



# 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

Nov.—Easter 5:00 pm

## 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—12:00 pm M-F

## SOCIAL SERVICES

MONDAY—FRIDAY

9 am—1 pm

## THRIFT SHOP

MONDAY—SATURDAY

9 am—2:30 pm

## GIFT SHOP

Saturday &  
Sunday (after weekend  
Masses)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 24, 2024

# CHRIST THE KING CRISTO REY

## *Thanksgiving Day Prayer*

Lord, we thank you for the goodness of our people and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation. We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the land and the challenge of the cities.

We thank you for our work and our rest, for one another, and for our homes.  
We thank you, Lord: accept our thanksgiving on this day. We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

## *Oración del Día de Acción de Gracias*

Señor, te damos gracias por la bondad de nuestro pueblo y por el espíritu de justicia que llena esta nación. Agradecemos la belleza y plenitud de la tierra y el desafío de las ciudades.

Les damos las gracias por nuestro trabajo y nuestro descanso, los unos por los otros y por nuestros hogares. Te damos gracias, Señor: acepta nuestra acción de gracias en este día. Oramos y damos gracias por Jesucristo nuestro Señor.

Amén.

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

St. Theresa Catholic Church



Sat NOV 23	FOR	REQUESTED BY
8:30 am	† Sarah Green	Maria & Joseph Hagan
4:00 pm	St. Theresa Parishioners	
6:00 pm (español)	† Jose Perez	Alba Maldonado
<b>Sun NOV 24</b>		
7:30 am	† Elvia & Efrain Moreno	Luz Bacca
9:00 am	† Don Stipanich	PJ Stipanich
11:00 am	† Ralph Montero	Linda Saltzman
5:00 pm	St. Theresa Youth	
<b>Mon NOV 25</b>		
8:30 am	† Sandra Lowery	Anthony & Mary Beth De Rose
<b>Tues NOV 26</b>		
8:30 am	† Rita Connery	Anthony & Mary Beth De Rose
<b>Wed NOV 27</b>		
8:30 am	† Florence Kaplan	Jean Beard
<b>Thur NOV 28 THANKSGIVING DAY</b>		
10:00 am	† Helen Nowak	John Nowak & Family
<b>Fri NOV 29</b>		
8:30 am	† Larry Furnia	Colleen Furnia
<b>Sat NOV 30</b>		
8:30 am	† Paul La Vacca	Janet Delfini
4:00 pm	† Patricia Stiezel	Clara Leon
6:00 pm (español)	Adriana Gomez—Special Intentions	Yolanda Garcia
<b>Sun DEC 1</b>		
7:30 am	Joe & Theresa Kelley Wedding Anniversary—Special Intentions	Joe & Theresa Kelley
9:00 am	St. Theresa Parishioners	
11:00 am	† William Hennessy	Margaret Hennessy
5:00 pm	St. Theresa Youth	

Mark Your Calendars  
**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
 Próximos Eventos

Date / Time	Event	Location
Mon. Nov 25 6 pm	MOST	Parish Hall
Tues. Nov 26 9:30 am	LAY CARMELITES	Quad
Thurs. Nov 28 10 am	THANKSGIVING DAY MASS	Church
Sun. Dec 1	NAME TAG SUNDAY	Church
Fri. Dec 6 9 am to 1 pm	ANGEL CHRISTMAS GIFTS—Deadline to drop off Gifts	Social Services
Fri. Dec 6 6:15 pm	SACRED HEART NOVENA & MASS	Church
Mon. Dec 9—8:30, 12:00, 4:00, 6:00	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Holy Day Masses	Church
Wed. Dec 11— 5 pm	ADVENT RECONCILIATION / PENANCE	Church

Join us for  
**Thanksgiving Mass**  
 Thursday, November 28, 2024

**The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29.**

**FATIMA PILGRIM STATUE HOME VISITS**



Sundays at the 9 am Mass—volunteer to take home the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pray the rosary every day with family and/or friends or alone. Return the statue the following Sunday, along with flowers for the next person. There is no sign up.

