



CHURCH OF

St. Therese

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"I know now that true charity consists
in bearing all our neighbors' defects - not being surprised
at their weakness, but edified at their smallest virtues."

St. Therese of Lisieux

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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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Third Wednesday of the month 6:15-6:45 p.m.

Welcome New Parishioners

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

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

PARISH STAFF

Business Manager: Debbie Knarr
Administrative Assistant: Mindy Scott
Pastoral Minister: Kerry Fallon
Coordinator of Religious Education: Nadine McGrady
Director of Music Ministry: Kitty Witty
Evangelization and Youth Ministry Coordinator: Kyle Glauner
Facilities & Maintenance Coordinator: Gary Dietz
Custodian: Rosa Rodriguez

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 16

5:00 p.m. Kate Notterman
Happy Birthday

Sunday, September 17

8:00 a.m. Martin George Mohnach
Requested by:
Steve Mohnach

10:30 a.m. Daniella LaFata
Requested by:
Rosalia Leone

Monday, September 18

No Mass

Tuesday, September 19

12:00 p.m. Jose Rascon
Requested by:
Rosa Rodriguez

Wednesday, September 20

8:00 a.m. Joyce Starling (RIP)
Requested by:
Joanne & Ed Kizer

Thursday, September 21

12:00 p.m. Paul Fitzpatrick
Requested by:
Edwina & Family

Friday, September 22

12:00 p.m. Jimmy Kurovics
Requested by:
Pat Kurovics

Saturday, September 23

5:00 p.m. Patrick Shea
Requested by:
Eillen and Robert Shea

Sunday, September 24

8:00 a.m. For the People
10:30 a.m. Francesco and Gaetana Lepera
Requested by:
Theresa and Steve Hinton

Blessed Sacrament Chapel Vase Flowers are a Perpetual Living Memorial for Anna Lupei.

Tabernacle Candle Shines in Loving Memory of Thomas Hegameyer.

Altar Flowers for September are in Memory of Linus & Irene Riehle.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, September 18 – Weekday 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday, September 19 – Weekday 1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday, September 20 –
Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, and Paul Chöng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs 1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35a
Thursday, September 21 –
St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13
Friday, September 22 – Weekday 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday, September 23 – St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest 1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday, September 24 – Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

SACRAMENTS

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Children's Liturgy of the Word is available during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Children, ages 3 to 2nd grade are invited. Please contact Nadine McGrady for more information.

GRIEF SHARE: The dates for the next session of Grief Share will be on September 17 and ends December 10 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the ALC.

RECONCILIATION Is offered every 3rd Wednesday of the Month from 6:15-6:45 p.m.

PARISH NEWS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HAPPENINGS: Knights of Columbus Council gathers on the First and Third Thursdays of the month. Rosary is at 7:00 p.m. and a meeting is to follow.

CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS TO SERVE IN LITURGICAL MINISTRIES!

Please prayerfully consider which of the liturgical ministries you are drawn to. We need teenagers and adults to serve as **USHERS, LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, MASS COORDINATORS**. We need adults and children for the **ALTAR SERVER** ministry. If we have more people involved in these ministries, serving won't fall to the same dedicated ministers every week. Training is ongoing; call Kerry Fallon in the office at 804-693-5939 or email k.fallon@stthersglo.org.

COMING SOON! IN CONJUNCTION WITH OCIA (PREVIOUSLY RCIA), A STUDY OF THE GOSPELS OF JOHN AND MATTHEW WILL BEGIN SEPTEMBER 18 AND RUN THROUGH EASTER. All are welcome – Catholics, non-Catholics; bring a friend! Come learn about the Catholic faith through the lens of Scripture: why we believe what we believe; why we do what we do; what we have in common with protestant denominations; what sets us apart from our protestant brothers and sisters. Join us in the Social Hall Monday evenings beginning September 18 – social time from 5:45-6:15 p.m., study time 6:15-7:45 p.m. Contact Kerry Fallon to sign up or if you have any questions at k.fallon@stthersglo.org or 804-693-5939. More information and a sign-up sheet will also be available in the Gathering Space.

POPE JOHN PAUL II SAID, "In Mother Teresa's smile, words, and deeds, Jesus again walked the streets of the world as the Good Samaritan." JIM TOWEY was a trusted advisor and personal friend of Mother Teresa of Calcutta for 12 years. On WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, at 7:00 p.m., he will be speaking here at St. Therese! All are welcome. Bring a friend! His talk will be followed by a reception and copies of his book *To Love and Be Loved: A Personal Portrait of Mother Teresa* will be available.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Know someone who is homebound and would like to be visited by a parishioner and receive Communion? Contact the office or Linda Gregory at lgregory0530@gmail.com.

