



# 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.

## 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

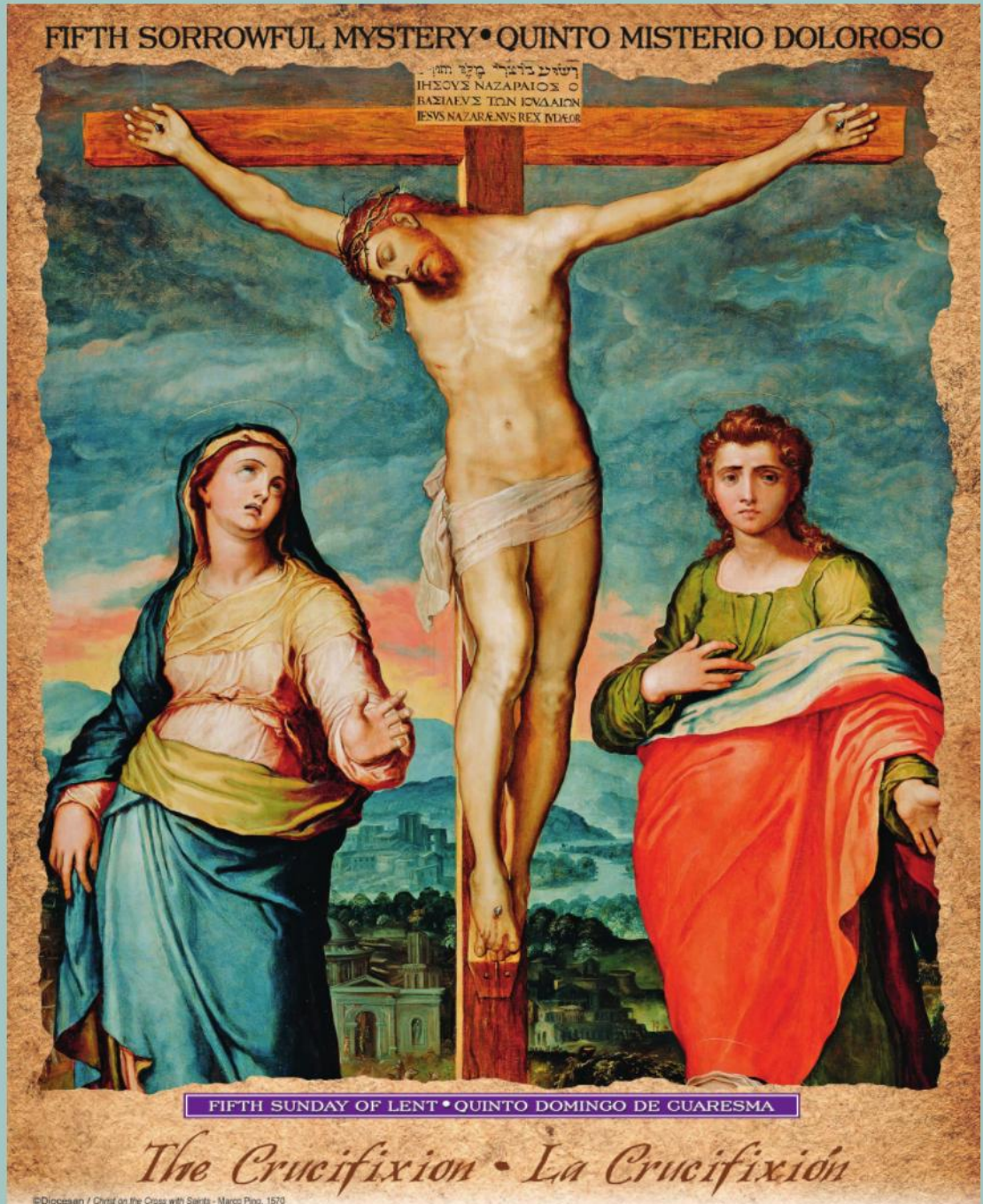
MONDAY—SATURDAY  
9 am—2:45 pm

## GIFT SHOP

Saturday &  
Sunday (after weekend  
Masses)

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 17, 2024



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

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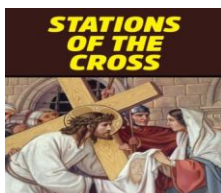
Mark Your Calendars  
**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
Próimos Eventos

