



# ST TERESA OF AVILA

APRIL 28, 2024

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**EVERYONE IS**  
*welcome*  
**AT THE TABLE**  
**OF THE LORD**

### Daily Mass

7:00 am Church ☎

### Saturday

8:30 am Church ☎

*Confessions 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 - 12:00 pm

Saturday: 8:00 am - 9:30 am

Sunday: 7:00 am - 1:00 pm

### ADORATION CHAPEL

Monday - Friday: 7:30 am - 12:00 pm

### OFFICE HOURS

Appointments requested

Monday - Thursday

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Friday: By appointment only

### PARISH OFFICE

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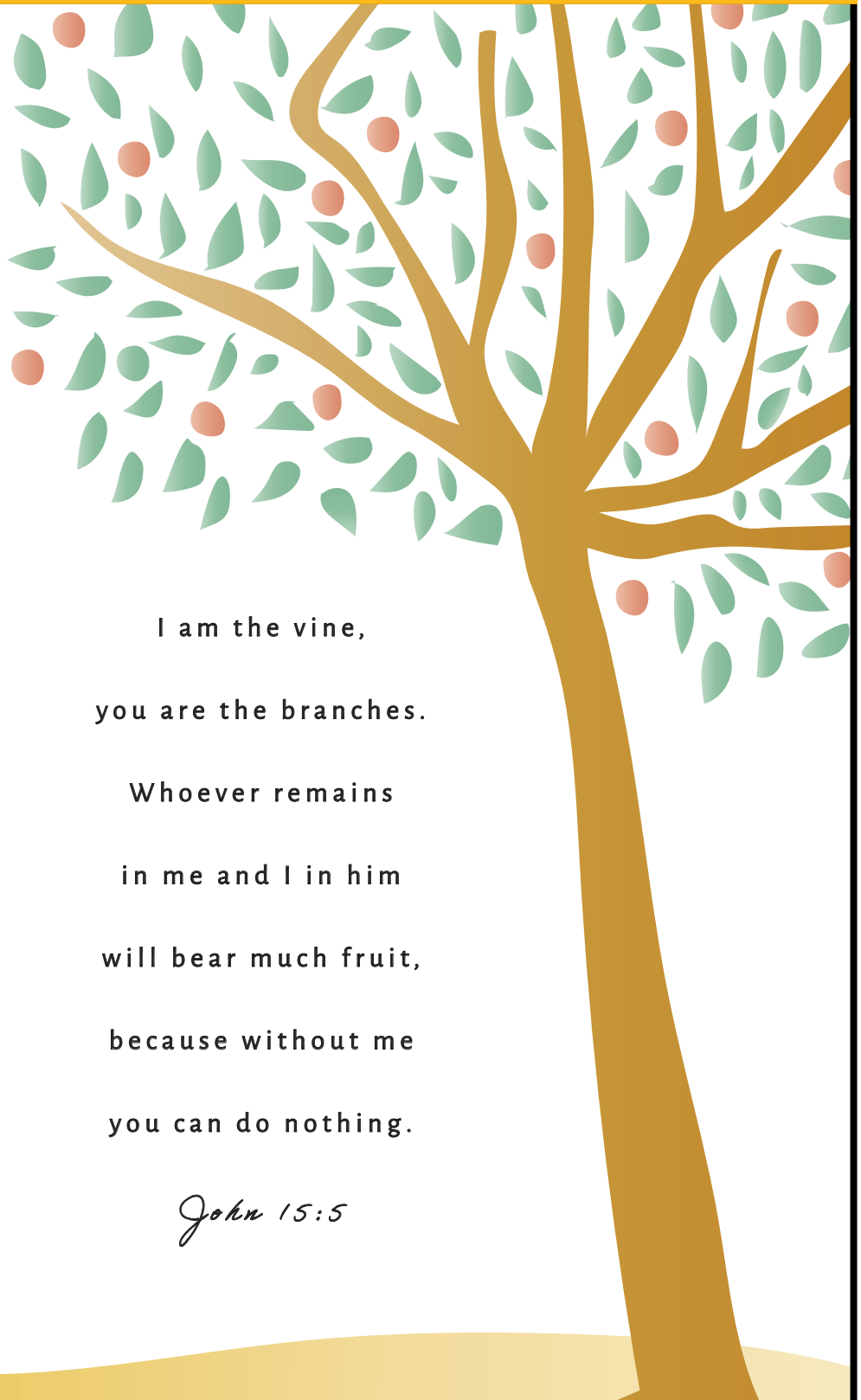
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### CEMETERY & MAUSOLEUM

Cemetery: 908-598-9426

Mausoleum: 908-277-3741

[st-teresa.org/cemetery](http://st-teresa.org/cemetery)



I am the vine,  
you are the branches.

