# **OCTOBER 26, 2025**

# **MASSES AND INTENTIONS**

# Saturday, October 25th

5:00 p.m. Doris and Mike Melancon by Betty and George Zahn

## Sunday, October 26th

8:00 a.m. For the People

10:30 a.m. Evelyn Osgood by Alice Osgood

Monday, October 27th - No Mass

Tuesday, October 28th

12:00 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial for Bob Russman

Wednesday, October 29th 8:00 a.m. For the People

Thursday, October 30th

12:00 p.m. Bob Russman by Elizabeth Onesty

Friday, October 31st

2:00 p.m. Petra Rascon by Rosa Rodriguez

Saturday, November 1st

1:00 p.m. All Saints Mass

5:00 p.m. All the Faithful Departed – All Souls' Day

# Sunday, November 2nd

8:00 a.m. All the Faithful Departed – All Souls' Day 10:30 a.m. All the Faithful Departed – All Souls' Day

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

Tabernacle Candle shines in loving memory of Rita Irby, Bill Irby and family members.

Altar arrangements provided by Donna and Rick Harper in Memory of Family.

#### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

October is the month of our holy patroness, Saint Therese of Lisieux, and also of her spiritual mother, Saint Teresa of Jesus (of Avila). Join us on Sunday, October 26, between the morning Masses (starting promptly at 9:15 a.m.). Fr. Gregory will present JESUS THROUGH THE EYES OF ST. TERESA OF JESUS. This will take place in the Meeting Room. All are welcome, Catholic or not!

#### ALL SOULS' DAY MEMORIAL CANDLES

Memorial candles are available for All Souls' Day, November 2nd.



The candles will be displayed in front of the altar for all weekend Masses November 1 and 2. You may purchase a candle with a donation in memory of a loved one by filling out one of the blue envelopes in the Commons. The suggested minimum donation is \$12.00 per candle. You may donate toward candles until October 29th. You may pick up your candles after the weekend

Masses, or you can donate them to be used as tabernacle candles in the Chapel throughout the following year. These intentions will also be included in the bulletin for the Tabernacle/Chapel. Thank you.

#### ALL SOULS' DAY RECEPTION

All parishioners are cordially invited to attend the All Souls' Day Reception following the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, November 2. Please sign up on the list in the Commons so there will be adequate food. Everyone is invited to remember loved ones who have died.

#### K OF C AUXILIARY



It's Trunk or Treat time!!! Today, October 26th from 4:00-7:00 p.m. here in the parking lot of St. Therese. A prize will be given for the best decorated trunk. Trunk decorating will start at 1:00 p.m. on the playground side of the parking

lot. Hot dogs and drinks will be available. You don't have to decorate your trunk to participate. If you would like to donate candy, please place it in the haunted house in the Commons, by the office door. Please bring your family, friends, and neighbors! If you have any questions, you can contact Mindy Scott at 757-920-3555.

#### THE THERESIANS SOCIETY

The Theresians invite the ladies to attend their next meeting on Friday, November 7th. Our Social will begin at about 9:30 a.m. with the business meeting following at 10:00 a.m. Please consider joining us as we set our plans for a Holiday Cookie Sale. We would love to have your talents and skills to make this year's sale another success. Please join us on Friday, November 7th in the Social Hall.

# TO ALL AT ST. THERESE

Thank you for your generous and overwhelming gifts, prayers, and kindnesses during my recent hospitalization. My wife Linda and I are humbly grateful for all the support and friendship we have received from the St. Therese family. The prayers especially helped me get through the difficulties. I look forward to coming back to be part of the music ministry in the near future. A warm, heartfelt thank-you again to all.

With Peace and Gratitude to everyone.

Bud Forrest

# MORNING BIBLE STUDY

On Thursday, October 23rd the Morning Bible Study Group began a new six-week series discussing, "Genesis-Abraham and Sarah's Journey." Although new members are welcome anytime, this would be a good time to join in. The group meets on Thursday mornings from 10:15-11:45 a.m. in the Meeting Room. If interested and would like more information, please call Sid Dugas at 804-642-5869 or email at <a href="mailto:spdugas@cox.net">spdugas@cox.net</a> or call Kim Green at 804-824-1073 or email at <a href="mailto:kwg853@yahoo.com">kwg853@yahoo.com</a>.

#### ADULT SCRIPTURE STUDY/OCIA

Want to make more sense of the Bible? Desire a fuller experience of the Mass? Want to learn more about Catholicism?

Need some tools to better defend your faith? Contact Kerry Fallon for more details at <u>K.fallon@stthersglo.org.</u>



#### **BINGO**

Bingo is played on Tuesday Nights. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and Bingo starts at 7:00 p.m. Bingo could use some help working in

the kitchen and selling pull tabs. Many of our staff are out with surgeries. Any additional help you can provide would be so appreciated. Please note: There will be NO BINGO on October 28th.

#### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament comes easily. Never feel worried if you find you have no thoughts at all while you are before the Blessed Sacrament. Never feel inadequate about being an adorer even if you have not developed a spirit of devotion, if you are numb, down and out, weakened by life. The all-important factor is that you are before the Lord. Before Him who knows you inside-out. He reads your innermost thoughts and He still loves you immensely. Imagine that! St. John Vianney once compared Adoration to spiritual sunbathing. You are taking in the warmth of the grace and love radiating from the Sacred Host. Join Deacon José for Adoration and Benediction on November 19th at 6:00 p.m. Jesus is Our Hope in the Blessed Sacrament.

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Spread the Good News to all the World!

Children's Liturgy of the Word is seeking people to join the team and spread the Good News to the youngest members of our parish. Children's Liturgy is available at the 10:30 a.m. Mass using the same readings and Gospel proclaimed in the sanctuary, but in a simpler language. Please contact Nadine McGrady at N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org for more information or to join the team.

## BAPTISM, FIRST EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION FOR YOUTH AGES 8-17

OCIA Adapted for Children - The process of Christian Initiation is also available to children who for some reason or circumstance have not yet been baptized or received the other sacraments of Eucharist, Reconciliation & Confirmation. The OCIA process adapted for children is being offered this coming year. It's an opportunity for children beyond the second grade to prepare with their parents for reception of the sacraments and welcome into the Catholic Church at the Easter Season. Contact Nadine McGrady at N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org or 804-693-5939, ext. 3 for questions or more information.

## GET ON BOARD THE ST. THERESE MEAL TRAIN!

Whether it's a new baby, an illness/surgery, or a death in the family, meal trains can help ease the burden and show love and support to those in need. Contact Beverly Sabourin-Moore, 757-817-3698, if you are in need of a meal train or to learn more about how to be involved.



#### **FOOD PANTRY**

BREAD FOR LIFE Please CONTINUE giving to the Food Pantry. The shopping cart is in the Social Hall. Please note their new addresses as well.

## YOUTH MINISTRY NOVEMBER EVENTS

Sunday, November 2 Youth Ministry –

Saints Class at 12:00

Sunday, November 9 Justice and Charity with

> Ann Foster Class at 12:00

Sunday, November 16 Youth Ministry -

Packing Shoeboxes

Class at 12:00

Wednesday, November 19 Adoration at 6:00

Reconciliation at 6:15, Church

Friday, November 21 Movie Night YLC

Sunday, November 23 Youth Ministry Class YLC

Sunday, November 30 NO CLASS -

Happy Thanksgiving



#### 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. BYOK!!!

#### **VETERANS**

Our Knights of Columbus Council invites Veterans and their families to the Annual Veterans Brunch on Sunday, November 9th, at 11:45 a.m. in the Social Hall. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Commons, or contact Eric Anderson at 518-354-2374/eranderson13@gmail.com by November 2nd to indicate your attendance and ensure that the "chow line" is properly stocked.

Also, please submit pictures for our Veterans Slide Show to Eric by the same date. In keeping with military tradition, we encourage Veterans to wear their medals, ribbons, and badges and Veterans service organization hats for this event.

#### TOILETRIES FOR HOSPITALIZED VETERANS

The Knights of Columbus is collecting travel-size toiletries for hospitalized veterans from now until November 9th. The collection box is near the water cooler in the Social Hall. All items will be given to veterans at the Hampton Veterans Affairs Hospital. Thank you for your generosity.

#### OLD GLORY

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting worn and tattered U.S. flags for proper disposal. A faded or torn flag should be retired properly and replaced with a vibrant new flag. Please bring in your old flags and place them in the Old Soldier's Footlocker which will be located in the Social Hall during November in honor of our Veterans. Thank you. CHURCH OF ST. THERESE GLOUCESTER, VA

#### THANK YOU

Dear Parishioners, it has been just over a year ago that my wife Marta fell and broke her arm. It is good to know that we are not alone. The Lord has sent you into our lives to help care for us in our time of need. You have been there to comfort, care for, and pray for us. Organizing evening meals, grocery shopping, and quick visits have all been helpful and mean a lot. The rehabilitation continues at a slow but steady pace for both of us. The Lord has shown both Marta and me that He walks with us every moment of our lives. Thank you so much for the Love that you have shown us. We're so grateful for your generosity. Please continue to pray for us and feel free to call on us. We look forward to seeing all of you at church soon. We would like to extend special thanks to the following. Hopefully, we didn't miss anyone.

Beverly Sabourin Donna Harper Father Gregory Debbie Kelly Margie VanderMyde Jim & Kathleen Trist Ann Foster The Finance Council Cheryl Davis Marianne McCloskey Beverly Ittner The Theresians Nadine McGrady Debbie Knarr Linda Gregory JoAnn Gallagher Janet Leigh Mary Jane Mattson Denise Canada Janet Brown Linda Conway Ginny Carrington Don & Lourdes Parker Ana Mihok

May the Peace of Christ be with all of you! Jim & Marta Lee

#### **GRIEFSHARE - SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS**

Join us on Sunday, November 23, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Church of St. Therese. This one afternoon session will be an opportunity to hear experts in Grief Counseling speak to people going through grief during the holidays. The holidays can be a difficult time when loved ones are missing.

