



# Welcome! Bienvenidos! St. Theresa Catholic Church

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Pastor: **Fr. Tom Connery** Website: [www.mystcc.org](http://www.mystcc.org)

*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)

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, 2025



*Bishop Noonan, Welcome  
to St Theresa!*

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

St. Theresa Catholic Church



Sat FEB 15	FOR	REQUESTED BY
8:30 am	† Florence Kaplan	Thursday Rosary Group
4:00 pm	St. Theresa Parishioners	
6:00 pm (español)		
Sun FEB 16		
7:30 am	† Richard Goulette	Annette Goulette
9:00 am	† Don Stipanic	PJ Stipanic
11:00 am	† Margaret Kottl	Joanne Marino Kottl
5:00 pm	Volunteers of St Theresa	Marty & Sheri Wade
Mon FEB 17		
8:30 am	† John Somsen	Florence Kaplan
Tues FEB 18		
8:30 am	† Ralph DeVito	Ralph Cuttita
Wed FEB 19		
8:30 am	Fr. Tom Connery— Special Intentions	Ruth Schreiner
Thurs FEB 20		
8:30 am	† Giuseppe Mignosa	Mary Mignosa
Fri FEB 21		
8:30 am	† Tivisay Plazas	Luz Bacca
Sat FEB 22		
8:30 am	† Patrick Roche	Marian Roche
4:00 pm	† Lester Phil	Joan Philips
6:00 pm (español)	St. Theresa Parishioners	
Sun FEB 23		
7:30 am	† Bill Thompson	Florence Thompson
9:00 am	† Charlie LaPlant	Allen & Marianne Geddings
11:00 am	† Ralph Della-Donna	Joan Choiniere
5:00 pm		



Date / Time	Event	Location
Sat. Feb 15—9 am	3RD SATURDAY CLUB	Campus
Sun. Feb 16 11 am	ANNIVERSARY MASS AND LUNCHEON	Church / Parish Hall
Wed. Feb 19, 26 2:00 pm	GRIEF SHARE	Parish Hall
Mon. Feb 24 6 pm	MOST (Men Of St. Theresa)	Parish Hall
Tues. Feb 25 9:30 am	LAY CARMELITES	Quad
Tues. Feb 25 1:00 pm	“ASK YOUR PRIEST....” - Fr. Jim	Library
Sun. March 2 All Masses	NAME TAG / GROCERY SUNDAY	Church
Fri. March 7 6:15 pm	SACRED HEART NOVENA & MASS	Church
Wed. March 5	ASH WEDNESDAY	Church
Sun. March 9 After all Masses	K of C BREAKFAST	Parish Hall
Mon. March 10 6:00 pm	LADIES GUILD & MOST	Parish Hall

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*The Wade Family*

February 22—28, 2025

From: *Family Member*

**PRAYERS AFTER CHURCH**



Parish family, we are excited about our new prayer ministry. There are signs outside the church. They are on either side of our statue in front. We have a prayer team waiting to pray for you or your loved ones. We look forward to knowing you better. You can just stop and say Hi ! Our team is chosen because of their compassion and spiritual gifts. If you know of a good candidate for this ministry, whether it's a friend or yourself, please contact the number below. We look forward to praying with you soon. All is possible through Jesus Christ.

Contact **Joanne** at (303) 887-3650.



**“ASK YOUR PRIEST...”**

Join Fr. Jim on **Tuesday, February 25** at 1:00 pm in the Library for a session on: **“Ask your priest...” Any topic of interest!**

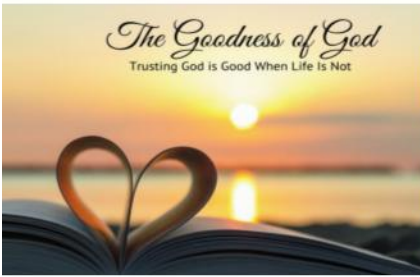
**PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO REGISTER FOR THIS FREE SESSION. SPACE IS LIMITED.**



Our prayers for the repose of the soul of

**WILLIAM PIEDRAHITA  
REST IN PEACE**





## FROM FATHER TOM



I was walking Moses early morning in the church parking lot. As I head toward the church, I spot a car driving in making the left and heading towards our back gate. I assume we are now a shortcut for those living behind us. As I stroll with Moses, I arrive at that turn spot. Immediately I am hit by this wave of cigarette smoke. I could swear that I am standing by a smoker. I look around; there is no one there. From where is it coming? It dawns on me - the car. In that brief moment, that split second, despite the cool fresh air, the tobacco scent is pervasive. It was impossible to avoid. You know something? I bet he/she is not even aware of it. They are so used to it that they become unaware of the odor. It is the norm.

