

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 numerous vertical streaks of light, resembling rain or a light effect, are overlaid on the scene. A large, dark tree is silhouetted against the bright sky on the right side. The foreground is a dense field of small white flowers.

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“They went out and fled from the tomb for terror and amazement had seized them.”

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 4, 2021

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

THIS WEEKEND OF APRIL 3-4, 2021

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

EASTER WEEKEND

Saturday Easter Vigil	8:00 PM	Mass
Intention: <u>Fr. Gregory</u>		
Sunday	8:00 AM	Mass
Intention: <u>St. Therese Parishioners</u>		
Sunday	10:30 AM	Mass
Intention: <u>For all Families and Children</u>		

WEEK OF APRIL 5-9, 2021

Monday		No Mass
Tuesday		No Mass
Wednesday	7:30 PM	Public/Livestream Mass
Intention: <u>Mass for the People</u>		
Thursday	12:00 Noon	Public/Livestream Mass
Intention: <u>Chuck & Mary Lou Villa (RIP)</u>		
Requested By: Mary Kay Villa		
Friday	12:00 Noon	Public/Livestream Mass
Intention: <u>Simon Danigole (RIP)</u>		
Requested By: Joe Syslo		

WEEKEND OF APRIL 10-11, 2021

Saturday	5:00 PM	Livestreaming Mass
Intention: <u>Eleanor Hennigar (RIP)</u>		
Requested By: Linda Gregory		
Sunday	8:00 AM	Mass
Intention: <u>St. Therese Parishioners</u>		
Sunday	10:30 AM	Mass
Intention: <u>Mass for all people</u>		



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

April 5-11, 2021

In Memory of Gattuso and Lucci Family Members

GIFT GIVING

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

Weekend Offertory Totals

3/28/21 Offertory total via mail and weekend Masses \$4,262.00
Other donations 3/28/21 not used for operations totaled \$145.29

In addition, we received E-giving support this week totaling \$2,764.61

Weekend Mass count 224 and Masses viewed livestream 452

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 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.

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 many blessings this Easter and throughout 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

What would have happened if Mary Magdalene (and, depending on which Gospel account you read, the other women) hadn't come to the tomb on that first Easter Sunday morning? It's crazy to think, but it seems likely that humanity might've missed out on the Good News of Christ's resurrection and His victory over death. After all, the apostles, those closest to Jesus, those who'd heard him repeatedly speak of His death and resurrection during his ministry, were in hiding—either because they didn't believe in Jesus's promise, or because their fear of punishment by the authorities deterred them from following up on it.

Instead, God drew Mary Magdalene to the tomb through her desire to be with Christ—even in His death. This underscores an important point: God draws us to Himself through our desires! Our hearts are made for God, and prayerfully reflecting upon where our deepest desires point is one of the best ways of discerning God's will for us.

Our parish has discerned a desire to strengthen our community through the Annual Diocesan Appeal. As we enter into the Easter season, confident that God draws us to Himself through our daily desires, let's discern how we can each generously support this important cause.

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 or contact Linda Gregory at lgregory0530@gmail.com.

HAPPY EASTER!

The Parish Staff would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter and blessings throughout the Easter Season!



A PRAYER FOR EASTER EYES

My Lord Jesus,

You have a new life!

Give me new eyes with which to recognize

Your presence in the world around me.

Sharpen my vision so that I see beyond the

Ordinary events of each day and into the

Extraordinary reality of Your grace.

Brighten my view of the world with renewed

Hope in the coming of Your Kingdom.

Soften my gaze so that I view others with the

Kind of tenderness and compassion You

Showed to so many.

May each day of this Easter season provide

Glimpses of Your glory.

In Your sacred name, I pray.

Amen

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



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/churchofstthere

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/donatetochurchofstthere>.

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.sttherechurch.info.

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

The Talk about many things with your loved ones from day-to-day details to big events, living stories with those who matter most will put important issues at the end of life's road more than I used to be. It can affect a person's life story and be transformative, healing and comforting. Through memorization starts when loved ones talk about what matters most, memories made, lessons learned and how they hope to be remembered.

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