*The Immaculate Conception*  
*Of the Blessed Virgin Mary*



Monday, December 9

**HOLY DAY MASSES**

8:30 am, 12:00 pm, 4:00 pm,

6:00 pm (Spanish / español)

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP IS LIT FOR**

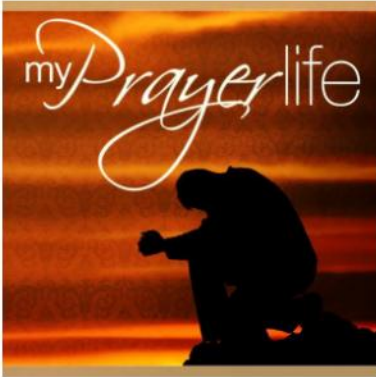
**TOM COFFIN**

November 23-29, 2024

From: *Margie Mott*







**FROM FATHER TOM**



Free relational advice: A great relationship is not only finding the person you have fun with, but also finding the person you want to be bored with. The beauty of long-term relationships is often hidden in boring, ordinary moments.

So true. Life is primarily made up of the ordinary, tedious, routine events. Movies T.V. and music often portray love as a highly charged, emotionally stimulating affair. If it isn't, then that is a sign that there is something wrong, something lacking with the relationship. Not true.

I am not a marriage counselor. My interest is that I see the connection with our prayer life. Daily, dedicated disciplined prayer is often ordinary, predictable and dare say boring. Boring in the sense that there are no bells and whistles, no fireworks and no epiphany from the heavens. In prayer we can be distracted, restless and apathetic. The grace of prayer is consistency. We show up. We don't miss. This applies to our private prayer and attending Sunday Mass. Sunday Mass is our time to honor, worship and give back to God for all He has done for us. We don't come to be entertained. We come to be present before the Lord.

Some days we sense his presence in a most powerful way, but usually our experience is uneventful. How do we respond? We continue to show up. It is like marriage, in good times and bad, in the extraordinary and ordinary, in sickness and in health. We faithfully attend. Faithfulness honors God, not our feelings.

Continue to commit to prayer every day. The grace of God works quietly, unsuspectedly and inconspicuously. His grace is often found in the routine and ordinary moments with Him. Let's be a church that prays!

*Love and Blessings,  
Fr. Tom*



**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE 2024**

Please bring your gifts to the Social Services Office Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Gifts must be here no later than **Friday, December 6**. Gifts must be unwrapped and put in a bag or box with the Angel Tag inside so the tags will not get lost, along with gift receipts for clothes.



**HOLIDAY GIFT CARDS**

are available from the Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council #8012. Please contact **Robert Horhota** at [rhorrhota@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rhorrhota@sbcglobal.net) 352-687-0845 (h); 352-789-3942 (c) for a Holiday Gift Card Order form with listing of all available cards.

**CHRISTMAS DEODORANT FOR LOWELL STATE PRISON**



We need **1,300** SUAVE deodorant sticks (**ONLY 2.6 oz** size) for our Christmas gift bags for the ladies.

Please donate as many as you can to help meet our goal. Please drop them off in the bin

at church. Thank you so much. Blessings!

**ST. THERESA'S PRO LIFE CORNER**



The Pro Life Committee wishes to thank all St. Theresa Parishioners for their generosity during the October 2024 Respect Life Month. We will use this money to make substantial donations to **HOME** in Belleview and **Alpha** in Ocala . These Organizations house and help expectant at risk mothers and mothers with new babies.

The Pro Life Committee will be having other fund raisers in addition to the **Baby Bottle Drive** during 2025. We will continue to keep you informed of our activities and how we are using the donations you have made to us .

If you have any questions or would like to join our committee please call me - Pat Pratt - at 386 - 566- 8654 .

## DEL PADRE TOM



Consejos relacionales gratuitos: Una gran relación no es sólo encontrar a la persona con la que te diviertes, sino también encontrar a la persona con la que quieres aburrirte. La belleza de las relaciones duraderas se esconde a menudo en los momentos aburridos y ordinarios.

