



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

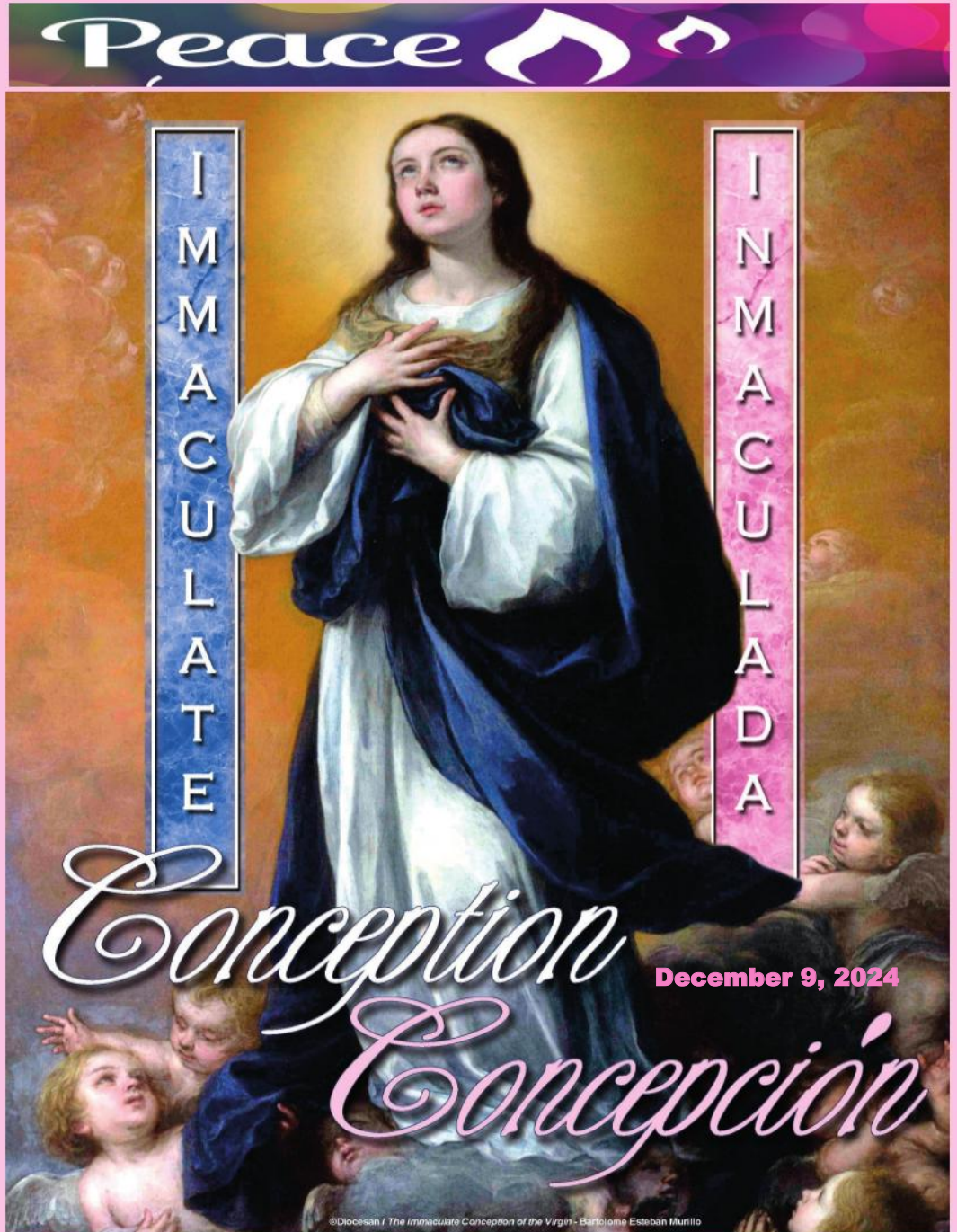
MONDAY—SATURDAY
9 am—2:30 pm

GIFT SHOP

Saturday &
Sunday (after weekend
Masses)

