



ST TERESA OF AVILA

APRIL 21, 2024

THE FOURTH 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

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st-teresa.org/cemetery

“I am the
good shepherd...

and I lay down

my life for the sheep...

and they will heed

my voice.”

John 10:14-16



Mass + Intentions

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



Stewardship Reflections...

"I am the good shepherd... and I lay down my life for the sheep... and they will heed my voice."

- John 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Jesus what He wants from you?

How do you listen for His response? Many times, Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

"Yo soy el buen pastor... Y doy mi vida por mis ovejas... Y ellas reconocerán mi voz."

- Juan 10:14-16

Cuán do usted reza, ¿solo le pide a Jesús las cosas que usted quiere? ¿Alguna vez le ha preguntado a Jesús lo que Él quiere de usted? ¿Cómo escucha Su respuesta? Muchas veces Jesús responde en "suaves murmullos" que no son obvios. Por lo tanto, dedique tiempo cada día, en silencio, para escuchar activamente Su voz.

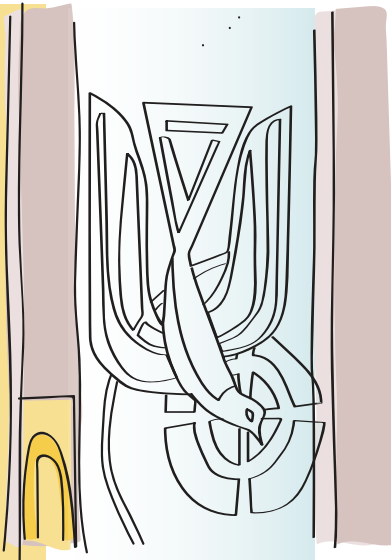
Saturday, April 20	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
	4:00 PM	† Tony Paragano
Sunday, April 21	7:30 AM	† Melba & Angelo Basilone † James Freeman
	9:00 AM	People of the Parish
	10:30 AM	† Nicola & Lucia Biello † Irene Larkin
	12:00 PM	People of the Parish
	5:00 PM	† Edith Bachman
	Monday, April 22	7:00 AM
Tuesday, April 23	7:00 AM	† Rose Howe † John Wong
Wednesday, April 24	7:00 AM	† The Sauchelli Family
Thursday, April 25	7:00 AM	† Thomas Callaghan
Friday, April 26	7:00 AM	† Eugene Howe
Saturday, April 27	8:30 AM	People of the Parish
	4:00 PM	† Cass Salema
Sunday, April 28	7:30 AM	† Charles Mallon
	9:00 AM	† Raquel Gonzalez
	10:30 AM	† Dominick N. Milano (Anniversary) † Lucia Castillo
	12:00 PM	Izany Naiely Salazar Retana
	5:00 PM	† Marie Mallon

Everyone is welcome here at St Teresa of Avila. We are grateful that so many come each week to mass! Gathering for our weekly worship of our loving God is an important time for all of us to unplug and focus on the mysteries we celebrate - hearing the Word of God, praising God in song, savoring the quiet, prayerful moments of the Liturgy, and in receiving the Eucharist.

That being said, we have received a number of complaints regarding latecomers.

In the rare moment that something delays you from arriving to Mass on time and in order not to distract your fellow parishioners or the ministers, please walk only down the side aisles, never the center aisle to find your seat.

Staff are always at the rear of the Church to assist. Thank you for your kind understanding and cooperation.



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

Catholic Spain PILGRIMAGE

October 10 - 16, 2024



Dear Friends:

Spiritual reawakening of our hearts and souls is a wonderful experience through culture and faith. We invite you to join us on a spiritual and historical journey to visit the birthplace of our Patron, Saint Teresa of Avila. Spain has seen periods of independence and of domination by other countries that have shaped how they follow Christ; inspired by our own St Teresa! This adventure will provide an experience of deep reverence and majesty of the religious sites. We will return home refreshed and renewed with wonderful memories and new friends, enriched in our Catholic faith!

