

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.  
-Pope Francis

# PILGRIMS of HOPE



## ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025







## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

### MENSAJE DEL PÁRROCO

#### *Dear Parishioners:*

As we share this Annual Report for 2024–2025, we do so with deep gratitude and abiding joy. These pages reflect far more than numbers and updates—they carry the imprint of your faith, generosity, and the Spirit that breathes life into our parish.

This past year, we've walked together with Jesus, the One who steadies us amid change and always calls us into deeper communion. With the blessing of Pope Leo, our new Holy Father, we step into a new chapter of leadership, marked by vision, humility, and renewed zeal for the Gospel. His example is a reminder that holiness—like hope—is both accessible and contagious.

But even more powerfully, this year has been shaped by you. Your presence in our pews, your involvement in ministries, your prayers, your sacrifices, and your joyful witness have built up the Body of Christ here in Summit. Whether volunteering, worshiping, mentoring youth, or simply offering a smile, you've made this parish a home where Christ is encountered and hearts are transformed.

Thank you—for your faith, your support, and your ongoing commitment to our shared mission. Because of you, St Teresa of Avila Parish continues to be a radiant community of disciples, echoing the words of our patroness: *"Christ has no body now but yours."*

We look forward to the coming year with renewed enthusiasm, strengthened by God's promises and your partnership. May our witness to the Gospel be bold, beautiful, and unmistakably joyful.

*with heartfelt gratitude and every blessing,*

**Monsignor Robert S Meyer, Esq**  
Pastor

#### *Queridos feligreses:*

Al compartir este Informe Anual 2024–2025, lo hacemos con profunda gratitud y alegría. Estas páginas reflejan mucho más que cifras y actualizaciones: llevan la huella de su fe, su generosidad y el Espíritu que infunde vida en nuestra parroquia.

Este último año, hemos caminado junto a Jesús, quien nos sostiene en medio del cambio y siempre nos llama a una comunión más profunda. Con la bendición del Papa León, nuestro nuevo Santo Padre, iniciamos una nueva etapa de liderazgo, marcada por la visión, la humildad y un renovado celo por el Evangelio. Su ejemplo nos recuerda que la santidad, como la esperanza, es accesible y contagiosa.

Pero aún más poderosamente, este año ha sido moldeado por ustedes. Su presencia en nuestras bancas, su participación en los ministerios, sus oraciones, sus sacrificios y su alegre testimonio han edificado el Cuerpo de Cristo aquí en Summit. Ya sea como voluntarios, en sus servicios religiosos, mentores de jóvenes o simplemente ofreciendo una sonrisa, han hecho de esta parroquia un hogar donde se encuentra con Jesucristo y se transforman los corazones.

Muchísimas gracias por su fe, su apoyo y su constante compromiso con nuestra misión compartida. Gracias a ustedes, la parroquia de Santa Teresa de Ávila sigue siendo una comunidad radiante de discípulos, haciendo eco de las palabras de nuestra patrona: *«Cristo no tiene cuerpo, sino el tuyo»*.

Esperamos el año que viene con renovado entusiasmo, fortalecidos por las promesas de Dios y su colaboración. Que nuestro testimonio del Evangelio sea audaz, hermoso e inconfundiblemente alegre.

*Con sincera gratitud y todas las bendiciones,*





# PASTORAL COUNCIL

**BRIAN CASH**  
**FRANK CIARAVALLI**  
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**EUGENE KENNEDY**  
**CATALINA KOWAL**  
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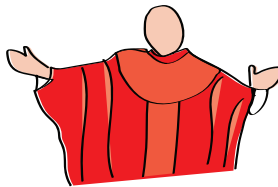
## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

We are grateful to the members of our St Teresa of Avila community who have answered the call to serve our parish in a leadership role on the Pastoral Council. Together with Fr Bob, the Council is working toward a strategic plan for our parish that will ensure St Teresa of Avila is in a position to continue our legacy of ministry and discipleship for generations to come. The three key areas of mission that the Council will focus on are outlined below.



