



# 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

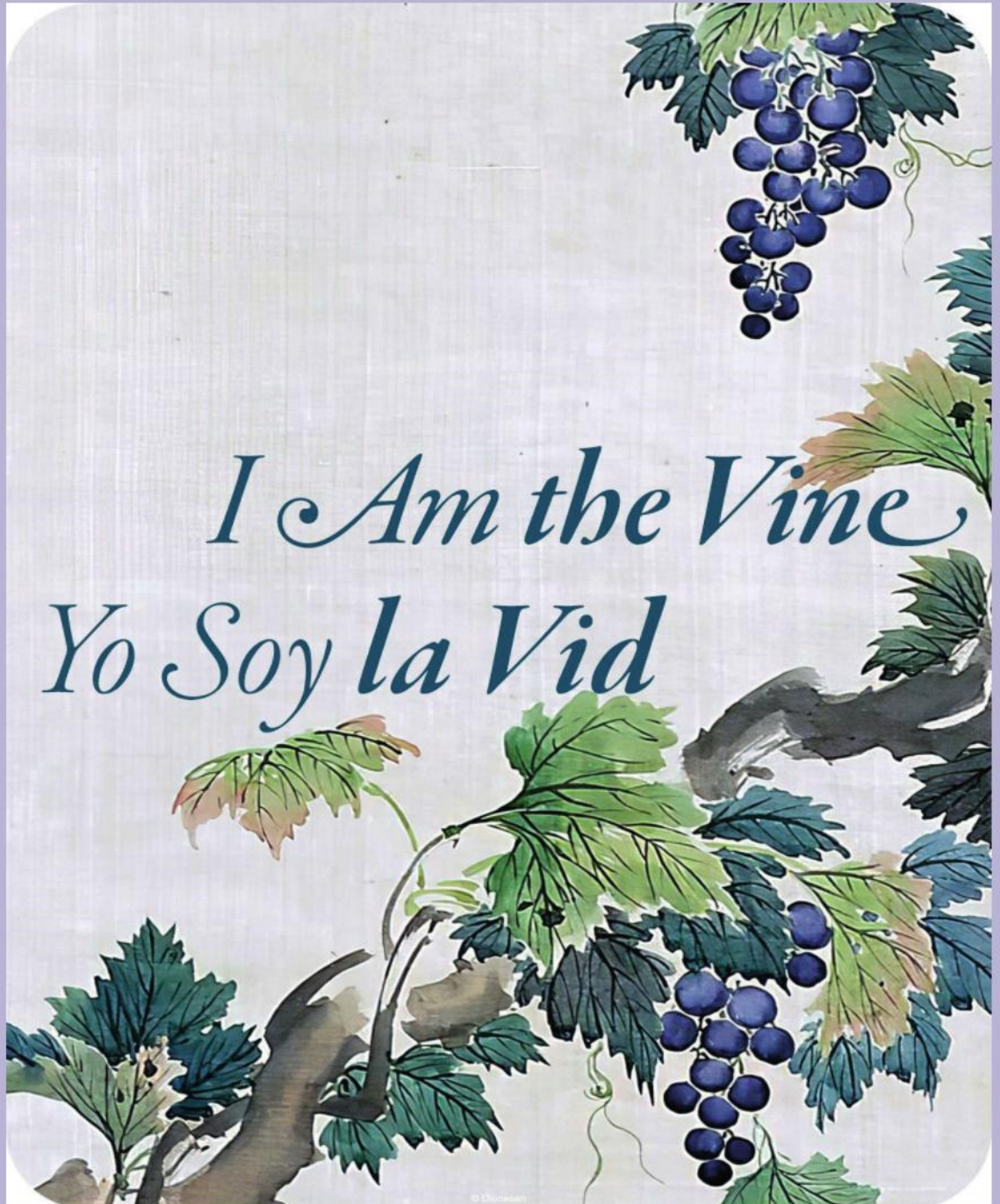
MONDAY—SATURDAY  
9 am—2:45 pm

## GIFT SHOP

Saturday &  
Sunday (after weekend  
Masses)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2024



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

St. Theresa Catholic Church



Mark Your Calendars  
**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
 Próximos Eventos

