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AUGUST 10, 2025

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

All Masses will be held in Church

IN EFFECT JULY 1 - SEPT 1

Daily

7:00 am ₹

Saturday

8:30 am 🔋

Confession to follow
4:00 pm (Vigil)

Sunday

7:30 am

10:30 am 🔋

12:00 pm (*Spanish*) **5:00 pm**

📻 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

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Appointments requested

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10:00 am -4:00 pm

Wednesday

10:00 am -7:00 pm

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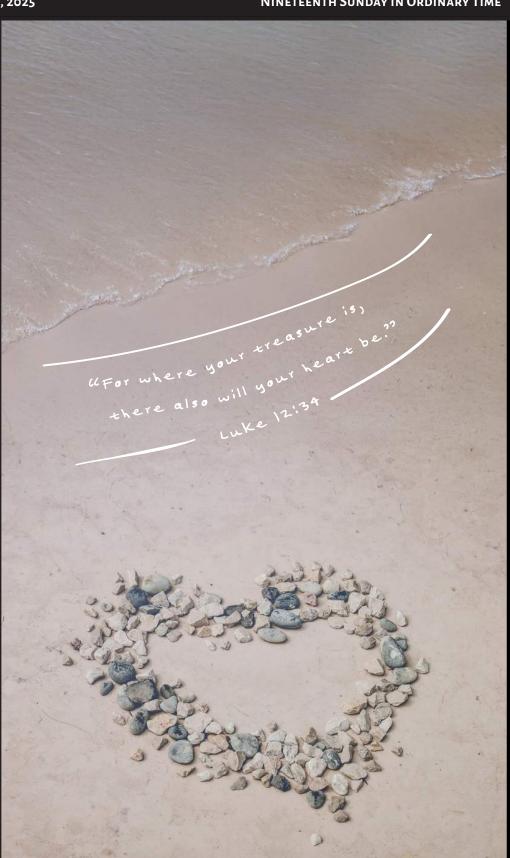
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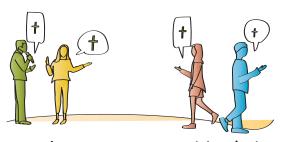
To request a Mass intention, please visit st-teresa.org/mass-intentions.

Due to an early transmission deadline, recently added names may not be included in the printed bulletin.

Saturday, August 9	8:30 AM	† Rita Adelaide Antunes de Araujo
	4:00 PM	† Karen Redfern
Sunday, August 10	7:30 AM	† Edward Filippone
	10:30 AM	† Luigi Piraneo
	12:00 PM	People of the Parish
	5:00 PM	† Mary Barbic Lozina
Monday, August 11	7:00 AM	People of the Parish
Tuesday, August 12	7:00 AM	People of the Parish
Wednesday, August 13	7:00 AM	† Alex Kemp
Thursday, August 14	7:00 AM	† Madeline Soccodato
Friday, August 15 _ Feast of the Assumption	7:00 AM	† Wilma, Angelo & Andrew Gage
	7:00 PM	People of the Parish
Saturday, August 16	8:30 AM	Erwin Tomas Castillo
	4:00 PM	† Ellen B Low
Sunday, August 17	7:30 AM	† Lorenzo Fuschetto
	10:30 AM	† Eleanore Donio and Michael Donio
	12:00 PM	† Aurelia Cordero
	5:00 PM	† Nancy J Cavanagh







We welcome you to consider being a VOLUNTEER for the 2025-26 Faith Formation year!

Contact ff@stteresaavila.org to volunteer!



Stewardship Reflections...

"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." LUKE 12:34

Jesus encourages us to build up our treasure in heaven. The world encourages us to build up our treasure in real estate, investments, and material goods. How much time are you investing in building up a worldly treasure? How much time are you investing in building up a heavenly treasure? To invest more in the things of heaven, you must let go of some of the things of this world.

"Porque donde esté su tesoro, allí también estará su corazón." LUCAS 12:34

Jesús nos anima a construir nuestros tesoros en el cielo. El mundo nos anima a construir nuestros tesoros en bienes raíces, inversiones y cosas materiales. ¿Cuánto tiempo invierte en construir un tesoro terrenal? ¿Cuánto tiempo invierte en construir su tesoro celestial? Para invertir más en las cosas del cielo, debe dejar ir algunas de las cosas de este mundo.



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



PARISH SICK: Don Criqui Angela Amoia



MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends:

Where is the summer going? We are already on the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time! When I was a student, I would want to hide the calendar knowing that school is not far away. It would also prompt me to squeeze in that one last trip ... before the push and pull of the fall season.

The Gospel this week proclaims that very famous line, Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. It's a reminder to us that whether we are in summer, fall, winter, or spring, the Lord is with us.

