



# 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)

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024



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

St. Theresa Catholic Church



Mark Your Calendars  
**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
 Próximos Eventos

Sat DEC 14	FOR	REQUESTED BY
8:30 am	Society of St. Theresa	
4:00 pm	† Michael & Lois Masino	Marlene Masino
6:00 pm (español)	† Maria Theresa Caicedo	Nancy Garcia
Sun DEC 15		
7:30 am	† Annie Montera	Linda Saltzman
9:00 am	† Helen Nowak	John Nowak
11:00 am	St. Theresa Parishioners	
5:00 pm	St. Theresa Youth	
Mon DEC 16		
8:30 am	† Marvin Hill	Mary Hill
Tues DEC 17		
8:30 am	† Cecelia Chmiel	Marian Klubek
Wed DEC 18		
8:30 am	† Thomas Dooney	Julie Dooney
Thurs DEC 19		
8:30 am	† Fr. Patrick Sheehan & Fr. Bernard Coughlin	Barbara Angelino
Fri DEC 20		
8:30 am	† Robert Yeoman	Ethel Snyder
Sat DEC 21		
8:30 am	† Shirley DeCarlo	Ethel Snyder
4:00 pm	St. Theresa Parishioners	
6:00 pm (español)	† Gilma Cardona	Yolanda Garcia
Sun DEC 22		
7:30 am	† Dennis Kirstein	Arlene Kaczmarek
9:00 am	† Donald Schreiner	Ruth Schreiner
11:00 am	† Thomas Marino	Joanne Marino
5:00 pm	Janice Atkinson—Deacon	Barbara Atkinson

Date / Time	Event	Location
Sat. Dec 14	Social Services CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY	Parish Hall
Sun. Dec 15	GIFT SHOP RAFFLE—Last day to participate	Gift Shop
Sat. Dec 21	3RD SATURDAY CLUB	Campus
Mon. Dec 23 6 PM	MOST	Parish Hall
Tues. Dec 24 9:30 AM	LAY CARMELITES	Quad



<b>Tuesday, Dec. 24</b>	<b>Christmas Eve—Vigil Masses</b> 3:00 PM, 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM (español); 9:00 PM
<b>Wednesday, Dec. 25</b>	<b>Christmas Day (NOTE: Change)</b> 5:45 AM, 10:00 AM

**Last Call—Confessions!**  
**Monday, 12/23 5-6 pm, Tuesday, 12/24 12:00 noon.** Let's Get ready for Christmas!

**Our prayers for the repose of the soul of**  
**RONALD KAPCSOS**  
**REST IN PEACE**

**FUNERAL SCHEDULE**

Sat. Jan 11, 2025	10:00 am	Ronald Kapcsos
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**THE SANCTUARY LAMP IS LIT FOR**  
**GEORGE BILLEN**  
 December 14—20, 2024  
 From: *Dave & Georgiann Matthews*



### FROM FATHER TOM



**Good Housekeeping** magazine listed the five most-common things guests notice when they enter our homes.

First, they spy piles of mail laying around, so keep an empty drawer in the kitchen for your correspondence. Second, they notice dust bunnies and cobwebs, so watch those room corners and use a broom and a hand vacuum. Third, they notice a messy bathroom, so use glass cleaner for the mirror and other handy clean-up aids for the floors and appliances.

Fourth, they notice dishes in the sink. Avoid embarrassment here by throwing them in the dishwasher. Or, if needed, rinse and place them in the oven. Fifth, our guests notice full trash cans, so empty any filled container into a larger receptacle that can be kept out of sight. (Source: "Five Things People Really Notice," **Good Housekeeping** (November 2006), p. 42)

People not only check our houses, but they also look at us. They may not even be conscious of it, but they are noticing us. What do they see when they look us over? Are we approachable? Friendly? Do we walk around with a frown or a smile? I hope that they see a smile, warmth and kindness. We are a walking billboard for Christ. Wherever we go, we represent St. Theresa. Be attentive to how we treat our servers at restaurants, cashiers and those annoying, intrusive phone calls. We are Christ's ambassadors. Treat all with **kindness, patience** and **consideration**. It is the best witness to our faith that we can give.

*Love and Blessings, Fr. Tom*



#### Thank you!

I want to thank all those who made my birthday special. Thank you for contributing to bless Lowell Prison for our unfortunate ladies. I am sure

we will make their day this Christmas. Thank you for those who gave me personal gifts as well. Not necessary but appreciated.

I am saving to build a chapel in a mission country in honor of St. Therese. I tried to thank you individually but in my confusion (have you seen my desk?) I probably lost names. My apologies. You are all so very kind! *Father Tom*



<b>Willia &amp; Christine Bogus</b>	<b>David &amp; Angel Dunn</b>
<b>V. Allen &amp; Marianne Geddings</b>	<b>Michael &amp; Joyce Wasylak</b>



#### CALLING ALL ELVES!

It is that time of year to prepare the church for Christmas! Waiting for the end of Advent, the big **decorating day** is **Monday, December 23rd**, for

the inside of the church. To minimize the time and lifting needed on that day, we need help **before December 23rd** to organize bins and decorate outside. If you have physical limitations, we have important sit-down jobs, too. Please join us on **Saturday, December 14th** and **Saturday, December 21st** at the Youth House garage (call office for location) at 9 a.m. or after.

