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St. Theresa is a home that welcomes, a charity that nourishes, a church that evangelizes and a community where friends can meet.

DAILY MASS

Monday—Saturday
8:30 am

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4:00 pm
(Spanish) 6:00 pm
Sunday 7:30 am
9:00 am
11:00 am

ROSARY

Mon-Sat 7:50 am
Sunday 6:50 am

ANOIDTING (SICK)

Weekend Masses—as needed

CONFESSION

Tuesday: 12:00-12:30 pm
Saturday: 9:00—9:30 am
or call for appointment

HOLY COMMUNION

(sick & homebound)
Call Parish Office

EMERGENCY SICK CALLS FUNERALS

CALL 352-245-2458

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

8am—4 pm M-Th

8 am—Noon Fri

SOUP KITCHEN

11 am—1:00 pm Daily

FOOD PANTRY

9 am—12:15 pm M-F

SOCIAL SERVICES

MONDAY—FRIDAY

9 am—1 pm

THRIFT SHOP

MONDAY—SATURDAY

9 am—2:45 pm

GIFT SHOP

Saturday &
Sunday (after weekend
Masses)

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 25, 2024

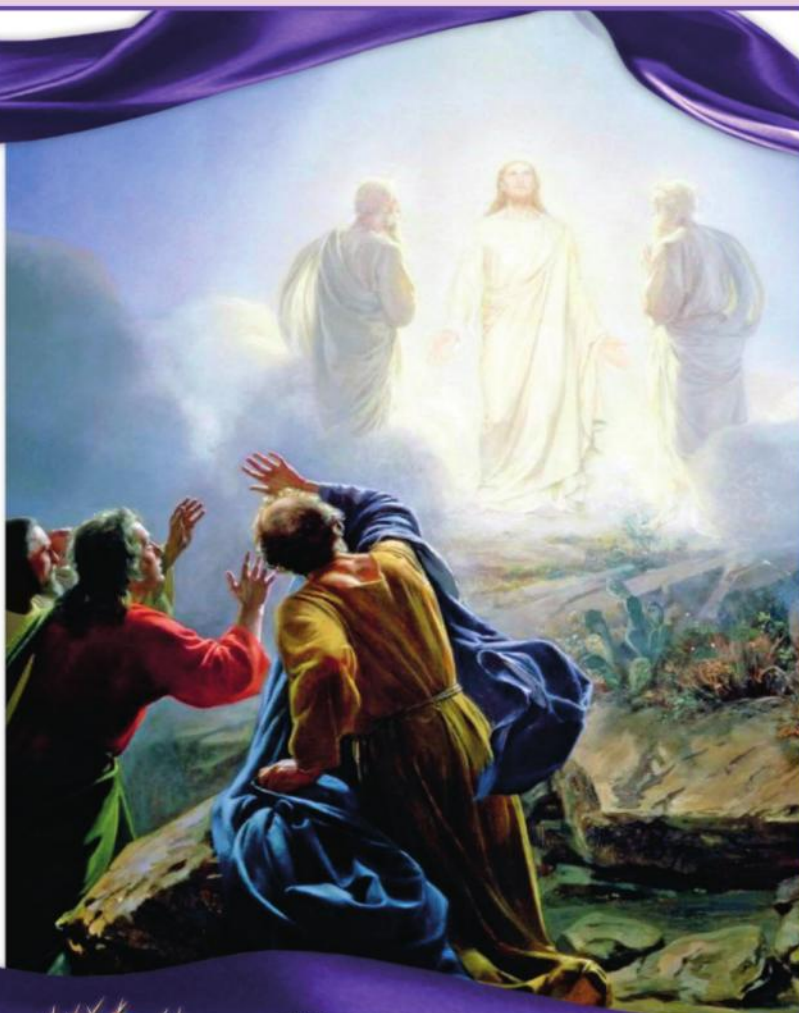
Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white

Mark 9:2,3

Jesús tomó aparte a Pedro, a Santiago y a Juan, subió con ellos a un monte alto y se transfiguró en su presencia. Sus vestiduras se pusieron esplendorosamente blancas.

