



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

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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.

FEBRUARY 4, 2024

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:
Facilities & Maintenance Coordinator: Gary Dietz
Custodian: Rosa Rodriguez

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 3
 5:00 p.m. Mark Fitzpatrick (Healing)
 Requested by
 Edwina Fitzpatrick

Sunday, February 4
 8:00 a.m. August Stacklin
 Requested by the friends
 and family of Augie

10:30 a.m. For the People of St. Therese

Monday, February 5
 No Mass

Tuesday, February 6
 12:00 p.m. Mark Fitzpatrick (Healing)
 Requested by
 Edwina Fitzpatrick

Wednesday, February 7
 12:00 p.m. For the People

Thursday, February 8
 12:00 p.m. For the People

Friday, February 9
 8:00 a.m. Juan Carlos
 Requested by Ana Mihok

Saturday, February 10
 5:00 p.m. Stanley Mendonca
 Requested by
 Mindy & Eric Scott

Sunday, February 11
 8:00 a.m. August Stacklin
 Requested by
 Larry & Linda Espiritu

10:30 a.m. For the People

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

Tabernacle Candle Shines
 in loving memory of
 Gervasini and Foster Families
 by Mike & Ann Foster

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, February 5 – Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 6 – Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 7 – Weekday
 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday, February 8 – Weekday
 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30

Friday, February 9 – Weekday
 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday, February 10 – Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin
 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday, February 11 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

SACRAMENTS

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Contact Nadine McGrady to register at N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org or 804-693-5939, ext. 3.

RECONCILIATION Reconciliation is every third Wednesday of the month from 6:15-6:45 p.m. OR BY APPOINTMENT.

PARISH NEWS

EASTER LILY DONATIONS will be accepted from February 25, 2024 until March 24, 2024. Please record your intentions clearly so we won't miss anyone for the Easter flyer. *Thank you and God Bless!*

HELP NEEDED: We have received a call from a woman named Diane Skwarka, a Gloucester resident, who is homebound and on hospice. She is looking for someone who might be able to come and do a few simple chores for her and provide some companionship. Furthermore, if there's someone who needs a place to stay, she would offer a room in her house rent free. If you would be interested in finding out more about helping Diane, please call Father Gregory at 804-693-9043.

REMINDER: Please call Deb at 804-693-5939 or email b.manager@stthersglo.org if you would like to pick up your 2024 offertory envelopes. Thank you, and I pray that you are Blessed by the Amazing Grace of God in this New Year!

THE OFFICE IS CLOSED February 19th.

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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: As we begin the new year, it's time to grow in our relationship with Jesus, but we must know Him if we are going to follow Him. How did He look at things? What were His most important values? On **JANUARY 21**, between the morning Masses (starting about 9:15 a.m.), Father Gregory will present on JESUS in the MEETING ROOM. Bring your Bible. All are welcome, Catholic or not!

DEACON JOSE HAS AN OFFICE – Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ. Now that I have an office, I have established office hours 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays. Come by and visit or call the office to schedule an appointment. Feel free to use my office for small group meetings. Jesus awaits you there with a sweet treat. My contact information is jmelendez@stthersglo.org or 804-693-5939. May God Bless you richly, Deacon Jose' Melendez

GRIEF SHARE will be on Sundays in the Meeting Room from 2:00-4:00 p.m. For more information, go to griefshare.org.

THRESHOLD BIBLE STUDY: Threshold Bible Study will resume in April.

DIVINE MERCY will be held on February 13th at 1:00 p.m.

SOUP WITH LOVE will start Friday, February 16th and run through March 22nd from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in the Social Hall. (Fridays only)

THERESIAN SOCIETY – The next meeting will be held March 1st, in the Social Hall from 2:00-4:00 p.m. (After Soup with Love)

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Schedule for Forty Hours Devotion

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

12:00- Opening Celebration of the Eucharist followed by Exposition and Benediction

ADORATION FROM 12:45 P.M. UNTIL 3:00 P.M.

3:00- Eucharistic Service of Prayer and Praise

ADORATION FROM 3:15 P.M. UNTIL 6:00 P.M.

6:30- Evening Prayer followed by Benediction

ADORATION FROM 7:15 P.M. UNTIL 8:30 P.M.

8:30- Taizé Prayer

9:00- Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, February 8

7:30- Exposition & Incensation followed by Morning Prayer & Benediction

ADORATION FROM 8:15 A.M. UNTIL 10:00 A.M.

10:00- Eucharistic Service of Prayer and Praise

ADORATION FROM 10:45 A.M. UNTIL 12:00 P.M.

12:00- Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Mass

12:45- Exposition

ADORATION FROM 12:45 P.M. UNTIL 6:30 P.M.

6:30- Evening Prayer followed by Benediction

ADORATION FROM 7:15 P.M. UNTIL 8:30 P.M.

8:30- Hymn Sing

9:00- Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, February 9:

8:00- Closing Celebration of the Eucharist, followed by Adoration and Benediction

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – 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. Our Council 9428 will have Fish Fry Fridays on February 16th, March 1st and March 22nd during Lent.



BINGO – Bingo is played on Tuesday Nights. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and Bingo starts at 7:00 p.m. Don't forget to enjoy the concessions stand!!! Bingo will not be played on February 13th, March 26th, or May 28th.

MARDI GRAS – Come join us for Mardi Gras Dinner, Dessert, Music and Fellowship! February 10th after 5:00 p.m. Mass. The fare for the evening will be Chicken and Sausage Gumbo + Vegetarian Gumbo, Creole Red Beans and Rice, Chicken Tenders + GF Chicken Tenders, Potato Salad and Cornbread (GF options), and King Cake and Pies (Apple, Cherry, and Pecan).

