

The Catholic Faith Communities of Saint Theresa & Saint Christopher

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Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday
8:30am to 3:30pm

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord ~ March 28, 2021 ~

Mass Schedules and Sacraments

~ **Weekend Masses** ~

Saturday Evening

4:00pm at Saint Theresa

Sunday Morning

8:00am at Saint Theresa

9:30am at Saint Christopher

11:00am at Saint Theresa

~ **Weekday Mornings** ~

Monday through Wednesday

8:00am at Saint Theresa

Thursday

8:00am at St. Christopher

Holy Day Masses & Holy Hour

As Announced

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday afternoons 3:30pm at Saint Theresa
or by Appointment. Please call the Parish Office

Sacrament of Baptism

By Appointment ~ Please call the Parish Office

First Friday

Due to the current health circumstances,
there will be no First Friday visits or Mass at Brookdale
until further notice.



Welcome to our Parishes! St. Theresa & St. Christopher Parishes welcome you to join our parish and become an active member. Please call or visit the Parish Office located at 265 Stafford Rd. (401) 624-8746 or visit our website ww.sstandctiverton.org where you can print the parish registration form to register you and your family as members of our Parish. Drop off your completed form at the Parish Office, collection basket at church or by mail. If you would like more information, or if you have questions, please do not hesitate to call us. Office hours are Monday-Thursday 8:30am-3:30pm.

~ Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion ~ March 28, 2021 ~

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 27th
 4:00pm + **For the Parishes**

Sunday, March 28th
 8:00am + **For the Parishes**
 9:30am + **John D'Arpino**
 (by Family)
 11:00am + **Tony Moniz**
 (by St. Theresa & St. Christopher Choir)

Monday, March 29th
 8:00am + **Buddy Lane ~ 29th Anniversary**
 (by sister Maureen True)

Tuesday, March 30th
 8:00am + **Manny Pereira**
 (by Maureen True)

Wednesday, March 31st
 8:00am + **Paul Midura**
 (by Wife & Family)

Thursday, April 1st ~ Holy Thursday
 7:00pm **At St. Theresa Church**
For Vocations

Friday, April 2nd ~ Good Friday
 7:00pm **At St. Christopher Church**
For Vocations

Saturday, April 3rd ~ Holy Saturday
 7:30pm **At St. Theresa Church**
For Vocations

Sunday, April 4th ~ Easter Sunday
 8:00am + **For the Parishes**
 9:30am + **For the Parishes**
 11:00am + **For the Parishes**

WORSHIP AIDS

Gospel **Jn 12:12-16**
 When the great crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they took palm branches and went out to meet him, and cried out:

“Hosanna!
 “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel.”

Jesus found an ass and sat upon it, as is written:
 Fear no more, O daughter Zion;
 see, your king comes, seated upon an ass's colt.
 His disciples did not understand this at first, but when Jesus had been glorified they remembered that these things were written about him and that they had done this for him.

Reading I **Is 50:4-7**

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

Responsorial Psalm
 My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Reading II **Phil 2:6-11**

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

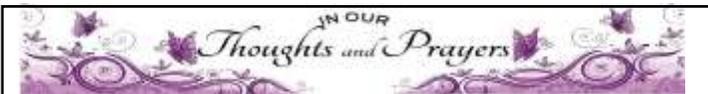
The Passion of the Lord **Mk 15:1-39**

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

The Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread were to take place in two days' time. So the chief priests and the scribes were seeking a way to arrest him by treachery and put him to death. They said,

C. “Not during the festival, for fear that there may be a riot among the people.”

When he was in Bethany reclining at table in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of perfumed oil, costly genuine spikenard. She broke the alabaster jar and poured it on his head. There were some who were indignant.



Rev. Clifford Cabral	Steven Laquerre	Kevin Destremps
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Jeannine Enos	Dot M.	Joan

Please remember in your prayers, all those listed here and whose names are in the prayer box in St. Christopher sanctuary, all the sick of our parishes, and those at home in the hospitals, and nursing facilities.

Call the number below if you know anyone in need of prayers and you would like to remember them in the bulletin. Their name will remain for one month of prayers.