Marcos 9, 2 y 3

Transfiguration of Jesus
by Carl Bloch, 1872



2ND SUNDAY OF

LENT

2º DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

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It's Worth the Drive (Vale la pena el viaje)



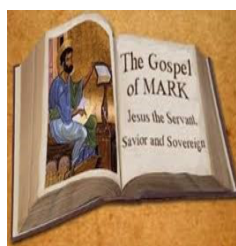
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Próximos Eventos

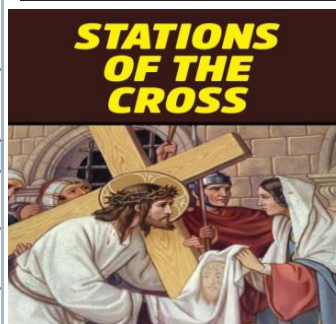
Sat FEB 24	FOR	REQUESTED BY
8:30 am	† Rita Connery	Tom & Diane Mizerek
4:00 pm	† Phyllis Phillips	Joan Phillips
6:00 pm (Español)	St. Theresa Parishioners	
Sun FEB 25		
7:30 am	† Santiago Serna	Theresa Lazzari
9:00 am	† Rita Connery	DeDe DiMuro
11:00 am	† Richard Abrams	Tish & Ed Leizens
Mon FEB 26		
8:30 am	† Beverly Benjamin	Carolyn Roberto
Tues FEB 27		
8:30 am	† Beverly Brand	Ron & Karen Tumbry
Wed FEB 28		
8:30 am	† Rita Connery	Kevin Stoothoff
Thurs FEB 29		
8:30 am	† Phyllis Phillips	Joan Phillips
Fri MAR 1		
8:30 am	† David Kosmider	Pat & Ron Brodsko
Sat MAR 2		
8:30 am	† Herman R. Mojica	Joan Phillips
4:00 pm	† Deceased Members of K of C Counsel 8012 & Assembly 2068	Knights of Columbus
6:00 pm (Español)	† Pedro Rodriguez Murilla	Salvador Rodriguez-Villa
Sun MAR 3		
7:30 am	St. Theresa Parishioners	
9:00 am	† Deceased Members of The Desrochers	Laura McQueeney
11:00 am	† Deceased Members of Czarnecki Family	Mike & Judy Pavlovsky

Date / Time	Event	Location
Sun. Feb 25	Religious Ed—Children's Choir Practice—After 9 am Mass	Church
Monday, Feb 26 2:00-3:00 pm	Bible Study—Father Tom	Parish Hall
Mon. Feb 26 4:30 pm	Holy Week—In the Footsteps of Jesus Christ: Presentation by Jack Nettis	Parish Hall
Mon. Feb 26 6:00 pm	MOST Men's Group	Parish Hall
Tues. Feb 27, Mar. 5	Reconciliation / Confessions rescheduled to 2:00 pm	Church
Tues. Feb 27 9:30 am	Lay Carmelites Meeting	Quad



Bible Study—Gospel of Mark

Join Father Tom for a Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark. The Bible study will be held in the Parish Hall on Mondays from 2:00—3:00 pm, starting on **Monday, February 26th**. Bring your bible!



FRIDAY:

9:00 am & 4:00 pm (English)

6:00 pm (Español)

SATURDAY: 3:00 pm (English)



“Ecce Homo: Conversion Stories and the Call to Prayer” happening live March 21—23, 2024.

We invite you to enter into the holiest week of the year in the company of dozens of on-fire Catholic speakers as they unpack how to participate more fully into the redemptive mystery unfolding around us—and within us through our own sacred stories. Hear the personal witnesses of people such as Archbishop Joseph Naumann, Sr. Meredith of Christ Crucified, OCD, Monsignor Stephen Rossetti, Emily Wilson, Fr. Chase Hilgenbrinck, Ralph Martin, Lisa Brenninkmeyer, and Joseph Pearce.