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.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH OCIA, A STUDY OF THE GOSPELS OF JOHN AND MATTHEW WILL RUN THROUGH EASTER. Join us in the Social Hall on Monday evenings. 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.

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 1:00-3:00 p.m. Call Frank Rivera at 804-854-1101 for more information.

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.

GIVE THE GIFT OF LOVE: Items knitted and crocheted by the Prayer Shawl Ministry are now available for gifting. Items are located on the table in the Social Hall by the white cabinet. Items are free for gifting. Gift a prayer shawl for any occasion - birthdays, First Communion, weddings, holidays, Confirmation, in support for someone grieving, etc. Contact Nadine McGrady at N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org or 804-693-5939, ext. 3 for questions or for special requests.

THE MORNING BIBLE STUDY – Giving up something for Lent? – Are you considering the common practice of giving up something for Lent? This year, instead of giving up something, you may want to consider doing something extra instead. Joining the Morning Bible Study Group could be just the thing! Beginning on Thursday, February 15th, which is the day after Ash Wednesday, the group will begin using a special seven-session booklet, "With Jesus to the Cross – A Lenten Guide on the Sunday Mass Readings." Each week the readings for the upcoming Sunday will be discussed. The group meets from 10:15-11:45 a.m. each Thursday in the Meeting Room. Please call Sid Dugas at 642-5869 to sign up or to get more information.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: OK, we know there are seven sacraments. Can you name them? Eucharist, Confirmation, Baptism.....**HOLY ORDERS!** What's that? Yes, one of those crazy Catholic things are **priests**. Why do we have priests? Where does that notion come from? On **February 18**, between the morning Masses (starting about 9:15 a.m.), Father Gregory will present on **Holy Orders** in the **Meeting Room**. All are welcome, Catholic or not!

GRATITUDE REPORT

Annual Operating Budget Fiscal Year 23/24 – \$719,300.00
Amount needed per week to maintain budget – \$13,827.52

Feast of the Holy Trinity
Actual Plate Contributions \$3,520.00
E-giving Contributions \$2,187.00
Other Contributions Total \$1,876.50
Weekly Grand total \$7,583.50

Mass Count: 290 – Mass Views: 157

2nd Collection Schedule
MMR March 3rd

Please use the QR code for Mobile giving.



STUDY GROUP ON ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS started on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, at 11:00 a.m. in the Meeting Room. Subsequent meetings will examine important fundamental texts in his works. The book we will use is *The Collected Works of St. John of the Cross*, which can be obtained from the Institute of Carmelite Studies (icpublications.org). Facilitated by Fr. Gregory. All are welcome!

LENT INFORMATION:

Mass Times for Fridays during Lent: Please take note. On Fridays during Lent, that is, from February 16 through March 22 inclusive, Friday Mass will be at 10:00 a.m., NOT noon.

LENTEN FAST & ABSTINENCE

The regulations on Lenten fast and abstinence are:

Fasting: On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, those who are 18 but not yet 60 are allowed only one full meal. Two smaller meals are allowed as needed, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

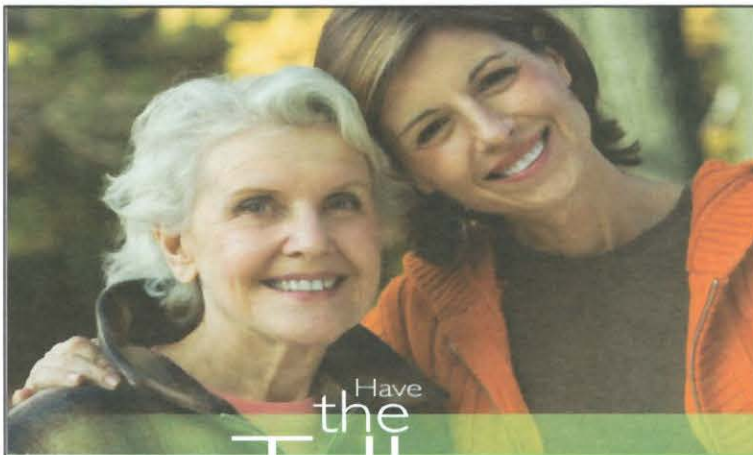
Abstinence from meat: Those who are 14 years of age or older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

The Church no longer attempts to prescribe Lenten practices in detail. The above regulations simply highlight Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and the other Fridays of Lent. The more fundamental obligation is to make Lent a penitential season, choosing practices that are adapted to one's own circumstances.

40-HOURS DEVOTION AT ST. THERESE! Due in part to the Eucharistic revival, but also because it's just a good thing to do, we will observe a 40-hours devotion **February 7-9**. We will begin with Mass at Noon on Wednesday, February 7 followed by **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction**. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for **Adoration** until 9:00 p.m. that night, interspersed occasionally with communal prayer. On February 8, there will be Exposition at 7:30 a.m. followed by Morning Prayer and Benediction. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration until Noon Mass that day after which there would be Exposition until 9:00 p.m. The 40-hours devotion would conclude on Friday morning, February 9, with 8:00 a.m. Mass.

SUNDAY FUNDAY: All families are invited to join in the fun on Sunday, February 11, 2024 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall. RSVP to Nadine McGrady at N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org or 804-693-5939, ext. 3 by February 9th.

FEAST BEFORE FAST: All parishioners are invited to join us for food, fellowship and fun at the Annual Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Sign-up will be located in the parish commons on the cart by the TV. For more information, contact Nadine McGrady at N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org or 804-693-5939, ext. 3.



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