



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

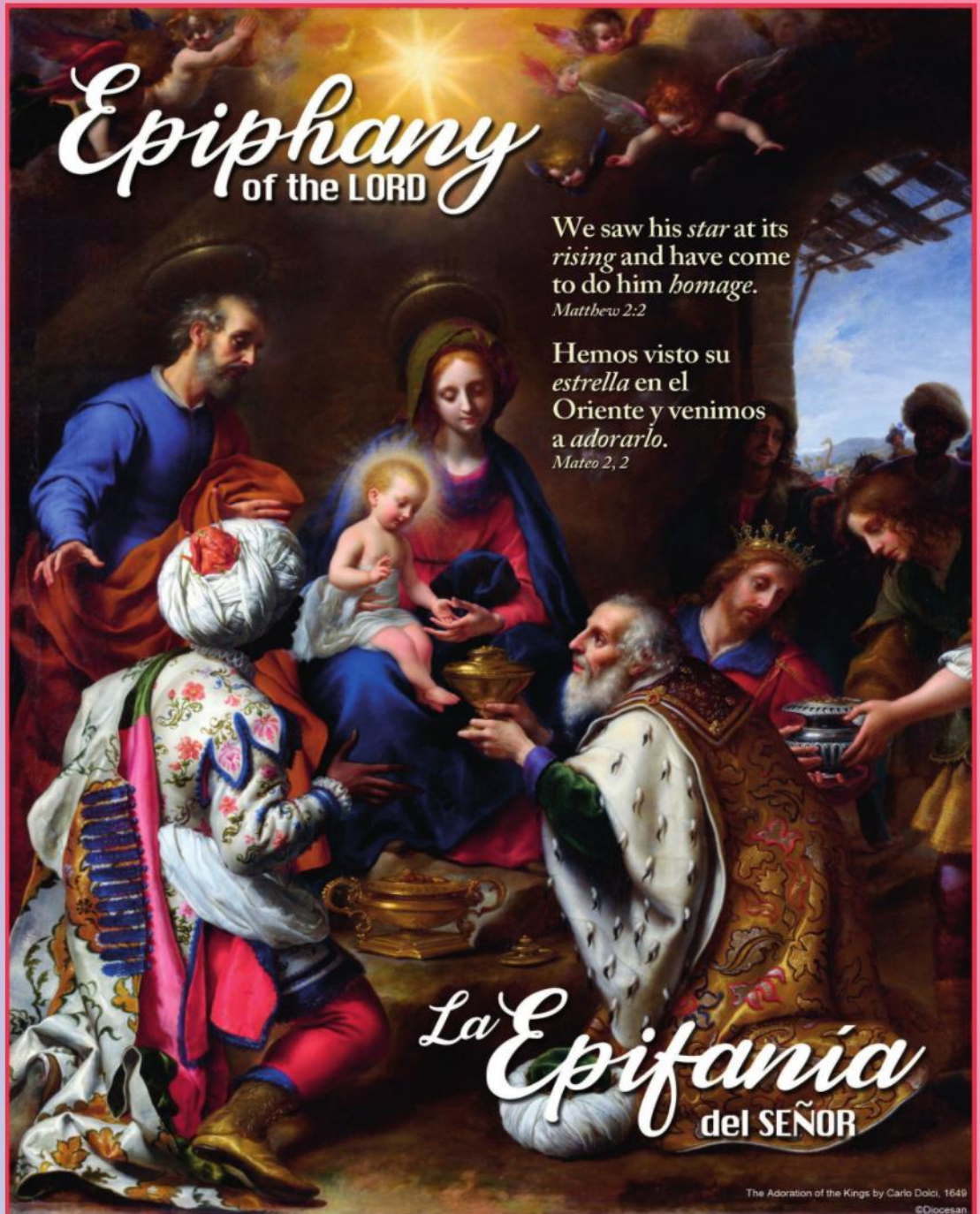
9 am—2:30 pm

GIFT SHOP

Saturday &
Sunday (after weekend
Masses)

Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2025



The Adoration of the Kings by Carlo Dolci, 1649
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It's Worth the Drive (Vale la pena el viaje)

St. Theresa Catholic Church



Sat JAN 4	FOR	REQUESTED BY
8:30 am	† Ann Emerson	Cindy Brennan Family
4:00 pm	† Deceased Members of K of C ouncil 8012 & Assembly 2068	Knights of Columbus
6:00 pm (español)	St. Theresa Parishioners	
Sun JAN 5		
7:30 am	† James Hunter	Tom & Diane Mizerek
9:00 am	† Bob Creighton	Robert Mundy
11:00 am	† Stephen Mosko	Ron & Mary Jane Czyznik
5:00 pm		
Mon JAN 6		
8:30 am	† Warren F. Kohl	Joanne Marino Kohl
Tues JAN 7		
8:30 am	† Thomas Scheimer	Mary Jane Coss
Wed JAN 8		
8:30 am	† Joseph S. Mosko	Mary Jane Czyznik
Thurs JAN 9		
8:30 am	† Suzanne Newcomb	Deborah Armbrecht
Fri JAN 10		
8:30 am	† Celina & Hernan Moreno	Luz Bacca
Sat JAN 11		
8:30 am	Society of St. Theresa	
4:00 pm	† Walter Palys	Florence Kaplan
6:00 pm (español)	Jose Jesus Garcia	Yolanda Garcia
Sun JAN 12		
7:30 am	St. Theresa Parishioners	
9:00 am	James Bradbury	John & Marie Appoloney
11:00 am	† Jean Dahring	Sharyn & Jim Miller
5:00 pm		



Our prayers for the repose of the soul of

Marjorie Jane Sellers

REST IN PEACE

St. Theresa Prayer Hotline (24/7)
(352) 496-1569



Mark Your Calendars
UPCOMING EVENTS
Próximos Eventos

Date / Time	Event	Location
Sun. Jan 5	NAME TAG/GROCERY SUNDAY	Church
Wed. Jan 8 2:00 pm	GRIEF SHARE	tbd
Sun. Jan 12 (after 7:30, 9 am Masses)	K of C BREAKFAST	Parish Hall
Mon. Jan 13 6:00 pm	LADIES' GUILD & MOST	Parish Hall
Sat. Jan 18 9:00 am	3RD SATURDAY CLUB	Parish Hall

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A Grief Share Group will begin again at 2:00 pm on **Wednesday, January 8, 2025** at St. Theresa's.

When a loved one dies, it can feel like you are all alone and that few people understand how painful and isolating this can be. At **Grief Share**, you can find a safe, comforting place where you can talk with others about your grief.

You'll find support, direction and guidance on how you can make it through your grief. For more information call **Deacon Dan Pallo** at **352-391-9338** or email to deacondan2007@gmail.com. Also visit the Grief Share website at griefshare.org to get more information and register. Come and join us.

FUNERAL SCHEDULE

Sat. Jan 11	10:00 am	Ronald Kapcsos
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THE SANCTUARY LAMP IS LIT FOR

† **FRANK L. BALYS**
January 4—10, 2025
From: *Debra Balys*



FROM FATHER TOM



If you have walked down our hallway I am sure that you noticed the beautiful painted roses. You can't miss them. Kyle, the artist, did a splendid job. Why roses? I want to impress upon all who frequent our parish to know that we are devoted to St. Thérèse. Wherever one goes on our property, they will know that this parish belongs to her. I can't think of another parish that is as proud and devoted to their patron as we are to St. Thérèse. I offer no apologies.

We are so blest! St. Thérèse promised to send roses from heaven to those who invoke her aid. Since ancient times, roses have symbolized God at work in whatever situation they appear. The scent of roses is often associated with divine love, grace, and the presence of the divine. The image of roses reminds us of God's presence and for us, St. Thérèse's intercession on our behalf.