Be encouraged through their stories of conversion or reconversion. Join in our prayer rooms and our spiritual direction Q&A sessions. Renew your commitment to prayer, and make Holy Week 2024 a pivotal part of your own ongoing conversion! We will also have live prayer sessions and live Q&A - you don't want to miss this! We will use the church and Parish Hall to participate in this retreat. Come when you can and stay as long as you wish. Begins **Thursday, March 21, 2024 - 3:00 – 8:00 pm**

FROM FATHER TOM



Come on, I am a grown man, I don't need someone to read to me my prayers. I think I can do it well enough by myself. I am not five years old. So I thought. Since I am on the Hallow app (www.hallow.com/holyday) – FREE to St. Theresa). I thought I'd give it a try.



What do I have to lose? I chose *Jonathan Roumie*, better known as *Jesus* in *The Chosen*. He has a calming, soothing voice. He prayed the *Litany of Humility*. His slow, deliberate pace really helped me focus on the words and let it sink in. It is part of the 40 day prayer challenge.

For the *Fr. Mike Schmitz* fans, he reads for the 40 days as well. This is just one example of the great offerings on the Hallow app. What has piqued my interest is the nighttime offerings. I may listen to the Rosary, the scriptures or the chants as I drift off to sleep. What better way to end the day in prayer. The last thing on my mind will be praying to God.

I want to encourage you to use the Hallow app. I feel certain that there will be something for you to bolster your prayer life. The purpose of Lent is not merely to give something up, but to grow closer to Christ. Prayer is so essential. If we can improve in this area, what an incredible difference it would make. By the way, we also have a free subscription to **Formed**. There is so much there as well, bible studies, teachings, movies and more. There is no excuse not to grow in our faith and spiritual life.

This Lent make a difference. Wouldn't it be great to say that I really prayed these 40 days. I think it is so much better than giving up coffee.

Love and Blessings,
Fr. Tom

Mission Circle, Inc. is planning a trip to **Cuba** in **March**. We are, again, asking you, parishioners of St Theresa, to help us gather supplies to take. You have been wonderful partners in this project. Conditions are still getting worse in Cuba. Food is very expensive when it can be found.

Please bring your donations to the church. These are the items that we are requesting: Foil packs of **tuna** (not cans—too heavy); Foils packs of **chicken** (not cans); Foil packs of **SPAM** (not cans); Dry **soup packets**; **Powdered milk**; **Dried fruit**: cranberries, raisins, other ; **Nuts**; **Cookies**; **Peanut butter** or **cheese crackers**; **Rehydration powder**, like Propel in small packets; Hard **candy** and **caramels**; **Small nylon bags**. **We appreciate your support!**



The **NURSING HOME MINISTRY** is making **Easter Baskets** for the Nursing Home Residents. They are in need of:

- ◆ Small size liquid hand soap
- ◆ Small bars of soap
- ◆ Small packets of tissue
- ◆ Small stuffed animals
- ◆ Deodorant
- ◆ Loofa sponges
- ◆ SOFT Candy, example: regular Hershey bars, Milky Way, Reese Peanut Butter cups, York peppermint patties.
- ◆ Any small knick knack appropriate for Easter.

The items can be dropped off at the Parish Office. Thank you.



SOCIAL SERVICES

Social Services is in need of toiletry items for our guests such as **shampoo**, **antiperspirant / deodorants** and **hygiene wipes**. Please drop these off at the Social Services Office or bring them to the church before all Masses. Thank you. God Bless you for all your help. *Mike Travaglini*, Director of Social Services.



HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

If you know of anyone who is homebound and he/she would like a visit, please call the office with their name, phone number and address. If anyone would like to be part of this important ministry, please call the Parish Office (352) 245-2458.

DEL PADRE TOM



Vamos, soy un hombre adulto, no necesito que alguien me lea mis oraciones. Creo que puedo hacerlo lo suficientemente bien por mí mismo. No tengo cinco años. Así que pensé. Ya que estoy en la aplicación Hallow (www.hallow.com/holyday) - GRATIS a Santa Teresa).