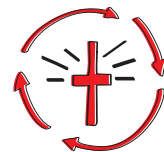
### Evangelization & Outreach

- Inviting people into intentional discipleship
- Reaching beyond parish walls (eg, schools, campuses, marginalized communities)
- Providing formation and training for discipleship
- Promoting intercultural understanding and inclusion



### Pastoral Care

- Celebrating vibrant and inclusive liturgies
- Supporting lifelong faith formation and Catholic education
- Strengthening collaboration across ministries and cultures
- Ensuring the presence of trained and compassionate leaders
- Engaging youth, young adults, and families



### Sustainability

- Embracing collaborative leadership in response to fewer priests
- Responding to demographic changes and sacramental trends
- Aligning parish facilities and resources with mission
- Encouraging inter-parish cooperation and shared services



# We Are His Witnesses

*"We Are His Witnesses is a pastoral initiative launched by Cardinal Joseph W Tobin, CSsR, Archbishop of Newark, on Pentecost in June 2025. It invites all of us to walk together on a journey called We Are His Witnesses—a path of pastoral conversion inspired by the Word of God, rooted in Pope Francis's Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel). This initiative invites the entire Church to reimagine parish life, mission, and ministry in response to a changing world."*

- ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK



LEARN MORE:  
[rcan.org/we-are-his-witnesses/](https://rcan.org/we-are-his-witnesses/)



# COUNCILS & COMMITTEES



## TRUSTEES

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CHRIS COTTER

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BRIAN KLATT

KYLE SIEGFRIED

COLLEEN SILK

## CEMETERY/ MAUSOLEUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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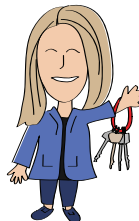
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# FAITH FORMATION



Our 4th and 5th grade programming offered each month for our students. Styled in small group fashion, rather than the classroom model, these sessions provide children with an opportunity to deepen their faith and learn about key pillars of our Catholic life. Each month, the children go on a QUEST- a mission to grow closer to God through hands on activities, games, bible study, discussions, and service projects.

## ENCOUNTER

The Communion Preparation Program for children in grade 2 to 5 who have not received the Eucharist. Children and their parents gather to learn about and prepare to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and Holy Communion through engaging class activities, discussions, and a retreat.



Our family formation program for children in grades K-3 and their parents. The program engages families in thematic core faith insights through interactive lesson, activities, service, and prayer experience once a month.

## EDGE

A middle school youth ministry program for students in grades 6-8 to get answers to their question about faith, engage in experiencing a relationship with Christ, and build Christian community through large group activities and small group discussions.

## STAND

YOUTH MINISTRY

Our high school youth ministry program that helps and challenges upperclassmen to put their faith into action and develop as servant leaders.



The Confirmation preparation program to prepare 9th graders in forming their faith and enhancing their active parish life to draw closer to Christ. Preparation begins in the winter with the sacrament to be received in the fall of the candidates' 10th grade year.

Faith Formation is a joyful and vital journey that nurtures the hearts and minds of our children, helping them to grow in love, wisdom, and understanding of God. At St Teresa, our families are fortunate to be introduced to the richness of our faith through engaging and meaningful programs such as Faith FX, QUEST, EDGE middle school, and our ENCOUNTER/ENCUENTRO sacramental preparation. Our children have been able to form strong spiritual foundations through the learning sessions, small group discussions, service opportunities, and dynamic retreats that will guide them throughout their lives. We wholeheartedly believe that experiences our children have in FF such as the ENCOUNTER Teaching Mass, EDGE middle school retreat,





or the STAND youth ministry nights not only teach important values and traditions of our faith to our children, but also help each of them to foster personal relationships with Christ, build community, and inspire them to be active disciples in the world. At St Teresa, investing in the Faith Formation journey is investing in the spiritual future of our children and in the life of the Church; and we couldn't be more happy to be a part of that future!

**- Cassandra Bosquet, Director of Faith Formation**





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# PARISH OUTREACH

\$108,859

## Outside Organizations

- Angela Intili-Stokes Memorial Scholarship
- Daughters of Mary
- Loaves & Fishes
- Mexico Mission
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
- Patriot's Path Council
- RENEW International
- Seton Hall University
- Several Sources Shelters
- Shrine of St Joseph
- St Elizabeth University
- St Teresa of Calcutta
- Summit Interfaith Council
- Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad Inc
- Support of Sisters
- The Mercy House

\$21,457

## National Special Collections

- Archdiocesan Retired Priests
- Black & Indian CRS
- Catholic Home Missions Appeal
- Church in Africa
- Church in Eastern & Central Europe
- Communicating God's Word
- Good Friday for The Holy Land
- Missionary Cooperation Plan Appeal
- Peter's Pence
- Retirement for the Religious
- The Catholic University of America
- World Mission Sunday

## APPRECIATION for our First Responders



The new Summit Fire Department opened this year, and Fr Bob made a special visit to bless the station and brave firefighters. He presented Chief Evers with a painting of St Florian, patron saint of firefighters. Once a year, we collaborate with SFD to hold fire drills at various Masses to ensure we are ready for any emergency. We appreciate the department's partnership in helping us be ready and vigilant.