This week, the reading challenges me to imagine, what if Jesus came today—not someday, but now, this very hour? That's how this Gospel begins: not with a threat, but with a promise. Do not be afraid. Jesus doesn't just call us to believe in the Kingdom; He calls us to be ready for it. I think this weekend the Gospel reminds us of these points:



Girded loins. Lit lamps. These are images of readiness, but not nervousness.

Like a bride preparing her home for her groom, or a child waiting for her father to arrive they're not panicking, they're expectant.

Vigilant discipleship means tending daily to the tasks of mercy, justice, and love. How vigilant are we?



The faithful steward doesn't just manage a household. She nourishes others at the proper time.

In our Gospel, stewardship is not about control—it's about communion. The good servant feeds, heals, and serves because the master has trusted him with care.

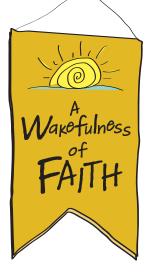
We are trusted, too not just with buildings and budgets, but with the heart of the Gospel. Are we feeding those entrusted to us here in summit and beyond?



Jesus is clear: where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Is our treasure in comfort? Appearance? Security? Or is it in people—the broken, the forgotten, the joyful and just? Where do we see Jesus today? And in whom?

The Kingdom calls us to create "money bags that do not wear out"—works of compassion, almsgiving, generosity that echo in heaven.



This Gospel reminds us that the son of Man will come at an hour we do not expect.

But it's not a warning to live in fear—it's an invitation to live awake.

We are not called merely to watch for Christ—we are called to prepare the table for His arrival.

In every act of kindness, every almsgiving, every time we feed someone spiritually or physically, we are living not just for Christ—but with Him.

As we watch the calendar pages turn, and seemingly turn very quickly, perhaps we can use the remaining days of the summer to dig in, dig deeper, and show the Lord we are ready for his return by the way we live each day to the full, duplicating his life of love in action.

Blessings! Fr Bob





FAITH FX is our family faith formation program for students in Kindergarten and Ist grade. It is designed to be a learning experience for both children and their parents. FX provides a safe, fun environment for our parish families to engage in a solid Catholic community, gain knowledge that will help them to grow in their faith, and foster a relationship with Jesus through experience. Parents and children attend FX sessions together.



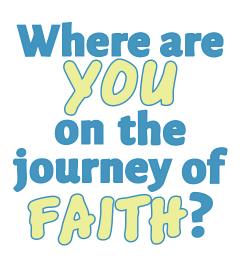
QUEST is a faith formation program for students in **3rd**, **4th**, **and 5th grades**. The mission of the program is to help our intermediate students grow closer to God through hands-on activities, games, discussions, friendship, and prayer. QUEST is a chance for your children to discover more about our faith and be engaged in small group settings.



ENCOUNTER/ENCUENTRO is the parish's First Communion Preparation program. It provides an engaging experience for parents and their children to gather to prepare for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion and understand these beautiful sacraments more profoundly as they get ready to encounter Jesus in the Encharist.



The OCIY program is designed for young people ages 10-17 who are seeking to grow in their faith and receive a missing sacrament. This program aims to accompany our children and their families on this journey and assist them be in communion with the Catholic Church and the St. Teresa of Avila community through experiences of prayer, discussion, activities, and fellowship.





The OCIA curriculum is designed for adults 18 and older who are seeking to grow in their faith. This program aims to accompany candidates and catechumens on this journey and will assist them to become fully initiated and active members of the Catholic Church and the St. Teresa of Avila community through experiences of prayer, discussion, discernment, and fellowship.



EDGE is a Catholic middle school youth ministry program for 6th-8th Grades. A dynamic and faith-filled middle school ministry program designed specifically for young hearts and minds. Our aim is to guide and support your middle schoolers as they embark on a transformative journey of encountering Jesus and nurturing a deeper understanding of their faith.



The PURPOSE Confirmation preparation program for the 2025-2026 prep year invites candidates to explore and discover their purpose as active disciples in life and the Church. Using the Decision Point curriculum from Dynamic Catholic, candidates for Confirmation will be engaged in discernment, discussions, prayer, and service-learning opportunities that help them foster the spirit of saying yes and being open to having a deeper life with God.



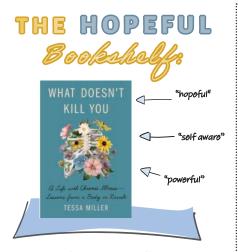
The STAND high school ministry program is created for and energized by our students in grades 9-12. It empowers our youth to discover their calls to live as disciples of Jesus and learn to stand firm in their faith. STAND nights are in-person gatherings that bring youth together for various experiences of faith through community, prayer, learning, fun, and service:



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Visit the link below or scan the QR code to register! https://ff-sta.churchcenter.com/registrations/events Questions? Contact ff@stteresaavila.org





What Doesn't Kill You A Life with Chronic Illness -Lessons from a Body in Revolt Tessa Miller | via Henry Holt and Company

A riveting account of a young journalist's awakening to chronic illness, weaving together personal story and reporting to shed light on living with an ailment forever. Miller segues seamlessly from her dramatic personal experiences into a frank look at the cultural realities (medical, occupational, social) inherent in receiving a lifetime diagnosis. She offers hard-earned wisdom, solidarity, and an ultimately surprising promise of joy for those trying to make sense of it all.