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024



December 9, 2024

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

St. Theresa Catholic Church



Mark Your Calendars
UPCOMING EVENTS
 Próximos Eventos

Sat DEC 7	FOR	REQUESTED BY
8:30 am	† Gerry (Gary) Howard	Margery Howard
4:00 pm	† Deceased Members of K of C Council 8012 & Assembly 2068	Knights of Columbus
6:00 pm (español)	St. Theresa Parishioners	
Sun DEC 8		
7:30 am	† Cecelia Stankovitz	Tom & Diane Mizerek
9:00 am	† Gary Bubenhofer	Rob & Cheryl Mundy
11:00 am	† Ed Kelly	Joan Kelly
5:00 pm	St. Theresa Youth	
Mon DEC 9 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION		
8:30 am	† Janice & Jay English	Fran & Bob Fiorentino
12:00 pm	† Edwina MacMillan	Vicki Alvey & Loretta Montalto
4:00 pm	St. Theresa Parishioners	
6:00 pm (español)	† Graciela Giraldo	Yolanda Garcia
Tues DEC 10		
8:30 am	† Dan Alvey	The Alvey Family
Wed DEC 11		
8:30 am	† Leona Partlow	Louis & Hilda Matos
Thurs DEC 12		
8:30 am	† Leona Partlow	Louis & Hilda Matos
Fri DEC 13		
8:30 am	† Ligia & Jimmy Bacca	Luz Bacca
Sat DEC 14		
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	

Date / Time	Event	Location
Sun. Dec 8 after 7:30 and 9 am Masses	K OF C BREAKFAST	Parish Hall
Week of Dec 2 to Week of Dec 16	ADVENT SMALL GROUPS	Parish Hall
Mon. Dec. 9	NO MOST MEETING in DEC	
Mon. Dec 9 8:30 am, 12 pm, 4 pm, 6 pm	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Holy Day Masses	Church
Tues. Dec 10 3 pm	DEDICATION IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL SYLVESTER	Thrift Store
Wed. Dec 11— 5 pm	ADVENT RECONCILIATION	Church
Sat. Dec 14	Social Services CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY	Parish Hall
Sun. Dec 15	GIFT SHOP RAFFLE—Last day to participate	Gift Shop
Mon. Dec. 23	Last minute prep to get ready for Christmas	



HOLY DAY MASSES
Monday, December 9th
 8:30 am, 12:00 pm,
 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm (español)



IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL SYLVESTER
 Join us on Tuesday, December 10th at 3:00 pm, as we dedicate the Thrift Store in Michael's memory.



Our prayers for the repose of the souls of
PHIL STURGILL
ANNE WARRENT
REST IN PEACE



FUNERAL SCHEDULE

Thurs. 12/12	10:00 am	ANNE WARRENT
Mon. 12/16	10:00 am	PHIL STURGILL

FROM FATHER TOM

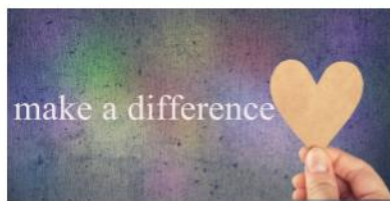


October is the retreat month for the clergy. I, with Fr. O’ Doherty, rode off to our retreat house, San Pedro, in Winter Park. It is a beautiful, relaxing, tranquil setting. Attending the retreat is a highlight of the year. I look forward to those few days away. It is a grace to gather with other priests, putting the concerns of the parish on hold and take time to focus on what really matters. Oh, I almost forgot, the food is fantastic!

My lasting memory from this past retreat is Chris. Chris works at the retreat house. He was at the desk when we checked in late Monday afternoon. I greeted him with a “Good Afternoon.” He quickly scurried over the attendance list, mumbling Fr Tom Connery. I was taken aback. I never met him until now. How did he know my name? Curious, I asked him how he knew who I was. “Oh”, he replied, “I have been preparing all year for this.” I wasn’t the only face and name he put to memory. I imagined that he committed to memory all the priests attending the retreat. He probably found our names on the diocesan website. I was deeply impressed. Imagine, he had been working on this all year. It made a big difference.

I love Name Tag Weekend. Little by little I am trying to match your name with your face. Forgive me if I stumble and continue to ask your name. If you have your own name tag feel free to wear it every weekend. I offer this challenge to you. Memorize two people’s names each weekend or at least on **Name Tag Weekend**. Make the effort. It is well worth it. With all the talks, discussions and prayers we had over our retreat, the big take-away I went home with, was Chris knew my name. What a difference it made.