Sat APR 27	FOR	REQUESTED BY
8:30 am	† Lucy Chiamonte	Erma Sebexen
4:00 pm	† Skolaris & Tumbry Families	Ron & Karen Tumbry
6:00 pm (español)	St. Theresa Parishioners	
Sun APR 28		
7:30 am	† Tom Donney	Julie Dooney
9:00 am	Alice Reiter—Special Intentions	Jane Reiter
11:00 am	† Thomas Roach	Mike & Judy Pavlovsky
Mon APR 29		
8:30 am	† Joe & Melany Guerreiro; Tanya Brown	Paula Brown
Tues APR 30		
8:30 am	† Vita Montalto	Loretta Montalto
Wed MAY 1		
8:30 am	† Robert Balke	Soup Kitchen
Thurs MAY 2		
8:30 am	† Bruce McVey	Lydia Hepner
Fri MAY 3		
8:30 am	† Mike Flynn	Ron & Karen Tumbry
Sat MAY 4		
8:30 am	† Salvatore LaScala	Sal & Corinne Costanzo
4:00 pm	† Deceased Member of K of C, Counsel 8012 & Assembly 2068	Knights of Columbus
6:00 pm (español)	† Jose Rovira	Loretto Montalto
Sun MAY 5		
7:30 am	† Marabeth Hamilton	Elizabeth Hamilton
9:00 am	St. Theresa Parishioners	
11:00 am	† Tony & Joan Zammett	Mike & Judy Pavlovsky

Date / Time	Event	Location
Fri. <b>May 3</b> 6:15 pm	Sacred Heart Novena and Mass	Church
Mon. <b>May 13</b> 6:00 pm	Ladies Guild and MOST Meetings	Parish Hall
Thurs. <b>May 16</b> 6:30 pm	Free Spring Concert by Trinity Catholic's Choir	Church
Mon. <b>May 20</b> 9:30-11:30 am	Holy Relic Presentation	Parish Hall
Mon. <b>May 27</b> 6:00 pm	MOST Meeting	Parish Hall
Tues. <b>May 28</b> 9:30 am	Lay Carmelites	Quad

**THE Holy Face of Jesus**  
**HOLY RELIC PRESENTATION**



**Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>** in the Parish Hall from **9:30 am to 11:30 am**

A beautiful presentation for those who wish to learn about this Holy Devotion and show veneration to an actual Holy Face of Jesus Holy Relic from the Vatican. This Holy Relic has been touched to **Veronica's Holy Veil**, touched to the True Wood of the Cross, and touched to the Lance that pierced Christ's side.



An **Adoration Candle** is lit for **VIRGINIA KAISER**  
 Month of **MAY 2024**



The Sanctuary Lamp is lit for **ANGELINA IPPILITO**  
**MAY 4—10, 2024**

From: The Alvey Family



Our prayers for the repose of the soul of **Hugh McCloskey**  
**REST IN PEACE**



**ADORATION CHAPEL**

**CRITICAL NEED HOURS!**

**Monday— 9 pm, Saturday— 6 pm, 8 pm, 9 pm, Sunday— 7 pm, 8 pm.**

Please contact **Nancy High (941) 518-2194** to sign up. Thank you.

**FROM FATHER TOM**



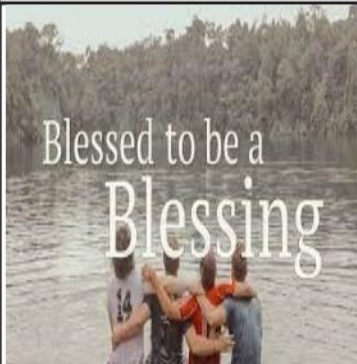
**COACH**

I got a coach. No, not a tennis or golf coach, but a church coach. I guess that is what you call him. I signed up with Amazing Parish an organization that exists to assist churches, particularly the pastor. It began in 2013, Patrick Lencioni and John Martin, the founders, met and realized very quickly that they shared a desire to serve and build up the Church. After much prayer and discernment, they agreed that the Holy Spirit was prompting them to do something to uplift, improve and help parishes turn from maintenance to missionary communities.

Amazing Parish does not focus on such details as what bible study to offer, church music or how to reach the youth. Their focus is on the organizational health of the parish. That is my Achilles heel. I feel quite comfortable in knowing the spiritual direction we need to go, but structures, systems and the details challenge me. Recognizing the need, I signed up. I went through the online “bootcamp” and now am under the guidance of a young man whose name is Nick. I am old enough to be his grandfather. I am not alone in this process. Through Nick’s guidance, we have a leadership team. We are five all together- Jim Lasciak, Eileen Ritter, Cheryl Tette, Marcia, our Operations Manager and me.