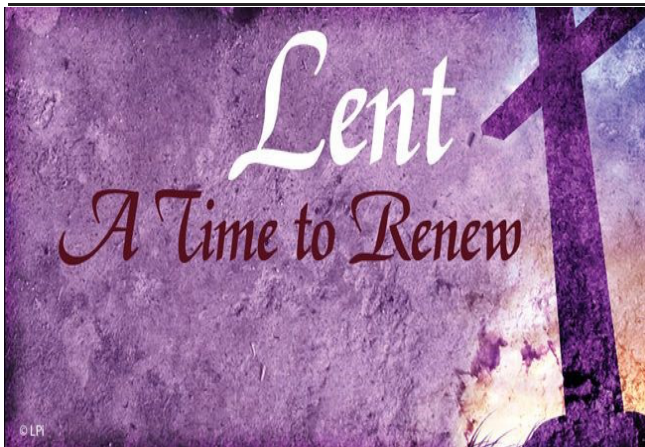
Pensé en intentarlo. ¿Qué puedo perder? Elegí a Jonathan Roumie, más conocido como Jesús en Los Elegidos. Tiene una voz calmante y tranquilizadora. Rezó la Letanía de la Humildad. Su ritmo lento y pausado me ayudó a concentrarme en las palabras y a asimilarlas. Forma parte del reto de los 40 días de oración.

Para los fans del P. Mike Schmitz, él también lee durante los 40 días. Este es sólo un ejemplo de las grandes ofertas de la aplicación Hallow. Lo que ha despertado mi interés son las ofertas nocturnas. Puedo escuchar el Rosario, las Escrituras o los cantos mientras me duermo. Qué mejor manera de terminar el día rezando. Lo último en lo que pensaré será en rezar a Dios.

Quiero animarte a que utilices la aplicación Hallow. Estoy seguro de que encontrarás algo que te ayudará a reforzar tu vida de oración. El propósito de la Cuaresma no es simplemente renunciar a algo, sino crecer más cerca de Cristo. La oración es esencial. Si podemos mejorar en este aspecto, qué diferencia tan increíble supondría. Por cierto, también tenemos una suscripción gratuita a Formed. Hay tanto allí también, estudios bíblicos, enseñanzas, películas y más. No hay excusa para no crecer en nuestra fe y vida espiritual.

Esta Cuaresma marca la diferencia. No sería grandioso decir que realmente recé estos 40 días. Creo que es mucho mejor que dejar el café.

*Con amor y bendiciones,
Padre Tom*



The **Knights Of Columbus** will serve **Fish Dinners** every **Friday** of Lent except Good Friday, (February 16—March 22) in the Parish Hall from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. **\$10** per person.

The dinner will consist of an 8 oz piece of Haddock fish with French fries and hush puppies.



ADORATION CHAPEL

Please consider giving one hour each week to our LORD, in the Adoration Chapel. We need all hours covered by adorers from 6 am to 5 pm, but the **critical** need at this time is: **6:00—7:00 am WEDNESDAYS** Please contact **Nancy High (941) 518-2194** if you are interested in signing up for the above time slot. More Adorers are always needed and welcome in our Adoration Chapel. Thank you.



**The Sanctuary Lamp is lit for
JOHN LEWICKI**
February 24—March 1, 2024
From: Jean Cashman



Have some free time? Join the **Cleaning Angels**.

We clean on **Thursdays** starting about **9:30** am. Takes about **2** hours.

If interested, please contact the Parish Office (352) 245-2458. Thank you.

2024 Year of Prayer

Grant, O merciful God, that I may ardently desire, carefully examine, truly know, and perfectly fulfill those things that are pleasing to you, to the praise and glory of your holy name. Direct my course, O my God, that I may do what you require me to do. Show me the way and grant that I may follow it as is necessary and profitable to my soul.