Whoever remains  
in me and I in him  
will bear much fruit,  
because without me  
you can do nothing.

*John 15:5*

# Mass + Intentions

To request a Mass intention, please visit [st-teresa.org/mass-intentions](http://st-teresa.org/mass-intentions).

<b>Saturday, April 27</b>	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
	4:00 PM	† Cass Salema
<b>Sunday, April 28</b>	7:30 AM	† Charles Mallon
	9:00 AM	† Raquel Gonzalez † Jim and Nancy Crosby
	10:30 AM	† Dominick N. Milano (Anniversary) † Lucia Castillo
	12:00 PM	Izany Naiely Salazar Retana
	5:00 PM	† Marie Mallon
<b>Monday, April 29</b>	7:00 AM	† Donna Kelly † Tom Finan, Jr.
<b>Tuesday, April 30</b>	7:00 AM	People of the Parish
<b>Wednesday, May 1</b>	7:00 AM	People of the Parish
<b>Thursday, May 2</b>	7:00 AM	† Thomas Callaghan
<b>Friday, May 3</b>	7:00 AM	† Maria Federico
<b>Saturday, May 4</b>	8:30 AM	† Nicolas F. Uribe
	4:00 PM	† Santiago Daniel Abut
<b>Sunday, May 5</b>	7:30 AM	† Norita Birdsong
	9:00 AM	† Robert Honecker † Mindy Williams
	10:30 AM	† Carlo Piraneo † Louise Gigantino
	12:00 PM	People of the Parish
	5:00 PM	Aggie and Charles Mixon (Anniversary) † Maria Cinicolo



## Stewardship Reflections...

*“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” -1 JOHN 3:18*

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you “walk the talk?” Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it’s not too late to start!

*“Hijos, no amemos de palabra ni de labios para afuera, sino con hechos y de verdad.” -1 JUAN 3:18*

Con respecto a nuestra fe católica, ¿“predicas con el ejemplo”? ¿Sus acciones reflejan lo que significa ser un buen discípulo? ¿Participa activamente en la Misa Dominical? ¿Está alegre cuando participa en el ministerio parroquial? ¿Da su apoyo financiero agradecida y generosamente a su parroquia y a otras necesidades de la Iglesia? Si no es así, ¡no es tarde para empezar!



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



*“A Time to be Healed”*

### PARISH SICK:

Eva Gribbin  
James Clark  
Margaret Mary Holohan  
Marco Rodriguez

## Spirituali-Tea

Mothers and Daughters are invited to fill their cups with faith, fellowship, and tea!

Join us for a tea party celebration dedicated to women of all ages.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

10:00 am | Avila Room

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RSVP to Victoria [victoriar@stteresaavila.org](mailto:victoriar@stteresaavila.org)



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# FAITH FORMATION CORNER

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Some of our STAND members joined the team at Reeves Reed Arboretum last weekend to do their part in caring for the planet as good stewards of God's creation. It was a beautiful, hardworking day of helping out in the community and growing as a group.



# Renew & Replenish OUR PARISH

# TREES

## A TREE PLANTING INITIATIVE

Trees, part of God's handiwork, also add beauty to our surroundings.