If you want to discuss what is needed, please call or text **Mary Gahles** at **724-581-7171**. We will still need people to decorate inside the church on **December 23rd**.



#### A PRAYER FROM OUR PRO LIFE CORNER

*"O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations. Ask your Son to give us unfailing determination to witness to the profound dignity of every person, at every stage and in every circumstance. In that first Eucharistic procession, you carried Jesus to Elizabeth in her time of need. Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid. May our support help them to find hope and strength in the Lord. Amen"* Copyright © 2023, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, D.C. All rights reserved. If you have any questions or would like to join our committee please call me - **Pat Pratt (386) 566- 8654** .

## DEL PADRE TOM



La revista **Good Housekeeping** ha hecho una lista de las cinco cosas más comunes que notan los invitados cuando entran en casa.

En primer lugar, ven montones de correo por todas partes, así que guarda un cajón vacío en la cocina para tu correspondencia. En segundo lugar, se fijan en las motas de polvo y las telarañas, así que vigila los rincones de las habitaciones y utiliza una escoba y un aspirador de mano. En tercer lugar, se dan cuenta de que el baño está desordenado, así que utiliza limpiacristales para el espejo y otros útiles de limpieza para el suelo y los electrodomésticos.

En cuarto lugar, ven platos en el fregadero. Evita la vergüenza metiéndolos en el lavavajillas. O, si es necesario, acláralos y mételos en el horno. En quinto lugar, nuestros invitados se fijan en los cubos de basura llenos, así que vacíe cualquier recipiente lleno en un receptáculo más grande que pueda mantenerse fuera de la vista. (Fuente: «Five Things People Really Notice», **Good Housekeeping** (noviembre de 2006), p. 42)

La gente no sólo revisa nuestras casas, sino que también nos mira. Puede que ni siquiera sean conscientes de ello, pero se fijan en nosotros. ¿Qué ven cuando nos miran? ¿Somos accesibles? ¿Somos amables? ¿Vamos con el ceño fruncido o con una sonrisa? Espero que vean una sonrisa, calidez y amabilidad. Somos una valla publicitaria andante de Cristo. Dondequiera que vayamos, representamos a Santa Teresa. Estén atentos a cómo tratamos a nuestros camareros en los restaurantes, a los cajeros y a esas llamadas telefónicas molestas e intrusivas. Somos embajadores de Cristo. Tratemos a todos con amabilidad, paciencia y consideración. Es el mejor testimonio de nuestra fe que podemos dar.

*Amor y bendiciones  
Padre Tom*



I wish to thank all who helped with the preparation of the gift bags which are being given to Lowell Correctional Institution for Christmas. Through your generous monetary and Suave deodorant donations, we were able to fill 1,300 gift bags each with a Matthew Kelley book, a composition book, a puzzle book, deodorant, shampoo, body wash, body lotion, a pen and Christmas card.

I also want to thank the volunteers who worked diligently for several hours on Tuesday afternoon filling the bags with the gift items, and the volunteers who worked Wednesday morning loading the U-Haul with boxes, full of gift bags for delivery to the prison. *Father Tom*



### **Want to join a new club?**



The **3RD SATURDAY CLUB** will not be meeting during the month of December. The next event will be January 18th at 9 am. The purpose of this club is to beautify the grounds and interior of St. Theresa. If you are interested in volunteering, please call the Parish Office at (352) 245-2458.



Our beautiful Altar at St. Theresa has beautiful linens that need care. Occasional “substitute” help is needed for the **Altar Linen Ministry**.

If you have an hour or two to help once every other month or so, please call **Mariellen** for further information **(770) 845-7338**.



## My Take



This past weekend, the 2<sup>nd</sup> candle of the Advent candle was lit, the candle of peace. In *Luke 2:14*, the angels appear and proclaim, “**Peace on earth**”. Jesus brought about peace instead of the rebellion many of the zealot Jews wanted at that time. During the days of Jesus and his disciples, there was much unrest between the Jews and the Romans.

Just as today, there is much civil unrest and division between political parties, race, and wealth. The unrest is not limited to the United States, but it is happening globally. It’s hard to read or listen to the news and not be shocked at the violence, destruction of property and protests. It makes us want to question God. Does he see? What does he think? Why is this happening, as we seem to slide more and more towards a world without peace.