This is not a diatribe against smokers. I have my own issues. What it does make me realize is that we all carry an aroma, a scent. Wherever we go, we bring it with us. Probably like the smoker, we are unaware of it. It, too, is our norm. We can carry an *aroma of kindness, positivity and joy*. When we leave the room, that aroma also lingers. We make it a better place. We can also carry the aroma of *negativity, criticism and complaint*. That, too, unfortunately lingers.

What aroma do you wish to carry? Do you want to build up or tear down? Find fault or find the blessing? Look for the good or focus on the negative? The choice is yours. I, for one, want to carry the *sweet aroma of God's goodness*. I hope you do too.

*Love and Blessings,*  
Fr. Tom

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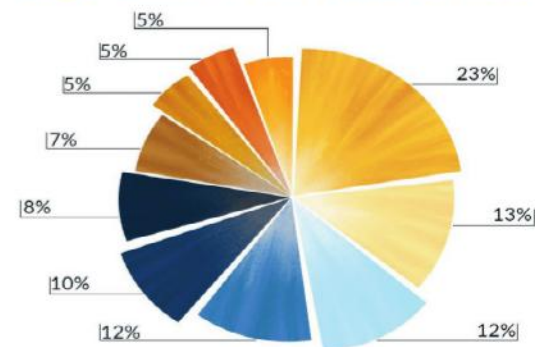
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## DEL PADRE TOM



Estaba paseando a Moisés temprano en la mañana en la estacionamiento de la iglesia. Mientras me dirijo hacia la iglesia, veo un automóvil que entra a la izquierda y se dirige hacia nuestra puerta trasera. Supongo que ahora somos un atajo para los que viven detrás de nosotros. Mientras paseo con Moisés, llego a ese punto de giro. Inmediatamente me golpea esta ola de humo de cigarrillo. Podría jurar que estoy al lado de un fumador. Miro a mi alrededor; No hay nadie allí. ¿De dónde viene? Me doy cuenta: el coche. En ese breve momento, esa fracción de segundo, a pesar del aire fresco y fresco, el aroma a tabaco es omnipresente. Era imposible evitarlo. ¿Sabes algo? Apuesto a que ni siquiera es consciente de ello. Están tan acostumbrados que no se dan cuenta del olor. Es la norma.

Esto no es una diatriba contra los fumadores. Tengo mis propios problemas. Lo que sí me hace darme cuenta es que todos llevamos un aroma, un aroma. Dondequiera que vayamos, lo llevamos con nosotros. Probablemente, al igual que el fumador, no seamos conscientes de ello. También es nuestra norma. Podemos llevar un aroma de bondad, positividad y alegría. Cuando salimos de la habitación, ese aroma también perdura. Hacemos de él un lugar mejor. También podemos llevar el aroma de la negatividad, la crítica y la queja. Eso, por desgracia, también persiste.

¿Qué aroma deseas llevar? ¿Quieres construir o derribar? ¿Encontrar la falla o encontrar la bendición? ¿Buscar lo bueno o centrarse en lo negativo? La elección es tuya. Yo, por mi parte, quiero llevar el dulce aroma de la bondad de Dios. Espero que tú también lo hagas.