I did wonder if it may be too late to have a coach. I would have loved to have had one earlier in my career. Now? I am on the back nine. I do realize that I need help, but I wish it came sooner. I chased those doubts away. As long as the fire is still burning inside, I have to keep learning and growing. We want St. Theresa to reach its full potential. We are growing. We are growing younger. God has plans for us. I want to be part of it. I know you do too. Pray for our parish that we remain obedient to the Lord. I am ready. Coach Nick, put me in! We have a game to win!

*Love and Blessings,  
Fr. Tom*



**It's back! Bless Belleview!**

We will be doing acts to bless others **JULY 8-10, 2024.**

Volunteers are needed for different projects: **cooking for first responders, serving milk shakes at the Soup Kitchen, serving drinks and / or hot dogs at the Splash Park and Sports Complex.**

Please call the office (352) 245-2458 to volunteer. Thank you.

**SPRING CHURCH BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS**



Spring cleaning? This is a reminder that the Church needs the same attention you give to your home. We rely on volunteers for many, if not most, of the housekeeping and maintenance duties that make the church run.

Such things as **gardening, thorough cleaning, maintenance of premises (inside and out), and decorating for the liturgical seasons** are critical, but relatively few parishioners think about how such things materialize.

Please watch future bulletins for announcements requesting help with crucial tasks especially before summer arrives. Remember: *To whom much is given, much is expected.* (Luke 12:48).

Please contact **Mary Gahles** at [marygforboone@gmail.com](mailto:marygforboone@gmail.com) if you can spare a few hours toward these efforts. In the subject line, please put **VOLUNTEER PROJECTS**. Thank you for giving this prayerful consideration.

## DEL PADRE TOM

### ENTRENADOR



Tengo un entrenador. No, no un entrenador de tenis o de golf, sino un entrenador de la iglesia. Supongo que así es como se le llama. Me inscribí en Amazing Parish, una organización que existe para ayudar a las iglesias, en particular al pastor. Comenzó en 2013, Patrick Lencioni y John Martin, los fundadores, se conocieron y se dieron cuenta muy rápidamente de que compartían el deseo de servir y construir la Iglesia.

Después de mucha oración y discernimiento, acordaron que el Espíritu Santo les estaba impulsando a hacer algo para elevar, mejorar y ayudar a las parroquias a pasar de mantenimiento a comunidades misioneras.

Amazing Parish no se centra en detalles como qué estudio bíblico ofrecer, la música de la iglesia o cómo llegar a los jóvenes. Su atención se centra en la salud organizativa de la parroquia. Ese es mi talón de Aquiles. Me siento bastante cómodo sabiendo la dirección espiritual que necesitamos, pero las estructuras, los sistemas y los detalles me desafían. Reconociendo la necesidad, me inscribí. Seguí el "bootcamp" en línea y ahora estoy bajo la dirección de un joven que se llama Nick. Tengo edad suficiente para ser su abuelo. No estoy solo en este proceso. Gracias a la orientación de Nick, tenemos un equipo de liderazgo. Somos cinco: Jim Lasciak, Eileen Ritter, Cheryl Tette, Marcia, nuestra directora de operaciones, y yo.

Me preguntaba si sería demasiado tarde para tener un entrenador. Me habría encantado tener uno antes en mi carrera. ¿Y ahora? Estoy en los últimos nueve hoyos. Me doy cuenta de que necesito ayuda, pero ojalá hubiera llegado antes. Ahuyenté esas dudas. Mientras el fuego siga ardiendo dentro de mí, tengo que seguir aprendiendo y creciendo. Queremos que Santa Teresa alcance todo su potencial. Estamos creciendo. Estamos rejuveneciendo. Dios tiene planes para nosotros. Quiero formar parte de ellos. Sé que ustedes también. Reza por nuestra parroquia para que sigamos siendo obedientes al Señor. Estoy listo. ¡Entrenador Nick, póngame! ¡Tenemos un juego que ganar!

