and metaphors for God

## **Questions of the Week**

If you think of God as the Trinity, which "person" do you most identify with and why: Father/ Creator, Son, or Holy Spirit?

Does imagining God with a feminine aspect change how you think of God? Why or why not?

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## A six part series on the Pope's "Job description" Part Five

— Fr Thiago Ibiapina—

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N TODAY'S WORLD, where so many voices speak but few truly listen, we Christians are invited to return to the heart of the Gospel: the heart of Jesus. A heart that listens. A heart that welcomes. A heart that walks with others. At this moment in the life of the Church, we are called to build a culture rooted in listening and dialogue, not just as a method, but as a way of living our faith.

Synodality reminds us that the Church is not a path trodden by a few, but a journey undertaken together. The early Christian community, faced with disagreements and new challenges, did not

divide or dominate; instead, they gathered, prayed,

and listened (Acts 15). This is the synodal spirit: the Spirit of Christ guiding us when we sit down to listen to one another with humility and speak with love. The Church needs everyone, laity, clergy, and religious, to walk side by side, honoring each other's gifts and vocations. This unity in diversity reflects the very life of the Trinity.

But walking together is not just about meetings or documents. It is a change of heart. A true synodal Church is one that stops to listen deeply. It welcomes different voices without fear, which creates spaces of trust and healing. This is also pastoral care, not distant or rushed, but personal and compassionate. To care for the Church is to care for people, especially those who are hurting, isolated, or forgotten. The heart of Jesus always moved with compassion, and ours must do the same. Every parish, every ministry, should be a place where someone's tears are seen, their stories heard, and their dignity honored.

Living this way also means embracing transparency and accountability. Jesus did not hide his wounds. Neither should the Church. We are called to lead with integrity, to be trustworthy in small and great matters. This means being open in our decisions, clear in our communication, and humble in our leadership. It means choosing people who are faithful, wise, and willing to serve others, not themselves. A Church that is honest about its struggles becomes more credible in its mission.

and vialogue does not mean watering down the Gospel. On the contrary, it is to let the Gospel

reach the hearts of people today. Pope Francis often spoke of the "culture of encounter," a way of meeting others that reflects God's desire to draw near. This is not a slogan. It is a spiritual path. It is the Church becoming more like Jesus, who never stayed distant but walked with others, even when it was difficult, even when it led to the cross.

Dialogue, listening, and compassion are not just tools for evangelization. They are signs of who we are. The Church does not merely use dialogue; it is called to be dialogue: God reaching out to humanity, and humanity responding in love. May our communities become places where the heart of Jesus is felt, where listening leads to healing, and dialogue leads to peace.

**Fr Thiago Rodrigues Ibiapina** completed his M Div & STB from St Mary Seminary, Baltimore and was ordained to the priesthood on June 18, 2022. He holds a Licentia in Philosophy and a Bachelor in Philosophy both completed in Brazil; as well as his MA from Clark University. He is currently an Associate Pastor in Massachusetts at Saint John Guardian of Our Lady in Clinton and Immaculate Conception Church in Lancaster, as well as a Philosophy Professor and Theology Adjunct Professor. Fr Thiago offers online and in person seminars, parish missions and retreats for the laity and consecrated life.

### FAITH FORMATION CORNER ST TERESA OF AVILA | SUMMIT

### A Pentecost Celebration!

The Family Mass celebrated Pentecost by throwing a birthday party for the church! A great sunday spent with the community that keeps our faith strong.













# PORPOSE

#### **Come, Holy Spirit!** Congratulations to Sydney and James who were sealed with the Cifts of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament on Confirmation last Sunday.









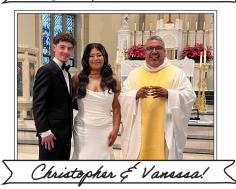








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