Sat MAR 16	FOR	REQUESTED BY
8:30 am	† Mary Cassidy	Lilly Chimenti
4:00 pm	† Arlo & Alice Alexander	Paul & Susan Christopher
6:00 pm (Español)	St. Theresa Parishioners	
Sun MAR 17		
7:30 am	† Joseph Juliano, Jr	Bernadette Juliano
9:00 am	St. Theresa Parishioners	
11:00 am	† Estelita Pastor	Mary & Joe Helvaty
Mon MAR 18		
8:30 am	† Terry Sierzenga	Carolyn Roberto
Tues MAR 19		
8:30 am	† Dorothy McIsaac	Edwina MacMillan
Wed MAR 20		
8:30 am	† Giuseppe Mignosa	Mary Mignosa
Thurs MAR 21		
8:30 am	† Moira Yeager	Robert & Ann Fritz
Fri MAR 22		
8:30 am	† Terry Sierzenga	Ruby Lauber
Sat MAR 23		
8:30 am	† Gerald MacDonald	Marian Roche
4:00 pm	† Peter Kowalsky, Jr.	Kathleen Walker
6:00 pm (Español)	St. Theresa Parishioners	
Sun MAR 24		
7:30 am	† Thomas Marton	Kathleen Marton
9:00 am	† Helen Nowak	John Nowak
11:00 am	† Rita Connery	The Wrecking Crew



## FUNERAL SCHEDULE

Wed. 3/20	10:00 am	LES PHILLIPS
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**FRIDAY:** 9:00 am & 4:00 pm (English)

6:00 pm (Español)

**SATURDAY:** 3:00 pm (English)

Date / Time	Event	Location
Sun. <b>Mar 17</b> after 7:30 & 9am Masses	K of C Breakfast	Parish Hall
<b>Mondays—Mar 18, 25</b> 2:00—3:00 pm	Bible Study: Gospel of Mark with Father Tom	Parish Hall
Sun. <b>Mar 17, 24</b>	Children's Choir Practice — after Religious Ed.	Church
<b>Thurs. Mar 21, 22, 23</b> 3:00—8:00 pm	Ecce Homo: Conversion Stories & Call to Prayer—Retreat	Church
<b>Mon. Mar 25</b> 12:00 noon	Gift Shop Raffle Drawing	Gift Shop
<b>Mon. Mar 25</b> 6:00 pm	MOST Men's Group	Parish Hall
<b>Tues. Mar 26</b> 9:30 am	Carmelite Community	Quad
<b>Tues. Mar 26</b> 6:00 pm	Passion of Christ Film	Parish Hall
<b>Sun. Mar 31</b>	Easter Egg Hunt	Parish Hall
<b>Mon. April 1</b> 6:00 pm	Young Men's Discussion Group	Youth House

## LENTEN RETREAT - March 21-23, 2024:

Ecce Homo - the Power of Conversion Stories

Go to <https://spiritualdirection.com/ecce-homo-2024>

Sign up for free and watch at home. We will also be showing it in church. Come and go as you will.



## SCHEDULE :

All times in **Central USA time zone**. Schedule and speakers are subject to change. We are an hour ahead thus **3 o'clock is 4'oclock** here.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 21

**3:00 PM – 4:00 PM** - Dr. Joshua Miller and Claire Dwyer  
**5:00 PM – 6:00 PM** - Spiritual Direction Q&A with Dan and Stephanie Burke  
**7:00 PM – 8:00 PM** - Emily Wilson

## FRIDAY, MARCH 22

**9:00 AM – 10:00 AM** - Sr. Meredith of Christ Crucified, OCD  
**11:00 AM – 12:00 PM** - Fr. Chase Hilgenbrinck  
**1:00 PM – 2:00 PM** - Healing Prayers with Fr. Chris Clay  
**3:00 PM – 4:00 PM** - Joseph Pearce  
**5:00 PM – 6:00 PM** - Spiritual Direction Q&A with Fr. Boniface Hicks

## SATURDAY, MARCH 23

**9:00 AM – 10:00 AM** - Deliverance Prayers with Msgr. Stephen Rossetti  
**11:00 AM – 12:00 PM** - Archbishop Joseph Naumann





## FROM FATHER TOM



Shaq warns Jason Kelce: "I made 'dumb...' mistakes' that cost me my family". Shaq offered a warning to Jason Kelce as the longtime Eagles center contemplates retiring from the NFL. "My advice to you if you are going to retire: Accept it, enjoy your family, brother," Shaq recently told Kelce on "The Big Podcast with Shaq."

