



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

ANOINTING (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)

Welcome! Bienvenidos! St. Theresa Catholic Church

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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.

EASTER SUNDAY

MARCH 31, 2024

THE RESURRECTION OF THE *Lord* LA RESURRECCIÓN DEL *Señor*



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St. John & St. Peter at Christ's Tomb
by Giovanni Francesco Romanelli
circa 1610-1662

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

St. Theresa Catholic Church



Mark Your Calendars
UPCOMING EVENTS
Próimos Eventos

Sat MAR 30	FOR	REQUESTED BY
6:00 pm Vigil Mass	† Michael Adamcik	Susan Adamcik
Sun MAR 31 EASTER SUNDAY		
6:15 am	† Alice Youtsey—Special Intentions	Audrey Merkel
7:30 am	† Don Stipanich	PJ Stipanich
9:00 am	Fr. David Vivero—Special Intentions	Vicki Alvey & Loretta Montalto
11:00 am	† Rita Connery	The Wrecking Crew
1:00 pm (español)	† Sr. Robert Michael & Msgr. Bernard Coughlin	Barbara & Frank Angelino
Mon APR 1		
8:30 am	† Gerard Sweikata	Donna Kavanagh
Tues APR 2		
8:30 am	† Donald Loftus	Ruth Pawlowski
Wed APR 3		
8:30 am	† Pat Cieluski	Loretta Montalto & Vicki Alvey
Thurs APR 4		
6:00 pm	† Theresa Chiccini	Loretta Montalto & Vicki Alvey
Fri APR 5		
8:30 am	† Marcos Plazas	Herber Plazas
Sat APR 6		
8:30 am	† Rita Connery	Frank & Barbara Angelino
4:00 pm	† Deceased Members of K of C Council 8012 & Assembly 2068	Knights Of Columbus
6:00 pm (español)	Fernando Aragon – Special Intentions	Lucrecia Amen
Sun APR 7 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY		
7:30 am	† John & Cecelia Stankovitz	Tom & Diane Mizerek
9:00 am	† Jerome Furia	Michelle Collins
11:00 am	St. Theresa Parishioners	

Date / Time	Event	Location
Mondays— Apr 1 2:00—3:00 pm	Bible Study: Gospel of Mark with Father Tom—Resurrection Narrative	Parish Hall
Mon. April 1 6:00 pm	Young Men's Discussion Group	Youth House
Fri. Apr 5 6:15 pm	Sacred Heart Novena and Mass	Church
Sun. Apr 7 3:00 pm	Divine Mercy Sunday Service	Church
Sun. Apr 7 6:00 pm	Bless Bellevue—Meeting	Parish Hall
Mon. Apr 8 6:00 pm	Ladies Guild & MOST Meetings	Parish Hall
Mon. Apr 8 & 22 4:30 pm	Holy Land Presentations by Jack Nettis	Parish Hall



<u>Holy Saturday, March 30</u>	<u>Easter Sunday, March 31</u>
8:30 am Prayer Service	6:15 am Sunrise Mass
11:00 am Blessing of Easter Baskets	7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses (English)
6:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass	1:00 pm Misa en Español

Finally, it's Here!!!

Men of St. Theresa (out of high school), you're



invited to join our new young men's discussion group at St. Theresa, where bonds of friendship are forged in fellowship and faith. In an increasingly complex world, we believe in standing together, learning from one

another, and navigating life's myriad of challenges through the lens of Christian values. Come be a part of a community where we support each other, grow together, and embrace the teachings of Christ as we journey through life. Whether you're seeking friendship, guidance, or simply a space to share your experiences, you'll find warmth and welcome among us.

Join us for our first gathering on **Monday, April 1st** at 6 pm in the youth house located at St. Theresa where we will embark on a journey of camaraderie, discovery, and spiritual growth. Food and drinks will be provided. Together, let's navigate today's world with courage, compassion, and conviction. Contact **Michael Boucher** at cell phone **407-234-0405** for more information. We look forward to seeing you. there.



**Divine Mercy Sunday
Sunday, April 7, 2024
Service at 3 pm**



FROM FATHER TOM



Paul Harvey tells an amusing story about some airline baggage handlers who retrieved an animal carrier from the luggage bay of an airliner. As they removed the carrier, they made a gruesome discovery the dog inside was dead. The baggage handlers panicked. They thought there might be lawsuits, and they might even lose their jobs. They told the woman passenger that her dog had been sent to another destination by mistake. It was not at all uncommon for baggage to be sent to the wrong city. They promised her they would find her dog and have it delivered to her. With that assurance, the woman went home.

