



# CHURCH OF SAINT TERESA OF THE INFANT JESUS & ST. NICHOLAS CHAPEL

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 | 24TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY MASSES

**SATURDAY 4:00PM**

**SUNDAY 7:30AM, 9:00AM,  
10:30AM, 12:30PM, 5:00PM**

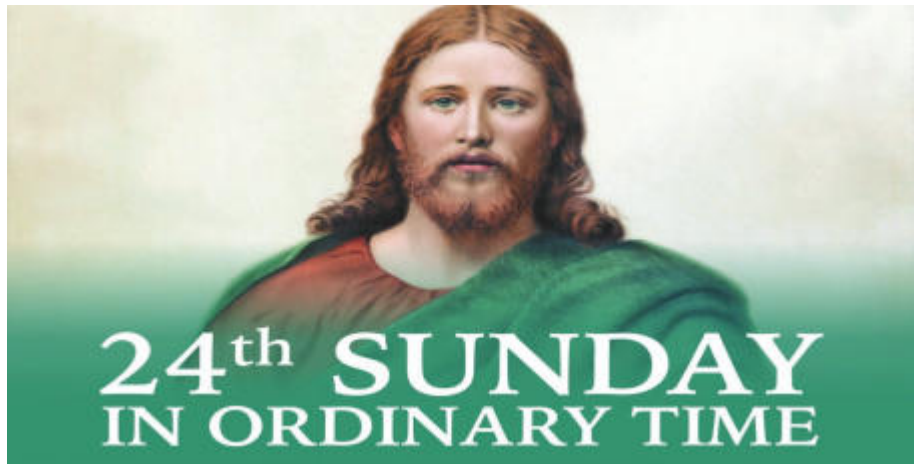
*ALL THESE MASSES ARE IN ST. TERESA  
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9AM MASS WHICH IS IN ST. NICHOLAS  
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### WEEKDAY MASSES

**MONDAY TO SATURDAY 8:30AM  
TUESDAY TO FRIDAY 12 Noon**

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**SATURDAYS, NOON TO 1:00PM**



## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISMS

Designated Sundays at 1:30  
Please call the rectory to check  
dates and to meet with a priest  
or deacon.

### CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday, Noon to 1pm,  
in the sacristy near the altar

### WEDDINGS

Please call and speak to a priest  
to begin planning your wedding

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Anytime

### NOVENA SERVICES

Mondays after 8:30 Mass

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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## RELIGION/ SCHOOL

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THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12	DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU!	NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
4:00PM Filipinas Decena 7:30Am James Thomas and Marjorie DeSilva (Wedding Ann) 9:00AM Marion Granello 10:30AM Albert Witt 12:30PM John Mondelli 5:00PM For the People of Our Parish		4:00PM Margaret M. Burke 7:30Am John and Edward Lewis 9:00AM Clyde Imagna 10:30AM Anthony Fiore 12:30PM Alfonso Ferrentino 5:00PM Richard Curran Barry
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13	TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14	WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
8:30AM Mary Zancocchio	8:30AM Cioffoletti Family 12NOON John Wiedman (Living)	8:30AM Josephine DiSteano 12NOON Helen Valentino
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16	FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17	SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
8:30AM Charles and Carolyn Cassino 12NOON Giuseppina Nappi	8:30AM Gary T. Amatrudo Jr. 12NOON Joseph Perratto	8:30AM Ulahan Mekkattil and Joseph Antony

*IT IS A DEVOUT AND LOVING PRACTICE TO COME TO MASS AND PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE DIED.*

### SERVED BY

**MSGR. WILLIAM BELFORD**  
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**FATHER JOHN KALLATTIL, VC**  
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**MR. EDWARD MORAND**  
Director of Music

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Your prayers are requested for all who are sick in our parish and community, especially: **Grace Agalo-os, Karen Bertuzzi, Michael Borik, Vincent Borzumato, Nicholas Crispiano, Nicholas Ciricirillo, Carina DeGulio, Ed Diaz, Rachel Diaz, Kevin Dunne, Patricia Dunne, Joanie Edwards, Augustine Ferrer, Mark & Arlene Fileccia, Michael G., Josephine Greco, Elaine Guarino, David Hall, Vincent Hicks, Barbara Hicks, Buddy Jarrel, Pat Jarrell, Jennifer Johnson, Donnalyn Lawton, Catherine Leone, Edward Lewis, Genevieve Lewis, Josephine Linton, Linda Mahoney, Paul Mahoney, Emma Jane Mannix, Mikia James Martin, Judy C. Mc., Raymond and Maureen McLaughlin, Bill McMillen, Susan Morris, Josephine Nastasi, Ryan Pizzaro, Joanny Pizzuti, Sal Prestigiacomo, Edwin Rodriguez, Ronald Rothmund, Jerry Scattaglia, Cheryl Spinelli, Joseph Tirone, Alex Valenti, David Valle, Margaret White, William Wisnieski.**

