

# Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus Catholic Church

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16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Pope Francis' prayer intention for July: For lapsed Christians...that our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord Jesus and the beauty of the Christian life.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: July 22, 5:00 PM: Fr. Ray Bourke, RIP, July 23 8:00 AM: Paul and Andrea Mitchell, SI, 10:30 AM: For the people of the Parish, July 25, 11:15 AM: The Fernandez Family, RIP, July 26, 11:15 AM: Ernest and Evelyn Paffumi, RIP, July 27, 11:15 AM: Mark Fuchs, RIP, July 28, 11:15 AM: Mary Kedzierski, RIP

## THIS WEEK!!!!!! SUNDAY EVENING-FRIDAY AFTERNOON: TOTUS TUUS "VBS"

**Days:** Drop your *grade-school age children* off at 9AM and pick them up at 2:30PM at the Parish Life Center.

**Evenings:** Sunday, July 23 through Thursday, July 28 is for *Middle and High School teens*: a great time of fellowship, deepening of their faith and learning the prayers and traditions of the Church. **Because of Totus Tuus the Mass Schedule will be adjusted this week: Daily Mass will be at 11:15 AM, Tuesday-Friday. There will be no Mass at 9:00 AM.**

**NEXT WEEK!!!!!! FAMILY FUN DAY AT SUNSHINE FARM:** The St. Theresa Hispanic Ministry is hosting 5<sup>th</sup> Annual "Family Fun Day" on Saturday, July 29 from 9:00AM-4:00PM at the beautiful Sunshine Farm in Sterrett, Alabama. There will be hamburgers and hot dogs for everyone. Events will include horse rides, pinatas, water slide, paddle boats, fishing, soccer and volleyball. Everyone is invited!

**YOUTH GROUP EVENTS FOR JULY: July 29- Family picnic, Sunshine Farms  
July 30- Knockerball at Grand River-time and cost TBA, Questions, contact Andrea Mitchell- 914-7884**

## **The Marian Year of the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama...upcoming events in our Parish:**

- Wednesday, August 9: "**Mary and the Bible**" We welcome Diocesan Office of Evangelization Director John Martignoni for a reflection on this important topic. Sandwiches will be served at 6:00PM followed by a Rosary with Fr. Bean. John will give his talk and have a Q&A at 7:00PM
- Beginning Sunday, September 10 the Parish will begin the "**33 Days to Morning Glory Retreat**". The great thing about this retreat is that it is done from the comfort of your own home! The book for this retreat will be on sale soon for \$4.00. If you would like to participate, please send an email to 33daysST@gmail.com. Each participant will need a copy of the book and access to the internet (computer, phone or tablet). We will hold a book order on a Sunday soon, so watch for details in the bulletin and from our parish flocknote. A brief description: "from Fr. Michael E. Gaitley, MIC, author of the bestselling book *Consoling the Heart of Jesus*, comes an extraordinary 33-day journey to Marian consecration. Featuring the teachings of four giants of Marian spirituality—St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and Pope St. John Paul II—Fr. Gaitley shows how simple it is to put Marian devotion into practice." (formed.org)

**Note: Fr Bean's lecture series on "Christian Mysticism" will pick up again on Wednesday, August 2 at 10:00 AM (Parish Life Center Hall). The topic will be the "Mysticism of St. Bernard of Clairvaux".**

Parish trip to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament and the St. John Paul II Eucharistic Center in Hanceville, Alabama, on Saturday, August 19 (depart at 8:00 AM). We will be chartering a bus for this trip. Cost will be \$10.00 per person to offset the cost of the bus. A catered lunch will be provided at the Shrine for a minimal cost. Don't miss out on seeing this amazing Catholic destination! As of today, we have 29 seats left. Please telephone the parish office to reserve your seat on the bus. Please double check with Bernadette to make sure you are on the list!

**The K of C 7th ANNUAL YARD SALE will be held on September 15-16 from 7:30 am-2:00 pm. Please save your donations this year for drop off on September 11-14. Clothing donations denim only please. Thank you!**

*September is just around the corner. It is time for RCIA! We know there is someone in your family who may be curious about Catholics! You may sit next to a co-worker who is feeling "incomplete", "unfulfilled" "searching" and "afraid" to take the next step. Soon, we will be providing more information on the RCIA classes and kick off meeting. Meanwhile, let your family and friends know that if they need someone to talk to about this, they can call the parish office or David and Eileen Vacheresse. David's # is 205.516.6241 Eileen's # is 205.335.9531*

**DON'T FORGET THAT PARISH BINGO IS EVERY FIRST AND THIRD FRIDAY AT 6:30 PM. ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE PARISH BUILDING FUND. DOORS OPEN AT 6:00. "BALL PARK CUISINE" IS AVAILABLE THROUGH OUR CONCESSION STAND. BRING A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR!**

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**SAINT OF THE WEEK: Youssef Antoun Makhoulf (St. Charbel)** was born in 1828, in Bekaa Kafra (North Lebanon). He had a true Christian upbringing, which had given him a passion for prayer. In 1851, he left his family village and went to Our Lady of Maifouk monastery to spend his first monastic year. He then went to St Maron monastery in Annaya, where he entered the Maronite Order, choosing the name Charbel, a name of one of the Antiochene martyrs of the second century. On November 1st, 1853, he made his ceremonial vows as a monk. He went on to complete his theological studies at the St Kobrianous and Justina monastery in Kfifan, Batroun. He was ordained a priest in Bkerky, the Maronite Patriarchate, on July 23rd, 1859. He lived 16 years in the St Marons monastery. From there, on February 15th, 1875, he became a hermit living in solitude, penance and prayer at the St Peter & Paul hermitage, which belongs to the monastery. He rarely left the hermitage. For the remaining twenty-three years of his existence St. Charbel lived a hard life of severe mortification. He wore a hair shirt, slept on a straw mattress with a plank for a pillow, and for his one meal of the day was content to eat the meagre left-overs from the monastery. He displayed a remarkable devotion to the Eucharist, spending hours in preparation for saying Mass and hours in thanksgiving afterwards.

On December 16th, 1898, he suffered stroke while praying the holy mass. He died on Christmas Eve and was buried in the St Maron monastery cemetery. Several months later, dazzling lights were seen around the grave. From there, his corpse, which had been secreting sweat and blood, was transferred into a special coffin. Hordes of pilgrims started swarming the place to seek his intercession. There followed many miraculous healings! In 1925, his beatification and canonization were proposed for declaration by Pope Pius XI. In 1950, the grave was opened in the presence of an official canonization committee (which included medical doctors) who the body to be totally incorrupt. After the grave had been opened and inspected, the healing incidents amazingly multiplied. St. Charbel's feast day is July 24.