*Amor y bendiciones,  
Padre Tom*



*Congratulations Isabelle and Emalene!  
Blessings!*



Social Services is in urgent need of toiletry items for our guests such as **SHAMPOO, ANTIPERSPIRANTS / DEODORANTS, HYGIENE WIPES AND TOOTHPASTE AND**

**TOOTHBRUSHES.**

Please drop these off before mass or at the Social Service Office. Thank you.



The **FOOD PANTRY** is in need of donations, especially of the following items: **DONUTS, SNACKS** that have a long expiration date, **BOTTLED WATER** (not the gallon jugs), manual **CAN OPENERS** for our

homeless guests. Thank you.

### My Take



How many times have you made plans only to see them changed or not materialize at all? It makes me wonder sometimes about God’s sense of humor and if he just wants to try it on us. One day, I walked out of the office to go check locks on doors. As I was walking past the front desk, I joked I’d be right back unless I got lost. The Receptionist commented I should leave breadcrumbs on the walkway so I could find my way back. As I opened the front office door, I saw a bird walking down the walkway towards the office. I couldn’t help but laugh. Think you are going to lay down breadcrumbs to find your way back? Ha! God says, “watch this.”

In Genesis 1:27, it states that God created man in his image, then humor must be part of God. In addition to being made in God’s image, I believe God created the world around us to amuse and fascinate us. Take for example, the platypus. This comical creature looks like God was creating animals and the platypus got some of the leftover parts.

The Bible has much to say about humor and laughter. “A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.” Proverbs 17:22 And if it doesn’t specifically mention laughter, you would certainly get a laugh over 1 Samuel 5:1-5 when the Philistines captured the Ark of the Covenant and place it in the temple of their god Dagon. Later they found their god faced down with its hands and head broken off.

God has given us our own use of humor. He expects us to not use it to hurt or embarrass others. Celebrate God’s sense of humor with others. Don’t hold back and let go and laugh.

*Marcia Wheatley, Operations Manager*

**GOD'S DESIGN FOR YOUR MOTHERHOOD** with Lisa Canning

Are you a Catholic mom exhausted by the demands of motherhood? Do you love motherhood but sometimes wish it wasn't so hard?

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Lisa Canning, mom of 10 and Guiding Star Project President

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5125 S Apopka Vineland Rd • Orlando, FL 32819

Thursday • May 9 • 9:30 am EST • Holy Family Catholic Church  
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Deacon Phillip Mills, who preached at St. Theresa in December, will be ordained a Catholic priest **May 25<sup>th</sup>** at **10:00 am** at the **Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe** at 8300 Vineland Ave. Orlando, FL 32821. All are invited.

If you would like to ride a charter bus to the Ordination (bathroom onboard and water, snacks, and a box lunch provided), please call the office (352) 245-2458 to sign up. We are asking each passenger to contribute \$45. The bus will leave St. Theresa at 7:45 am that day and return about 2:30 pm.



**GOD'S DESIGN FOR MOTHERHOOD—May 8 and 9, 2024—Holy Family Catholic Church, Orlando, FL**

This is a free event. Registration not necessary, but appreciated. **CONTACT:** Amber, Ministry Coordinator at Holy Family [asechser@holyfamilyorlando.org](mailto:asechser@holyfamilyorlando.org)  
(407) 876-2211 x 217..www.holyfamilyorlando.com

### Mi opinión



¿Cuántas veces has hecho planes sólo para verlos cambiar o no materializarse en absoluto? A veces me pregunto cuál es el sentido del humor de Dios y si sólo quiere probarlo con nosotros. Un día, salí de la oficina para ir a comprobar las cerraduras de las puertas. Al pasar por delante de la recepción, bromeé diciendo que volvería enseguida, a no ser que me perdiera. La recepcionista me dijo que dejara migas de pan en el camino para encontrar el camino de vuelta. Cuando abrí la puerta de la oficina, vi un pájaro caminando por el pasillo hacia la oficina. No pude evitar reírme. ¿Crees que vas a dejar migas de pan para encontrar el camino de vuelta? ¡Ja! Dios dice: "mira esto".

En Génesis 1:27, se afirma que Dios creó al hombre a su imagen, luego el humor debe ser parte de Dios. Además de estar hechos a imagen de Dios, creo que Dios creó el mundo que nos rodea para divertirnos y fascinarnos. Tomemos, por ejemplo, el ornitorrinco. Esta cómica criatura parece como si Dios hubiera creado animales y al ornitorrinco le hubieran sobrado algunas partes.