*Amor y bendiciones,  
Padre Tom*



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### ***Come and See ... at ALPHA***

**Wednesday, April 23, 6:00 p.m.**  
St. Theresa Catholic Church Parish Hall  
11528 S. U.S. Highway 301, Bellevue, FL 34420

Questions? Contact **Blair Learn**  
Cell: 609-513-4320  
[BlairW.Learn@verizon.net](mailto:BlairW.Learn@verizon.net)

Register by calling St. Theresa  
at 352-245-2458

## My Take



It's early on Saturday afternoon. I operated the screens for a funeral this morning so instead of going home for a few hours and coming back for 4 pm mass, I prefer to take this time to enjoy a VERY quiet office, other than the birds in Father Tom's office. :)


I put music on my phone and just try to reflect on my work. Sometimes, the music will stop my work because the words make me reflect. Those songs today have included Somebody Prayed by Crowder, Belovedness by Sarah Kroger, I Was Gonna Be by Rachel Holt and What If by Consumed by Fire.

- ⇒ I went from thanking God for all I have and missed because someone prayed for me.
- ⇒ To being reminded that God smiled when he made me, and he finds me beautiful. I need to stop having shame or being focused on failures.
- ⇒ To feeling the sadness of a child being aborted and "sent back to heaven on a starlight flight."
- ⇒ To being reminded that God's waiting for me to discover just how big he is.

Father Tom's homily this past weekend focused on how one decision could change your direction. So true. Prior to coming to St Theresa, I worked for Mending Fences, a substance abuse treatment facility, located on a 300 acre horse farm. I loved that job. I could look out my window and see the horses running. I was also lucky that an employee who lived on the farm brought his dog, Sierra, to the office every day. If she was sunning in the lobby and someone walked in my office, she immediately came and laid down. If I had a meeting on site, she went with me. At night, she went home with her father.

In February/March of 2018, the new owner decided to get rid of management and I was let go. Two months later, St Theresa was hiring an Operations Manager so I decided to apply. I knew nothing about working for a church but over the years, I've come to know and love all about this church: the staff, my boss, the parishioners, the volunteers and more. When I stop to think about what I would have missed if I was still working at Mending Fences. I wouldn't be here nor would I, probably, have returned to my Catholic Faith.

*Marcia Wheatley, Operations Manager*

 **Mission Circle Inc** is planning trips to Cuba in **March** and **April**. We are again asking you, parishioners of St Theresa, to help us gather supplies to take. You have been wonderful partners in this project. Conditions continue to worsen in Cuba. Food is very expensive when it can be found. Below are the items that we are requesting. Please bring your donations to church or the Parish Office by **Sunday, March 9**.

Powdered milk	Oatmeal	Foil packs of tuna (not cans—too heavy)
Powdered eggs	Foils packs chicken (not cans)	Foil packs SPAM (not cans)
Cookies	Peanut butter or cheese crackers	Rehydration powder like Propel in small packets
Dry soup packets	Packets of hot chocolate mix	Hard candy and caramels
Dried fruit: cranberries, raisins, other	Nuts	

"Time is but a shadow, a dream; already God sees us in glory and takes joy in our eternal beatitude. How this thought helps my soul! I understand then why He lets us suffer." — *St. Therese of Liseaux*.

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## Mí opinión



Es temprano el sábado por la tarde. Operé las pantallas para un funeral esta mañana, así que en lugar de irme a casa por unas horas y regresar para la misa de las 4 pm, prefiero aprovechar este tiempo para disfrutar de una oficina MUY tranquila, aparte de los pájaros en la oficina del padre Tom. □

Pongo música en mi teléfono y trato de reflexionar sobre mi trabajo. A veces, la música detiene mi trabajo porque las palabras me hacen reflexionar. Esas canciones de hoy han incluido Somebody Prayed de Crowder, Belovedness de Sarah Kroger, I Was Gonna Be de Rachel Holt y What If de Consumed by Fire.

Pasé de agradecerle a Dios por todo lo que tengo y me perdí porque alguien oró por mí. A recordar que Dios sonrió cuando me creó y me encuentra hermosa. Necesito dejar de sentir vergüenza o concentrarme en los fracasos. A sentir la tristeza de un niño que es abortado y "enviado de regreso al cielo en un vuelo de luz de estrellas". A recordar que Dios está esperando que descubra cuán grande es.

