



CHURCH OF

# *St. Therese*

THE LITTLE FLOWER



"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

Rev. Gregory Kandt, Pastor  
Rev. Mr. Jose Melendez, Deacon

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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 24, 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 Witt  
**Evangelization and Youth Ministry Coordinator:** Kyle Glauner  
**Facilities & Maintenance Coordinator:** Gary Dietz  
**Custodian:** Rosa Rodriguez

### MASSES AND INTENTIONS

#### 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:  
 Theresea and Steve Hinton

#### Monday, September 25

No Mass

#### Tuesday, September 26

12:00 p.m. Loretta Jones (RIP)  
 Requested by:  
 Debbie Kelly

#### Wednesday, September 27

8:00 a.m. Elenor Dance  
 Requested by:  
 Maria Dance

#### Thursday, September 28

12:00 p.m. For the People

#### Friday, September 29

12:00 p.m. For the Parishioners  
 of St. Therese

#### Saturday, September 30

5:00 a.m. Cathy Weathers  
 Requested by:  
 Ruth Weathers

#### Sunday, September 31

8:00 a.m. St. Therese, our Patron Saint

10:30 a.m. Concetta Anna Kelly  
 Requested by:  
 Debbie and Bill Kelly

### DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Monday, September 25 – Weekday** Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18  
**Tuesday, September 26 – Weekday** Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21  
**Wednesday, September 27 –**  
*St. Vincent de Paul, Priest* Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6  
**Thursday, September 28 – Weekday** Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9  
**Friday, September 29 – Sts. Michael, Gabriel,  
 and Raphael, Archangels** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;  
 Jn 1:47-51  
**Saturday, September 30 – St. Jerome, Priest  
 and Doctor of the Church** Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45  
**Sunday, October 1 – Twenty-sixth Sunday  
 in Ordinary Time** Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5;  
 Mt 21:28-32

### 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

Grief Share will be on Sundays in the ALC from 2:00-4:00 p.m. For more information, go to [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org).

#### \*RECONCILIATION\*

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

### PARISH NEWS

#### 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 on-going; call Kerry Fallon in the office at 804-693-5939 or email [k.fallon@stthersglo.org](mailto: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](mailto:k.fallon@stthersglo.org) or 804-693-5939. More information and a sign-up sheet will also be available in the Gathering Space.

**Blessed Sacrament Chapel vase flowers** are a perpetual living memorial for Anna Lupei.

**Tabernacle Candle** Shines in loving memory of Joseph Spangnuola and Lisa Hudson

**Altar Flowers for September** are in Memory of Sean Raschke by Donna & Steve Raschke



**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.

**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.

**THRESHOLD BIBLE STUDY:**

The Evening Bible Study group is starting a new book in the Threshold Bible Study series, "MYSTERIES of the ROSARY," that began on Thursday, August 10, 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.

**CAREFREE SENIORS** – Anyone 60 and older are 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 THERESIAN SOCIETY:**

The Theresians invite the ladies of the parish to our Friday, October 6 meeting. The business meeting in the Social Hall starts at 10:00 a.m. preceded by a social gathering. Your perspective may be just what we need to finalize plans for the OctoberFEST Dinner after Mass on Saturday, October 14.

**COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:** Know someone who is home-bound and would like to be visited by a parishioner and receive Communion? Contact the office or Linda Gregory at [lgregory0530@gmail.com](mailto:lgregory0530@gmail.com).

**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](mailto:N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org) or 804-693-5939, ext. 3 for more information.

**2023-2024 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION**

Registration has begun for the 2023-24 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](mailto:youthministry@StThersGlo.org) for more information.

**GRATITUDE REPORT FOR 9/17/23**

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: \$3,799.00  
E-giving Operations support Totaled: \$3,367.00  
Other donations not used for operations totaled: \$716.00

Total Weekend Mass Count: 301  
Total Weekend Mass Views: 75

September 23 & 24 Retired Religious  
September 30 & October 1 MM&R

Please use the QR code below for Mobile giving.

**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.

**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](mailto:spdugas@cox.net).

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

Today, 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.



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**CATHOLIC CLIMATE COVENANT**

Season of Creation

"Let justice flow on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream." Pope Francis chose these words from the Prophet Amos as the theme for this year's Ecumenical Season of Creation. He asks that we care

for our vulnerable neighbors and our common home, "by resolving to transform our hearts, our lifestyles, and the public policies ruling our societies."

**CHRISTMAS CANTATA**

This year, the Music Ministry, comprised of the choirs from all three Masses, will be presenting a Christmas cantata on the last Sunday of Advent, December 17.

We would like to extend an invitation to anyone in the congregation who likes to sing or who plays either a brass, woodwind or stringed instrument proficiently to join us. You must be at least in the 7th grade to participate.

We'll rehearse on Sunday afternoons.

Please come next Sunday at 2:00 if you'd like to take part in our first cantata.



**The K of C Auxiliary presents...**

# **Trunk or Treat**



**All parishioners are welcome!**

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Decorations**

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**Can't come? Donate treats in the box in the commons.**

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**Questions? Call Mindy Scott at 804-693-5939**







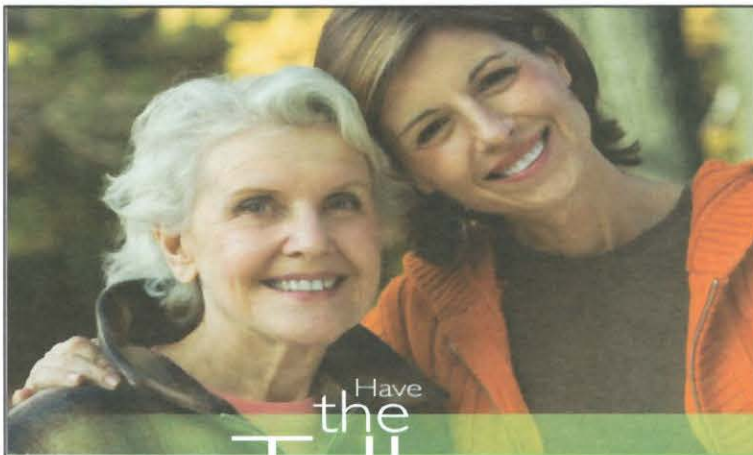
Jubilee Churches of Gloucester is a collaboration of Gloucester churches working together to respond to the needs in our community. We are aiming to support local non-profit agencies who help the more vulnerable citizens of Gloucester County. The current project we are working on in collaboration with Gloucester Victim Witness Advocacy is aiding individuals fleeing domestic violence. We are looking for individuals in our congregation who would be willing to:

- Give a victim a ride to/from an emergency shelter or to/from a court location. It is recommended that 2 females or a married couple do this together.
- Truck owners to help move the victim's belongings.
- Foster a victim's pet for 30 days.

If you would be willing to assist in any of these areas, your name will be added to a list which will be referenced as the needs arise. If you would like to be added to one of the call lists identified above, please access the Google Form by the website <https://tinyurl.com/26u2asat> or by scanning the below QR code.







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