We were pleased to support the great efforts of the Summit EMS Volunteer Squad with a check from the parish for \$1,000. The squad assists the parish in times of medical emergencies and we are grateful for their service to the parish and community.



This Christmas season our QUEST students delivered hand crafted prayer intention cards for each member of the Summit Police Department. The individual cards featured a photo of each officer, along with a prayer for them, as a way to honor their hard work and dedication to keeping the community safe.

# Financial Report

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

*Further detailed and audited results will be published in a future bulletin.*

## revenue

ORDINARY REVENUE	1,628,004
ADDITIONAL REVENUE	247,376
OTHER REVENUE	655,575
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>2,530,955</b>

## expense

SALARIES & BENEFITS	1,264,395
CONTRACTED SERVICES	129,174
PLANT RELATED	268,874
UTILITIES	108,116
SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	152,198
GENERAL	478,474
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>2,401,231</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS</b>	<b>129,724</b>



# 2021 - 2025 Review

Parish	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
TOTAL OPERATING <b>REVENUE</b>	2,530,955	2,569,073	2,067,588	2,163,339	2,043,218
TOTAL OPERATING <b>EXPENSE</b>	2,401,231	2,494,922	2,197,453	2,098,227	1,918,986
<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>129,724</b>	<b>74,151</b>	<b>(129,865)</b>	<b>65,112</b>	<b>124,232</b>

Cemetery and Mausoleum	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
TOTAL OPERATING <b>REVENUE</b>	824,610	984,195	747,109	862,765	915,540
TOTAL OPERATING <b>EXPENSE</b>	751,708	826,289	868,661	853,351	658,947
<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>72,902</b>	<b>157,906</b>	<b>(121,552)</b>	<b>9,414</b>	<b>256,593</b>

## Archdiocese Annual Appeal 5 year history

YEAR	STRETCH GOAL	PLEDGED	RECEIVED	VARIANCE	DONORS
<b>2025</b>	172,050	179,677	174,912	2,862	167
<b>2024</b>	142,204	171,276	170,621	28,417	218
<b>2023</b>	142,204	159,090	161,260	19,056	196
<b>2022</b>	142,204	132,688	131,268	(10,936)	192
<b>2021</b>	142,204	164,250	163,504	21,300	227

Note: All totals are as of 6/30/2025





# Year in Review

## Faith & Fellowship Enrichment/ Programming:

Faith+ Summer Camp  
Angela Intili-Stokes Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Annual Parishioner Survey  
Rooted Young Adult Group  
Welcome Fall and Ministry Fair  
Feast Day Celebration  
Fall Bible Study: *Exodus: Journeying to the Promised Land*  
Rosary Congress Day of Prayer  
Blessing of the Animals  
All Souls Day Daily Masses (Mausoleum Chapel)  
Veterans Day Memorial Concert  
Seniors Friendsgiving Dinner  
Mental Health and Spirituality Sessions  
Advent Penance Service  
A Gala Christmas Concert  
Christmas Pageant  
'Souper Bowl' Sunday  
Faith Formation Parents' Social  
St Patrick's Day *Songs of Ireland* Music Concert  
*Christ Life: Discovering Christ* 6 week series  
EDGE Retreat: Called to Be Saints  
Lenten Day of Penance  
Spy Wednesday Easter Story Luncheon  
Christian Passover Celebration  
Lenten Friday Stations of the Cross  
Lenten Friday Confessions  
*Spirituali-Tea* Mother & Daughter Gathering  
May Crowning  
Graduates' Blessing Mass & Yearbook Bulletin  
Dads & Donuts Father's Day Celebration  
Feast of Saint Anthony Mass and Bread Blessing  
End of Year Family Mass Celebration

## Projects & Improvements:

Church Floor Refinishing  
Pew Refinishing  
Church Painting Project  
Tree Maintenance

## Giving Opportunities:

Missionary Appeal: Franciscan Mission Service  
Archdiocesan Annual Appeal  
Blood Drive  
Thanksgiving Food Drive  
Advent Giving Tree  
Christmas Food Drive  
Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids  
Christmas Wrapping Fundraiser

## Presentations:

Pastoral Council Parishioner Sessions (6)  
Author Presentation Mark Joseph Williams, *Torrent of Grace*  
Protecting God's Children