The baggage handlers then buried the woman's pet. Afterward, they set out to find another dog to replace the animal that had died. Finally, they found a dog that was a dead ringer for this woman's pet. They put the substitute dog in the animal carrier and sent it to the woman's address. The woman took one look at the dog and exclaimed, "That's not my dog! My dog is dead," she told them. "I was bringing it home for burial." (Paul Harvey's **FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH**, New York: Bantam Books, 1991, p. 67).

Some people actually prefer death over life. Jesus' resurrection has conquered our greatest fear - death. The fear of death is the basis for all other fears. We can live in freedom and joy for Jesus has conquered the greatest struggle and problem. Life isn't easy. It is far from perfect. Today, though, is the perfect day. We celebrate Jesus' resurrection. Thanks to Jesus, we too will rise and live for eternity, never to be separated from our loved ones. We will be with Jesus. Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Rejoice and be glad! Jesus is alive!

Blessed Easter!

Love and Blessings, Fr. Tom



It's back! Bless Belleview!

We spend three days this summer being a blessing to Belleview. We have a meeting Sunday, **April 7th** at 6pm in Parish Hall to decide the date and specific ways we want to bless our community. We will offer our kindness in the morning, afternoon and evening. You choose what day(s) and time works for you. Call the office to let us know you are coming (352) 245-2458.



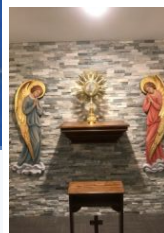
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Collected to date **\$ 103,176.00**

Under Goal (Por debajo de la meta) **\$ 39,067.00**

ONLINE Pledges: <https://www.cfocf.org.oca/>
 (Select **ST. THERESA** as your Parish). **THANK YOU.**

PLEASE HELP US TO MEET OUR GOAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

ADORATION CHAPEL



Could you not watch with me one hour? Matthew 26:40. We have a **CRITICAL** need for **Adorers on FRIDAYS** at **10:00 am**. Please contact **Nancy High (941) 518-2194** if you are interested in signing up. Thank you.



*Ministry
to the Sick*

A Ministry to the Sick Coordinator is needed! Please contact **Donna Krause** in Social Services (352) 245-1359 or (352) 245-2458



DEL PADRE TOM



Paul Harvey cuenta una divertida historia sobre unos mozos de equipaje de una compañía aérea que sacaron un transportín de animales del compartimento de equipajes de un avión. Al sacarlo, descubrieron que el perro que había dentro estaba muerto. Los operarios entraron en pánico. Pensaron que podría haber demandas e incluso perder su trabajo. Le dijeron a la pasajera que su perro había sido enviado a otro destino por error. No era raro que se equivocaran de ciudad. Le prometieron que encontrarían a su perro y se lo entregarían. Con esa garantía, la mujer se fue a casa.

Los encargados del equipaje enterraron a la mascota de la mujer. Después se pusieron a buscar otro perro para sustituir al que había muerto. Finalmente, encontraron un perro que era idéntico a la mascota de la mujer. Colocan al perro sustituto en el transportín y lo envían a la dirección de la mujer.

La mujer echó un vistazo al perro y exclamó: "¡Ese no es mi perro! Mi perro está muerto", les dijo. "Lo llevaba a casa para enterrarlo". (Paul Harvey's FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH, Nueva York: Bantam Books, 1991, p. 67).

De hecho, algunas personas prefieren la muerte a la vida. La resurrección de Jesús ha vencido nuestro mayor miedo: la muerte. El miedo a la muerte es la base de todos los demás miedos. Podemos vivir en libertad y alegría porque Jesús ha conquistado la lucha y el problema más grandes. La vida no es fácil. Está lejos de ser perfecta. Hoy, sin embargo, es el día perfecto. Celebramos la resurrección de Jesús. Gracias a Jesús, nosotros también resucitaremos y viviremos para la eternidad, sin separarnos nunca de nuestros seres queridos. Estaremos con Jesús. Aleluya. ¡Cristo ha resucitado! ¡Alegraos y regocijaos! ¡Jesús está vivo!

¡Bendita Pascua!