#### Pray for Our Parishioners in the Military

*Private Michael R. Mazzuki, Jr. U.S. Army, Garrison Humphreys, South Korea.*

*Sergeant Connor M. O'Brien, U.S. Marine Corp., Marine Corps Base Twentynine Palms, Twentynine Palms, CA.*

#### NEXT SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR PRIESTS

4pm, 7:30am, 12:30pm Monsignor Belford  
 9:00am, 10:30am, Clove Lakes Home Father Kallattil  
 5pm Father Challman

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church,

After all our Masses in St. Teresa Church this weekend of September 11 and 12, you are invited to join us at our memorial monument as we leave Mass, for a brief prayer and reading of names of ten of our parishioners who died that terrible day at the World Trade Center.

Last Sunday and today, you can see in our sanctuary a lithograph portrait of Father Vincent Capodanno, a Staten Islander, a Maryknoll Missionary, a Navy Chaplain who served with the Marines, and a Medal of Honor recipient for his bravery and service on a battlefield in Vietnam. Father Capodanno has been nominated for the honors of the altar of our Catholic Church by the Archdiocese for Military Services. He may one day – especially if people pray for his help and receive miracles through his intercession – be called a Saint. Already the gathering of testimonies and study of his life and qualifications has begun. His cause has its first official recognition. He can be called a Servant of God.

Even though I squeezed as much as I could in last week's bulletin - a real test for your eyesight with very small print - there is more to know about Father's last day on earth, and how the portrait in our church came to be. I found this information in an undated article of the Catholic Business Journal:

"On his final day in combat, 4 September 1967, Father Capodanno found a place on the last helicopter taking a company of Marines to an outpost where 500 Marines faced 2,500 North Vietnam Army regulars. His company commander did not even know he was there, as he headed straight toward the sound of guns with his Marines.

The citation for Fr. Capodanno's **Congressional Medal of Honor** describes what happened that fateful day of September 4, 1967:

**"In response to reports that the 2d Platoon of M Company [3rd Battalion, 5th Marines] was in danger of being overrun by a massed enemy assaulting force, Lt. Capodanno left the relative safety of the company command post and ran through an open area raked with fire, directly to the beleaguered platoon. Disregarding the intense enemy small-arms, automatic-weapons, and mortar fire, he moved about the battlefield administering last rites to the dying and giving medical aid to the wounded. When an exploding mortar round inflicted painful multiple wounds to his arms and legs, and severed a portion of his right hand, he steadfastly refused all medical aid. Instead, he directed the corpsmen to help their wounded comrades and, with calm vigor, continued to move about the battlefield as he provided encouragement by voice and example to the valiant marines. Upon encountering a wounded corpsman in the direct line of fire of an enemy machine gunner positioned approximately 15 yards away, Lt. Capodanno rushed a daring attempt to aid and assist the mortally wounded corpsman. At that instant, only inches from his goal, he was struck down by a burst of machine gun fire."**

**The Capodanno Guild** was formed in 2013 to promote the cause for canonization of Father Capodanno. The Guild commissioned Father Peter Gray to paint Father Capodanno's portrait, with the intention that this portrait will hang in the chapel at the Archdiocese for Military Services with Father Capodanno's relics once the so-called Grunt Padre is beatified. Until then, the portrait will be on display at the National Museum of the Marine Corps.

Artist Father Gray spoke at the unveiling in 2018 about how he conceived and eventually painted the portrait. He examined thousands of photographs of Father Capodanno. Then he spoke to members of the Guild and to Father Capodanno's family. He also read Father Daniel Mode's biography called *The Grunt Padre*.

Then Father Gray made sketches of possible ways to paint the portrait. His first suggestion was to depict Father Capodanno celebrating Mass and giving the final blessing with an American Flag as background, and with Father Capodanno's last remembered words, "Do Not be Afraid..."

The Guild members offered additional ideas. They suggested showing Father Capodanno at a typewriter, since he spent much of his time when not in the field typing letters for his Marines. Father Gray vetoed that. But they all came together in agreement that the most important element to capture was Father Capodanno's eyes. That dictated that Father Capodanno had to be portrayed facing forward.

Those who knew him also described how Father Capodanno became more gaunt and gray during his time in Vietnam, as he shared the short rations and stresses of his Marines. Therefore they asked that Father Gray should depict him as he was in country. All of that consultation and input led to the sketch of the portrait that was chosen.