-Fr Bob

For the full itinerary and trip terms
look for the detailed brochure in
the Church vestibule or visit:

[https://www.unitours.com/
client/MeyerSpain.html](https://www.unitours.com/client/MeyerSpain.html)



\$3,399 from Newark
subject to number of attendees



Day 1

Thursday
October 10
DEPART USA

Day 2

Friday
October 11
MADRID

Day 3

Saturday
October 12
AVILA/TOLEDO

Day 4

Sunday
October 13
MADRID

Day 5

Monday
October 14
SEGOVIA

Day 6

Tuesday
October 15
AVILA

Day 7

Wednesday
October 16
RETURN TO USA

For information contact Sarah: 908-277-3700 | sarahl@stteresaavila.org

For questions about this pilgrimage: www.unitours.com/questions



FAITH FORMATION CORNER

ST TERESA OF AVILA | SUMMIT

EDGE

Our EDGE small groups spent time outside in the spring weather before creating their own modern-day 10 Commandments to use in their everyday lives!



Faith + Summer Camp provides a mixture of faith learning and specialty experiences that are fun, engaging, and innovative for our students (ages 6-12). Join us for all 4 weeks, or pick and choose for the weeks that work best for your family.

FAITH+ will be hosted and facilitated by the St Teresa of Avila Faith Formation team and volunteers in July 2024.

WEEK 1: July 8-12

FAITH+ ARTS

(Spirit in the Arts)

WEEK 2: July 15-19

FAITH+ SPORTS

(Spirit on the Field)

WEEK 3: July 22-26

FAITH+ STEM

(Spirit Innovations)

WEEK 4: July 29-Aug 2

FAITH+ CHARITY

(Spirit in Service)

MINISTRY Board

LOAVES AND FISHES

Loaves & Fishes has been selected again by the Store Leadership Team as a Stop & Shop Bloomin' 4 Good Program Nonprofit Partner and will receive \$1 for each specially marked \$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good bouquet sold during the month of April at the 133 Main Street, Madison store.

PRAYER SHAWLS

The Prayer Shawl Ministry creates shawls for parishioners, family members, and friends who are coping with illness, loneliness or pain. All shawls are completed during prayer and blessed by a priest. To request a shawl, please contact Delma Puttress at 908 464-5082.

PICOZZI FAMILY FOUNDATION

The Picozzi Family Foundation will offer a \$3,000 a year four year renewable scholarship to a graduating senior. Please visit picozzifamilyfoundation.com for requirements and the application. The deadline is by May 1.

Registration extended through May 15!

Families with 1-2 children: **\$375** per child/ per week

Families with 3+ children: **\$315** per child/ per week



TO REGISTER / LEARN MORE please visit st-teresa.org or scan the QR Code.

Stewardship of Treasury Weekend of April 13-14	
BUDGETED	\$26,000
ACTUAL	\$28,958
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$2,958
Registered & Active Households:	1,450
Envelopes	112
Loose Checks	17
Mail-in Checks	12
Online Givers	346
Easter Collection Update	
BUDGETED	\$80,000
ACTUAL	\$76,261
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(\$3,739)



God Bless the Newly Baptized!



Theodore Michael



Anniversary liturgies will be held in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark and celebrated by Cardinal Tobin.

For anniversaries of 50 years, Mass will be celebrated on June 2 at 12 pm. For anniversaries of 5 years and 25 years, Mass will be celebrated on May 5 at 12 pm.

If you would like to celebrate your anniversary, kindly contact Jessica in the parish office to submit the required information, 908-277-3700.

Why Register as a Parishioner?