CAREFREE SENIORS: Anyone 60 and older is invited to join the Carefree Seniors group. They meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the Social Hall from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Call Frank Rivera at 804-854-1101 for more information.

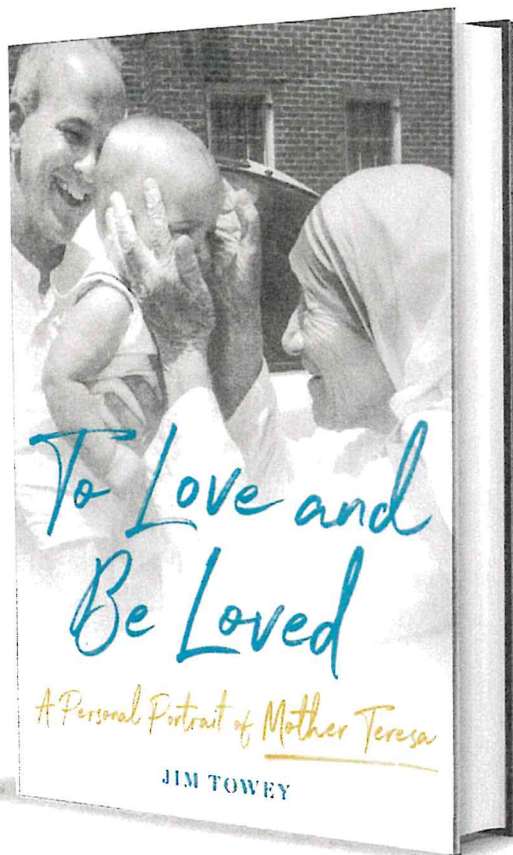
The Mother I Knew

featuring author **JIM TOWEY**

Wednesday, September 27, 2023 • 7:00 p.m.

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Jim Towey, a trusted advisor and devoted friend of Mother Teresa, gives an extraordinary firsthand account of the woman who became a saint. A former senior White House advisor, head of Florida's social services agency, and founder of the nonprofit Aging with Dignity – Jim shines light on the practical lessons from Mother Teresa and how following her example in small ways makes our life better and more beautiful, in all seasons of life, but especially our later years.

“People who wonder how Mother Teresa changed so many lives and gave so many people purpose should read *To Love and Be Loved*. Way to go, Jim. You did it right.”

— **Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, Archbishop of New York**

“The loveliest book I’ve read in recent months, rich in reflection on contemporary sanctity and including one of the Five Funniest Catholic Stories Ever.” — **George Weigel, author of the *New York Times* bestselling biography on Pope John Paul II**

Books will be available for the author to inscribe upon request.

Jim and Mary Towey are donating the royalties from the book to the Missionaries of Charity and other charitable organizations aligned with Mother Teresa's works.



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*As of December 2022

Thursday, September 21, 2023

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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THRESHOLD BIBLE STUDY: The Evening Bible Study group started a new book in the Threshold Bible Study series, "MYSTERIES of the ROSARY," that began on Thursday, 10 August 2023. We meet for one hour starting at 6:00 p.m. in the church on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month to November. For more information, please contact Jim Lee at 804-693-0826.

THE THERESIAN SOCIETY: The Theresian Society will meet on September 17, between the Masses (approximately 9:00 a.m.). Please consider attending. Help us plan our Fall events. Even if you don't wish to join, we would appreciate your perspective and ideas.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Knitters and Crocheters are invited to join the Prayer Shawl Ministry in providing shawls, lap robes, hats, scarves and other items to our friends and neighbors as they celebrate milestones in their lives, grieve the loss of a loved one, journey through difficult times and other significant events. Lessons are available for those interested in learning this craft. Contact Nadine McGrady at N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org or 804-693-5939, ext. 3 for more information.

2023-2024 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Registration has begun for the 2023-2024 Faith Formation program – Kindergarten-12th Grade. Forms may be picked up in the parish commons or completed online through the parish website. Sessions began Sunday, September 10. K-5 and Middle School Youth will meet 9:15-10:15 a.m. High School Youth Ministry should contact Kyle Glauner at youthministry@StThersGlo.org for more information.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT – MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Cool Temperatures and clear skies are forecast! Friday, September 22 at 6:00 p.m. for an outdoor family-friendly movie. All families are invited! Have a question? Contact Nadine McGrady at N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org or 804-693-5939, ext. 3.

THE MORNING BIBLE STUDY The group meets on Thursday mornings from 10:15 to 11:45 a.m. in the Meeting Room. Various sections or themes of the Bible are discussed in an informal setting. The first six sessions will be using the booklet "1-Corinthians: Living as Christians." New participants are always welcome and may join the group at any time. If interested, or would like more information, please call Sid Dugas at 804-642-5869 or email at spdugas@cox.net.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: On Sunday, September 24, between the morning Masses (starting promptly at 9:15 a.m.), Father Gregory will show a film by Bishop Robert Barron called **Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast: Mary, the Mother of God** in the Meeting Room. We travel to the ruins of Ephesus and to the great Marian shrines of Lourdes and Guadalupe. Bishop Barron explains the Church's great reverence for Mary and her unique role in the history of salvation. All are welcome.

