

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

St. Teresa Church
(Union City)

Weekend Masses
Saturday: 4:30 P.M.
Sunday: 10:45 A.M.
Confessions: Saturday, 4:00 P.M.

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Our Lady of Fatima Chapel
(Canadohta Lake)

Weekend Masses
(Memorial Day – Labor Day)
Sunday: 9:30 A.M.

Confessions: before Mass

WELCOME

If you are new to our parish, we extend a warm welcome and hope you will find our parish community a place where your faith will be nourished. Newcomers are asked to introduce themselves to the pastor and call the office to register.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

See inside of bulletin for current weekday schedule.

BAPTISM

By appointment. Parents must attend pre-baptismal instruction.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made six months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please let the pastor know when a family member or a friend is ill, either at home, in the hospital or at a nursing home.

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

• ROSARY-ALTAR SOCIETY

Meets the first Monday of each month at 6:00 P.M.

• KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Meet every third Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

• RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GUILD

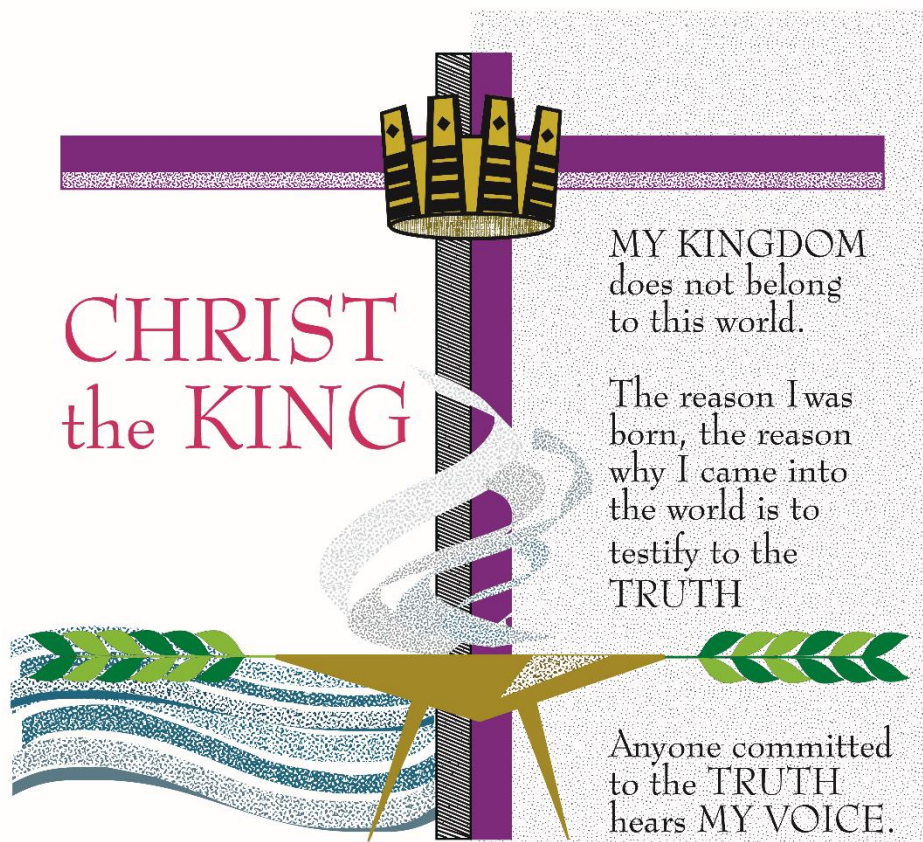
Meets during the school term.

• SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION GROUP

1:00 p.m. Wednesdays (Sept. – May)

• PARISH CENTER RENTAL

Contact Matt Moon: 814-490-1494



Solemnity of Our Lord
Jesus Christ the King

November 21, 2021

The Lord is King;
He is robed in majesty!

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 20 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

4:30pm (St. Teresa) NO MASS

4:30pm (St. Thomas) Richard & Jennie Kinney by Walter & Rose Cmiel

Sunday, November 21 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:45am (St. Thomas) Intentions of our Parish Family

10:45am (St. Teresa) John & Anna Tomcho by Hilda Szabo

Monday, November 22 St. Cecelia

8:00am Communion Service

Tuesday, November 23 Weekday

8:00am Communion Service

Wednesday, November 24 St. Andrew Dung-Lac

8:00am Communion Service

Thursday, November 25 Thanksgiving Day

8:00am (St. Thomas) Communion Service

Friday, November 26 Weekday

8:00am Communion Service

Saturday, November 27 First Sunday of Advent

4:30pm (St. Teresa) NO MASS

4:30pm (St. Thomas) Rod, Marilyn & Mike Knowlton & Marty Roehrig by Lana, Punky & Jenna Messina

Sunday, November 28 First Sunday of Advent

8:45am (St. Thomas) George & Helen Groner by George & Carol Groner

10:45am (St. Teresa) Intentions of Our Parish Family

Please note that there will be no daily Mass on Thursday at St. Teresa or Tuesday at St. Thomas for this week.