Call: Parish Office, Mondays 9am- noon (401-624-8746)



THE PASSION OF THE LORD

C. “Why has there been this waste of perfumed oil? It could have been sold for more than three hundred days’ wages and the money given to the poor.”

They were infuriated with her.
Jesus said, “Let her alone.
Why do you make trouble for her?
She has done a good thing for me.
The poor you will always have with you,
and whenever you wish you can do good to them,
but you will not always have me.
She has done what she could.
She has anticipated anointing my body for burial.
Amen, I say to you,
wherever the gospel is proclaimed to the whole world,
what she has done will be told in memory of her.”
Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve,
went off to the chief priests to hand him over to them.
When they heard him they were pleased and promised to
pay him money.
Then he looked for an opportunity to hand him over.
On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread,
when they sacrificed the Passover lamb,
his disciples said to him,
“Where do you want us to go
and prepare for you to eat the Passover?”
He sent two of his disciples and said to them,
“Go into the city and a man will meet you,
carrying a jar of water. Follow him.
Wherever he enters, say to the master of the house,
‘The Teacher says, “Where is my guest room
where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’”
Then he will show you a large upper room furnished and
ready. Make the preparations for us there.”
The disciples then went off, entered the city,
and found it just as he had told them;
and they prepared the Passover.
When it was evening, he came with the Twelve.
And as they reclined at table and were eating,
Jesus said,
“Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me,
one who is eating with me.”
They began to be distressed and to say to him,
one by one, “Surely it is not I?”
He said to them,
“One of the Twelve, the one who dips with me into the
dish. For the Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of
him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is
betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never
been born.”
While they were eating,
he took bread, said the blessing,
broke it, and gave it to them, and said,
“Take it; this is my body.”

Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them,
and they all drank from it.
He said to them,
“This is my blood of the covenant,
which will be shed for many.
Amen, I say to you,
I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine
until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”
Then, after singing a hymn,
they went out to the Mount of Olives.
Then Jesus said to them,
“All of you will have your faith shaken, for it is written:
I will strike the shepherd,
and the sheep will be dispersed.
But after I have been raised up,
I shall go before you to Galilee.”
Peter said to him,
“Even though all should have their faith shaken,
mine will not be.”
Then Jesus said to him,
“Amen, I say to you,
this very night before the cock crows twice
you will deny me three times.”
But he vehemently replied,
“Even though I should have to die with you,
I will not deny you.”
And they all spoke similarly.
Then they came to a place named Gethsemane,
and he said to his disciples,
“Sit here while I pray.”
He took with him Peter, James, and John,
and began to be troubled and distressed.
Then he said to them, “My soul is sorrowful even to death.
Remain here and keep watch.”
He advanced a little and fell to the ground and prayed
that if it were possible the hour might pass by him;
he said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible to you.
Take this cup away from me,
but not what I will but what you will.”
When he returned he found them asleep.
He said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep?
Could you not keep watch for one hour?
Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test.
The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.”
Withdrawing again, he prayed, saying the same thing.
Then he returned once more and found them asleep,
for they could not keep their eyes open
and did not know what to answer him.
He returned a third time and said to them,
“Are you still sleeping and taking your rest?
It is enough. The hour has come.
Behold, the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners.
Get up, let us go.
See, my betrayer is at hand.”

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Then, while he was still speaking,
 Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived,
 accompanied by a crowd with swords and clubs
 who had come from the chief priests,
 the scribes, and the elders.
 His betrayer had arranged a signal with them, saying,
 "The man I shall kiss is the one;
 arrest him and lead him away securely."
 He came and immediately went over to him and said,
 "Rabbi." And he kissed him.
 At this they laid hands on him and arrested him.
 One of the bystanders drew his sword,
 struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his ear.
 Jesus said to them in reply,
 "Have you come out as against a robber,
 with swords and clubs, to seize me?
 Day after day I was with you teaching in the temple area,
 yet you did not arrest me;
 but that the Scriptures may be fulfilled."
 And they all left him and fled.
 Now a young man followed him
 wearing nothing but a linen cloth about his body.
 They seized him,
 but he left the cloth behind and ran off naked.
 They led Jesus away to the high priest,
 and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes
 came together.
 Peter followed him at a distance into the high priest's
 courtyard and was seated with the guards, warming
 himself at the fire.
 The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin
 kept trying to obtain testimony against Jesus
 in order to put him to death, but they found none.
 Many gave false witness against him,
 but their testimony did not agree.
 Some took the stand and testified falsely against him,
 alleging,