Grant to me, O Lord God, a vigilant heart that no subtle speculation may ever lead me from you; a nobleness that no unworthy affection may draw from you; a rectitude that no evil purpose may turn from you. Grant me a steadfastness which no tribulation may shatter; a freedom that no violent affection may overthrow. Give me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you. Give me a way of life pleasing to you, perseverance to trust and await you, and finally faith to embrace you. **Amen.**

— St. Thomas Aquinas



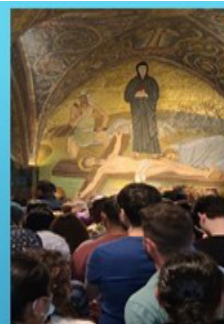
HOLY WEEK
IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS CHRIST
FROM PALM SUNDAY AND CHRIST'S
ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM
TO HIS DEATH, BURIAL AND RESURECTION

A PRESENTATION BY
JACK NETTIS

DATE: FEB 26TH

TIME: 4:30 PM

LOCATION: ST. THERESA CHURCH



PRO-LIFE CORNER



There is hope, healing and forgiveness after having an abortion. The Diocese of Orlando Project Rachel Ministry provides healing to both women and men who are suffering spiritually, emotionally and / or psychologically after being impacted by an abortion. The Confidential Helpline : call or text (407) 222-8548 or email projectrachel@cflcc.org.

(Source: Catholic Charities of Central Florida flier)

2024 Año de oración

Concédeme, oh Dios misericordioso, que desee ardientemente, examine cuidadosamente, conozca verdaderamente y cumpla perfectamente las cosas que te agradan, para alabanza y gloria de tu santo nombre. Dirige mi camino, oh Dios mío, para que pueda hacer lo que me pides. Muéstrame el camino y concédeme seguirlo según sea necesario y provechoso para mi alma.

Concédeme, oh Señor Dios, un corazón vigilante para que ninguna especulación sutil me aleje jamás de ti; una nobleza que ningún afecto indigno pueda apartar de ti; una rectitud que ningún mal propósito pueda apartar de ti. Concédeme una firmeza que ninguna tribulación pueda quebrantar; una libertad que ningún afecto violento pueda derribar. Dame, Señor Dios mío, una mente para conocerte, diligencia para buscarte, sabiduría para encontrarte. Dame un estilo de vida que te agrade, perseverancia para confiar en ti y esperarte, y finalmente fe para abrazarte. Amén.

-- Santo Tomás de Aquino

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When: Saturday March 16th 2024 **Where:** Church Hall doors open, fellowship and refreshments. **Presentations 9:30am – 12pm** with time for fellowship in between. **What**

to expect: Come as you are, learn more and fellowship at a relaxed meet and greet. There will also be time for question and answers. So stop by, bring a friend. **Questions/RSVP:**

LaydominicanOcala@outlook.com **RSVP** so we have an idea of how many will be coming.





Please Pray for our sick and homebound parishioners and friends.

Roger Anderson	Karen Kaiser	Les Phillips
Lilly Chimenti	Irene MacKenzie	Caroyn Roberto
Emily Davis	Jill Mahoney	Timothy Ross
Mike Devost	Eva Parenti	Dorina Stadelmeier
Eric Duchesne		

Second Sunday of Lent

I used to wonder how God could lie to Abraham about sacrificing his son Isaac. But the story begins by telling us God put Abraham to the test. Abraham himself seems to know it's a test. Apparently, I'm the only one fooled by God.

I don't know if I would have passed the test. I would have, at least, argued with God about it, begging him to spare my son. Yet in our second reading, St. Paul reminds us that God did not spare his own son. (Rom 8:32) He passed his own test. Jesus was sacrificed so that God could show us how much he loved us. If God loves us so much that he gives his Son to die for us, why would he not forgive us? He doesn't. But he is still testing us.

What does that tell us about life? You may have noticed that things don't always go your way. Does that mean those tragedies are our fault? No, God gives everyone free will and some people choose to do wrong. God intervenes sometimes and lives are saved. Other times, God intervenes by saving us after death with our resurrection. As long as people doubt God's love, there will be tests. That's why it is so important to proclaim the Kingdom: so that someday all people will know God's love and not need to be tested. **Tom Schmidt** – Copyright © Diocesan Publications



An Adoration Candle is lit for
BRUCE MACKENZIE

Month of MARCH 2024

From: Irene MacKenzie



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