



**ST. THERESA  
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**  
*THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH A BIG HEART*

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**May 24, 2009**

***The Ascension of The Lord***



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**Office Hours**

M-F, 9am to 4pm

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**PASTORAL & STAFF**

**Pastor:** Fr. David Vivero

**Retired Assoc:** Fr. George Koerber

**Deacon:** Normand LaFleur

**Secretary/Admin:** Alice Ghigliotty

**Religious Educ.:** Julie McAllister

**Social Service:** Donna Krause

**Liturgy & Music:** Kay Roberts

**Maint./Repair:** Tom Swarbrick



**MASS SCHEDULE**

**DAILY MASSES**

*Monday through Friday:*

*8:30 a.m.*

**WEEKENDS**

*Saturday:*

*4:00 & 5:30 p.m.*

*Sunday:*

*7:30, 9:00 & 11:30 a.m.*

*Holy Day Vigil: 7:30 p.m.*

**Holy Day Masses:**

*8:30 a.m.*

*12:00 Noon (except if*

*a Saturday)*

**TRIDENTINE (Latin) MASS**

6 PM every Sunday

Queen of Peace

**SACRAMENTS**

**Baptisms and Confirmation:**

Please contact the Parish Office at 245-2458 for more information.

**Marriage:** Call the office at least 6 months prior to intended date.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Available at end of all weekend Masses.

**Vocations:** Call the office for more information and guidance.

**Confessions:** 3:00-3:45 p.m.

*on Saturday or contact the office for appointment.*

**Hospital and Homebound**

**Communion:** Call Parish Office.

**Friday Eucharistic Adoration:**

Holy Hour 3-4 pm.; Silent 4-6 pm

**SICK CALL and**

**FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS**

245-2458



## St. Theresa Catholic Church

**Pastor: Fr. David Vivero**

**Retired Assoc: Fr. George Koerber**

**Deacon: Normand LaFleur**

(Contact Deacon LaFleur regarding Annulments)

**New Parishioners: Please register at Parish Office**

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Penn Herbert

**Parish Hall Coordinator (352) 245-7689**

Karen French

**St. Vincent DePaul Society (352) 245-2915**

Tony Roberto and Tom Feenaghty

**Catholic Charities Counseling (888) 658-2828**

(Information and Referral Service)

### ***THE SHIP OF THE CHURCH***

The Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship, but to keep her on her course.

--St. Boniface

## Parish Mission Statement



WE ARE COMMUNITY FOUNDED BY CHRIST HIMSELF, EMPOWERED BY HIS GIFT OF THE EUCHARIST. WE ARE COMMITTED TO GROW IN FAITH, HOPE, LOVE AND SERVICE TO ALL.

## Parish Ministries

### LITURGICAL FORMATION

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)

Fred @ 861-4397

Holy Hour/Adoration Assistants: Fred @ 861-4397

Altar Servers: Julie @ 245-5300 or Pastor @ 245-2458

Lectors: Kay @ 245-9098

Ushers: Kay @ 245-9098 or Pastor @ 245-2458

Choir: Kay @ 245-9098

### FAITH FORMATION

Adult Discussion Group: Joan @ 307-7905

Catechists: Julie @ 245-5300

R.C.I.A.: Julie @ 245-5300 or Gloria @ 347-6149

Youth Ministry: Julie @ 245-5300

### PASTORAL/ OUTREACH

Ministers to the Sick (MTS): Donna @ 687-1070

HIV/Aids: Jim @ 347-2172

Bereavement: Mary @ 259-0548

Respect Life: Barbara @ 245-5288

### PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Cursillo: Mary @ 854-2779

Knights of Columbus: Dick @ 347-7717

Columbiettes Auxiliary: Polly @ 347-9378

Ladies Guild: Loretta @ 245-5437

Legion of Mary: Peggy @ 347-6439

Ultreya: Mary @ 854-2779

## Bulletin Notices & Website Info.

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**MASS INTENTIONS NOTICE:** Requests for Masses are made in the office for any date desired. However, to have the Mass intention to be reflected in the bulletin, the request needs to be made no later than two Thursdays prior to your desired Mass date.

**SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2009**

8:30 am **COMMUNION PRAYER SERVICE and Novena to Our Blessed Mother**  
 4:00 pm **Loretta Vogt and Family (+)** by Shorty Chris, Ray, & Robert Dlugoborski by I. & R. Dlugoborski  
 5:30 pm **Well-Being of Parish Family**

**SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2009**

7:30 am **Rose Passalacqua (+)** by Beatrice Manzella  
**Spec. Intention of Evelyn Helfinstine** by Fran & Don Wreen  
 9:00 am **Pearl Gourlay (+)** by Sharon & Gordon Guffner  
**John Guffner (+)** by Sharon & Gordon Guffner  
**Vito Jos. Passalacqua (+)** by Alice Youtsey  
 11:30 am **Lorraine Davila (+)** by Dora Bermudez  
**Mercedes Marrero (+)** by Luis Colon

**MONDAY, MAY 25, 2009**

8:30 am **Gregory P. Cassidy (+)** by Jim & Mary Cassidy  
**Julie & Joe Paar (+)** by Sandra & Jene Kummer  
**Tullio Porcellini (+)** by Jan & Gene Stehura

**TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2009**

8:30 am **Vito Joseph Passalacqua (+)** by Bea Manzella  
**Anne Farone (+)** by Janice & Robert Montmoran  
**Spec. Intention of M. P. Sullivan**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2009**

8:30 am **Vito Passalacqua (+)** by Mary Ann Jones  
**Edward Micus (+)** by Bernice Manzella  
**Joseph Testa, Sr. (+)** by Jos. Testa, Jr. & Children  
**Helen Zelasko (+)** by Jan & Gene Stehura

**THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2009**

8:30 am **Elliott A. Dombroski (+)** by Irmagard Dombroski  
**Spec. Intention of Fritz Ross** by St. Theresa Thrift Shop

**FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2009**

8:30 am **Vito Passalacqua (+)** by Columbiettes  
**Rose Passalacqua (+)** by Alice Youtsey  
**Larry Latimer (+)** by Sophie Latimer

**SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2009**

8:30 am **COMMUNION PRAYER SERVICE and Novena to Our Blessed Mother**  
 4:00 pm **Elizabeth Flynn**  
 5:30 pm **Robert Morgan (+)** by M/M Frank Gorman  
**Rose Passalacqua (+)** by Ron & Loretta Ciampi

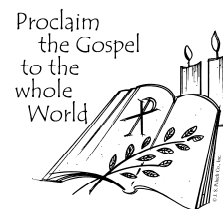


**The Ascension of the Lord  
 May 24, 2009**

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved. -- Mark 16:16

**MISSION STATEMENT**

Today we celebrate Christ's ascension into heaven and his commissioning of the disciples to carry on his mission in the world. First we hear Luke's description of those events in the opening verses of the Acts of the Apostles. Next we hear words of encouragement and guidance from the Letter to the Ephesians. Finally we hear Mark's account of the Ascension, foretelling the mighty words and acts the Christian community would do in Jesus' name.



Together these scriptures give us a vision of the mission of the church of Jesus Christ--a mission statement of sorts. Like mission statements in our parishes and corporations, this mission statement can help us set priorities and focus our activities. It can guide and support us as we strive to continue Christ's messianic mission on earth.

**TODAY'S READINGS**



**First Reading** -- This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven (Acts 1:1-11).  
**Psalm** -- God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).  
**Second Reading** -- God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23) or Ephesians 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13].  
**Gospel** -- The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God (Mark 16:15-20).

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** The Ascension of the Lord  
**Monday:** St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi; Memorial Day  
**Tuesday:** St. Philip Neri  
**Wednesday:** St. Augustine of Canterbury  
**Thursday:** Orthodox Ascension; Shavuot (Jewish observance) begins at sundown  
**Saturday:** Vigil of Pentecost

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33  
**Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a  
**Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19  
**Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26  
**Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19  
**Saturday:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25  
**Sunday:** Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104; Rom 8:22-27; n 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104; 1 Cor 2:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

## Mass Celebrants For MAY

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. - Fr. George    5:30 p.m. - Fr. David  
 Sunday: 7:30 a.m. - Fr. George    9:00 a.m. - Fr. David  
           11:30 a.m. - Fr. David

Daily Masses: 8:30 a.m. - Fr. David  
 (All Schedules depend on Priest availability.)



### *Devoted to our Blessed Mother?*

Consider becoming a member of the  
**Legion of Mary,**

the largest apostolic organization of lay people in the Catholic Church, with well over 3 million active members in almost every country of the world. **Active and Auxiliary members needed.** Learn more at: [www.sttheresacatholicchurch.org/Legion\\_of\\_Mary.html](http://www.sttheresacatholicchurch.org/Legion_of_Mary.html)  
 Come as guest to a weekly meeting: Fridays, 1:15 pm, in Rm. 8.



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Thank you for your  
 continued generosity.

