

Church of St. Therese the Little Flower



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Office Hours

Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Friday, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.; Sunday: 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass Schedule

Listed inside bulletin each week.

Reconciliation

By appointment only.

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms

Baptism preparation classes are held four times a year: December, March, June and September. The Sacrament of Baptism is held four times a year: January, April, July and October. Parents wishing to baptize their children must attend one of the preparation classes.

Marriage

Please make arrangements through the Parish Office at least six months in advance of the proposed date. If either party was married before, special procedures have to be followed and no date may be set.

Sacrament of Anointing

If you are seriously ill, anticipating surgery, or weakened by advanced age, please take advantage of the scheduled celebrations or contact Father any time for this sacrament.

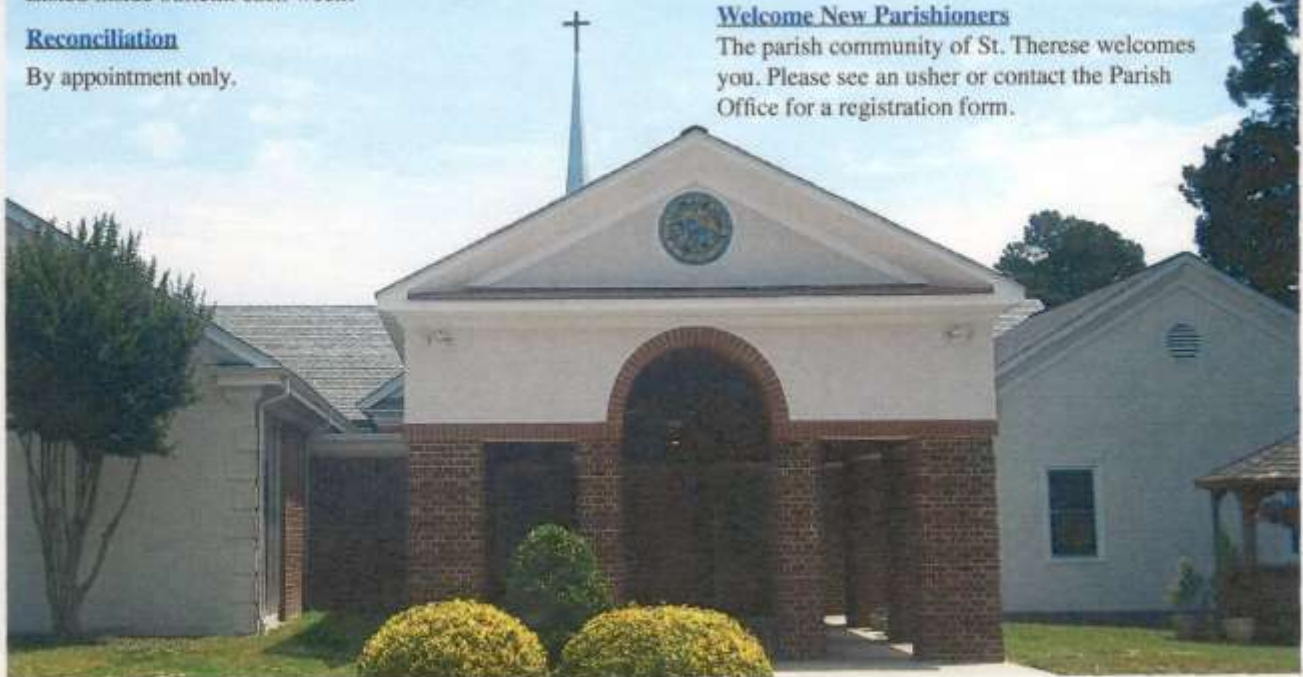
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Those seeking a deeper relationship with Christ through membership in the Roman Catholic Church are guided through the RCIA process. Inquiry and study of Catholic tradition and doctrine lead to full participation through the Sacraments of Initiation and reflection on the depth of God's love revealed in the Paschal Mystery.

Please contact the Parish Office to learn more about the RCIA process.

Welcome New Parishioners

The parish community of St. Therese welcomes you. Please see an usher or contact the Parish Office for a registration form.



6262 Main Street, Gloucester, VA 23061



“Your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass.”

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 28, 2021

MASSSES AND INTENTIONS

THIS WEEKEND OF MARCH 27-28, 2021

Saturday 5:00 PM **Mass**

Live streamed on Facebook and recorded for replay on YouTube. Visit our website at sttheresechurch.info for the links to each.