RELATED RESOURCES:

- \* **Father Capodanno Guild.** For information or to become a member go to [capodannoguild.org](http://capodannoguild.org). All the Guild's funds are used to support the investigations required to establish Father Capodanno's sainthood.
- \* **Anyone interested in the worthy project of sainthood** should contact Mary Preece, Vice Postulator for Father Capodanno's Cause for Canonization at 202-719-3642 or [mpreece@milarch.org](mailto:mpreece@milarch.org).
- \* **Reports of favors granted due to Father Capodanno's intercession** should also be reported to Mary Preece (contact info above)
- \* **BOOK: *The Grunt Padre: Father Vincent Robert Capodanno, Vietnam, 1966-1967***, by Father Daniel L. Mode

**St. Teresa-St. Rita STREAM Academy Updates:**

We have been busy organizing and preparing for another successful school year at our St. Teresa-St. Rita STREAM Academy. We continued to make upgrades to our beautiful school. Freshly painted classrooms, all classrooms and hallway floors stripped and waxed, all classroom doors have been sanded and painted, hands-free sensor sinks in all hallway student bathrooms, renovated Jr. High boy's bathroom, and an outdoor apparatus for our early childhood playground. You can refer to the Superintendent's letter and the ADNY reopening plan which can be found at <https://catholicschoolsny.org/opening2021>.

We can safely accommodate our student population while social distancing for 5 full days of instruction. We are very excited about this. Before and after care will also be available this school year following all COVID-19 protocols. Student safety is always our number one priority. May all our students, faculty and families stay healthy & safe.

**HELP THE PEOPLE IN THE HOLY LAND**

**NEXT SUNDAY AT CHURCH WE WILL HAVE A DISPLAY OF RELIGIOUS ARTICLES FROM BETHLEHEM FOR YOU TO SEE AND PURCHASE TO HELP THE CHRISTIANS LIVING THERE.**

**HOW TO WATCH SUNDAY MASS  
CELEBRATED AT ST. TERESA CHURCH**

**For the benefit of the people who cannot come to Mass in our church at this time, we livestream our 4pm Mass on Saturdays as it happens.**

**Hundreds of people watch Mass then or the next day at a time convenient for them. Go to our website [www.saintteresasi.org](http://www.saintteresasi.org). See ECATHOLICLIVE. Click on the date to find the Mass you wish to watch.**

**YELLOW 50/50 CLUB ENVELOPES ARE ON THE TABLES IN THE VESTIBULES. ENTRY AMOUNT: FIVE DOLLARS.**

**The winner of our 50/50 Drawing for the month of August was Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fischer ! They won \$127 for a \$5 entry. For you to possibly win next time, pick up a yellow envelope and return it before the end of the month.**

***A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK***

*That grandchildren will not forget their grandparents, and will give them the precious gift of their time and love, let us pray to the Lord...*

**GOLDEN AGE TRAVELS TO LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS!**

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW FOR THE SIGHT AND SOUND THEATER PRESENTATION OF QUEEN ESTHER! ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 13.**

Our St. Teresa's GOLDEN AGE Society has planned a one day trip to the Sight and Sound Theater in Pennsylvania to see a fabulous stage show based on the Old Testament Book of Esther.

We have gone to this 2,000-seat theater to see performances such as The Miracle of Christmas and JESUS. Everyone enjoys it. We will have a wonderful all-you-can-eat lunch buffet at famous Millers' Restaurant.

Your ticket to the show, the buffet meal, and transportation, all for \$160. Most seats are sold already. Call Club President Lorraine Sellers at 917 292 6737 and make your reservation now.

**CHRISTMAS AT LONGWOOD GARDENS****AND TOUR OF HISTORIC PHILADELPHIA**

**RIGHT AFTER THANKSGIVING: NOVEMBER 29 AND 30.**

We have a new GOLDEN AGE offering just being announced here: **CHRISTMAS AT LONGWOOD GARDENS & HISTORIC PHILADELPHIA**. This goes on Monday and Tuesday, November 29-30. All included for \$214: comfortable bus transportation, one night's lodging, activities at beautifully decorated Longwood Gardens, guided tour of historic Philadelphia, shopping at a Christmas Village and at King of Prussia Mall. Contact Lorraine at 917 292 6737 soon if you want to get into your Christmas spirit right after Thanksgiving.

*Thank you for your Sunday donations!*

*WeShare online amount was \$1,599.  
Parishioners brought envelopes with  
contributions of \$5,785.*

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## One Minute Meditations

### Make time

Life can be so busy that it becomes impossible to find time to pray.

Instead we have to make time to pray. If we make time for God, he will help us find the time we need for everything else.

### Face forward

Continually reliving the past prevents us from looking ahead with hope. Follow St. Paul's example: *"Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 3:13-14).

### Our Lady of Sorrows

On September 15th we commemorate Our Lady of Sorrows. The title refers to Simeon's prediction that Mary would experience sorrows as if *"... you yourself a sword will pierce"* (Luke 2:35). Her greatest sorrow may have been watching her son die on the Cross.