Muy cierto. La vida se compone principalmente de acontecimientos ordinarios, tediosos y rutinarios. Las películas, la televisión y la música suelen retratar el amor como un asunto cargado de emociones. Si no es así, es señal de que algo va mal en la relación. No es verdad.

No soy consejero matrimonial. Mi interés es que veo la conexión con nuestra vida de oración. La oración diaria, dedicada y disciplinada es a menudo ordinaria, predecible y me atrevería a decir que aburrida. Aburrida en el sentido de que no hay campanas ni silbatos, ni fuegos artificiales ni epifanías del cielo. En la oración podemos estar distraídos, inquietos y apáticos. La gracia de la oración es la constancia. Nos presentamos. No fallamos. Esto se aplica a nuestra oración privada y a la asistencia a la Misa dominical. La Misa dominical es nuestro tiempo para honrar, adorar y retribuir a Dios por todo lo que ha hecho por nosotros. No venimos a entretenernos. Venimos a estar presentes ante el Señor.

Algunos días sentimos su presencia de una manera muy poderosa, pero por lo general nuestra experiencia es tranquila. ¿Cómo respondemos? Seguimos estando presentes. Es como el matrimonio, en los buenos y en los malos tiempos, en lo extraordinario y en lo ordinario, en la salud y en la enfermedad. Asistimos fielmente. La fidelidad honra a Dios, no a nuestros sentimientos.

Continúa comprometiéndote con la oración cada día. La gracia de Dios actúa silenciosa, insospechada y discretamente. Su gracia se encuentra a menudo en los momentos rutinarios y ordinarios con Él. Seamos una iglesia que ora!.

*Amor y bendiciones,  
Padre Tom*

## PRAYER MINISTRY - DIAL A PRAYER



We are beginning a new Ministry, perfect for those who spend most of the day at home, but available to anyone. We are beginning a prayer line. If an individual needs prayer, they can call and have someone pray for them. We will issue you the phone. You are on call for a week or longer if you prefer. We will train and assist you. If this is something you would like to do, please call the office (352) 245-2458.

### ST. THERESA ADORATION CHAPEL



If you would you like to deepen your prayer life and personal relationship with Jesus Christ, please consider adoring one hour a week in St. Theresa's Adoration Chapel.

We have a critical need

for adorers on the following days and hours:

**Thursday: 6 pm. Saturday: 8 pm.**

**Sunday: 7 pm and 9 pm.**

In addition, if you would like to be an adorer or substitute, please contact **Nancy High 941-518-2194**. Blessings.....



Please join us in small groups for Advent as we prepare ourselves for the celebration of Jesus' birth. Groups begin the week of Dec. 2nd. and end the week of Dec. 16th. We have both daytime and evening times available. Call the office or

complete a registration form, available at the hospitality desk. You will receive a phone call to set up a time that meets your schedule. If you are currently in a group you do not have to re-register.

### THRIFT STORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Are you looking for a way to make a meaningful difference in our community? Our Church's thrift store is in need of volunteers, and we'd love to have you join us! We are especially seeking

those comfortable working the register and assisting with checkouts, but there are plenty of other ways to lend a hand. Whether it's through collections, sorting, pricing, or placing items, every contribution helps us make a big impact.

## My Take



**Grateful** – what does this mean to you? Do you celebrate only during the month of November when a Facebook friend sends out a month challenge to write how you are grateful each day? Did you know of all the challenges on Facebook, this could be a good challenge?



When you make gratitude a priority in your life, you are practicing fostering a positive attitude and a feeling of getting more joy out of life.

There is a fair amount of research that has been done on gratitude benefits which shows if you are thanked for helping someone you are more likely to help someone else. If you make a habit of being grateful, you could reap the benefit of getting a better night's sleep. Practicing gratitude is shown to help you to become more patient and possibly make better decisions. You can also deepen relationships with those you are showing the gratitude towards.

