



# Saint Therese

Catholic Church - Iglesia Católica

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 26, 2020

“All things work for good for those who love God.”  
— Romans 8:28a

### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

**Psalm** — Psalm 119

**Second Reading** — Romans 8:28-30

**Gospel** — Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]

### PASTORAL CARE



Jeff Hammond, Carmen Simmons, Johnny Williams, Glynn Long, Leslie Alcorn, Tommy/Traci Avalon, Tom/Angela/Seth Brittain, Theresa Cannon, Eva Jean Davis, Frank/Linda Develle, James Doddridge, Mike/Cathy/Jared/Michael Eaves, Janis Hamblin, Lindsay Harwood, Steve Kennedy, Jodie Lencock, Tanya Long, Traci and Andrew Miller, Steve Musil, Jon/Christin Quinn Family, Bettie Rooks, Kenny Skellie, Karen Winn, Robert Bradshaw, Tom/Angela Brittain, Chad Ermis, Corey/Bonnie Granier, Hammes Family, Bill Singletary/Emma Grace, Betsy Carraway, Eugene Humphery, Kelly Kilcrease, James Lee, Jr., Charity Long, Glynn Long, Joseph Perlick, Irene Rangel, Rita Reed, Bill Rush, Lillian Stachura, Epigenia Tartinez, Vince/Sissy/Codi Warren, Wendy Williams, John/Teresa/Mark Bradshaw, James/Marva Brown, Beth Gaines, Lucrecia Gibson, Janie Keary, Teresa Kemp, John Laughlin, Helen Machost, Nettles/Pollard Families, Doug Simmons, Pam Smith, Brenda Williams

### HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOME

Rosemary Anderson, Adelaida Dethloff, Sandra Elliott, Kenny Evans, Abron Haymond, Peggy Huffman, Aurora Ramirez, Kate Rutherford, Anna Starr, Tom/Brenda Steen, Sue Trebotich;  
**Persons wanting to be added to the Prayer List need to contact the parish office – Names will appear for one month.**

**PRAYERS OF SAFETY AND HEALTH FOR ALL DOCTORS, NURSES, AIDS, PT’S AND ALL THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES CARING FOR ALL WITH COVID-19!**

### New Office Hours

Beginning July 1, 2020

Monday through Thursday

8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Closed on Fridays!

### Sacrificial Giving this past week:

<b>Budget Needed Weekly</b>	<b>\$6000.00</b>
<b>Weekly Offertory</b>	\$5592.00
<b>Online</b>	\$2047.00
<b>New Life/Nueva Vida</b>	\$1025.00
<b>Online</b>	\$300.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

**Mon:** Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35

**Tues:** Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43

**Wed:** Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

**Thurs:** Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53

**Fri:** Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58

**Sat:** Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12

**Sunday:** Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

### MAS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

**Sunday, July 26** — 9:30am People of the Parish

— 11:30am Francisco Alejandro Olvera

**Mon, July 27** —

**Tues, July 28** —

**Wed, July 29** —

**Thurs, July 30** —

**Fri, July 31** — No Mass

**Sat** — No Mass

**Please fill out a Mass Intention Envelope and place in the collection basket or call the office.**



**Prayers for Safety** for all service men and women at home and abroad, who give of their lives daily in order that we may enjoy our freedom: Preston Blocker, David Brooks, William Aaron Burks, Michael P. Collins, Nathan Darnell, Ty Develle, Lee Greco, Erling Gresham, Tanner Hutchins, Steven J. Jackson, Michael Jessie, Kimberly Johnson, Derek Lieding, Anna/Malcolm Lowe, Michael Machost Jr., Steven P. Meadows, Blake Nations, Nick Pendleton, Brooks Stevens, Nathan Waltman. You may place a picture of the individual on our military bulletin board located in the parish hall.

**FIRST COMMUNION AUGUST 2**

Please pray for our children as they prepare to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion on August 2, 2020 at 2pm.

**WE WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHONERS:**

Maribel & Juan Melo.  
Gustavo & Cynthia Garcia.  
Maria Dolores & Flavio Gonzalez.  
We are so happy to have you with us and hope you will find a true home here at St. Therese.

**CONFIRMATION AUGUST 8**

Please pray for our 2019-2020 Confirmation Candidates who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on August 8, 2020 at 4pm.

**July Month of:  
The Precious Blood:  
The Price of our Salvation**



**Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day**

Today we hear a young Solomon meekly asking God for wisdom and understanding so that he might properly distinguish right from wrong and judge with kindness and compassion. We often find ourselves misleading ourselves about right and wrong or judging others hastily and unfairly. Let us take this opportunity today to pray that we may emulate Solomon and welcome God’s wisdom and mercy into our lives so that we can be guided in using right judgment.

**Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word**

Today we encounter a number of people whom fortune smiles upon. Solomon, heir to David’s throne, is visited by God, who promises him whatever he wishes. In the Gospel, a random person discovers buried treasure and a merchant searching for fine pearls finds a pearl of great price. How do these people respond? How would we respond? Let us listen to God’s word and contemplate our true fortune, our true treasure.

**Question of the Week:**

What or whom have I overlooked in searching for the kingdom of heaven? How can I develop an understanding heart? —*Pastoral Patterns Copyright©2019, World Library Publications*



**July Prayer Intentions of  
Our Holy Father, Pope Francis  
Our Families**



We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect, and guidance.

**St. Therese Parishioners Rosary Intention:  
Vaccine and Cure for the Coronavirus-19,  
and Peace in the World!**

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has resumed in the Church. It begins every Wednesday immediately following the 8:30a.m. Mass. Adoration conclude 3p.m. Come to a quiet place and spend an hour with Jesus. During Eucharistic Adoration hours, someone must be in Church at all times. The Blessed Sacrament can never be left unattended. **Please call the office to make an appointed with Jesus on Wednesday. We need volunteers!**

SAINT MARTHA (first century)  
July 29

Whether you find Martha Stewart admirable or annoying, she has the perfect patron saint. Luke describes Martha—saint, not Stewart—as “burdened with much serving” (Luke 10:40). About Mary, seated, listening to Jesus, Martha complained, “Do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving?” Jesus’ response, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things . . . Mary has chosen the better part” (10:41, 42), suggests to some the superiority of the contemplative life, leaving the rest of us, supporting families, earning livings, (helping others?), as second-class Christians. But Luke introduces Martha and Mary immediately after Jesus’ parable of the Good Samaritan, whom Jesus recommends as a model of practical compassion, concluding, “Go and do likewise” (10:37). Go and do! Sit and listen! Discipleship is never either/or but both/and. Jesus ministered in prayerful silence and hospitable service. Monastic calendars add Martha’s sister, Mary, and brother, Lazarus, calling all three “hosts of the Lord,” recalling their welcome of Jesus to their home in Bethany, reminding us Whom we welcome whenever we extend summertime hospitality!  
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