*Love and Blessings,
Fr. Tom*



As 2024 is quickly coming to a close, we, at St Theresa, reflect on the many blessings we have received from our parishioners this past year. We have been your place for spiritual nourishment and community support. Your donations have made a difference to not only St Theresa but also to the communities we serve. We served over 75,000 family members with lunch and groceries. This year, we assisted other organizations in their service to their community, whether it was food, clothing or items for the homeless. We helped a small church in MS build a ramp to their church for parishioners with walkers and wheelchairs. If you haven’t made your 2024 donation, please consider St Theresa as a beneficiary. You can make one-time, monthly or semi-monthly donation on-line via our web site at www.mystcc.org and click the on-line giving tab.



CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY: Looking for talented bakers to provide cookies for the *Social Services Children’s Christmas Party* on **Saturday, December 14th.** Please drop them off at the Parish office

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. 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

THRIFT STORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



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 with 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.

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.

DEL PADRE TOM



Octubre es el mes de retiro para el clero. Yo, con el P. O' Doherty, me fui a nuestra casa de retiro, San Pedro, en Winter Park. Es un lugar hermoso, relajante y tranquilo. Asistir al retiro es uno de los momentos culminantes del año. Estoy deseando que lleguen esos días. Es una gracia reunirse con otros sacerdotes, dejar de lado las preocupaciones de la parroquia y dedicar tiempo a lo que realmente importa. Ah, casi lo olvido, ¡la comida es fantástica!

Mi mejor recuerdo de este retiro es Chris. Chris trabaja en la casa de retiro. Estaba en la recepción cuando nos registramos el lunes por la tarde. Le saludé con un «Buenas tardes». Se apresuró a revisar la lista de asistentes, murmurando «P. Tom Connery». Me sorprendió. Nunca le había visto hasta ahora. ¿Cómo sabía mi nombre? Curioso, le pregunté cómo sabía quién era yo. «Oh», respondió, “me he estado preparando todo el año para esto”. No era el único rostro y nombre que memorizaba. Imaginé que memorizaba a todos los sacerdotes que asistían al retiro. Probablemente encontró nuestros nombres en la página web de la diócesis. Me quedé muy impresionado. Imagínate, había estado trabajando en esto todo el año. Fue un gran cambio.

Me encanta el fin de semana de la etiqueta con el nombre. Poco a poco estoy intentando emparejar tu nombre con tu cara. Perdóname si tropiezo y sigo preguntando tu nombre. Si tienes tu propia etiqueta con tu nombre, no dudes en ponértela cada fin de semana. Te propongo este reto. Memoriza los nombres de dos personas cada fin de semana o al menos el fin de semana de la etiqueta. Haz el esfuerzo. Merece la pena. Con todas las charlas, discusiones y oraciones que tuvimos durante nuestro retiro, lo más importante que me llevé a casa fue que Chris sabía mi nombre. Qué diferencia.

*Amor y bendiciones
Padre Tom*

FOOD PANTRY



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

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.



SOCIAL SERVICES—

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.

HOLIDAY GIFT CARDS



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

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.**



My Take



Advent is here, and I find myself reflecting on my first exposure to it. I can remember the Advent calendars that you can open the little window each day. I couldn't wait to get home from school, so I could find out what secret and candy was behind the next window.

I don't remember at what point I finally understood that advent means the arrival or coming. Advent is the commemoration of not only Christ's first coming but the anticipation of his second coming. I must admit to not knowing that Advent was also anticipation of the second coming until years later.

Instead of letting myself get caught up in the commercialization of Christmas this year, I'm challenging myself and anyone else to use Advent to spread the gospel. If you know of a person who only attends on Christmas and/or Easter, invite them to come now and share in the anticipation and wonder of Advent. You can use their attendance to ask what was the most meaningful part of the Mass to you? Use this to start the conversation about your relationship with God and how it has helped and healed you. If the person is unable to attend Mass due to health concerns, send them the link to our live masses and follow up with a phone call afterwards. What a wonderful Christmas gift if we can inspire another family to join us this season of prayer and repentance.

Advent is the time to slow down, reflect and prepare for the coming of Christ. We should embrace the season, focus on the Word of God, and pray more. We are preparing our hearts for the gifts Christmas gives. Why not share those gifts with others?