*Intention: **Barbara Loonam (RIP)***

Requested By: John Loonam

Sunday 8:00 AM **Mass**

*Intention: **St. Therese Parishioners***

Sunday 10:30 AM **Mass**

*Intention: **Daniela La Fata (RIP)***

Requested By: Rosalia Leone

WEEK OF MARCH 29-APRIL 2, 2021

Monday **No Mass**

Tuesday 12:00 Noon **Public/Livestream Mass**

*Intention: **Arthur & Roaslie Helbig (RIP)***

Requested By: Kathleen Helbig

Wednesday 7:30 PM **Public/Livestream Mass**

*Intention: **Mass for the People***

Holy Thursday 7:00 PM **Public/Livestream Mass**

*Intention: **Mass for all people***

Good Friday 7:00 PM **Public/Livestream Service**

*Intention: **For all People***

WEEKEND OF APRIL 3-4, 2021

EASTER WEEKEND

Saturday 8:00 PM **Livestreaming Mass**

*Intention: **Fr. Gregory***

Sunday 8:00 AM **Mass**

*Intention: **St. Therese Parishioners***

Sunday 10:30 AM **Mass**

*Intention: **For all families***



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Daily Readings may be found at the www.USCCB.org website

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL VASE FLOWERS

Perpetual living memorial for Anna Lupei

ST. THERESE'S TABERNACLE CANDLE

March 29-April 4, 2021

In Memory of Carmine Michael Dispirito

GIFT GIVING

Fiscal Year 7/1/2020 through 6/30/2021
Annual operating expense budget: \$548,256.00

Weekend Offertory Totals

3/21/21 Offertory total via mail and weekend Masses \$4,165.00

Other donations 3/21/21 not used for operations totaled \$403,26

In addition, we received E-giving support this week totaling \$4,344.35

Weekend Mass count 165 and Masses viewed livestream 151

Fiscal Year 7/1/20-6/30/21 total budget = \$548,256.00 ÷ 52 = \$10,543.38
in offertory needed per week.

Thank you for your continued gifts to God and Church!

"But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing." Matthew 6:3

GIVE ONLINE THIS HOLY SEASON OF LENT

As you contemplate donations this holiday season, please keep St. Therese in mind. Your contributions are need for everything from special programs to basic operating expenses—both are deserving of your support. Please be as generous as you can this holiday season and in the year ahead. For the convenience of church members, we offer online giving. To donate, visit the church website at www.sttheresechurch.info and locate the link to our online giving page and follow the instructions.

We can accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, debit cards and savings/checking drafts.

MARCH OFFERTORY

Regular Offertory each weekend
MMR (Major Maintenance & Repair)

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURES

The Parish Office will close on Good Friday, April 2 and Easter Monday, April 5, 2021. The Parish staff wishes everyone a Many Blessing this Easter and through the Easter Season!

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Parish Office hours are:

Monday through Thursday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM and
Friday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Reminder that only 10 parishioners may gather at a time. All non-essential meetings at the church are cancelled. Anyone coming into the church must wear a mask and check into the office. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this time of uncertainty. Thank you

CHURCH OF ST. THERESE

OUR MASSES ARE NOW LIVESTREAMED!!

Masses are livestreamed Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at noon. Wednesday the Mass is at 7:30 PM and livestreamed. The **weekend Mass** at 5:00 on Saturday is livestreamed.

Watch the Livestream on

Facebook: www.facebook.com/churchofsttherese.

Watch the replay on YouTube: [Church Of St. Therese – Gloucester, VA YouTube Channel](#)

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2021

Palm Sunday is never just "Palm Sunday." It also always includes the Lord's Passion. By juxtaposing both of these Gospel scenes in the same Mass, the Church is forcing us to consider a hard truth: we are a fickle people. Just as the people of Jerusalem praised Jesus, only to turn on Him a few days later, we too might claim Jesus as our Lord, but constantly turn from Him through our sins and self-centeredness. For many of us, we get a heavy dose of our weakness during Lent, when we begin with bold resolutions but so often come up short.

But our shortcomings aren't the focus of the readings today. Instead, the focus is on the steadfast love and constancy of Jesus Christ. Jesus knows we are fickle. Just like He knew that by coming into Jerusalem, despite the people's praises, He was handing Himself over to death. And yet, in the words of the Prophet Isaiah, he set his face "like flint" and was obedient to His mission of self-giving love. He knew that so many would abandon Him, and yet He chose at every moment to persist, all the way to Calvary. Jesus also knows that you and I fail. That we turn our backs on Him in ways little and small. And yet He continues to make His love available to us today, holding back nothing.