**C. "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple
 made with hands and within three days I will
 build another not made with hands.'"**

Even so their testimony did not agree.
 The high priest rose before the assembly and questioned
 Jesus, saying, "Have you no answer?
 What are these men testifying against you?"
 But he was silent and answered nothing.
 Again the high priest asked him and said to him,
 "Are you the Christ, the son of the Blessed One?"
 Then Jesus answered, "I am;
 and 'you will see the Son of Man
 seated at the right hand of the Power
 and coming with the clouds of heaven.'"
 At that the high priest tore his garments and said,
 "What further need have we of witnesses?"

You have heard the blasphemy.
 What do you think?"
 They all condemned him as deserving to die.
 Some began to spit on him.
 They blindfolded him and struck him and said to him,

C. "Prophecy!"

And the guards greeted him with blows.
 While Peter was below in the courtyard,
 one of the high priest's maids came along.
 Seeing Peter warming himself,
 she looked intently at him and said,

C. "You too were with the Nazarene, Jesus."

But he denied it saying,
 "I neither know nor understand what you are talking
 about." So he went out into the outer court.
 Then the cock crowed.
 The maid saw him and began again to say to the
 bystanders,

C. "This man is one of them."

Once again he denied it.
 A little later the bystanders said to Peter once more,

**C. "Surely you are one of them; for you too
 are a Galilean."**

He began to curse and to swear,
 "I do not know this man about whom you are talking."
 And immediately a cock crowed a second time.
 Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus said to him,
 "Before the cock crows twice
 you will deny me three times."
 He broke down and wept.
 As soon as morning came,
 the chief priests with the elders and the scribes,
 that is, the whole Sanhedrin held a council.
 They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to
 Pilate. Pilate questioned him,
 "Are you the king of the Jews?"
 He said to him in reply, "You say so."
 The chief priests accused him of many things.
 Again Pilate questioned him,
 "Have you no answer?
 See how many things they accuse you of."
 Jesus gave him no further answer, so that Pilate was
 amazed.
 Now on the occasion of the feast he used to release to them
 one prisoner whom they requested.
 A man called Barabbas was then in prison along with the
 rebels who had committed murder in a rebellion.
 The crowd came forward and began to ask him
 to do for them as he was accustomed.
 Pilate answered,

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“Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?”

For he knew that it was out of envy
that the chief priests had handed him over.
But the chief priests stirred up the crowd
to have him release Barabbas for them instead.

Pilate again said to them in reply,
“Then what do you want me to do
with the man you call the king of the Jews?”
They shouted again,

C. “Crucify him.”

Pilate said to them, “Why? What evil has he done?”
They only shouted the louder,

C. “Crucify him.”

So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas
to them and, after he had Jesus scourged,
handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away inside the palace,
that is, the praetorium, and assembled the whole cohort.
They clothed him in purple and,
weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on him.
They began to salute him with,

C. “Hail King of the Jews!”

and kept striking his head with a reed and spitting upon him.
They knelt before him in homage.

And when they had mocked him,
they stripped him of the purple cloak,
dressed him in his own clothes,
and led him out to crucify him.

They pressed into service a passer-by, Simon,
a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country,
the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross.

They brought him to the place of Golgotha
— which is translated Place of the Skull —,
They gave him wine drugged with myrrh,
but he did not take it.

Then they crucified him and divided his garments
by casting lots for them to see what each should take.
It was nine o’clock in the morning when they crucified
him. The inscription of the charge against him read,
“The King of the Jews.”

With him they crucified two revolutionaries,
one on his right and one on his left.
Those passing by reviled him,
shaking their heads and saying,

**C. “Aha! You who would destroy the temple
and rebuild it in three days, save yourself by
coming down from the cross.”**

Likewise the chief priests, with the scribes,
mocked him among themselves and said,

**C. “He saved others; he cannot save himself.
Let the Christ, the King of Israel,
come down now from the cross
that we may see and believe.”**

Those who were crucified with him also kept abusing
him. At noon darkness came over the whole land
until three in the afternoon.