50 QUESTIONS EVERY CATHOLIC SHOULD KNOW... 20. WHAT HAPPENED AT THE LAST SUPPER?



At the Last Supper, Jesus washed the feet of His Apostles, established the priesthood of the New Covenant, and instituted the Holy Encharist during the course of a Passover meal as a memorial of His sacrifice.

EXPLORE THIS SOME MORE...



Luke 22:19



Catechism of the Catholic Church: (CCC 610-11)

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The Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary

Friday
August 15

A Holy Day of Obligation

Mass at 7 am & 7 pm in Church

The following reflection is an excerpt courtesy of Catholic-Link.org

Do You Know Why We Celebrate The Assumption Of The Blessed Virgin Mary? | Juan Carlos Cruz

HE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE MOST HOLY VIRGIN IS A DAY OF JOY: our Mother is elevated to the heavens. God has triumphed. Love has triumphed. Life has triumphed. It has become evident that love is stronger than death, that God possesses true strength, and His power is goodness and love. After spending her life on earth caring for Jesus, Mary is received into heaven and will continue watching over His Church for eternity.



faith: "Blessed are you who believed."
The Magnificat, her song of faith in God's transformative action, illuminates our faith and increases our hope. She now sits as Queen beside her Son in the eternal beatitude of Paradise, and from on high, she looks upon her children. Today, she shines as Queen over all of us pilgrims on the path to immortal glory.

In her, taken up into Heaven, the eternal destiny that awaits us beyond the mystery of death is revealed to us: a destiny of full happiness in divine glory. This supernatural perspective sustains our daily pilgrimage. Mary is

our teacher of life. By looking at her, we better understand the relative value of earthly greatness and the full meaning of our Christian vocation.

From her birth to her glorious Assumption into Heaven, Mary traversed the long journey of faith, hope, and charity. These virtues blossomed in a humble heart abandoned to the will of God. These are the virtues that the Lord asks of every believer.

In this spiritual struggle, Mary's help is decisive for the Church to achieve the definitive victory over evil. Mary is a solicitous mother who supports the efforts of believers and encourages them to persevere in their commitment to Our Lord.

Holy Mary has always been helping alongside the Church, helping each of the apostles, in her beautiful quiet way of humility. On the day when she was Assumed into Heaven, and we all, including you and me, went to bid her farewell from this earth, but we did not lose her. In fact, now she is more present in every moment of our life. Turn to her and seek her help as she leads you to her Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

The Assumption of Mary | Peter Paul Rubens | Date: 1620 - 1622 | Public Domain



LEGACY FUND

Aiming to secure the sustainability of parish ministries and outreach programs, the Legacy Fund provides funding for parish specific endeavors such as outreach programs, maintaining our buildings and enhancing ministries. The Legacy Fund is a restricted fund, in that 100% of the contributions received directly support St Teresa of Avila and are not subject to an Archdiocesan or any other assessment or tax.

We ask ALL parishioners to consider supporting the Fund. There are no minimum donations or bequests. Methods of support include: (1) gifts of cash or stock; (2) land or buildings; (3) modification of wills and trusts to include the Legacy Fund in estate documents; (4) beneficiary designation of life insurance or IRA accounts; (5) advanced planning strategies, including charitable gift annuities and charitable trusts. The Finance Council, in conjunction with the Pastor annually determines what restricted projects are the beneficiaries of the Legacy Fund.

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4. Matching gifts
5. Paid work days to serve as a volunteer

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By giving appreciated securities that you have owned for more than a year, your charitable deduction is the fair market value of the securities on the day of the gift. Such gifts provide income tax savings and eliminate your capital gains tax liability.

WILLS &

The parish can be remembered in your Will while still providing for your loved ones. Suggested wording for such bequests is: I give the sum of \$____ (or ___ % of my estate) to the Church of ____, for its general purposes (or something more specific of your choosing).

LIFE INSURANCE

Consider naming
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For a young adult,
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parish are significant.

RETIREMENT PLANS

Consider naming the Church as the beneficiary or contingent beneficiary on your Beneficiary Designation of your retirement plan, IRA or 401(k). It's easy, requires no attorney or fee, and is tax advantageous.

For more information, please contact Karen Barisonek, Director of Finance karenb@stteresaavila.org



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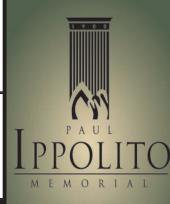
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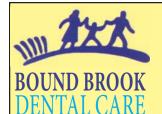
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