Gloria Landon Fr. George  
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 Teresa DesRosiers Shannon Henry Leo Dubuc Fred Ross  
 Roger Vollmer Mary Mulert Warren Filkins Kathryn Soth

### Pray for . . . the Sick of Our Parish

*Father, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. We ask this through the Lord Jesus Who healed those who believed. Amen.*

## Catechesis

Catechesis means "to echo". In catechesis, we echo the Word of God to children, young people, and adults. In the document *Catechesis Tradendae*, Pope John Paul II writes, "Catechesis is an education in the faith of children, young people and adults which includes especially the teaching of Christian doctrine imported, generally speaking, in an organic and systematic way, with a view to initiating the hearers into the fullness of Christian life." There are many ways and in various places that catechesis takes place. The first place is in the home with the "domestic church"- the family. The Religious Education program of the parish is the formal means of catechesis, and witnessing another's vibrant faith in action is still yet another way that we are catechized. St. Theresa's is blessed to have dedicated catechists to pass on the faith to the children, young people and adults in our parish through a formal program, bible study, youth ministry, and sacramental preparation. St. Theresa's is also blessed to have so many faithful volunteers living out the "fullness of Christian life" in the many different ministries of the parish and especially in the outreach to the most needy of our community.

In the General Directory for Catechesis, the Bishops write, "The definitive aim of catechesis is to put people not only in touch, but also in communion and intimacy with Jesus Christ." The challenge for Religious Education, as we look forward to planning for next year and beyond, is to be creative in offering programs and activities for children, young people and adults that will be inviting, engaging, informative and transformative to "put people in touch, in communion and intimacy with Jesus Christ".

Most importantly, we are catechized at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that the Eucharist (Mass) is the "source and summit of the Christian life". We are nourished by the Word of God, fed by the Body and Blood of Christ and sent forth to love and serve God and one another.

How *were* you catechized this week? How *will* you catechize this week?

*Julie McAllister*  
 Administrator of Religious Education



## THE MONTH OF MARY

Written by Plinio Correa de Oliveira

During the month of May - the month of Mary - we feel a special protection of Our Lady that extends to all the faithful; we feel a special joy that shines and illuminates our hearts expressing the universal certainty of Catholics that the indispensable patronage of our heavenly mother becomes even more tender, more loving and more full of visible mercy and exorable condescendence during her month of May.

Even after the month of May passes, a remnant of this remains if we have profited from those thirty-one days especially consecrated to Our Lady. We are left with an increased devotion, a keener confidence and, so to speak, such an increased intimacy with Our Lady that in all the vicissitudes of life we will know how to petition her with respectful insistence, hope in her with invincible confidence and thank her with humble tenderness for all the good she does us.

Our Lady is the Queen of Heaven and Earth and, at the same time, our mother. We enter the month of May with this conviction, and it becomes more deeply rooted in us when we leave it, strengthening our faith and increasing our fortitude. May teaches us to love Mary Most Holy for the glory she rightly possesses and for all that she represents in the plans of Divine Providence. It also teaches us to be more constant in our filial union with Mary.

Children are never more sure of the loving vigilance of their mothers than when they suffer. All of mankind suffers today; all peoples suffer and in every conceivable way.

Windstorms of impiety and skepticism sweep through minds, and crazy whirlwinds of all types of messianism devastate them. Nebulous, confused and rash ideas filter into every milieu and mislead not only the wretched and the lukewarm, but sometimes even those of whom greater constancy in the Faith is expected.

Those who are tenaciously faithful to the fulfillment of duty suffer from all the adversity they meet by their fidelity to the Law of Christ. Yet those who transgress the Law also suffer, for without Christ every pleasure is nothing but bitterness, and every joy is a lie.

Hearts suffer, torn by the revolutionary psychological war, which is so intense in our days. Bodies suffer, impoverished by work, undermined by malady, overwhelmed by necessities of every kind.

The contemporary world could be likened to the time when Our Lord was born in Bethlehem: Its tortured mouth opens with a loud and agonizing groan, the groan of the evildoers who live far removed from God and the groan of the just who live tormented by the evildoers.

The more somber circumstances become and the more excruciating sundry pains grow, the more we should ask Our Lady to put an end to so much suffering not merely for our own relief, but for the greater benefit of our souls. Sacred theology says that Our Lady's prayers anticipated the moment of the world's redemption by the Messiah. At this anguished moment in history then, let us turn our eyes to Our Lady with confidence, asking her to hasten the great moment we all await, when a new Pentecost will kindle beacons of light and hope in this darkness and restore the kingdom of Our Lord Jesus Christ on earth.