La Biblia tiene mucho que decir sobre el humor y la risa. "Un corazón alegre es buena medicina, pero un espíritu abatido seca los huesos". Proverbios 17:22 Y si no menciona específicamente la risa, seguro que te hace reír 1 Samuel 5:1-5, cuando los filisteos capturaron el Arca de la Alianza y la colocaron en el templo de su dios Dagón. Más tarde encontraron a su dios boca abajo con las manos y la cabeza rotas.

Dios nos ha dado nuestro propio uso del humor. Espera que no lo utilicemos para herir o avergonzar a los demás. Celebra el sentido del humor de Dios con los demás. No te contengas, suéltate y ríe.

*Marcia Wheatley, Gerente de Operaciones*

#### Fifth Sunday of Easter Living in Shame?

In the reading from St. John's first letter, he talks about our hearts condemning us. (1 John 3:20) When he says God is greater than our hearts he means that even when we know we have sinned, God is still a forgiving God, who doesn't wait for us to be "worthy." So when we confess our sins, we need not doubt that we are forgiven.

But sometimes we feel shame when we have done nothing wrong, such as when you accidentally hurt someone. That is when it is good to remember that God knows what happened and still loves us. The best way to remember this is by living as God commands, by loving God and our neighbor. If you believe in Jesus, we know that God forgives us even before we ask him to. If you love your neighbor, then you reach out to the person you hurt, instead of hiding in shame, and try to help them.

When we stop living in shame and start living in love, we can ask for whatever we need and receive it. For when God lives in us and we live in him, we won't ask for anything trivial or selfish. His Spirit teaches us how to pray with confidence and faith. Our love and trust in God will help us to accept whatever God sends our way.

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#### 2024 Vacation Bible School July 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 7:45 am -12:00 noon

**Ages:** pre-K - Youth Group

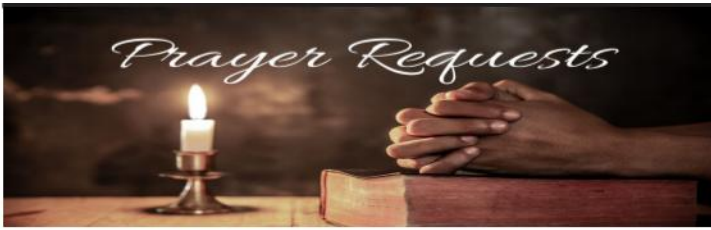


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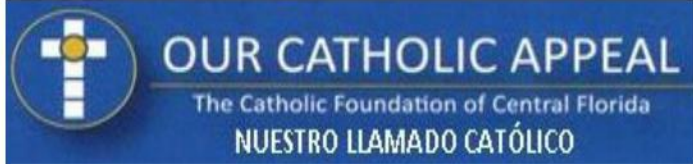
Please Pray for our sick, homebound parishioners, friends & others in need. Call the Parish Office to make changes (352) 245-2458.

Rusty Allen	Eric Duchesne	Eva Parenti
Roger Anderson	Kelly Forti	Don Pellegrino
Jesse Benoit	Carol Gehlmann	Carolyn Roberto
Thomas Cunningham	Rosemary Gurick	Timothy Ross
Lilly Chimenti	Sammy Harris	Joseph Sardisco
Emily Davis	Jim Hunter	Gary Sexstone
Lucy DeLuca	Peter Knapp	Frances Stonewell Family
Mike Devost	Joanne Metzger	Michael Sylvester



*Week Ending April 21, 2024*

Offertory:	\$14,628.98
Project Growth:	\$ 2,187.50
Soup Kitchen:	\$ 675.50
Social Services:	\$ 1,370.02
Thrift Store:	\$ 7,756.50



OCA Goal for 2024	<u>\$142,243.00</u>
Collected to date	\$118,524.00
<b>Under Goal</b> (Por debajo de la meta)	<b>\$23,719.00</b>
ONLINE Pledges:	<a href="https://www.cfocf.org/oca/">https://www.cfocf.org/oca/</a> (Select <u>ST. THERESA</u> as your Parish). Thank you.

**PLEASE HELP US MEET OUR GOAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

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*Ongoing prayer life !*

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