MASS INTENTIONS
As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

Saturday, April 18
4:15pm The People of the Parish
Henry Morgan, Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, April 19
8:30am † Sr. Kathleen Healy
10:00am † Barbara McGrath

Tuesday, April 21
8:30am All First Responders (Spec. Int.)

Friday, April 24
8:30am † All who have died due to COVID-19

Saturday, April 25
4:15pm All Healthcare Workers (Spec. Int.)
Henry Morgan, Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, April 26
8:30am The People of the Parish
10:00am † Raymond McGrath

We are extremely happy to report we have met our goal of $28,868 year, provided all pledges are fulfilled. We received pledges from 77 individuals/families. Thank you for your most generous support!! If you have not done so already, please check with your employer to see if they provide matching funds to your donation.
If you still wish to contribute, all excess monies received by the Archdiocese will be returned to St. Teresa’s.

Welcome to St. Teresa of Avila’s Parish Community
We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here celebrating with us. Whether long-time residents or newly arrived in our parish, we thank God that you are with us. If you are not registered or have changes to your registration, please fill in the form below, or complete the form on our website.

Name: ____________________________________________________________
City: __________________________ Zip: __________________________
Phone: __________________________ Email: __________________________

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- The Tongues as of Fire that descend upon the Apostles at Pentecost (Acts 2:1ff)
- The Spirit Conferr'd on Converts through the laying on of hands (Acts 8:16-18)
- The Spirit Poured Out on Gentiles before they are baptized (Acts 10:44 ff)
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Unlike Thomas, we believe without seeing . . . which is what the Church wants to emphasize in our annual reading of this Gospel.

On the other hand, “reading between the lines” demonstrates that there is a wealth of latent material in today’s text. Not only does today’s gospel ground the Church’s claim to forgive sin, but the text also raises issues about the resurrected body, the “breath of God”, and the Holy Spirit. Reading between the lines, we recognize that there is more to today’s Gospel than the “Doubting Thomas”.

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