As we enter into Holy Week, let this be our focus: that no matter how many times we've failed this Lent, and no matter how often we turn away from Christ, His Love for us is as constant and pure as it was when He first took up the Cross. During these days leading up to Good Friday, let's experience contrition for our sins, remorse for our mistakes, but also incredible gratitude for Christ's saving Love. And let's show our gratitude by picking up our Cross and following Him in the way of self-giving love. One way we can do so, as Lent comes to a close, is to consider supporting the Annual Diocesan Appeal as a final act of Lenten almsgiving.

GRIEFSHARE MARCH 28-JUNE 20, 2021

Have you experienced the death of a loved one recently? Would you want to belong to a group for support as you grieve that loss? Then GriefShare might be for you.

GriefShare is a network of many churches across the United States equipped to offer grief support to anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one. The program is nondenominational and uses biblical concepts for healing from grief. The group meets weekly for 13 weeks. Each week is an independent topic, so participants can come to some or all of the sessions.

The group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and have begun to rebuild their lives. The facilitators are not licensed counselors, but have been in the same place as you. They will walk with you on the long path through grief toward healing and hope for the future.

Please join us at Church of St. Therese, 6262 Main Street, on Sunday, March 28 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. We meet in the social hall. Due to Covid restrictions the group is limited to 10 persons. Zoom will be offered for anyone who prefers. Masks must be worn for in person meetings. Register at GriefShare.org or contact Linda Gregory at lgregory0530@gmail.com.

GOOD FRIDAY "WATCHING AND WAITING"

Please join us in person, or via livestreaming

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The Liturgy Committee of St. Therese is pleased to offer a special program on Good Friday, April 2nd, from 12:00pm to 3:30pm. We will host a "Watching and Waiting" program for all whose hearts are moved to deeper prayer and reflection upon the crucifixion of our Lord. Below is the schedule of devotions planned; please join us for as much of this very holy time as you can give.

12:00pm – Stations of the Cross

12:40pm – 3:00pm – Prayerful reflections on the "Seven Last Words" of Jesus on the Cross, with corresponding music, and silent personal reflection.

3:00pm – Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Following the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the church will remain open for silent prayer. Please be advised there will be some activity as the altar is prepared for the Good Friday liturgy which takes place at 7:00pm.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVERS

Thank you for your generous support of the Catholic Relief Services Collection and for helping **Jesus in disguise**. Your contributions make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information on how to give.



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DURING THIS TIME OF SOCIAL DISTANCING, WE
ARE COMMITTED TO CONTINUE SERVING OUR
PARISHIONERS THROUGH OUR MINISTRIES AND
OTHER RESOURCES



OUR MINISTRIES

During the Covid-19 pandemic, the Church of St. Therese will continue to be a source of spiritual life for our parishioners and friends.

Please contact the parish at 804-693-5939 if there is any way we can minister to you.
Keep updated on our website at www.sttheresechurch.info.

SACRAMENTS

The parish will live-stream Mass through our Facebook page.

Reconciliation is available by appointment.

Baptisms and funerals are still conducted with groups of 10 or less.

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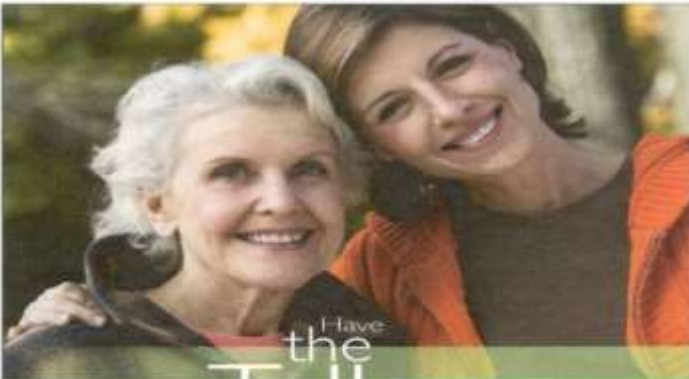
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We will share updates and news, as well as provide interactive ministries such as prayers and reflections.

GIVE ONLINE

Please consider supporting your parish by making a recurring gift online at <http://tinyurl.com/donatetochurchofsttherese>.

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Father is available for emergencies and time-sensitive needs: 804-695-2785



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