And at three o’clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice,
“Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?”

which is translated,
“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”
Some of the bystanders who heard it said,

C. “Look, he is calling Elijah.”

One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a
reed and gave it to him to drink saying,
“Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down.”
Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

(Here all kneel and pause for a short time.)

The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top
to bottom.

When the centurion who stood facing him
saw how he breathed his last he said,
“Truly this man was the Son of God!”

There were also women looking on from a distance.
Among them were Mary Magdalene,
Mary the mother of the younger James and
of Joses, and Salome.

These women had followed him when he was in Galilee
and ministered to him.

There were also many other women
who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When it was already evening,
since it was the day of preparation,
the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea,
a distinguished member of the council,
who was himself awaiting the kingdom of God,
came and courageously went to Pilate
and asked for the body of Jesus.

Pilate was amazed that he was already dead.

He summoned the centurion
and asked him if Jesus had already died.

And when he learned of it from the centurion,
he gave the body to Joseph.

Having bought a linen cloth, he took him down,
wrapped him in the linen cloth,
and laid him in a tomb that had been hewn out of the
rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance to the
tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses
watched where he was laid.

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 27, 2021

4:00pm St. Theresa
Lector: Peg Fournier

Sunday, March 28, 2021

8:00am St. Theresa
Lector: Madge Thombs
9:30am St. Christopher
Lector: Jim Hines
11:00am St. Theresa
Lector: Don Comeau

Holy Thursday
Thursday, April 1, 2021

7:00pm St. Theresa
Lector: Ellen Sheil

Easter Vigil
Saturday, April 3, 2021

7:30pm St. Theresa
Lector (1): Con Comeau
Lector (3): Diane Santos
Lector (5): Madge Thombs
Epistle: Barbara Hayes

Saturday, March 20, 2021

4:00pm St. Theresa
Lector: Brandon Moss

Sunday, March 21, 2021

8:00am St. Theresa
Lector: Madge Thombs
9:30am St. Christopher
Lector: Lou Hakeem
11:00am St. Theresa
Lector: Doreen Gendreau

Good Friday
Friday, April 2, 2021

9:30am St. Christopher
Lector: James Hines

Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 4, 2021

8:00am St. Theresa
Lector: Charlene Andrade
9:30am St. Christopher
Lector: Justin Katz
11:00am St. Theresa
Lector: Doreen Gendreau

Faith Formation Class Schedule

Sunday, March 28, 2021 ~ Last Class
Grades 1-2: 12:00 - 1:00pm ~St. Theresa Church & Hall