## Thematic Series:

*Pastoral Conversion* — 5 week Fall bulletin series  
*Ready to Welcome* — Advent Family Mass Homily  
*Stay With Me... Lent with Jesus* — Family Mass Homily

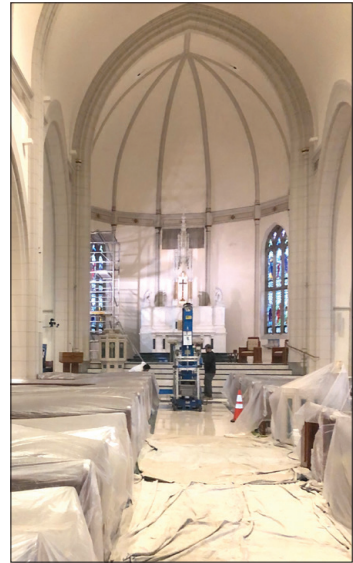




# Church Painting Project

*Cost of Project: \$132,905*

The Church painting project was a great undertaking involving much planning, coordination, heavy equipment, skilled painters, and a large cost. At St Teresa of Avila we go to great lengths to ensure the beauty and maintenance of our Church, grounds, and all sacred spaces are safe, clean, and well cared for. After many hours of labor and attention to detail, our Church is shining brightly.



## Pew Refinishing

*Cost of project: \$25,875*



The process to refinish the pews was lengthy and involved several steps. First, the pews were cleaned and then sanded.

The pews were then stained and a finishing layer was applied. This was done in sections and the entire floor, altar and other sections of the pews had to be completely covered for protection while other areas were being addressed.