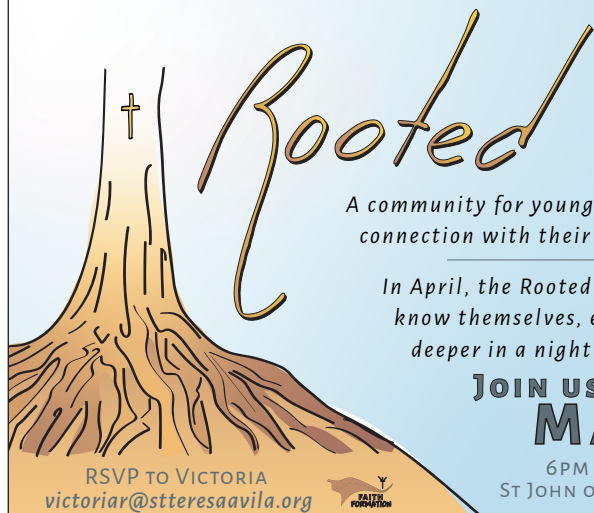
We want to do our part to **renew and replenish** our own trees in honor of Pope Francis' *Laudato si'*. To join in our initiative, we also invite you to plant your own tree and share your good work with us!

For more information, or if you would like to contribute to our tree program, please scan the QR code or visit [st-teresa.org/tree-program](http://st-teresa.org/tree-program).



Our Goal is to **PLANT** <sup>up to</sup> **500** **TREES** <sub>on our</sub> Parish & Cemetery Grounds

*Can You Help?*



## YOUNG ADULT GROUP

# Rooted

A community for young adults to deepen their faith connection with their peers amidst everyday life.

In April, the Rooted group spent time getting to know themselves, each other, and God a little deeper in a night of faith and fellowship...

**JOIN US NEXT TIME!**  
**MAY 19**

6PM | AGES 18-30  
ST JOHN OF THE CROSS ROOM

RSVP TO VICTORIA  
[victoriar@stteresaaavila.org](mailto:victoriar@stteresaaavila.org)



**Stewardship of Treasury**  
weekend of April 20-21

BUDGETED	\$26,000
ACTUAL	\$19,969
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(\$6,031)
Registered & Active Households:	1,450
Envelopes	114
Loose Checks	16
Mail-in Checks	8
Online Givers	334



God Bless the  
*Newly Baptized!*



*Giorgio Zlatan*



*Henry James*



This is the best time to prepare for your baby's baptism.

Contact Victoria for Baptism Requests:

# MINISTRY Board

Before and after meals, say a short prayer of thanksgiving for the life-giving food that sustains and nourishes us. Briefly consider how all nourishment ultimately comes from the earth, and give thanks for all the human hands that helped bring this food to your table. May we recognize, as *Laudato Si'* has taught us, that this "moment of blessing, however brief, reminds us of our dependence on God for life" (no. 227).  
Locally, the Summit Farmers Market returns every Sunday starting April 28 through Thanksgiving from 8 am - 1 pm in Deforest Lot #1.



## LOCAL NEWS FEATURE: Patch



### Summit Church Aims to Plant 500 Trees as Part of Unique Eco Program 40 Evergreen Trees to be Planted Around Arbor Day

BY SEAN QUINN | COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTOR

[patch.com/new-jersey/summit/summit-church-aims-plant-500-trees-part-unique-eco-program](https://patch.com/new-jersey/summit/summit-church-aims-plant-500-trees-part-unique-eco-program)

SUMMIT, N.J. – With Arbor Day fast approaching on April 26, St. Teresa of Avila Parish in Summit will soon plant 40 evergreen trees within its cemetery as part of an ongoing initiative to install a total of 500 trees on its properties.

The parish created its tree-planting program in 2021 to support "Laudato Si," Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical that calls on Catholics to better protect the environment. Since its launch, the initiative has led to approximately 200 trees getting planted on the parish's church, school, and cemetery grounds. Its goal is to reach 500 trees within the next five years, which St. Teresa of Avila's pastor believes is a feasible and worthwhile endeavor.

"The environment is not a political issue — it's a human issue," said Monsignor Robert Meyer. "As Pope Francis pointed out in 'Laudato Si,' God gave us the Earth and said to take care of it. And I think this is one of the ways we can take care of it and hopefully inspire others to do the same. It doesn't take much to plant a tree, but the impact can really be profound."

St. Teresa of Avila's tree program is funded entirely by donations from parishioners and Summit community members, who are sporadically reminded of the initiative. So far, \$15,000 has been raised to purchase the trees, which a landscape company plants in batches whenever the weather is optimal for growth. Most of the planted trees are evergreens, though some are flowering species placed near the rectory. The program decides which types of trees to use based on what looks best for a particular location.