So, between Thanksgiving and Christmas, I challenge you to practice gratitude every day. There are many different things you can do for this challenge, but to get you started, I will give you a few ideas:

- Call someone who has been on your mind and express your gratitude for the part they play(ed) in your life.
- Look through some old pictures and choose your favorite memory. Put the photo somewhere you can see it every day.
- Go to a museum and enjoy the art
- Play your favorite song and sing along
- Remember someone who has helped you along your way
- Send a card or note to someone who often goes unnoticed
- Take a walk in nature
- Hug someone
- Don't forget to show your gratitude to God every day, especially when you are in awe of the beautiful artwork in the sky. Stop and reflect, I know that was you, God, thank you.

Once you have practiced for several weeks, it will become a habit. What better habit to have than to be always grateful for your life?

*Marcia Wheatley, Operations Manager*



### ROSES FROM HEAVEN GIFT SHOP

#### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

One entry for each **\$15** you spend between now and **Sunday, December 15, 2024** in the Gift Shop. You do not have to be present to win. Drawing will take place on Monday, December 16.

- 1st prize: **Lighted Nativity in glass enclosed glitter lantern**
- 2nd prize: **Magi King Nutcracker;**
- 3rd prize: **Engraved "This House Believes" stone block**
- 4th prize: **Jesus is the Reason for the Season plaque**

### FOOD PANTRY

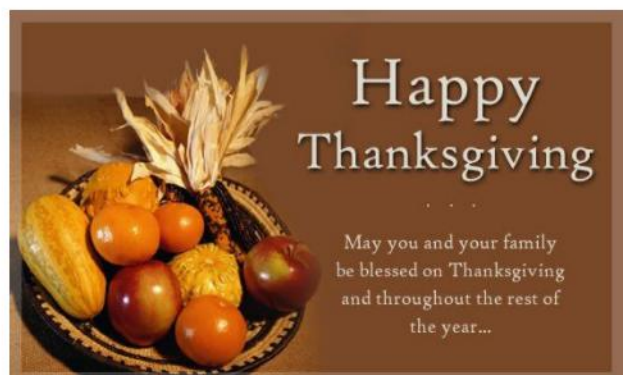


Thanks for all your generous donations to our food pantry! We are experiencing a greater need with the upcoming holidays that are quickly approaching..

Please consider helping our St. Theresa parish provide food for our guests during the holidays. We welcome grocery store **Gift Cards** from **Winn Dixie & Publix** in any amount. Donations of food items (e.g. canned vegetables, etc.) are also greatly appreciated !



During this Holiday Season, our **Social Service Benevolence Ministry** would greatly appreciate any donations to assist our less fortunate neighbors with rent, utility and other household bills. Please use the envelopes located in the church pews. God Bless all of you for what you continue to do for this ministry.





*Mí opinión*



**Agradecimiento** : ¿qué significa para usted? ¿Lo celebras sólo durante el mes de noviembre, cuando un amigo de Facebook envía un reto mensual para escribir cómo estás agradecido cada día? ¿Sabías que de todos los retos de Facebook, éste podría ser un buen reto?

Cuando haces de la gratitud una prioridad en tu vida, estás practicando el fomento de una actitud positiva y una sensación de obtener más alegría de la vida. Se han realizado numerosas investigaciones sobre los beneficios de la gratitud que demuestran que si te dan las gracias por ayudar a alguien, es más probable que ayudes a otra persona. Si se acostumbra a ser agradecido, puede beneficiarse de dormir mejor. Practicar la gratitud ayuda a ser más paciente y, posiblemente, a tomar mejores decisiones. También puede profundizar en las relaciones con las personas hacia las que muestra gratitud.

Así que, entre Acción de Gracias y Navidad, te reto a que practiques la gratitud todos los días. Hay muchas cosas diferentes que puedes hacer para este reto, pero para empezar, te daré algunas ideas:

- Llama a alguien que tengas en mente y exprésale tu gratitud por el papel que ha desempeñado en tu vida.
- Mira algunas fotos antiguas y elige tu recuerdo favorito. Coloca la foto en un lugar donde puedas verla todos los días.
- Ve a un museo y disfruta del arte
- Pon tu canción favorita y canta con ella
- Recuerda a alguien que te haya ayudado en tu camino
- Envía una tarjeta o una nota a alguien que a menudo pasa desapercibido
- Da un paseo por la naturaleza
- Abraza a alguien
- No te olvides de mostrar tu gratitud a Dios todos los días, especialmente cuando te asombres de la hermosa obra de arte que hay en el cielo. Detente y reflexiona, sé que eras tú, Dios, gracias.

