

A vibrant sunset over a field of white flowers. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm orange and yellow glow. The sky is filled with soft clouds, and there are vertical streaks of light, possibly representing rain or a light effect. A large tree is visible on the right side of the horizon. The foreground is a dense field of small white flowers.

# ALLELUIA

HE IS RISEN • EASTER 2021

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“Look at my hands and my feet!”

Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

## MASSSES AND INTENTIONS

### THIS WEEKEND OF APRIL 17-18, 2021

Live streamed on Facebook and recorded for replay on YouTube.  
Visit our website at [sttheresechurch.info](http://sttheresechurch.info) for the links to each.

<b>Saturday</b>	5:00 PM	Mass
Intention: <b><u>Arthur &amp; Rosalie Helbig (RIP)</u></b>		
Requested By: Kathleen Helbig		
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 AM	Mass
Intention: <b><u>Joe Fagan</u></b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	10:30 AM	Mass
Intention: <b><u>St. Therese Parishioners</u></b>		

### WEEK OF APRIL 19-23, 2021

<b>Monday</b>		No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	12:00 Noon	Mass
Intention: <b><u>Mass for the people</u></b>		
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:30 PM	Public/Livestream Mass
Intention: <b><u>Mass for the People</u></b>		
<b>Thursday</b>	12:00 Noon	Public/Livestream Mass
Intention: <b><u>Chuck &amp; Mary Lou Villa (RIP)</u></b>		
Requested By: Mary Kay Villa		
<b>Friday</b>	12:00 Noon	Public/Livestream Mass
Intention: <b><u>Missam pro populo</u></b>		

### WEEKEND OF APRIL 24-25, 2021

<b>Saturday</b>	5:00 PM	Public/Livestreaming Mass
Intention: <b><u>Frank Murray (RIP)</u></b>		
Requested By: Pat Moynihan		
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 AM	Mass
Intention: <b><u>St. Therese Parishioners</u></b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	10:30 AM	Mass
Intention: <b><u>First Communion Students</u></b>		



### DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Daily Readings may be found at the  
[www.USCCB.org](http://www.USCCB.org) website

### BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL VASE FLOWERS

Perpetual living memorial for Anna Lupei

### ST. THERESE'S TABERNACLE CANDLE

April 12-18, 2021

In Memory of Linus & Irene Riehle and Dennis Gregory

### GIFT GIVING

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

### Weekend Offertory Totals

4/11/21 Offertory total via mail and weekend Masses \$3,619.00  
Other donations 4/11/21 not used for operations totaled \$1,945.67

In addition, we received E-giving support this week totaling 5,019.40

**Weekend** Mass count 162 and Masses viewed livestream 199

**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!**

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21

### EASTER OFFERINGS

The Easter season presents a wonderful opportunity for St. Therese to thank those individuals and families that support the church throughout the year with their time, talent and financial contributions. And, with services well attended during this season, it is also a good opportunity to extend a warm welcome to our new and returning congregation members. We hope that you also will be generous with you time and financial support. To assist everyone in making the consistent offerings that are so important to us, we are pleased to offer the option of giving electronically. Please visit [www.sttheresechurch.info](http://www.sttheresechurch.info) to help us continue to receive consistent donations. May Christ's light shine upon you and your families!

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

### APRIL OFFERTORY

Regular Offertory each weekend  
MMR (Major Maintenance & Repair)



### 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](http://www.facebook.com/churchofsttherese).

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

### ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2021

For most of us, the Christian life is so “routine” that we often don’t stop to think about how radical it is; selflessly loving God and others in imitation of Christ, who gave Himself on the Cross. In fact, if we really took seriously its demands, we’d probably be struck by how impossible it all seems; for man to love as God loves.

That’s likely what the Apostles were thinking when the Risen Lord, with the nail marks still fresh in his hands, sends them on mission “as the Father has sent” Him. And yet, it’d be a mistake to only focus on the seemingly impossible demands of this mission. Because if we’re sent as Christ was sent by the Father, we’re also called to live in the same relational mode that He did and does, in complete dependence upon the Father. This is why Christ’s sending of the Apostles on mission is inherently connected with their reception of the Holy Spirit—the love between the Father and Son. If we’re not in relationship with God, the Christian life is truly impossible.

But of course, God invites us into relationship with Him today: in prayer, in the sacraments, and in Christian community. And when we’re relying on Him, the mission He sends us on can seem less impossible. Here at St. Therese, we’ve discerned that part of our mission is to build up our parish community through the Annual Diocesan Appeal. During this Easter season, let’s ground ourselves deeply in our relationship with God, so that we can generously respond to this and the entirety of our mission.

### WEEKEND ALTAR FLOWER SIGN UP SHEET

The Altar Flower sign up sheets are now available for anyone wishing to donate Altar flowers for a weekend in honor or memory of a loved one. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board in the hallway leading to the social hall. Altar arrangements may be ordered from your favorite florist or if your wish to provide a vase from your flower garden. Flowers should be delivered to the church before 1:00 PM on Fridays or at 4:00 PM on Saturday before the 5:00 PM Mass. If you have any questions, contact Ann in the Parish Office at 804-693-5939.

### GRIEFSHARE APRIL 11-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, April 11 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](http://GriefShare.org) or contact Linda Gregory at [lgregory0530@gmail.com](mailto:lgregory0530@gmail.com).



### NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. There is no better time than the Easter season to celebrate the protection of our most valuable gift from God—our children. Blue pinwheels are placed throughout the nation in support of National Child Abuse Prevention Month. For information about the Diocese of Richmond Child protection policies programs and assistance for victims and survivors, please visit <http://www.richmonddiocese.org/safe-environment>.

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Covid disrupting your lives? Don’t let the stresses destroy your marriage. Join us for a virtual or in person Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Take a weekend away at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter to gain a richer, fuller married life together. Attend a Marriage Encounter weekend and learn the tools needed to keep your marriage strong. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on Jul 16-18, 2021 in Beaufort, SC and Aug 27-29, 2021 in HICKORY, NC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/>



# OUR PARISH IS HERE FOR YOU

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](http://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.

### FOLLOW US

"Like" and "Follow" our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/churchofsttherese](http://www.facebook.com/churchofsttherese)

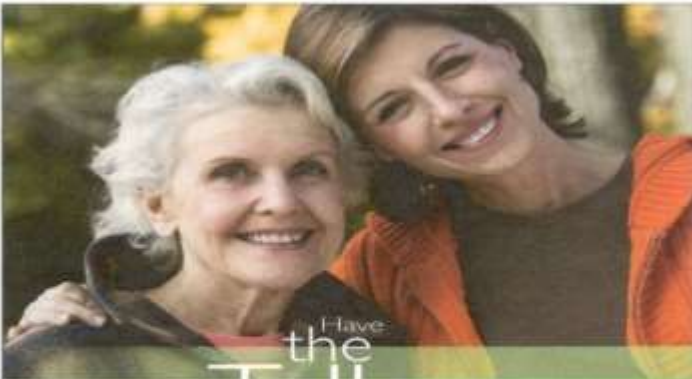
We will share updates and news, as well as provide interactive ministries such as prayers and reflections.

### GIVE ONLINE

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

**We are answering the office phone during the weekdays: 804-693-5939**  
**Father is available for emergencies and time-sensitive needs: 804-695-2785**





## Have the Talk of a Lifetime

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