"I made a lot of dumb... mistakes to where I lost my family and I didn't have anybody. That's not the case for you, so enjoy your beautiful wife, enjoy your beautiful kids, and never dwell on what we had. What we had is what we got. You got the ring, people know who you are. Enjoy, because again, I was an idiot, and I've talked about it a long time. I lost my whole family. I'm in a 100,000 square-foot house by myself."

Such sobering words by Shaquille O'Neal, one of the greatest and most recognized basketball players in the world. He works for TNT as a basketball commentator along with Charles Barkley. They appear to have a great time. And they do, but underneath that smile there is an emptiness, a hole in his heart. Loneliness and lost. It brings to mind Jesus' words: "**For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?**" Mark 8:36

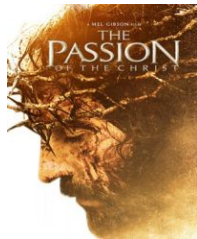
We are not Shaq, we are not multi-millionaires so we reason those words don't apply to us. They can. You don't have to be famous and rich to make the same mistake. You just have to be foolish. Foolish to spend your time and energy on what does not matter. We lose sight of what is really important. Often what is most important is not shiny and glitzy. It often appears mundane and boring. Things like family, church, helping others fail to offer the same appeal, but they are what leads to our contentment.

This **Lent**, examine yourself on what you value. Where are you spending your time and energy? You can have the largest house, the most expensive car and end up lonely and discontent. Make changes if necessary. It is never too late.

**'But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.'**" Matthew 6:33

*Love and Blessings, Fr. Tom*

### THE PASSION OF CHRIST



This powerful and moving epic biblical film depicts the final 12 hours before our Lord Jesus Christ's death on the cross. It will be shown on **Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 PM on the big screen in the Parish Hall. This Mel Gibson film was released on February 25, 2004 (Ash Wednesday) and was the fifth highest grossing film that year; as well as being the all-time highest grossing Christian film. **Come join us this coming Holy Week for the amazing depiction of what our Lord suffered and sacrificed for us and all mankind.**



**OCA Goal for 2024** **\$142,243.00**

**Collected to date** **\$ 91,393.00**

**Under Goal** (Por debajo de la meta) **\$ 50,850.00**

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

### PRO-LIFE CORNER



Even when an unborn child's disabilities are so severe that the baby is likely to die before or soon after birth "many parents who carried their child to term say protecting their baby and honoring his/her life no matter how brief was profoundly

healing." ( Source: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, "Supporting Families Who Receive a Prenatal Diagnosis"/ "Another Look at Abortion", [respect life.org/another-look-at-abortion](https://www.respectlife.org/another-look-at-abortion)

### ADORATION CHAPEL



Due to Holy Week, the Adoration Chapel will be **closed** all day on Good Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> and Holy Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. It will reopen on Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 am.



## DEL PADRE TOM



Shaq advierte a Jason Kelce: "Cometí errores tontos que me costaron a mi familia". Shaq ofreció una advertencia a Jason Kelce mientras el veterano centro de los Eagles contempla retirarse de la NFL. "Mi consejo para ti si te vas a retirar: Acéptalo, disfruta de tu familia, hermano", dijo Shaq recientemente a Kelce en "The Big Podcast with Shaq".

"Cometí muchos errores... tontos hasta el punto de perder a mi familia y no tener a nadie. Ese no es tu caso, así que disfruta de tu hermosa esposa, disfruta de tus hermosos hijos, y nunca pienses en lo que tuvimos. Lo que teníamos es lo que tenemos. Tienes el anillo, la gente sabe quién eres. Disfruta, porque de nuevo, fui un idiota, y he hablado de ello mucho tiempo. Perdí a toda mi familia. Estoy solo en una casa de 100.000 pies cuadrados".