Marcia Wheatley, Operations Manager



Tues. 12/10 Immaculate Heart of Mary 5 pm
 Thurs. 12/12 Our Lady of the Springs 6 pm
 Mon. 12/16 St Mark 10 am
 Tues. 12/17 St. Mark 5:30 pm
 Thurs. 12/19 St. Vincent de Paul 10 am & 6 pm

Weds. 12/11 St Theresa 5 pm
 Fri. 12/13 Our Lady of the Springs 10 am
 Mon. 12/16 Blessed Trinity 7 pm
 Wed. 12/18 Blessed Sacrament 7 pm
 Mon. 12/23 St Timothy 10 am



Tuesday, Dec. 24	Christmas Eve—Vigil Masses	3:00 pm
		5:00 pm
		7:00 pm (español)
		9:00 pm
Wednesday, Dec. 25	Christmas Day	5:45 am
		10:00 am

Advent Penance Service at St Theresa

Please join us as we prepare for the great feast of Christmas by going to confession. We will be hosting confession here Wednesday Dec 11 @ 5pm. We will have extra priests on hand to assist us.

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.

Mí opinión



El Adviento está aquí y me encuentro reflexionando sobre mi primera exposición a él. Recuerdo los calendarios de Adviento en los que puedes abrir la ventanita cada día. No podía esperar a llegar a casa de la escuela para poder descubrir qué secreto y dulces había detrás de la ventana de al lado.

No recuerdo en qué momento finalmente entendí que adviento significa llegada o venida. El Adviento es la conmemoración no sólo de la primera venida de Cristo sino también de la anticipación de su segunda venida. Debo admitir que no supe que el Adviento también fue anticipación de la segunda venida hasta años después.

En lugar de dejarme atrapar por la comercialización de la Navidad este año, me desafío a mí mismo y a todos los demás a utilizar el Adviento para difundir el evangelio. Si conoce a una persona que solo asiste en Navidad y/o Semana Santa, invítela a venir ahora y compartir la anticipación y el asombro del Adviento. ¿Puede aprovechar su asistencia para preguntar cuál fue la parte más significativa de la Misa para usted? Utilice esto para iniciar la conversación sobre su relación con Dios y cómo le ha ayudado y sanado. Si la persona no puede asistir a Misa debido a problemas de salud, envíele el enlace a nuestras misas en vivo y luego haga un seguimiento con una llamada telefónica. Qué maravilloso regalo de Navidad si podemos inspirar a otra familia a unirse a nosotros en esta temporada de oración y arrepentimiento.

El Adviento es el tiempo para frenar, reflexionar y prepararse para la venida de Cristo. Deberíamos aprovechar la temporada, centrarnos en la Palabra de Dios y orar más. Estamos preparando nuestros corazones para los regalos que nos da la Navidad. ¿Por qué no compartir esos dones con los demás?

Marcia Wheatley , Gerente de Operaciones

A PRAYER FROM OUR PRO LIFE CORNER



"Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. Help expectant parents to welcome from God the priceless gift of their child's life. Console parents who have lost that gift through abortion, and lead

them to forgiveness and healing through the Divine Mercy of your Son. Teach us to cherish and care for family and friends until God calls them home. Help us never to see others as burdens.

Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. AMEN." Prayer Excerpted from The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Day 7 of Respect Life Novena

Faith Formation

Living Advent Wreath



Second Sunday Of Advent

December 8, 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	Kelly Forti	Jeremy Perkins
Nancy Bauer	Julie Grosner	Carolyn Roberto
Jesse Benoit	Rosemary Gurick	Timothy Ross
Denise Billeter	Sammy Harris	Francine Sothen
Peggy Bulson	Robert & Clair LaDow	Lori Spurlock
Ron Capcsos	Shirley Laurie	Frances Stonewell Family
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 December 1, 2024

Offertory:	\$15,000.00
Project Growth:	\$ 2,358.37
Soup Kitchen:	\$12,625.50
Social Services:	\$ 5,485.50
Thrift Store:	\$ 8,253.58



SANCTUARY LAMP: Available for 1 week beginning on Saturday through Friday. It can be for a deceased person or a special Intention. Suggested donation: **\$20**. Call the Parish Office (352) 245-2458.



**THE SANCTUARY LAMP IS LIT FOR
FAMILIA MORENO PELAEZ**

December 7—13, 2024

From: Betty Pelaez



St. Theresa Ladies Guild
Annual Christmas Poinsettia Sale
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