We should be like Daniel, whom Holy Scripture describes as the "*desideriorum vir*," that is, a man full of great desires. Let us desire many great things for the glory of God. Let us always ask Our Lady for everything. And let us, above all, ask her for that which the Sacred Liturgy beseeches of God: "Emitte Spiritum tuum et creabuntur, et renovabis faciem terrae" (Send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created; and Thou shalt renew the face of the earth). We should ask, through the mediation of Our Lady, that God once again send us the Holy Ghost with the plenitude of His gifts so that His kingdom may be created anew and be purified by a renewal of the face of the earth. In the Divine Comedy, Dante wrote that praying without the patronage of Our Lady is like wanting to fly without wings. Let us then confide to Our Lady this heartfelt yearning and desire. The hands of Mary will be for our prayer a pair of pure wings that will carry it with certainty to the throne of God.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Part-time Help Wanted**

Community Outreach Coordinator for free medical clinic located in Wildwood. Approximately 20 hours per week (must be flexible). Duties include community outreach, coordination of fund-raising events. Individual must be highly organized. Local travel involved. Medical experience not required.

Submit all inquiries to Jean Comazzi, Director, Human Resources. Email: jean.comazzi@cflcc.org. FAX: 407-382-1340.

**ATTENTION KIDS !** If you are interested in participating in the 2009 Knights of Columbus Poster/Essay Contest, please contact Julie at 352-245-5300 or David at 352-347-8492 for further information.

**Thank you to all who participated in St. Theresa's 2nd Annual Golf Tournament** and for the help and generosity of our Sponsors. The event raised \$5,000. Congratulations to all our winners!



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**WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

SUN. 5/24	Coffee & Donuts after all Masses
MON. 5/25	Memorial Day Parish Office closed All Social Services Closed
TUES. 5/26	7 pm K of C Social Meeting.
WED. 5/27	9-11 am Marriage seminar/Quad 6:30-8:30 pm Marriage seminar-repeat
THURS. 5/28	7 pm Choir Practice 7 pm Finance Meeting
FRI. 5/29	1:15 pm Legion of Mary 3-6 Holy Hour & Eucharistic Adoration
SAT. 5/30	3-3:45 pm Confessions

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT**

**THE 2008-2009 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:**

Registration is an ongoing process. There are Religious Education registration forms in the vestibule of the church. REMINDER: FOR ALL NEW REGISTRATIONS A BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE IS REQUIRED FOR EACH CHILD REGISTERED.



**THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

**R.C.I.A. – THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:**

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about becoming Catholic or just has questions about the Catholic faith, please call the Religious Education Office for more information. There is a team of eager Catechists ready to answer the call!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL-SUMMER CATECHETICAL PROGRAM**

– the week-long summer program will be held the week of July 13-17, 2009 in the evening from 6:00 – 8:30 pm. The theme this year is “Crocodile Dock”. We are looking for swamp, bayou-themed type decorations. If you have anything that we can borrow, please call the Religious Ed office.



**OUR CONGRATULATIONS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES AND THEIR FAMILIES**

The graduates are invited to attend 9:00 Mass on Sunday, May 31st, to be recognized for your achievement and celebrate with the faith community this milestone in your life. Please call the Religious Education office for more information and to RSVP to this invitation.

**HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY**

- a six-week bible study for high school youth which includes 8<sup>th</sup> graders going into 9<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. We will study the book of Exodus: God to the Rescue! Wednesdays for six consecutive weeks beginning June 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:00-8:30 PM in the youth house.

**CATHOLIC FAMILY & YOUTH DAY AT WET 'N WILD**

- Saturday, June 6, 2009. Advance ticket price \$26. Tickets available for purchase in the Religious Ed office. Tickets include free parking, free unlimited soft drinks and lemonade from 4-6 and other savings. The park closes to the public at 6PM. From 6-9 PM is the Diocese of Orlando private party. Please call the Religious Education office for more details.



Monday, May 25, 2009

*We cherish too, the Poppy red  
That grows on fields where valor led,  
It seems to signal to the skies  
That blood of heroes never dies.*

Moina Michael

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day and observed on May 30th, is a day of remembrance of those who have died in our nation's service. Over the years, the traditional observance of Memorial Day - local parades, memorial services at cemeteries, every yard proudly displaying our national flag - has diminished. (Yet, the sale of Poppies by our veterans continues; please support them with this important initiative). What will you do this year to remember those who gave their all for our freedom? On Monday, May 25th, consider pausing at 3 pm in union with others for this national moment of remembrance to offer a prayer for all those who have sacrificed so much for us.



**Joan Churchill, John Casey, David Koerber,  
Rose Passalacqua, Nicholas Frank Riscili,  
Roland Hargraves, Roland Vonasinsky**

*May their souls and the souls of all the  
faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.*

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