Qué palabras tan aleccionadoras las de Shaquille O'Neal, uno de los mejores y más reconocidos jugadores de baloncesto del mundo. Trabaja para TNT como comentarista de baloncesto junto a Charles Barkley. Parece que se lo pasan en grande. Y lo hacen, pero debajo de esa sonrisa hay un vacío, un agujero en su corazón. Soledad y pérdida. Me trae a la memoria las palabras de Jesús: "**¿De qué le sirve al hombre ganar el mundo entero si pierde su alma?**". Marcos 8:36

No somos Shaq, no somos multimillonarios, así que pensamos que esas palabras no se aplican a nosotros. Pero sí pueden. No tienes que ser famoso y rico para cometer el mismo error. Sólo tienes que ser tonto. Tonto por gastar tu tiempo y energía en lo que no importa. Perdemos de vista lo que es realmente importante. A menudo, lo más importante no es brillante ni deslumbrante. A menudo parece mundano y aburrido. Cosas como la familia, la iglesia, ayudar a los demás no ofrecen el mismo atractivo, pero son las que nos llevan a la satisfacción.

Esta Cuaresma, examínate a ti mismo sobre lo que valoras. ¿Dónde gastas tu tiempo y tu energía? Puedes tener la casa más grande, el coche más caro y acabar solo y descontento. Haz cambios si es necesario. Nunca es demasiado tarde.

**"Buscad primero su reino y su justicia, y todo esto se os dará por añadidura". Mateo 6:33**

*Con amor y bendiciones, Padre Tom*



**Finally, it's Here!!!**  
**Young 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



We have an **URGENT** need for volunteers in the Thrift Store to work any day(s) Tuesday through Friday. The position is in receiving of drop-off items. Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 Noon. Please call the Parish Office (352) 245-2458 or stop by the Thrift Store. Thank you.



*Ministry  
to the Sick*

**A Ministry to Sick  
Coordinator is  
needed!**

Please contact **Donna Krause** in Social Services (352) 245-1359 or (352) 245-2458

## My Take



Last week, small groups learned about prayer journaling. Prayer journaling is writing down your prayers and thoughts instead of just praying them silently or out loud. It's a wonderful way to help you remember what you prayed for, especially when you are praying for others or for events that can take a long time to play out. If you are like me, you struggle with prayer. My mind can be on a million other things instead of my conversation with God. I find myself getting refocused and telling God I'm sorry for getting off the subject.



Join me as I start this journey with prayer journaling. You can write it anyway you wish. The young lady in the video we watched had a definite way she used her prayer journal and she liked to use assorted color pens for various parts of her prayers. I'm going to keep mine quite simple and use it to record the things that are on my mind and heart and keep track of God's blessings and answers. Remember God answers prayers in his time so by using the journal you'll be able to see those answers when they come.

I'll start my journal as I end my night by thanking God for the day and the blessings he gave me. I always start by thanking him for keeping me safe and bringing me back home. I'll keep a list of prayer requests from others, so I don't forget to remember anyone during my prayers. I will use my journal to release any fears or thoughts I don't feel comfortable saying out loud. Just putting them down on paper will allow me to release them and give them to God.

Some suggestions for setting up your prayer journal, start by praising God for the blessings and answered prayers. Add a few lines or the full verse of scripture that struck you that day. Take time to reflect on why it struck you and how it affects your life. Before you start asking God for new blessings, confess to all the sins you committed since the last time you prayed. Start your prayer petitions with a clean heart. Include your intercessions/prayer requests. You can even set up days for certain types of intercessions. For example, on Monday you can include prayers for finances Tuesday can be for family, Wednesday can be for the church and its leaders and so forth. Daily can be for those who you want to pray for every day.

Find a quiet time to set aside for journaling. There is no minimum to the time you spend journaling but over time try to increase the time and the days you journal. Remember you are talking with God, and he loves spending time with you.

*Marcia Wheatley, Operations Manager*



Congratulations Shane & Jessica! Married 3/9/24.  
Abundant Blessings!