Sacrificial Giving: The offertory last weekend was \$2,110 for St. Teresa which includes \$2,050 in envelopes and \$60 in loose & \$75 for Our Lady of Fatima. Offertory Goal \$3,000

Mass Readings for the Week

Mon Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20 ♦ Luke 21:1-4

Tue. Daniel 2:31-45♦ Luke 21:5-11

Wed Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 26-17, 23-28♦ Luke 21:12-19

Thurs. Daniel 6:12-28♦ Luke 21:20-28

Fri. Daniel 7:2-14♦ Luke 21:29-33

Sat. Daniel 7:15-27♦ Luke 21:34-36

Sun. Jeremiah 33:14-16♦ 1 Thesalonians 3:12, 4:2♦ Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Religious Education

11/21 10th

11/28 Youth Mass 9/10th (Children's Liturgy)
No Class

12/5 11th

12/12 12th

PLEASE – any calls regarding the Religious Education Program should be made directly to the parish office. The extension is 103 to leave a message for Missy Silka, Religious Education Facilitator.

Attention Religious Education Classes: We need your help. The parish is making food baskets for those in need this Thanksgiving. We are having a contest to see which Religious Ed. Class can bring in the most non-perishable food goods. Since classes are different sizes, we will base the count on the percent per student. The class with the highest percentage will win a breakfast of doughnuts and milk. The contest will begin November 7 through November 21.

Goal - \$28,606

Amount Pledged to Date - \$29,997

Amount Paid to Date - \$28,752

Reminder – Please make all CSA checks payable to St. Teresa Church

JUST A REMINDER – There will be no Saturday Mass on November 27th at St. Teresa Parish but there will be at St. Thomas Corry. Going forward Saturday Masses will be said in Union City in December with no Saturday Masses in Corry, in January Saturday Masses will be said in Corry and none in Union City. We will continue alternating going forward until the new pastor makes a determination. This schedule will in no way affect Sunday Masses.

A Family Perspective When we are young, our parents “tell us about Jesus” and we believe what our parents believe. At some point, we must leave our parents faith and ask Pilate's question: “Are you the King?” Pilate is just asking these questions on our behalf.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Thanksgiving Food Baskets: We are filling food baskets for Thanksgiving. If you know of anyone in need of a basket, please call the parish office with a name and phone number of the person in need. We will need non-perishable food goods, cash donations, and we also have freezer space for a few turkeys. Our collective efforts will ensure that many people will have a good Thanksgiving Day. You can leave donations at the back of the church or at the church center. Thank you in advance for your donations.

SCHEDULES FOR NOVEMBER 27 & 28

4:30	LECTORS	10:45
No Mass		Pat Vallimont

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

No Mass	Kelly Nordin
	Choir: Jeannie Stepnowski

ALTAR SERVERS

No Mass	Jacob Beer
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The Special Intentions of Pope Francis

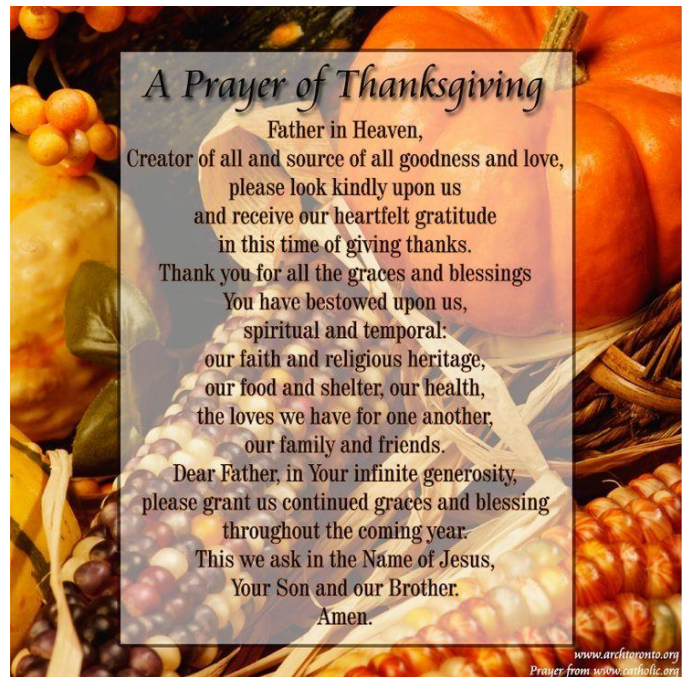
Father of all mercies, during this month of November, we pray for every person who suffers from depression. May all who suffer from depression or burn-out find support and a light that opens them up to life.