La homilía del padre Tom del fin de semana pasado se centró en cómo una decisión puede cambiar tu rumbo. Muy cierto. Antes de venir a St Theresa, trabajé para Mending Fences, un centro de tratamiento de abuso de sustancias, ubicado en una granja de caballos de 300 acres. Me encantaba ese trabajo. Podía mirar por la ventana y ver a los caballos correr. También tuve la suerte de que un empleado que vivía en la granja trajera a su perro, Sierra, a la oficina todos los días. Si estaba tomando sol en el vestíbulo y alguien entraba en mi oficina, inmediatamente venía y se acostaba. Si tenía una reunión en el lugar, ella iba conmigo. Por la noche, se iba a casa con su padre.

En febrero/marzo de 2018, el nuevo propietario decidió deshacerse de la gerencia y me despidieron. Dos meses después, St Theresa estaba contratando a un gerente de operaciones, así que decidí postularme. No sabía nada sobre trabajar para una iglesia, pero con los años, llegué a conocer y amar todo sobre esta iglesia: el personal, mi jefe, los feligreses, los voluntarios y más. Cuando me detengo a pensar en lo que me habría perdido si hubiera seguido trabajando en Mending Fences, no estaría aquí y probablemente no habría regresado a mi fe católica.

*Marcia Wheatley, Gerente de Operaciones*

### PRO LIFE CORNER



*As evidenced in our world today, the role of the father "is of unique and irreplaceable importance" (FC 25).*

*Often women choose abortion because they do not have the support of the*

*child's father, or—even worse—the father of the child pressures her to make the decision to abort.*

*At the same time, it is important to acknowledge with compassion that men can also be overwhelmed by an unexpected pregnancy and that society increasingly tells them that they should have no say in their children's lives. In the face of these false messages, we pray that fathers of preborn children will find courage in the example of **Saint Joseph**—who embraced the role of father amid difficult circumstances—and offer loving, life-affirming support to the mothers of their children.*

[Excerpted from : 9 days for Life Day 4 - USCCB Respect Life]

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



*"Each one of them is Jesus in disguise."  
~ St. Teresa of Calcutta*

### You Are Cordially Invited to a Pro-Life Symposium!

DATE: Tuesday, February 25, 2025

TIME: 5:30 - 8 PM

LOCATION: Blessed Trinity Catholic Church (King of Kings Hall)  
5 SE 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Ocala

Join us for an inspiring and impactful event featuring presentations that honor the dignity of life and promote a culture of compassion and respect.

Featuring Dr. William Lile, DO – Internationally Recognized Special Guest Speaker  
Dr. Lile (prolifedoc.org) will share his expertise on the life and personhood of the preborn, emphasizing understanding through love and empowered education.

Enjoy an evening of meaningful discussions, promotional tables, exciting door prizes, and delicious food. The program will run from 6:00 to 8:00 PM with a 15-minute intermission. Childcare will be available.

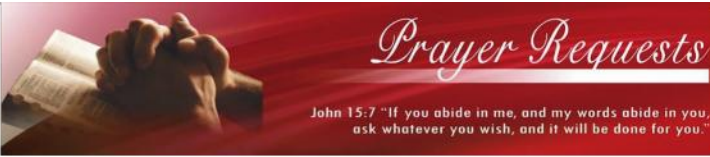
For further details and to RSVP please contact: Liesa Borrillo at liesaborrillo@gmail.com

**Step out in faith as a change-maker and help shape our culture  
with honesty, truth, and the love of Christ!**



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, 2025



## Prayer Requests

John 15:7 "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."

*"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!"*

**NOTE:** It is time again to "refresh" our PRAYER LIST. Please contact the Parish Office to add, remove, make changes to the list. Thank you.



### New Parishioners

GEORGE DOOLIN

FAY McCROCKLIN

**St. Theresa Prayer Hotline (24/7)**

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WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 9, 2025

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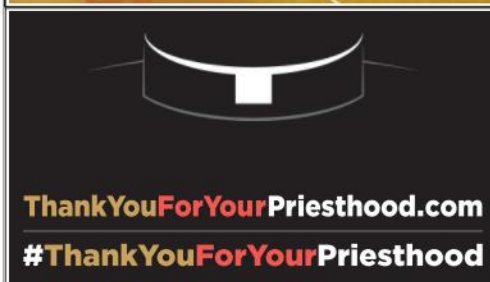
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