UnleashtheGospel.org | Why Series | January 5, 2024

<https://www.unleashthegospel.org/2024/01/why-should-you-belong-to-a-parish/>

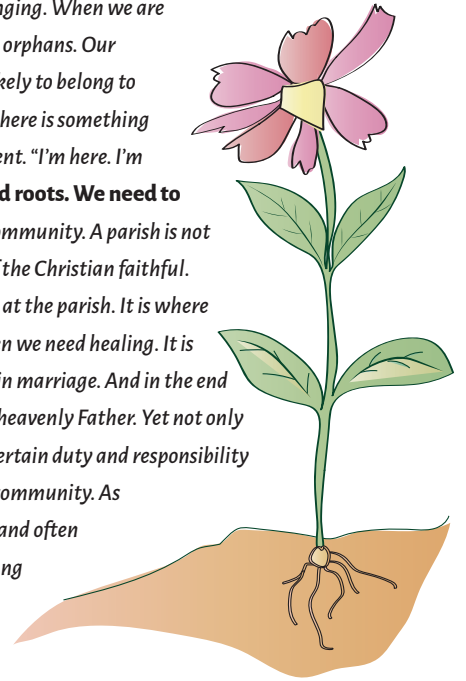
Why Should You Belong To A Parish?

Belonging to a parish is about much more than finding a place to attend Mass each Sunday. It's about finding community, a place to plant spiritual roots, and to commit ourselves to being involved. Learn why belonging to your parish is so important in our current culture and choose to commit to your parish today!

Why should I become a parishioner? Isn't just coming to Mass enough?

I once taught Catechism at a private school. The children of that school made their First Holy Communion through the school instead of through their parishes. A few years later, all those kids moved on to other schools and the school community was gone with the wind. On the other hand, my home parish was founded in 1853. The family that gave the land to the church back in the 1840s is still active at the parish, as is the family that sold the land to them in the early 1700s. That's a real lasting community.

Pope Francis says that our identity comes from belonging. When we are not tied to a history—a past—we become cultural orphans. Our young people today are lonelier than ever and less likely to belong to anything. I'm sure that's not merely a coincidence. There is something about putting a nail in the wall that says commitment. "I'm here. I'm planted." **For our spiritual lives to thrive we need roots. We need to be planted.** We need to be committed to a parish community. A parish is not merely a church building; it's a stable community of the Christian faithful. Everything in the normal Christian life can be found at the parish. It is where we are initiated into the faith. It is where we go when we need healing. It is where we present ourselves before God to be united in marriage. And in the end it is where we are brought to be handed back to our heavenly Father. Yet not only is a parish good for us we are good for it. We have a certain duty and responsibility to make a commitment to be involved in a Catholic community. As the culture becomes more and more secular at best, and often downright hostile toward Christianity, we need strong parishes, strong Christian communities. We need to support each other. Your Christian Community needs you.

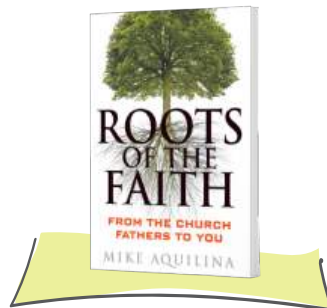


THE SPIRITUAL Bookshelf

Roots of the Faith

From the Church Fathers to You
Mike Aquilina | Via Dynamic Catholic

This highly readable introduction to the roots of many Catholic beliefs and practices provides a sense of connection to our brothers and sisters who have gone before us and who helped shape the faith. Just as an acorn grows into a tree and yet remains the same plant, so the Catholic Church is a living organism that has grown from the faith of the earliest Christians into the Body of Christ we know today.



No One Forces Him

This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Acts 4:8-12 - The stone that has become the cornerstone
- ▶ 1 John 3:1-2 - The children of God
- ▶ John 10:11-18 - The Good Shepherd