Con amor y bendiciones, Padre Tom

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 <p>FOLLOWING THE FOOTSTEPS OF OUR RELIGION FROM ABRAHAM TO CHRIST</p> <p>YOU WILL GAIN A GREATER INSIGHT INTO THE SIGHTS OF OUR RELIGION AND HAVE A FEEL FOR THE HOLYLAND</p> <p>A PRESENTATION BY JACK NETTIS</p> <p>DATE: April 8th TIME: 4:30 pm LOCATION: St. Theresa Social Hall</p> 	 <p>HOLY WEEK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS CHRIST</p> <p>FROM PALM SUNDAY AND CHRIST'S ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM TO HIS DEATH, BURIAL AND RESURRECTION</p> <p>A PRESENTATION BY JACK NETTIS</p> <p>DATE: April 22nd TIME: 4:30 PM LOCATION: St. Theresa Social Hall</p> 
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Any High School Graduating Senior who is planning to attend a College or Trade School in the Fall of 2024 is encouraged to apply for a **\$1,000 scholarship** payable to the college of their choice. Applicants must be active members of St. Theresa's Parish. This scholarship is sponsored by the **St. Theresa Ladies Guild**. Application can be picked up at the Church Office or by contacting: Joan LaClair (352)272-9164—jlaclair49@gmail.com OR Mary Delaney ((914) 525-0056 delaneymouth1@yahoo.com

My Take



Because the mercy of God has reached down and touched us, we ought to know how to extend mercy.

- Dr. J. Vernon McGee -



"Be merciful as your Father is merciful." Easier said than done. We're usually very good at showing mercy to our friends and family, after all, they show it back in kindness. Showing mercy to someone having a challenging time is often easy as well. We feel their pain and want to help them in their time of need. But how good are we when it comes to showing mercy to someone who has done us wrong or who has done wrong to others?

Being merciful means showing mercy when there is no chance the person will return the favor or acknowledge it. Jesus shows us there are ways to show mercy to others who have done wrong. The first thing is not to judge. When we judge, we jump to conclusions or assumptions without having the

full picture. We also may be guilty of judging others by categorizing them. We act or make comments based on who their family is, their race, or even their heritage.

Along with judging, we should not condemn others. We make assumptions and then we condemn them by deciding the consequences. We may avoid them, not talk to them, or talk about them. If someone has sinned, it is not our job to condemn them. Often, they know what they have done and will have to ask for God's mercy.

To be merciful as our Father is merciful, we must show forgiveness repeatedly. Jesus called on us to forgive seventy times seven. Here at St Theresa, we want to be a church that sinners run to and find someone who extends grace and forgiveness. May God's mercy be upon you today and every day.

Marcia Wheatley, Operations Manager

Mi opinión

"Sé misericordioso ya que tu padre es misericordioso". Es más fácil decirlo que hacerlo. Por lo general, somos muy buenos para mostrar misericordia a nuestros amigos y familiares, después de todo, lo muestran en la amabilidad. Mostrar misericordia a alguien que tiene un momento desafiante a menudo también es fácil. Sentimos su dolor y queremos ayudarlos en su momento de necesidad. Pero, ¿qué tan buenos somos cuando se trata de mostrar misericordia a alguien que nos ha hecho mal o que ha hecho mal con los demás?

Ser misericordioso significa mostrar misericordia cuando no hay posibilidad de que la persona devuelva el favor o lo reconozca. Jesús nos muestra que hay formas de mostrar misericordia a otros que han hecho mal. Lo primero es no juzgar. Cuando juzgamos, llegamos a conclusiones o supuestos sin tener la imagen completa. También podemos ser culpables de juzgar a otros clasificándolos. Actuamos o hacemos comentarios basados en quién es su familia, su raza o incluso su herencia.

Además de juzgar, no debemos condenar a otros. Hacemos suposiciones y luego los condenamos decidiendo las consecuencias. Podemos evitarlos, no hablar con ellos, o hablar de ellos. Si alguien ha pecado, no es nuestro trabajo condenarlo. A menudo, saben lo que han hecho y tendrán que pedir la misericordia de Dios.

Para ser misericordioso ya que nuestro Padre es misericordioso, debemos mostrar perdón repetidamente. Jesús nos llamó a perdonar setenta veces siete. Aquí en St Theresa, queremos ser una iglesia a la que los pecadores corran y encuentren a alguien que extienda la gracia y el perdón. Que la misericordia de Dios esté contigo hoy y todos los días.

St. Theresa Catholic Church

**DANCE
YOUR
SHOES
OFF!**

Dance your Shoes Off!! Easter Sunday, **March 31st**— following the 9 am Mass. Join us in simple dance steps and leave your shoes for the needy!



Help make Easter Flower Cross!