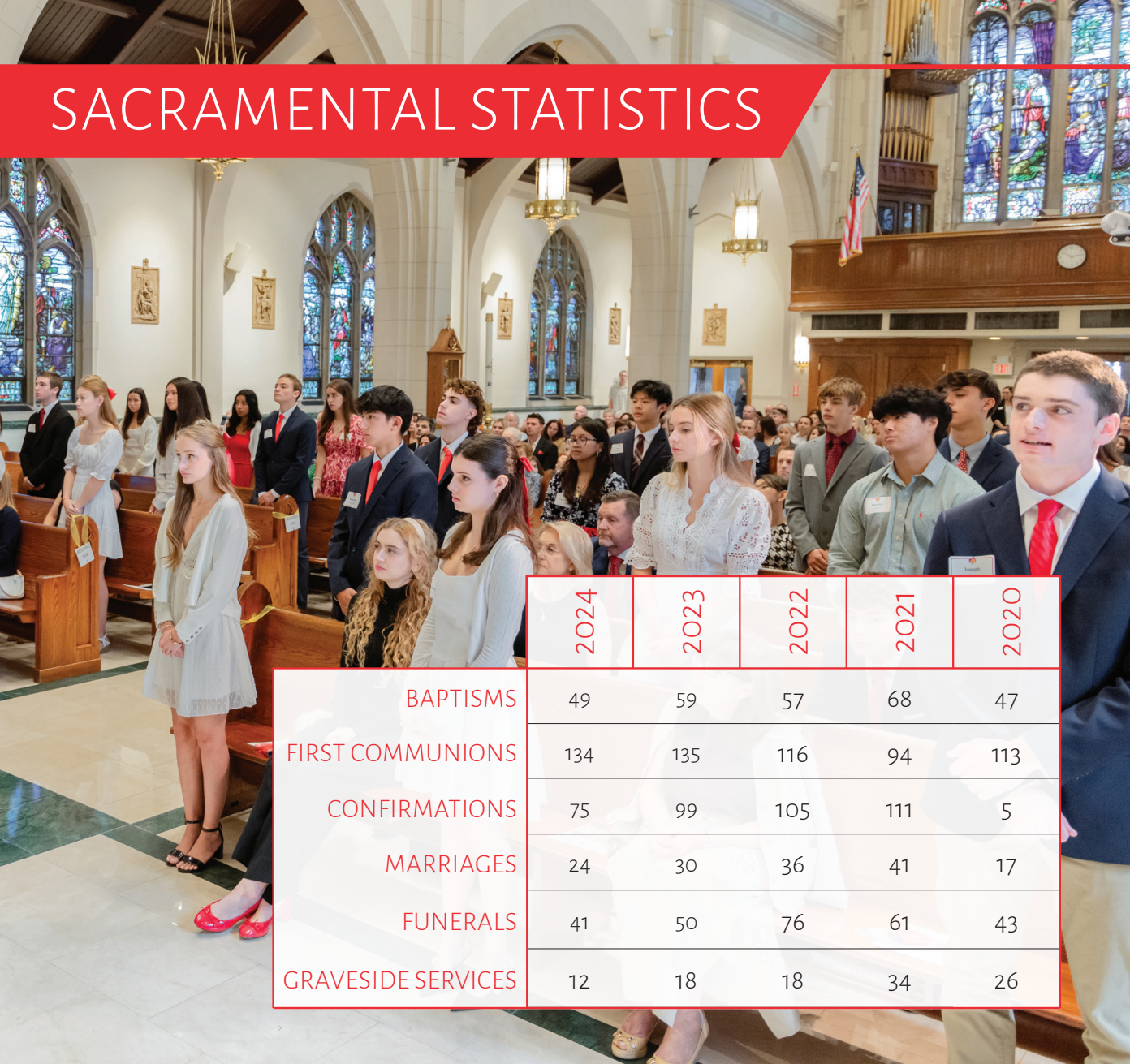


# PARISH PROJECTS





# SACRAMENTAL STATISTICS



	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
BAPTISMS	49	59	57	68	47
FIRST COMMUNIONS	134	135	116	94	113
CONFIRMATIONS	75	99	105	111	5
MARRIAGES	24	30	36	41	17
FUNERALS	41	50	76	61	43
GRAVESIDE SERVICES	12	18	18	34	26





# ECHOES OF GRACE

Have you *heard*?  
We're streaming our  
very own studio album!

Members of the St Teresa of Avila Music Ministry have created a studio recording titled *Echoes of Grace* featuring some of the favorite songs used at our First Communion and Confirmation liturgies.

We pray that this collection of sacramental music for young people will touch the hearts of those receiving Jesus in the Eucharist and the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

A SACRAMENTAL SOUNDTRACK FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

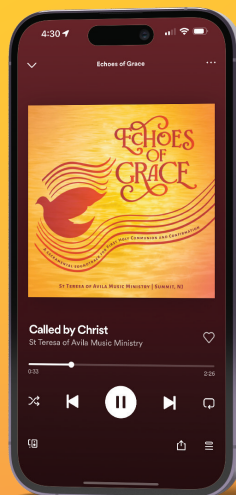
1. **Called by Christ**  
Kathryn Cuddy & Ruth Duck
2. **Envía Tu Espíritu**  
Bob Hurd
3. **Holy Spirit, Come Now / Santo Espíritu, Ven**  
Jesse Manibusan & Santiago Fernández
4. **I'm So Blessed**  
CAIN, Arr. by Matthew Still
5. **May Your Kingdom Come**  
Steve Angrisano, Sarah Hart, & Curtis Stephan
6. **Miracle of Grace**  
Curtis Stephan
7. **O Come to the Altar**  
Christopher Brown, Steven Furtick, Wade Joye, and Mack Brock  
Vocal arr. by Scott Soper
8. **Open My Eyes / Abre Mis Ojos**  
Jesse Manibusan
9. **Thank You, God**  
Janet Vogt
10. **Venimos / We Come**  
Mark Friedman
11. **We Shall Be the Light**  
Mark Friedman & Janet Vogt
12. **You Are My All in All**  
Dennis Jernigan, Arr. by Lloyd Larson

**Sopranos:** Sarah Lucero & Abby Brodnick  
**Altos:** Kristen Hoyt & Zoë Schumann  
**Tenor:** Kevin Arnold  
**Bass:** Matthew Still

**Guitar:** Robin Lee  
**Bass:** Gabe Valle

**Flute & Alto Saxophone:** Giuseppe Fusco  
**Percussion:** Emmanuel Solano  
**Piano:** Matthew Still

Recorded April 1, 2025  
Big and Tall Recording Studio - Wood Ridge, NJ  
[www.bigandtallrecording.com](http://www.bigandtallrecording.com)



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Spotify

Amazon Music

YouTube Music



# WORSHIP WITH US!

## MONDAY - FRIDAY

7:00 AM (Church)

## WEEKDAY HOLIDAYS

9:00 AM

## SATURDAY

8:30 AM (Church)

*Confessions immediately following*

4:00 PM (Memorial Hall, Vigil Mass)

## SUNDAY

7:30 AM (Church, Quiet Mass)

9:00 AM (Memorial Hall, Family Mass)

10:30 AM (Church)

12:00 PM (Church, in Spanish)

5:00 PM (Church)