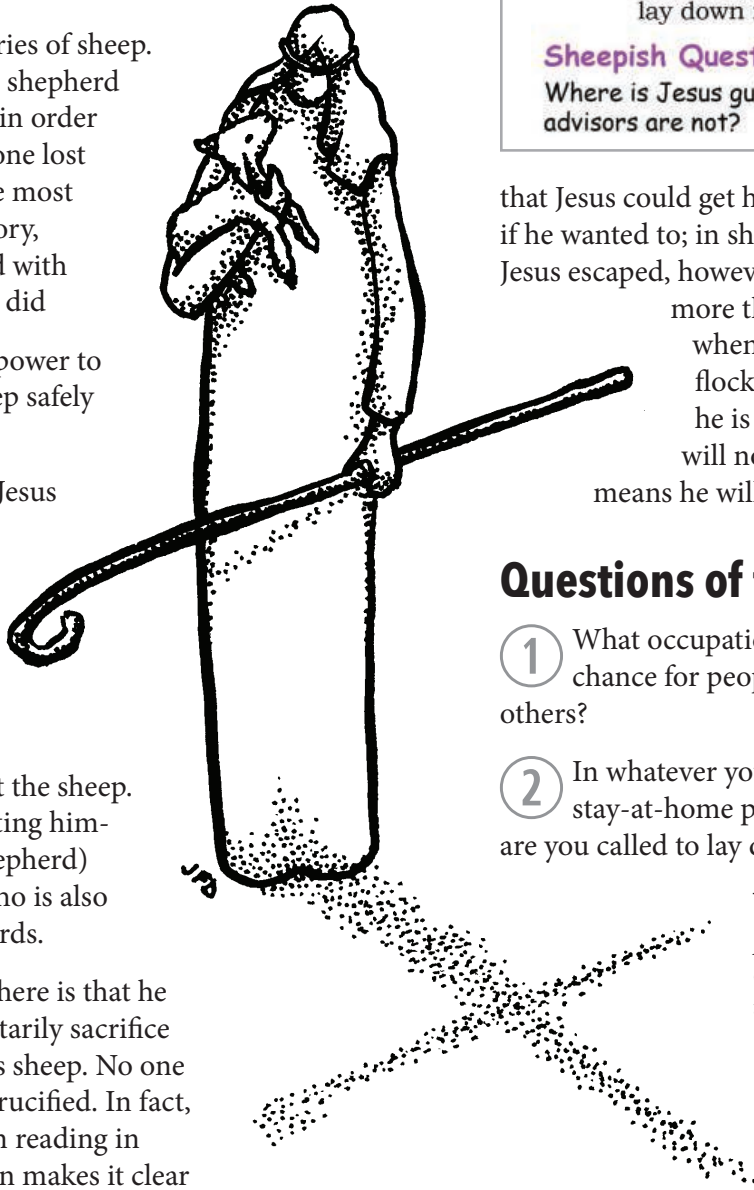
In Jesus' time and culture, raising sheep was such a common vocation that it was easy for Jesus' listeners to identify with metaphors about sheep, flocks, and shepherds. Many stories, parables, psalms, and commandments in the Old Testament revolved around sheep and shepherds. You might think here of Psalm 23: "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want..."

Jesus also told stories of sheep. The parable of the shepherd who left 99 sheep in order to search out the one lost sheep is one of the most famous. In that story, Jesus equated God with the shepherd who did

everything in his power to bring the lost sheep safely home.

In today's gospel, Jesus is even more direct. He identifies himself as the ultimate good shepherd who is willing to die in order to protect the sheep. He is clearly equating himself (the Good Shepherd) with the Father who is also the best of shepherds.

Jesus' main point here is that he is willing to voluntarily sacrifice his own life for his sheep. No one forces him to be crucified. In fact, during the Passion reading in John's Gospel, John makes it clear



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Sheepish Question:
Where is Jesus guiding me that other leaders or advisors are not?

that Jesus could get himself out of his predicament if he wanted to; in short, he does not have to die. If Jesus escaped, however, he would be like nothing more than a hired hand who runs away when he sees a wolf coming for the flock. Jesus tells us ahead of time that he is willing to stand fast, and that he will not abandon his sheep, even if it means he will die for them.

Questions of the Week

- 1 What occupations in today's world offer the chance for people to lay down their lives for others?
- 2 In whatever your life situation is (paid work, a stay-at-home parent, a retired person, etc) how are you called to lay down your life for others?

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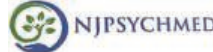
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