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



### Confessions during Holy Week

Tuesday, March 26 5-6 pm  
Wednesday, March 27 12-12:30 pm  
Thursday, March 28 5-5:45 pm  
Good Friday, March 29 5:30 pm  
Holy Saturday, March 30 9:00 am



## St. Theresa Catholic Church



**NOTE:** No morning Masses on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday

**Holy Thursday, Mar 28:** 8:30 am—Prayer Service

6:00 pm—Mass of the Lord's Supper (Bilingual)

**Good Friday, Mar 29:** 8:30 am—Prayer Service

12:00 Noon—Stations of the Cross—Lake Lillian

3:00 pm—Procession of the Cross

6:00 pm—Living Stations of the Cross—Teen Group

7:00 pm—Vía Crucis en español

**Holy Saturday, Mar 30:** 8:30 am—Prayer Service

11:30 am Blessing of the Easter Baskets

6:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

**Easter Sunday, Mar 31:** 6:15 am—Sunrise Mass

7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 am—Masses (English)

### Roses from Heaven Gift Shop SPRING RAFFLE

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize is a **Christ is Risen** Crucifix
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize is a **Cross and Lamb** statue
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize is an adorable **Spring Bunny**



Enter with each \$15 purchase. Drawing will be held on Monday, **March 25, 2024** at 12:00 noon in the Gift Shop. You do not need to be present to win.



Come in and browse your gift shop. Statues, Rosaries, Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation. Bibles; English and Spanish.

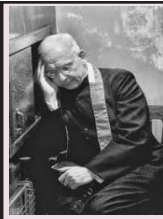
**Hours:** Saturday 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm and Sunday 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. Contact the office (352) 245-2458, Anita Hunter (352) 207-4466 or Marie Bairstow (352) 812-4752 if you need something during the week.



**Social Services** is in need of toiletry items for our guests such as **shampoo, antiperspirant / deodorants and hygiene wipes**. Please drop off at the Social Services Office or bring them to the church before / after all Masses.



The Sanctuary Lamp is lit for  
**Special Intentions for Patty Ryan**  
March 16-22, 2024  
From: Beverly Perry



### LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Monday, March 18: St. Jude – 6 pm

Tuesday, March 19: St. Vincent De Paul - 10 am & 6 pm

Wednesday, March 20: St. Theresa – 4 pm

Wednesday, March 20: St. Mark - 5:30 pm

Thursday, March 21: St. Timothy – 4 pm

Thursday, March 21: St. John The Baptist – 7 pm

Monday, March 25: Blessed Trinity - 7 pm

Tuesday, March 26: St. Paul – 10 am



**Faith Formation** is looking for readymade Easter Baskets, for our prizes on **Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024**. Please bring to the office by Monday, **March 25, 2024**. Thank you.



**Faith Formation** is looking for donations of candy (individually wrapped) to fill Easter eggs for the egg hunt on **Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024**. Please drop them off at the Welcome Desk or in the Parish Office. Thank you.



### 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 flower will remain. Thank you so much!



### LENTEN WORKS OF MERCY

Collecting jeans for **St. Joseph Indian School**, South Dakota. Now until **March 31**. Drop off donations at the Parish Office. Thank you.

DANCE  
YOUR  
SHOES  
OFF!

It's Back! **Dance your Shoes Off!! Easter Sunday** following the 9 am Mass. Join us in simple dance steps and leave your shoes for the needy! If not attending 9 am Mass, please drop off anytime by March 31.



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

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



Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2024



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

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



*Week Ending March 10, 2024*

<b>Offertory:</b>	<b>\$17,188.62</b>
<b>Project Growth:</b>	<b>\$ 3,406.00</b>
<b>Soup Kitchen:</b>	<b>\$ 5,588.10</b>
<b>Social Services:</b>	<b>\$ 2,339.50</b>
<b>Thrift Store:</b>	<b>\$ 8,418.00</b>



### LOST & FOUND

We have many items in our Lost & Found storage in our Parish Office—including reading & sun glasses, hats, jackets, umbrellas, rosaries, jewelry & more. To check for your lost items, please call the office Mon-Thurs 8 am–4 pm and Fri 8 am – 12 Noon. (352) 245-2458

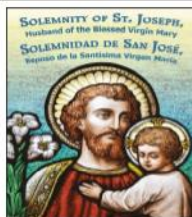
### RECRUITING ALTAR SERVERS !!



We are recruiting new altar servers (**Children and Adults**)! If interested in serving, please contact the Parish Office (352) 245-2458.



March 17th



*Solemnity of  
St. Joseph*  
Tuesday, March 19th

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