Refreshments will be available. There is no cost for this meeting, but please register so there will be enough workbooks. You can register at griefshare.org — Church of St. Therese or contact Linda Gregory at 804-693-5939, ext. 4.

#### FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

We have relocated the black lock box in the Commons to outside of the glass windows at the Parish Offices. You may use this box to drop off offertory envelopes and any other information or correspondence for us in a secure manner. Thank you and we hope this helps when the offices are closed!

#### COMING SOON...

We will be launching a new system to accept offerings for everything from Mass Intentions to Bible Study books and anything in between!

#### TRUE LIFE IN GOD PRAYER GROUP

Please join us for Bible readings, saying the Rosary, meditation, and sharing. Our main purpose is to pray for Christian Unity as our Holy Father Pope Francis had asked of us. Point of Contact is Trudy Vanderhoof. You may reach her at btcentauri@aol.com. We meet the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at the church in the library.

#### THRESHOLD BIBLE STUDY

Thursday evening Bible Study has changed to afternoons, 3:00 p.m. at Jim Lee's home at 5489 Hickory Fork Road, Gloucester. It's located between Wawa and Belroi Market. Call Jim at 804-693-0826 if you are interested or have questions. The book is Threshold Bible Study Series, "Peacemaking and Non-violence."



# CONTACT DENISE IN THE OFFICE.

Why? To find out if your contact information is on file and up to date. We may need to reach you or visit you.

#### WELCOME, NEW PARISHIONERS!

We would like to hear from you! Please register with us, especially if you or a family member anticipate receiving any sacraments in the future. Forms are located in the Commons next to the office entrance or fillable electronic forms may be emailed upon request.

Thanks!

# GIVE THE GIFT OF LOVE

Prayer shawls are available to gift for the holidays, holy days, birthdays and more, and are free!

Slippers, hats and scarves are now available! Each is crafted with the prayer that the recipient knows they are loved not only by the giver but by our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Contact Nadine McGrady at <u>N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org</u> or 804-693-5939, ext. 3 for special orders or for more information.

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CHECK OUT THIS LINK:

Catholics Come Home | You're Not Alone

www.catholicscomehome.org

# **OUR MOST SACRED TREASURE**

For the weekend of October 12, 2025

Annual Operating Budget

Fiscal Year 2025/2026: \$ 757,901.00

Amount needed per week

to maintain budget: \$ 14,575.02

Actual Plate Contributions: \$ 5,974.00

E-giving: \$ 3,172.00

Other Contributions: \$ 2,945.00

Weekly Grand Total: \$ 12,091.00

Total Weekend Mass Count: 356

Please use the QR code for Mobile giving.



# I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth.; Psalm34:2

# **DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Sunday, October 26, 2025** – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18; Psalm 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

Monday, October 27, 2025 - Weekday

Romans 8:12-17; Psalm 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Luke 13:10-17

Tuesday, October 28, 2025 – Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

Ephesians 2:19-22; Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5; Luke 6:12-16

Wednesday, October 29, 2025 – Weekday Romans 8:26-30; Psalm 13:4-5, 6; Luke 13:22-30

Thursday, October 30, 2025 – Weekday

Romans 8:31b-39; Psalm 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31; Luke 13:31-35

Friday, October 31, 2025 - Weekday

Romans 9:1-5; Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Luke 14:1-6

Saturday, November 1, 2025 - All Saints

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Matthew 5:1-12a

Access Daily Readings from the New American Bible, Revised Edition (NABRE) online at https://bible.usccb.org

# **SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE**

Saints of the Day: October 28
Patron Saints of Woodworkers and Lost Causes

Jude is so named by Luke and Acts. Matthew and Mark call him Thaddeus. He is not mentioned elsewhere in the Gospels, except of course where all the apostles are mentioned. Scholars hold that he is not the author of the Letter of Jude. Actually, Jude had the same name as Judas Iscariot. Evidently because of the disgrace of that name, it was shortened to "Jude" in English.

Simon is mentioned on all four lists of the apostles. On two of them he is called "the Zealot." The Zealots were a Jewish sect that represented an extreme of Jewish nationalism. For them, the messianic promise of the Old Testament meant that the Jews were to be a free and independent nation. God alone was their king, and any payment of taxes to the Romans – the very domination of the Romans – was a blasphemy against God.

No doubt some of the Zealots were the spiritual heirs of the Maccabees, carrying on their ideals of religion and independence. But many were the counterparts of modern terrorists. They raided and killed, attacking both foreigners and "collaborating" Jews. They were chiefly responsible for the rebellion against Rome which ended in the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70.

As in the case of all the apostles except for Peter, James and John, we are faced with men who are really unknown, and we are struck by the fact that their holiness is simply taken to be a gift of Christ.

It is a reminder that we cannot receive too often. Holiness does not depend on human merit, culture, personality, effort, or achievement. It is entirely God's creation and gift. God needs no Zealots to bring about the kingdom by force. Jude, like all the saints, is the saint of the impossible: Only God can create His divine life in human beings. And God wills to do so, for all of us.

Read the full article: "Saints Simon and Jude" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saints-simon-and-jude/ (Accessed October 13, 2025).