To learn more about and donate to St. Teresa of Avila Church's tree initiative, visit [www.st-teresa.org/tree-program](http://www.st-teresa.org/tree-program).



# Human Beings, Not Human Doings

*This Week's Readings at Mass*

- ▶ Acts 9:26-31 - Saul visits Jerusalem
- ▶ 1 John 3:18-24 - The actions of believers
- ▶ John 15:1-8 - The vine and the branches

We hear often from John's Gospel during the Easter season, and Jesus' message to us includes many invitations to abide, rest, and remain in him. The other Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke have Jesus giving us many directions for the actions we should be taking as his followers: feed the hungry, clothe the naked, love your enemies, forgive others repeatedly, turn the other cheek, etc. They are Gospels for "human doings." John's Gospel, on the other hand, is a Gospel for "human beings."

In John, Jesus repeatedly invites his followers to express their discipleship by how they carry themselves—how they *are* in the world, not what they *do* in the world. How are we to be in the world? Like a branch on a grape vine, Jesus says. The branch doesn't *do* anything to make the grapes; it simply remains connected to the vine and allows itself to be pruned. If the branch stays connected, all it has to do in order to bear fruit is to be open while God works the miracle of creating the grapes.

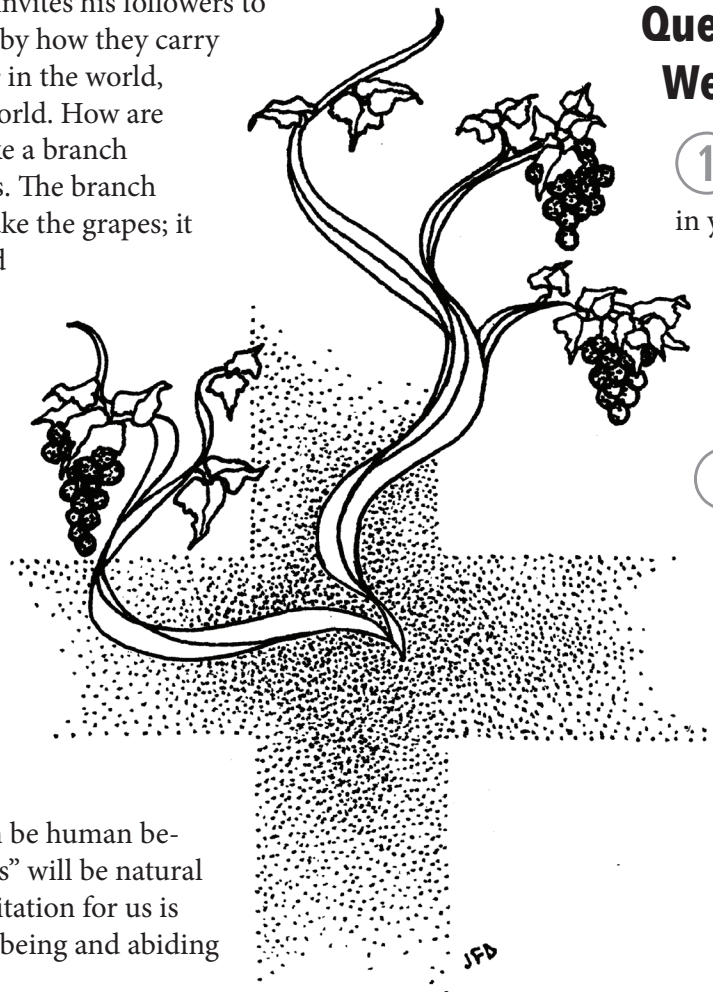
Jesus is calling us to trust that if we do our primary "work" of remaining in him and allowing him to remain in us, then God's works will automatically flow through us. If we can be human beings first, then our "doings" will be natural outcomes of that. The invitation for us is to relax into that sense of being and abiding with Jesus.



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"By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

**Sheep Question:**  
What rewards of my relationship with God can I share with others?



## Questions of the Week

- 1 Which do you more naturally gravitate toward in your sense of discipleship: "doing" things or "being" a particular way? Put another way, are you naturally more active or contemplative?
- 2 When you consider abiding with/remaining with/resting in Jesus, what comes to mind for you? How might you build more time for that into your life?

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