Pray for Our Priests Rev. Robert P. Susa, Rev. John B. Jacquel, Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, Rev. Stanley J. Swacha, Rev. Jason A. Glover, Rev. Joseph V. Dougherty

Marriage Moment: Thanksgiving is coming up this week in the USA. You've probably already told your beloved many qualities that you appreciate about him or her. Can you think of a new one? Or perhaps just thank them for something simple he or she did yesterday.

CLEANING POSITION AVAILABLE – We are looking for help to clean the church and center on a temporary basis until a new Pastor is appointed. Possibly two people to lighten the load. We have a person handling the rentals of the center and cleaning up after events which is a job in itself. The help would be very much appreciated and you would be paid for your efforts. Please call Mary at the church office (814-438-3408) if you are interested.

Gifts for Kids – Again this year we will be having the Gifts for Kids project. This benefits local kids only. Names will be on a tree in the church with the information to buy the requested clothing item for a child. (This information will include the child's sex, size and item wanted) In the past we have used girls and boys silhouettes. We will be using "bear" cutouts for both boys and girls this year. To participate, please take a tag from the tree. Buy the desired gift. Wrap it or use a gift bag. Please include the tag on the outside of the gift. Small toys or/and candy may be included inside the gift. **All gifts** must be returned by Sunday, **December 19 at noon**. If you have any questions, please call Cheryl Nothum at 873-9551 after 3pm on weekdays or after 9am on weekends. If anyone knows of any child who is not being helped by Union City Family Services and needs an outfit from our project, please call Cheryl Nothum at 814-873-9551 with the child's age, size and type of request. Please do it soon so that the tag can be put on the tree. No requests will be taken after December 1. Again, thank you in advance for your generosity!



Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in eight people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.uscch.org/cchd.

Move toward the light

There were days when I was so traumatized that I didn't know which way was up or down, left or right, back or forward. But throughout this time, a gentle voice within kept saying "walk toward the light." There were days when I felt like I couldn't walk, and that voice would say "That's okay, just move toward the light. There were days when I felt like I couldn't even move, and that voice would say, "That's okay, just look toward the light.

During those times, I became extremely sensitive to who and what was drawing me toward the light, and who and what was drawing me deeper into the darkness and it wasn't just other people

These are the types of things that draw me into the darkness: worry, fear, procrastination, self-destructive behavior, ruminating on the past, obsessing about the future, negative self-talk, and toxic people.

This is what draws me into the light: Prayer, reflection, meditation, reading, work, long walks, authentic love of self, acceptance of others, being loved and accepted by others, friends who want what is best for me regardless of what it cost them, and being that kind of friend to others.

What do you do when life doesn't turn out as expected? What do you do when you find yourself beat up and abandoned in one of life's dark alleys? What do you do when you have been blindsided by betrayal? Walk toward the light. There are times when we cannot distinguish between the path forward and the path back. We have become emotionally and spiritually disoriented. At those times of debilitating disorientation, be still, catch your breath, If you sense it is time to move along, but still cannot discern which path to take, move toward the light.

Find your own way. There is no path or recipe for everyone. You have unique hopes, dreams, fears, ambitions, talents and needs. God will use each of these to call you along your own unique path, but always toward the light.

If you're not sure where you are or what direction you should be going: move toward the light. The light always leads us forward.

My kingdom does not belong to this world (John 18:37)

Pilate must have been confused. He had asked Jesus point-blank, "Are you the King of the Jews?" (John 18:3). Jesus didn't answer him directly; but He made it clear that His kingdom wasn't what Pilate had been envisioning. Instead, He said this kingdom "is not here" and "does not belong to this world" (18:36).

So where is Jesus' kingdom, and what's it like? On today's feast of Christ the King, let's reflect on God's kingdom and how it compares with the kingdom of the world.

The kingdom of the world values power, wealth, honor, and pleasure. These things are not bad in themselves, but we can easily make them idols. We can even fool ourselves into thinking that we are not going after them. But if they are not the primary reason we get out of bed in the morning, and if we spend most of our time seeking them out, then we are probably too immersed in the kingdom of the world.

The kingdom of God, on the other hand, values sacrificial love, forgiveness, humility, and service. Such things are not always attractive because they come with a cost. Yet the reward is always greater – not only in this life, as we experience Jesus' abundant love and mercy, but also in the next, when we will see Him face-to-face and live in His joyful embrace forever.

Today as you worship the King of kings at Mass, think about what you most value and what you are most anxious to achieve. Then see if these things are more in line with God's kingdom or with the kingdom of the world. We are all tempted at times to straddle both kingdoms at the same time. But over and over again, we are faced with choices to serve one or the other. May we always choose to serve Jesus, our King and Lord!

"Praise you, King of kings and Lord of lords!"