Additional Student Activities

Wednesday, April 7, 2021
1st Communion Rehearsal: 6:30-7pm ~St. Theresa Church
Thursday, April 8, 2021
Confirmation Rehearsal: 6:30-7pm ~St. Theresa Church
Saturday, April 10, 2021
First Eucharist II Fun Day: 9am- noon ~St. Theresa Hall

~~~SACRAMENTAL DATES~~~



**Sacrament of Confirmation:**  
Friday, April 9, 2021 6pm



**Sacrament of First Eucharist:**  
Sunday, April 11, 2021 11am

Both celebrations will take place at St. Theresa Church.

**ETERNAL REST PRAYER OFFERING**



We offer our prayers and condolences to the families and friends of Jose Chaves and Peter Pacheco.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them

**UPCOMING EVENTS  
FOR THE LENTEN SEASON**

- Stations of the Cross Friday  
3pm at St. Christopher Church
- Holy Thursday: April 1<sup>st</sup> Mass at 7:00 pm at St. Theresa Church
- Good Friday: April 2<sup>nd</sup> Service at 7:00 pm at St. Christopher Church
- Easter Vigil: Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> Mass at 7:30 pm at St. Theresa Church
- Easter Morning: Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
8:00 am Mass at St. Theresa Church  
9:30 am Mass at St. Christopher Church  
11:00 am Mass at St. Theresa Church

**ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**PRAY FOR PRIESTS**

Each week we will post a small list of some of the priests in our Diocese. Each week the list will consist of a different group of names. Together, let us pray for our priests. The lists will include both active and retired priests.

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| Rev. Msgr. Anthony Mancini   | Rev. Raymond B. Malm    |
| Rev. Albert P. Marcello, III | Rev. Robert L. Marciano |
| Rev. Richard C. Maynard      | Rev. David W. Masello   |

**Prayer for Priests - St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus**

*O Jesus, Eternal Priest, keep your priests within the shelter of your Most Sacred Heart, where none can touch them. Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch your Sacred Body. Keep unsullied their lips, daily tinged with your Precious Blood. Keep pure and unworldly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood. Let Your Holy Love surround and protect them from the world's contagion. Bless their labors with abundant fruit, and may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here, and their everlasting crown in the hereafter. Amen.*

**Lenten Food Collection**



March 8<sup>th</sup> thru April 21<sup>st</sup>

To Benefit: **THE OLD STONE CHURCH  
FOOD PANTRY**

**Items Needed:** Cereals, Tuna, Peanut Butter, Soups, Baked Beans, Brownie & Cake Mixes, Frostings & Jellies, Paper Goods, Laundry, Cleaning & Hygiene Products

Collection baskets are located at the doors of St. Christopher & St. Theresa Churches.



**Food  
Collection**

*Thank you & Happy Easter  
Women's Guild*

**PARISH FINANCES**

**Collection Report for March 20-21**

**St. Theresa:**

**March 20 - March 21**

|                               |     |             |
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| Budget Envelopes:             | 120 | \$ 3,590.00 |
| EFT:                          | 12  | \$ 545.00   |
| Total:                        |     | \$ 5,586.00 |
| Weekly Budgeted Expectations: |     | \$ 4,135.00 |
| Second Collection: Fuel       |     | \$ 687.00   |

**St. Christopher:**

**March 20 - March 21**

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| Budget Envelopes:             | 80 | \$ 1,992.00 |
| Loose collection:             |    | \$ 69.00    |
| Total:                        |    | \$ 2,061.00 |
| Weekly Budgeted Expectations: |    | \$ 3,044.00 |
| Second Collection: Fuel       |    | \$ 262.00   |

**Thank You for your continued support of your parish.**

A Special thank you to all parishioners who have continued to make their donations during this difficult time.  
May God bless you all.



**ONLINE GIVING NOW AVILABLE**

We are excited to announce our online giving program is now available! Online Giving allows you to make contributions to your church without writing checks or worrying about cash donations. This program, powered by ParishSoft, allows you to pay by credit card or eCheck. It's easy, it's convenient and secure! You may make a one-time contribution or set up automatic payments. Creating an account allows you to set up automatic contributions and change the timing or the amount of your gift at any time. It's as easy as 1, 2, 3, 4!  
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**We are so happy to be back in our churches! To keep everyone healthy & safe, please observe all safety signage and markings. It is up to each of us to protect each other. Below is a list of health & safety guidelines:**



- Face-coverings/masks are to be worn in and around the church (except for those under 2 years old).
- Remember to sit 6-feet-apart. Those living in the same household may sit together without distancing. (Be mindful of markings and closed sections/areas)
- Use your bulletin for readings and hymns for Mass. These bulletins are for one-time use ONLY. They may not be reused. Bring it home with you or discard.
- Holy Communion, single file, keeping 6-feet apart, MAIN AISLE ONLY. Return by the side aisles.
- Holy Communion: NO GLOVES. Receive in hand only Remember to use your hand sanitizer. Wear your mask. Remove it just before receiving, then replace.
- Collection baskets will not be passed in the pews. A collection basket is provided at the back of the church.
- Recessional & Dismissal: To avoid large numbers leaving at the same time, we will dismiss parishioners one section at a time. Thank you for your patience and cooperation!
- To help stop the spread of the virus, use hand sanitizer or wash your hands regularly. Avoid touching your face and avoid touching surfaces unnecessarily. Before & after every Mass, all commonly used surfaces in the church & hall will be sanitized.
- Anyone who is ill, has a high temperature, cough, etc., please, stay home and take good care of yourself to keep the whole community healthy.

**Sanctuary Candle**

The Sanctuary Light in Saint Christopher Church burns to the Honor and Glory of God this week for the intentions of Edward & Cecile Beaulieu



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The Sanctuary Light in Saint Theresa Church burns to the Honor and Glory of God this week for the intentions of Tony Peixinho



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