If we ever want someone who understands our difficulties, we have only to look to Mary.



## "Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Popular culture would have us believe that happiness comes from having the perfect spouse, the perfect home, the perfect job, and the perfect body. Without all that, happiness isn't possible. Consider this:

God's way leads to perfection. Adam and Eve were in Paradise until society convinced them that by eating a piece of fruit, they could become perfect and be even happier. Had they listened to God instead, their lives would have stayed perfect.

Only God loves perfectly. Sometimes we fear that showing our failings to

others will lessen their regard. The more perfect we appear, the more we will be loved and respected. Human love is unpredictable, but we can never lose or lessen God's love. He loves us as we are right now. In fact, Jesus created the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) to remind us of God's unconditional love.

God's idea of perfect is possible. Jesus said, *"... be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect"* (Matthew 5:48), but he wasn't talking about muscles or homes. Perfection in Jesus' eyes means loving God with all our hearts, praying for our enemies, and taking care of the poor. To Jesus, love, obedience and service is the true measure of perfection and he wants us to let go of anything that gets in the way. That's the only "perfect" that is possible.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

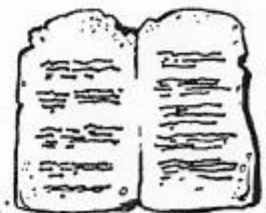
## Why do Catholics follow the Ten Commandments?

The Ten Commandments were given by God to the Israelites on Mt. Sinai after they left Egypt. They are considered divine law because God himself revealed them to help his people live holy lives. They formed the basis of Jewish life, so Jesus followed them, too.

The Commandments are standards of holiness for Christians, too. Obey them

and eternal happiness is ours. Disobey them and we suffer the consequences.

Jesus summarized the spirit of the Commandments in Matthew 22:36-40.



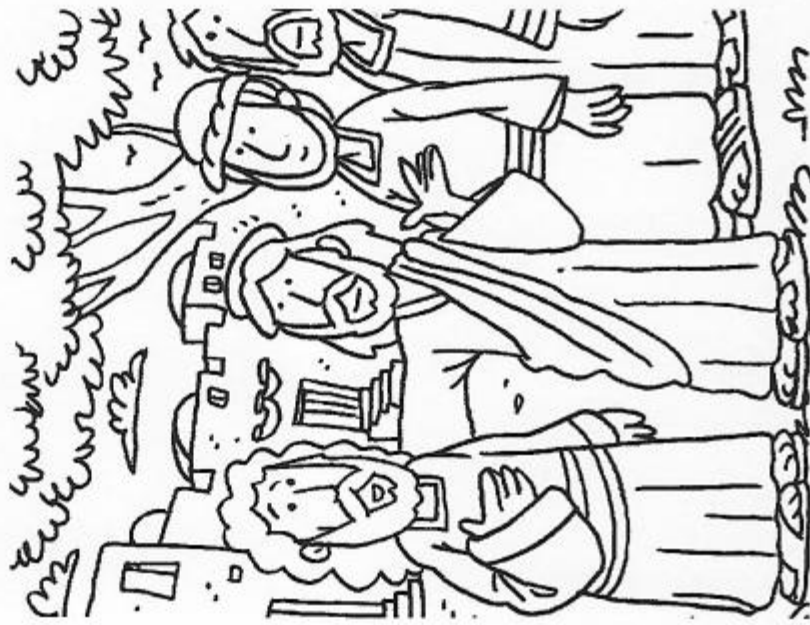
# GROWING WITH THE Gospel

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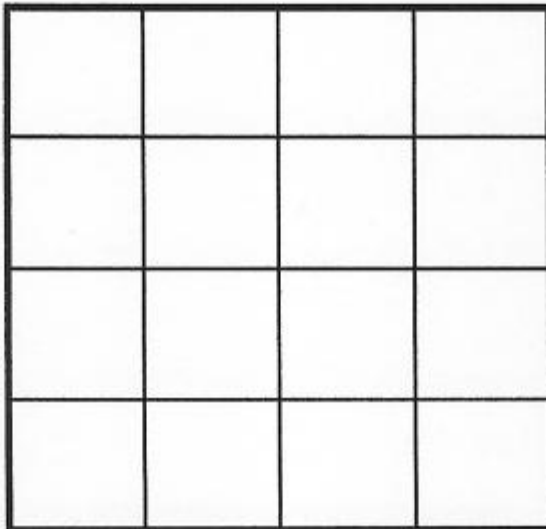
Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Mark 8:27-35

## PUZZLE

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## MISSION

With your family, talk about what you would enjoy if you were a king or queen. Tell how Jesus was different from other kings.



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