God is here, even when we don’t acknowledge him. He has given us the freedom of choice and we must live with our decisions. We also have the freedom of choice on our relationship with him. Jesus offered, “Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come into him.” *Revelation 3:20*

If there has ever been a time to open the door, it is now. Pray to God to be with you. God is in control and “*All things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to His purpose.*” *Romans 8:28*. Pray to Jehovah Shalom, The Lord is Peace. Pray for peace to come into your heart and the world.

*Marcia Wheatley, Operations Manager*

### 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.

### FOOD PANTRY



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! Bring them to drop off at Mass.

### THRIFT STORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Our Thrift store is in need of volunteers. Positions include: working the register, assisting with checkouts, collections, sorting, pricing, placing items. Every contribution helps us make a big impact.

Stop by the store and speak with store manager, *Julie*, about getting started. Our hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 AM to 2:30 PM.

### ROSES FROM HEAVEN GIFT SHOP CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



**LAST DAY: Sunday, December 15** to participate in the Raffle. One entry for each **\$15**. You do not have to be present to win.



**DONATIONS**, using your credit or debit card, may be made online on our web site at [www.mystcc.org](http://www.mystcc.org). If you are using online giving on a regular basis, you may call the Parish Office to stop the envelopes you receive in the mail.

# Mi opinión



Este pasado fin de semana se encendió la segunda vela del cirio de Adviento, la vela de la paz. En Lucas 2:14, los ángeles aparecen y proclaman: "Paz en la tierra". Jesús provocó la paz en lugar de la rebelión que muchos de los judíos fanáticos querían en ese momento. Durante los días de Jesús y sus discípulos, hubo mucho malestar entre judíos y romanos.

Al igual que hoy, hay mucho malestar civil y división entre partidos políticos, raza y riqueza. Los disturbios no se limitan a Estados Unidos, sino que están ocurriendo a nivel mundial. Es difícil leer o escuchar las noticias y no sorprenderse ante la violencia, la destrucción de propiedades y las protestas. Nos hace querer cuestionar a Dios. ¿Él ve? ¿Qué piensa? ¿Por qué sucede esto, cuando parece que nos deslizamos cada vez más hacia un mundo sin paz?

Dios está aquí, incluso cuando no lo reconocemos. Él nos ha dado la libertad de elegir y debemos vivir con nuestras decisiones. También tenemos la libertad de elegir nuestra relación con él. Jesús ofreció: "He aquí, yo estoy a la puerta y llamo; Si alguno oye mi voz y abre la puerta, entraré en él". Apocalipsis 3:20

Si alguna vez ha habido un momento para abrir la puerta, es ahora. Ora a Dios para que esté contigo. Dios tiene el control y "todas las cosas ayudan a bien a los que aman a Dios y son llamados conforme a su propósito". Romanos 8:28. Oren a Jehová Shalom, El Señor es Paz. Ora para que la paz entre en tu corazón y en el mundo.



Marcia Wheatley, Gerente de Operaciones



### USHERS NEEDED !!

Please call the Parish Office to sign up (352) 245-2458



### RECRUITING ALTAR SERVERS !!

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

### 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. Thank you.



### ADORATION CANDLE

Available for one month from the first to the end of the month. It can be for a deceased person or a special Intention. Suggested donation: **\$30**.





**Third Sunday Of Advent**

**December 15, 2024**



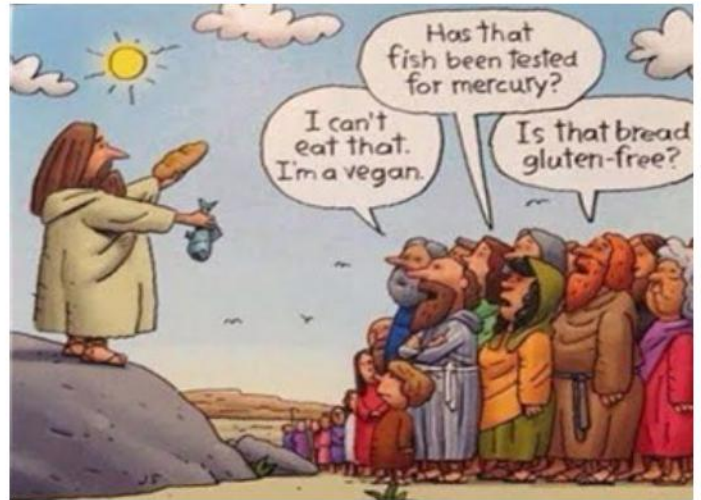
*"Father God, we lift up all those who are facing illness today, we ask that you would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. In Jesus' name, Amen!" Call the Office to make changes.*

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



*Week Ending December 8, 2024*

<b>Offertory:</b>	<b>\$20,048.60</b>
<b>Project Growth:</b>	<b>\$ 3,065.50</b>
<b>Soup Kitchen:</b>	<b>\$ 4,264.50</b>
<b>Social Services:</b>	<b>\$ 5,814.75</b>
<b>Thrift Store:</b>	<b>\$ 9,095.02</b>



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