WHERE IS THE LIBRARY? The Parish Library is moving next to the St. Therese sitting room at the end of the Social Hall. During this move, books are being organized and labeled. New titles will be added and updated as we move forward.

GRATITUDE REPORT

Annual Operating Budget FY2024: \$719,300.00
Amount needed per week to maintain budget is \$13,827.52
Actual Plate Contributions towards Operating Budget totaled:
\$5,576.00

E-giving Operations support totaled: \$5,187.00
Other donations not used for operations totaled: \$1,411.50
Total Weekend Mass Count: 347

Total Weekend Mass Views: 77
September 23 & 24 Retired Religious
September 30 & October 1 MM&R

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SAINT ROBERT BELLARMINÉ'S STORY: When Robert Bellarmine was ordained in 1570, the study of Church history and the fathers of the Church was in a sad state of neglect. A promising scholar from his youth in Tuscany, he devoted his energy to these two subjects, as well as to Scripture, in order to systematize Church doctrine against the attacks of the Protestant Reformers. He was the first Jesuit to become a professor at Louvain.

His most famous work is his three-volume *Disputations on the Controversies of the Christian Faith*. Particularly noteworthy are the sections on the temporal power of the pope and the role of the laity. Bellarmine incurred the anger of monarchists in England and France by showing the divine-right-of-kings theory untenable. He developed the theory of the indirect power of the pope in temporal affairs; although he was defending the pope against the Scottish philosopher Barclay, he also incurred the ire of Pope Sixtus V.

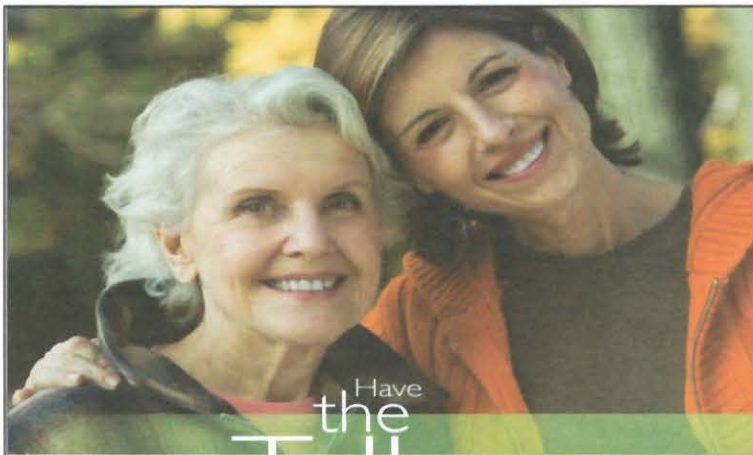
Bellarmino was made a cardinal by Pope Clement VIII on the grounds that "he had not his equal for learning." While he occupied apartments in the Vatican, Bellarmine relaxed none of his former austerities. He limited his household expenses to what was barely essential, eating only the food available to the poor. He was known to have ransomed a soldier who had deserted from the army and he used the hangings of his rooms to clothe poor people, remarking, "The walls won't catch cold."

Among many activities, Bellarmine became theologian to Pope Clement VIII, preparing two catechisms which have had great influence in the Church.

The last major controversy of Bellarmine's life came in 1616 when he had to admonish his friend Galileo, whom he admired. He delivered the admonition on behalf of the Holy Office, which had decided that the heliocentric theory of Copernicus was contrary to Scripture. The admonition amounted to a caution against putting forward—other than as a hypothesis—theories not yet fully proven. This shows that saints are not infallible.

Robert Bellarmine died on September 17, 1621. The process for his canonization was begun in 1627, but was delayed until 1930 for political reasons, stemming from his writings. In 1930, Pope Pius XI canonized him, and the next year declared him a doctor of the Church.

The renewal in the Church sought by Vatican II was difficult for many Catholics. In the course of change, many felt a lack of firm guidance from those in authority. They yearned for the stone columns of orthodoxy and an iron command with clearly defined lines of authority. Vatican II assures us in *The Church in the Modern World*, "There are many realities which do not change and which have their ultimate foundation in Christ, who is the same yesterday and today, yes, and forever" (#10, quoting *Hebrews* 13:8). Robert Bellarmine devoted his life to the study of Scripture and Catholic doctrine. His writings help us understand that the real source of our faith is not merely a set of doctrines, but rather the person of Jesus still living in the Church today. **Saint Robert Bellarmine is the Patron Saint of: Catechists and Catechumens.**



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