2025 is a special year for those who claim St. Thérèse as their patroness. 100 years ago on May 17th, the church declared St. Thérèse a saint. She is in the Hall of Fame. We all by God's grace shall gain heaven but Thérèse is an **All Star**. Pope Pius X called her "*the greatest saint of modern times*".

I consider myself blest to spend these later years of my priesthood in her parish. I hope you feel honored and blest, as well, to call St. Theresa your parish. There are special blessings in store for us. What other saint has promised "***I will spend my heaven doing good on earth***". "***Upon my death, I will let fall a shower of roses***". May the blessings abundantly fall upon us!

*Love and Blessings,
Fr. Tom*

A PRAYER FROM OUR PRO LIFE CORNER



People who are ill or dying should receive care that meets their needs and upholds the gift of their lives. Palliative care (which is not limited to the dying process) and hospice care embody a comprehensive and integrated approach that seeks to provide physical, psychological, social, familial, and spiritual support for those who are sick or dying.

*We need to surround those going through serious illness or the dying process with love, support, and companionship that are "anchored in unconditional respect for their human dignity, beginning with respect for the inherent value of their lives." * Every life is worth living.*

Reflection Excerpted from The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Respect Life Novena

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



Flocknote is a communication tool that will let St Theresa quickly and easily reach the parishioners of St. Theresa, and the members of our ministries and groups. Flocknote can reach everyone at St. Theresa in a moment's notice through: ●Text messages ●Email ●Phone calls (for members who don't have email or a smartphone). Sign up at the Welcome Desk at weekend Masses or go to our website at mystcc.org for detailed instructions. Contact the Parish Office for more information or assistance.

NAME TAG/GROCERY SUNDAY - JANUARY 5, 2025

Get to know your fellow parishioners! We will have ***Name Tag Sunday*** every 1st weekend of each month.

Please help our Food pantry serve the increased need for the community by bringing in your food items to donate.

PRAYER MINISTRY - DIAL A PRAYER



If you or someone you know need prayer, you can call the St. Theresa Prayer Hotline 24 hours a day to have a member of the Prayer Team pray with you. The number is **(352) 496-1569**.



DEL PADRE TOM



Si has paseado por nuestro pasillo, seguro que te has fijado en las preciosas rosas pintadas. No tienen pérdida. Kyle, el artista, hizo un trabajo espléndido. ¿Por qué rosas? Quiero que todos los que frecuentan nuestra parroquia sepan que somos devotos de Santa Teresa. Dondequiera que uno vaya en nuestra propiedad, sabrá que esta parroquia le pertenece. No puedo pensar en otra parroquia que esté tan orgullosa y dedicada a su patrona como nosotros lo estamos a Santa Teresa. No pido disculpas.

Somos tan bendecidos. Santa Teresa prometió enviar rosas del cielo a quienes invocaran su ayuda. Desde la antigüedad, las rosas simbolizan la acción de Dios en cualquier situación en la que aparezcan. El aroma de las rosas se asocia a menudo con el amor divino, la gracia y la presencia de lo divino. La imagen de las rosas nos recuerda la presencia de Dios y, para nosotros, la intercesión de Santa Teresa en nuestro favor.

2025 es un año especial para quienes tienen a Santa Teresa como patrona. Hace 100 años, el 17 de mayo, la Iglesia declaró santa a Santa Teresa. Está en el Salón de la Fama. Todos, por la gracia de Dios, alcanzaremos el cielo, pero Teresa es una All Star. El Papa Pío X la llamó «la santa más grande de los tiempos modernos».

Me considero bendecido por haber pasado estos últimos años de mi sacerdocio en su parroquia. Espero que ustedes también se sientan honrados y bendecidos de llamar a Santa Teresa su parroquia. Nos esperan bendiciones especiales. Qué otro santo ha prometido «Pasaré mi cielo haciendo el bien en la tierra». «A mi muerte, dejaré caer una lluvia de rosas». ¡Que las bendiciones caigan en abundancia sobre nosotros!

