

# **Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus Roman Catholic Church**

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**NEW OFFICE HOURS: Monday 9:00AM-12:00PM, Tuesday-Friday 9:00AM-5:00PM  
(Closed 12:00-1:00 for Mass)**

**Daily Mass: Tuesday-Saturday, 12:00PM**

**Sunday Masses: Saturday, 4:00PM, Sunday, 8:00AM, 10:30AM & 2:00PM (Spanish) Confessions:  
Tuesday-Saturday, 11:30AM & Sunday, 9:00AM**

**Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Devotions: Tuesday-Friday after Mass**

*The Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary: 30 minutes before each Mass*

*20 Decade Rosary every Wednesday, 10:30AM*

September 5, 2021

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: September 4 (4:00PM): For an end to abortion, September 5 (8:00AM): Pat Kurant (RIP), (10:30AM): For the people of the parish, September 7 (12:00PM): Joe Shirley (RIP), September 8 (12:00PM): Caritas Community (SI), September 9 (12:00PM): Miller Family (SI), September 10 (12:00PM): Bishop Raica (SI), September 11 (12:00PM): For the sick of the parish**

**Special Mass in honor of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Wednesday, September 8, 12:00PM,  
This mass will include music, incense, and the Latin ordinary, Ave Maria!**

**FROM FATHER BEAN:** Five years ago, our parish was in the planning stages of building a new Parish Life Center to accommodate the demands of our growing community. The resulting facility was a tremendous success in meeting our needs; as well as providing a temporary location for daily and weekly masses during the pandemic and the constricting rules for Mass. In order to finance the Parish Life Center, we relied on your generosity through our building and brick campaigns. Although we had the cash available for more than half of the building project, we needed to finance a portion of the cost through the Diocese of Birmingham. As of the completion date in June 2017, we incurred a debt of \$762,800. During the subsequent 4-year period, I am happy to say that we have paid that debt down to \$365,000; less than half of where we started. Thank you to all who continue using the yellow Building Fund envelopes for that purpose.

**Looking ahead, there are more projects in the planning stage:**

- As you know, we purchased a large section of land across the street from the Parish Life Center that will someday be used for the construction of a new church building. The details of this project are in the very early stages as it will be years into the future before we have the available resources to begin in earnest.*
- We also are planning to have our Parish Life Center parking lot paved with parking spaces lined. This will increase the parking capacity and help parishioners walk to the entrance door without stumbling on the stones.*
- We are currently undertaking some minor renovations and upgrades to the old parish hall (Martin Hall), the sacristy and the kitchen and choir room behind the church as these areas are in use but in desperate need of some work and TLC (There is also the never-ending maintenance and repair needs of our much larger facilities!).*

However, before we can fully tackle these ambitious plans, we need to seriously reduce our current debt to the Diocese. Therefore, I'm asking all our parishioners to prayerfully reflect on how they can help financially to immediately pay down our debt – either through greater monthly contributions with the Building Fund envelopes, or a special one-time donation for that expressed purpose. Thank you in advance for your generosity. I will continue to pray for each of you and for the future of our growing Parish. God bless you!

**Faith Formation** for all ages will kick off on Sunday, September 19 at 9:00AM in the Parish Life Center. Registration materials are available in the church. Complete and drop off at the office or place in the offering baskets. Please call Bernadette at the office for more information. RCIA will begin on Sunday, September 19 at 9:00AM in the Parish Life Center Hall. If you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic then send them around! If you are a Catholic and want a refresher course, then join us! The class this year is being led by Mr. John Martignoni who is joining the parish as our Coordinator of Education and Evangelization.

ALZHEIMER'S DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP: DATE: SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH, 6:30 PM, LOCATION: MARTIN HALL (OLD PARISH HALL BEHIND THE CHURCH), FACILITATED BY ELIZABETH "BIT" THOMASTON For info. email "Bit" at [ethomaston50@gmail.com](mailto:ethomaston50@gmail.com)

COMING SOON TO THE PARISH!!!!!!: **THE DEAD THEOLOGIANS SOCIETY**

The Dead Theologians Society is a Catholic apostolate for teens. Through the Saints of yesterday, the DTS inspires the youth of today to become the saints of tomorrow. Its motto is, "Dead to the World, Alive in Christ!" This is inspired by Romans 6:11 which tells us to be dead to sin but alive in Christ Jesus. At every meeting, we, **The Church Militant**, are learning about and asking for the intercession of the great saints—**The Church Triumphant**—while praying for the Souls in Purgatory—**The Church Suffering**. Society members meet at their parish to learn the lives of the Saints . Their lives of heroic virtue continue to inspire. Using the DTS format and examples of the Saints, young people are taught and develop positive role models at a time when they are truly needed. In addition, members make use of time-honored Catholic prayers, devotions and sacramentals such as, Eucharistic Adoration, the Rosary, the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, and more! A special charism of DTS is to pray for the Souls in Purgatory. FOR MORE INFO. PLEASE CONTACT COLIN FACH AT (205) 706-3908.

**FATHER BEAN'S BOOK CLUB:** Meets every Thursday at 10:00AM in Martin Hall. On Sept. 9 we will continue "As I Lay Dying" by William Faulkner. The course will include a reading of the book and an overnight visit to Oxford, Mississippi where Faulkner lived and worked. Our trip will include a visit to Faulkner's home (Rowan Oak Farm), the Ole Miss Campus, the Oxford Courthouse Square, Square Books (an old drugstore that was converted into a bookstore), Faulkner's Grave, the Ajax Diner (the best "Meat and Three" restaurant in the South), and the Elvis Presley Museum in Tupelo.

*QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Let the entire man be seized with fear; let the whole world tremble; let heaven exult when Christ, the Son of the Living God, is on the altar in the hands of the priest. O admirable height and stupendous condescension! O humble sublimity! O sublime humility! that the Lord of the universe, God and the Son of God, so humbles Himself that for our salvation He hides Himself under a morsel of bread."*

– St. Francis of Assisi

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St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Roman Catholic Church Servants

Rev. Fr. Gray Bean, PhD, Pastor    Rev. Mr. Silverio Rubio Roman, Hispanic Ministry

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