Una vez que lo hayas practicado durante varias semanas, se convertirá en un hábito. ¿Qué mejor hábito que estar siempre agradecido por tu vida?

*Marcia Wheatley, Gerente de Operaciones*

**NAME TAG SUNDAY - DECEMBER 1**



Get to know your fellow parishioners! We will have **Name Tag Sunday** every 1st weekend of each month. If you have a name tag from any group you belong to, please wear it.



Are you new or have been coming for a while and ready to join St. Theresa Parish as registered members?? We would love to have you join us!! Pick up a Registration Packet after any weekend Mass at the Welcome Desk.



*Welcome to our new Altar Servers !!*



Lewis & Susan Andrews	Dean & Peggie Munson
Kimberly Strenth	Marty & Sheri Wade

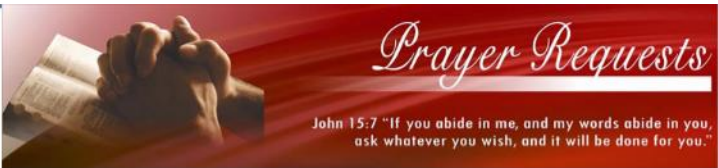
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**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

**November 24, 2024**



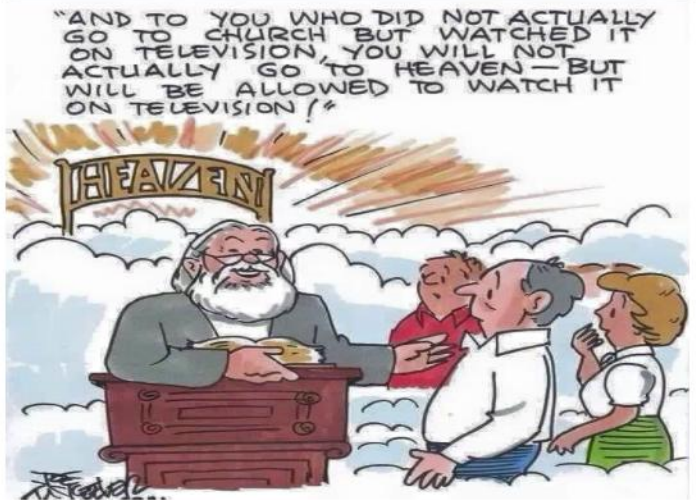
Please Pray for our sick, homebound parishioners, friends & others in need. Call the Office to make changes.

Roger Anderson	Kelly Forti	Jeremy Perkins
Nancy Bauer	Sandra Grabczynski	Carolyn Roberto
Jesse Benoit	Julie Grosner	Timothy Ross
Denise Billeter	Rosemary Gurick	Francine Sothen
Peggy Bulson	Sammy Harris	Lori Spurlock
Joni Choiniere	Robert & Clair LaDow	Frances Stonewell Family
Thomas Cunningham	Shirley Laurie	Phil Sturgill
Lilly Chimenti	Joanne Metzger	Eleanor Sullivan
Lucy DeLuca	Genevieve Nix	Pam & Paul Sullivan
Gene Dever	Jane Oelstrom	Sandra Sutter
Mike Devost	Gary Pearson	Joan Ward
Eric Duchesne	Don Pellegrino	John Zaborny



*Week Ending November 17, 2024*

<b>Offertory:</b>	<b>\$19,237.91</b>
<b>Project Growth:</b>	<b>\$ 3,451.50</b>
<b>Soup Kitchen:</b>	<b>\$ 3,288.50</b>
<b>Social Services:</b>	<b>\$ 4,132.50</b>
<b>Thrift Store:</b>	<b>\$ 9,102.50</b>



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.

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