

Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus Catholic Church

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22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

September 3, 2017

THE OFFICE IS CLOSED THIS MONDAY FOR THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY.

Pope Francis' prayer intention for September: That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS: September 2, 5:00 PM: Steven White (RIP), September 3, 8:00 AM: Julia Novakas (RIP), 10:30 AM: For the people of the Parish, September 5, 9:00 AM: Shawn & Emily LaSusa (SI), September 6, 9:00 AM: Julia Navakas (RIP), September 7, 9:00 AM: Charles Bordenca (RIP), September 8, 9:00 AM: Earle Leslie (RIP)

- YOUTH GROUP: Parent meeting—NCYC--National Catholic Youth Conference 9-12 graders- Sunday Sept 3 @ 6:00. Meet in the church library. Please come if you would like more information on this incredible experience for your Teenagers!!! Check out the website www.ncyc.info

Fr Bean's lecture series on "Christian Mysticism" will continue this Wednesday, September 6 at 10:00 AM (Parish Life Center Hall). The topic will be "St. Teresa of Avila".

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!

All youth of the parish are invited to attend the Youth Eucharistic Congress on September 23. We will be taking a charter bus to the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament. Please let Mrs. Wadsworth (205-863-9920) know if you would like to go. Confirmation and Theology of the Body Students should plan to attend. This is going to be a wonderful event!

THE 2017 CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL: Pledge Sunday for this appeal is September 24. Our parish goal is \$36,000.00. The Bishop has set a Diocesan goal of \$4,305,000.00. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you!

THE SAINT THERESA FESTIVAL 2017!!!!!! SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 10AM-4PM

The Festival will include 12 booths, 5 outdoor activities, 4 inside activities, live musical entertainment, and Mexican and American food stations. If you would like to participate or have a booth please contact the Facilities Committee by September 25 to secure space. What we really need are VOLUNTEERS to help with parking, set-up on Friday, and take down on late Saturday afternoon (after 4PM). A two-hour shift per volunteer is all the time you would be asked to serve. The Facilities Committee is: Mike Cockrane (369-4043), Paul Mitchell (914-7884), John Schnatz (594-4629) and Bill Watkins (919-0090).

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- BINGO is every first and third Friday. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Food and Fun!
- ADULT EDUCATION/RCIA: Every Sunday at 9:00 AM in the Parish Life Center Library. Everyone is invited. Bring a friend or neighbor who is interested in the faith.

The Marian Year of Grace of the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama...the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima....upcoming events in our Parish:

- **Beginning Sunday, September 10** the Parish will begin the "33 Days to Morning Glory Retreat". The best thing about this retreat is that it is done from the comfort of your own home! 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). Please contact DRE Samantha Wadsworth for more information...352-3741.
- **October 7th, First Saturday and the Feast of the Holy Rosary.** After confessions (11:30), Rosary (12:00) and Mass (12:30) in the church, we will gather in the Parish Life Center Hall for a simple lunch and Diane Penney's presentation entitled "Coincidence? I Don't Think So!" This presentation will highlight the connections (since 1517) among world events, appearances of Our Lord, Marian apparitions, Catholic Feast Days, and signs in the heavens. Please join us as we discern how our Lord is a God of order and harmony, even in private revelation.
- **Friday, November 3-Saturday, November 4: "24 Hour Rosary for Peace"** Sign up in the foyer to spend time in the Church praying the Rosary. Our goal is to have someone in the Church praying for 24 hours straight: 3:00 PM on Friday until 3:00 PM on Saturday! Our Lady promised that peace would come if God's people would pray.

Important Feast Day next week: Friday, September 8, The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

History of the Feast: The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year in September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8. Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal Protoevangelium of James fills in the gap. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child who will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Saint Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation, and asks for an increase of peace.

FROM FATHER BEAN: I will be on Pilgrimage in Ireland later this month. This means I will be out of the parish from Friday, September 8 until Tuesday, September 26. I will remember all of you in my Masses and prayers on these days. The weekend Masses at St. Theresa will be covered by visiting priests from our Diocese. There will be no daily Masses during the weeks of September 10 and September 17.