Easter Sunday we will have a cross in front of our church. You bring the flower(s) and put it on the cross. There will be wire on the cross so the flowers will remain. Thank you so much!



Easter Sunday, **March 31st** Our Easterbration!

Food, games and visits from the Easter Bunny following the 9 am Mass.



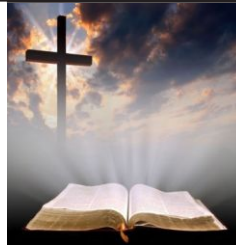
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Collecting jeans for the children of **St. Joseph Indian School**, South Dakota. Drop off donations at the Parish Office. Thank you.



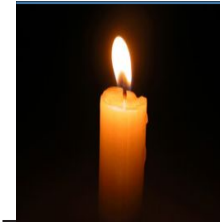
Get your Easter Bonnets ready to participate in the parade on Sunday, **March 31st**, following the 9 am and 11 am Masses.

Alleluia!



MONDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

Monday, April 1st - We will examine the Resurrection Narrative according to Mark. All are welcome. *Fr. Tom*



An Adoration Candle is lit for

DENNIS DAVID

Month of **APRIL 2024**

From: Sharon David



The Sanctuary Lamp was lit for

LESTER PHILLIPS

March 23-29, 2024

From: Rose M. Cruz



FUNERAL SCHEDULE

Wed. April 4

10:00 am

HARRY MEYER



ULTREYA: The next Ultreya is Thursday, **April 11th** at St. Theresa Parish Hall, **6:30 PM** and lasts about an hour. This will be our final **Ultreya** until September, so plan to join us.
DECOLORES!



Easter Sunday

A Good Day to Die

Do you remember your own baptism? I wish I could. I envy the adults I have seen baptized at the Easter Vigil. Hopefully, they experience what St. Paul says in the epistle we hear at the Vigil. For Paul, Baptism is a sign of dying and rising to new life. Does that mean we will rise from the dead, too?

Yes, but that is not his main point. If all we think about is our physical death, and hope we go to heaven afterwards, we're missing the point. The new life starts with our baptism, not just our physical death. The water is both cleansing and a sign of dying (symbolic drowning) that help us see we are free from sin. We are dead to sin when we begin to live in Christ. The fictional Klingons have a saying "today is a good day to die" to express courage in battle. But real Christians might say that Easter is a good day to die to sin and live in Christ.

How do we experience this dying to sin? First, we identify the sinful areas of our life. Do I watch movies, or video games that encourage promiscuity, revenge, or selfishness? What sins do I confess repeatedly and what can I do to avoid them? As for living in Christ: Can I spend less time entertaining myself and more time in prayer? Instead of complaining about what is wrong with the world, can I find ways to make it better? These are a few of the ways we begin our new life in Christ. *Tom Schmidt*—Copyright © Diocesan Publications




EASTER SUNDAY**March 31, 2024**

Please Pray for our sick, homebound parishioners, friends & others in need

Rusty Allen	Lucy DeLuca	Irene MacKenzie
Roger Anderson	Mike Devost	Jill Mahoney
Jesse Benoit	Eric Duchesne	Joanne Metzger
Thomas Cunningham	Kelly Forti	Eva Parenti
Lilly Chimenti	Jim Hunter	Caroyn Roberto
Emily Davis	Karen Kaiser	Timothy Ross
	Peter Knapp	Dorina Stadelmeier

FREE EASTER CONCERT WITH CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

Date: 4/14/24 **Time:** 3pm
Place: Church **Cost:** FREE!

 Our prayers for the repose of the soul(s) of
HARVEY MEYER
REST IN PEACE



Week Ending March 24, 2024

Offertory:	\$12,329.81
Project Growth:	\$ 2,314.50
Soup Kitchen:	\$ 8,840.50
Social Services:	\$15,225.68
Thrift Store:	\$ 8,442.00



Please pray for our deceased CLERGY

MONTH OF APRIL

April 6, 2018 – Rev. Edward Hamilton	April 21, 2018 – Rev. Eduardo Benitez
April 17, 2017 – Rev. Domingo Gonzalez	April 29, 2014 – Msgr. Terrence Farrelly
April 21, 2002 – Most Rev. Thomas Grady	April 24, 2023- Rev. Sean Heslin
April 14, 2013- Dcn. Louis Bonneau	April 18, 2000- Dcn. Richard Del Papa
April 23, 2008- Dcn. Alan Michels	April 5, 2007- Dcn. Vern Henry

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