*Amor y bendiciones,
Padre Tom*

9 OF THE SMARTEST THINGS EVER SAID

We suffer more in imagination than in reality - *by Seneca.*

It's never too late to be what you might have been - *by George Elliott.*

Our life is what our thoughts make it – *by Marcus Aurelius.*
Thinking is difficult – that's why most people judge - *by Carl Young.*

Care about what other people think and you will always be their prisoner – *by Lao Tzu.*

A fool is known by his speech and a wise man by his silence – *by Pythagoras.*

If you are the smartest person in the room then you are in the wrong room – *by Confucius.*

The quieter you become the more you are able to hear – *by Rumi.*

Drop a 100 if you reach this far - this shows that if you reach this far you are part of the 0.01% who actually finish what they start.



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.

SOCIETY OF ST. THERESA: Enroll your loved one for a 12 month membership. He/she will be remembered each month during the 8:30 am Mass on the 2nd Saturday of the month. Mass cards are available. Names will not be read out loud but the list will be placed on the Altar. Call the Parish Office (352) 245-2458. Suggested donation: **\$10**



My Take



A month or so ago, an older post of Pope Francis came up on my social media. In this post, Pope Francis rebutted the argument that abortion can be justified as a solution to the crisis of pregnancy by stating “Is it right to take a human life to solve a problem? It’s like hiring a hitman.” Wow, what a powerful statement. I have been reflecting on this and thinking I need to write about this.

On Saturday, December 28th, we commemorated the Feast of the Holy Innocents. I remember Deacon Joe speaking about the massacre and compared it to the killing of innocents during our day. As Mother Teresa reminds us, the unborn child is the “poorest of the poor”, the child has no choice.

According to WHO (World Health Organization), there are estimated to be between 40-50 million abortions worldwide a year. Behind the pro-choice is a child loved by God and waiting to fulfill his/her destiny. What wonderful things or cures might one of these children have discovered?

Although as I stated earlier, Pope Francis did speak out strongly about abortion, the Catholic faith does offer forgiveness and the invitation to reconcile with God. If you know of a woman feeling guilty about her past, invite her to church to participate in the sacrament of confession. Here she can ask forgiveness from the child and look forward to the reunion in heaven.

I’m anxious for 2025 to get underway. We still have work to do on buildings and on our call to discipleship. I still have a lot of work to do on me and growing my faith. Thank you, God, for bringing me this far, I can’t wait to see where you lead me.

Marcia Wheatley

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 our store manager, about getting started. Our hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 AM to 2:30 PM.



THRIFT STORE

Our Thrift store is low on **GROCERY BAGS (plastic or paper—any size)**. Donations would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.



DONATIONS, using your credit or debit card, may be made online on our web site at 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.



ROSES FROM HEAVEN GIFT SHOP

Have you visited the gift shop at St. Theresa lately? This is YOUR gift shop. We would love to see you come in and browse. You may see something that you have been thinking about or something that catches your eye. Maybe a new rosary or bible. A statue that speaks to you.

We are open Saturdays from 3:30 pm until 5:30 pm and Sundays from 8:30 am until 12:30 pm. During the week call the office at 352-245-2458 or Marie Bairstow at 352-812-4752 or Anita Hunter at 352-207-4466 and request a time to visit.

We look forward to seeing you.

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 & 9 pm. Sunday: 7 pm and 7 pm.

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

Mi opinión



Hace un mes, más o menos, apareció en mis redes sociales una publicación antigua del Papa Francisco. En esta publicación, el Papa Francisco refutaba el argumento de que el aborto puede justificarse como una solución a la crisis del embarazo al afirmar: “¿Es correcto quitar una vida humana para resolver un problema? Es como contratar a un sicario”. Vaya, qué declaración tan poderosa. He estado reflexionando sobre esto y pensando que necesito escribir sobre esto.



El sábado 28 de diciembre, conmemoramos la Fiesta de los Santos Inocentes. Recuerdo que el diácono Joe habló sobre la masacre y la comparó con el asesinato de inocentes durante nuestros días. Como nos recuerda la Madre Teresa, el niño no nacido es el “más pobre de los pobres”, el niño no tiene elección.

Según la OMS (Organización Mundial de la Salud), se estima que se realizan entre 40 y 50 millones de abortos en todo el mundo al año. Detrás de los pro-choice hay un niño amado por Dios y esperando cumplir su destino. ¿Qué cosas maravillosas o curas podría haber descubierto uno de estos niños?

Aunque, como dije antes, el Papa Francisco habló con firmeza sobre el aborto, la fe católica ofrece perdón y la invitación a reconciliarse con Dios. Si conoces a una mujer que se siente culpable por su pasado, invítala a la iglesia para participar en el sacramento de la confesión. Allí puede pedir perdón al niño y esperar con ansias la reunión en el cielo.

Estoy ansiosa por que comience el año 2025. Todavía tenemos trabajo por hacer en los edificios y en nuestro llamado al discipulado. Todavía tengo mucho trabajo por hacer en mí y en el crecimiento de mi fe. Gracias, Dios, por traerme hasta aquí, no puedo esperar a ver a dónde me llevas.

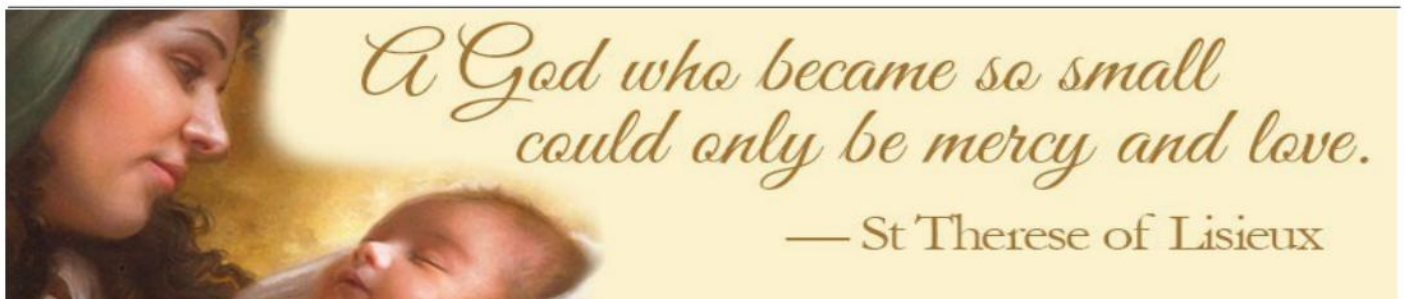
Marcia Wheatley,



THANKS TO OUR "St. Theresa Decorating Elves"

On behalf of Fr. Tom and our parishioners, we extend our deepest thanks to Mary Gahles and every incredible volunteer who assisted with the Christmas decorating. We had an excellent turnout of self-starters who took over their assigned tasks enthusiastically and creatively. You did a beautiful job with little supervision. Everyone worked hard but enjoyed the fellowship with others (not to mention the pizza lunch Jim Lasichuk requested.) A special thanks to the men from the Knights of Columbus who were here early to load, but of equal importance, offered the use of their personal vehicles. Special thanks to the people who got here at 8 AM to organize the placement of boxes in the trucks, and to Robert Hohorta for the superb job setting up the train set. God bless you all. Happy New Year.

(P.S. - If anyone can help re-box on January 20th and/or 21st, please try to join us to neatly organize the decorating room to prepare for next year. Watch for more information to follow next week.)



Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2025



"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	Dot Usery
Mike Devost	Don Pellegrino	Joan Ward
Eric Duchesne	Jeremy Perkins	John Zaborny
Kelly Forti	Carolyn Roberto	
Julie Grosner		



Week Ending December 22, 2024

Offertory:	\$16,106.19
Project Growth:	\$ 2,484.50
Soup Kitchen:	\$ 5,311.50
Social Services:	\$ 2,058.50
Thrift Store:	\$ 7,816.92

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Sunday Worship!
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