



Welcome! Bienvenidos! St. Theresa Catholic Church

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Pastor: **Fr. Tom Connery** Website: 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)

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Canonization of St Therese.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 9, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

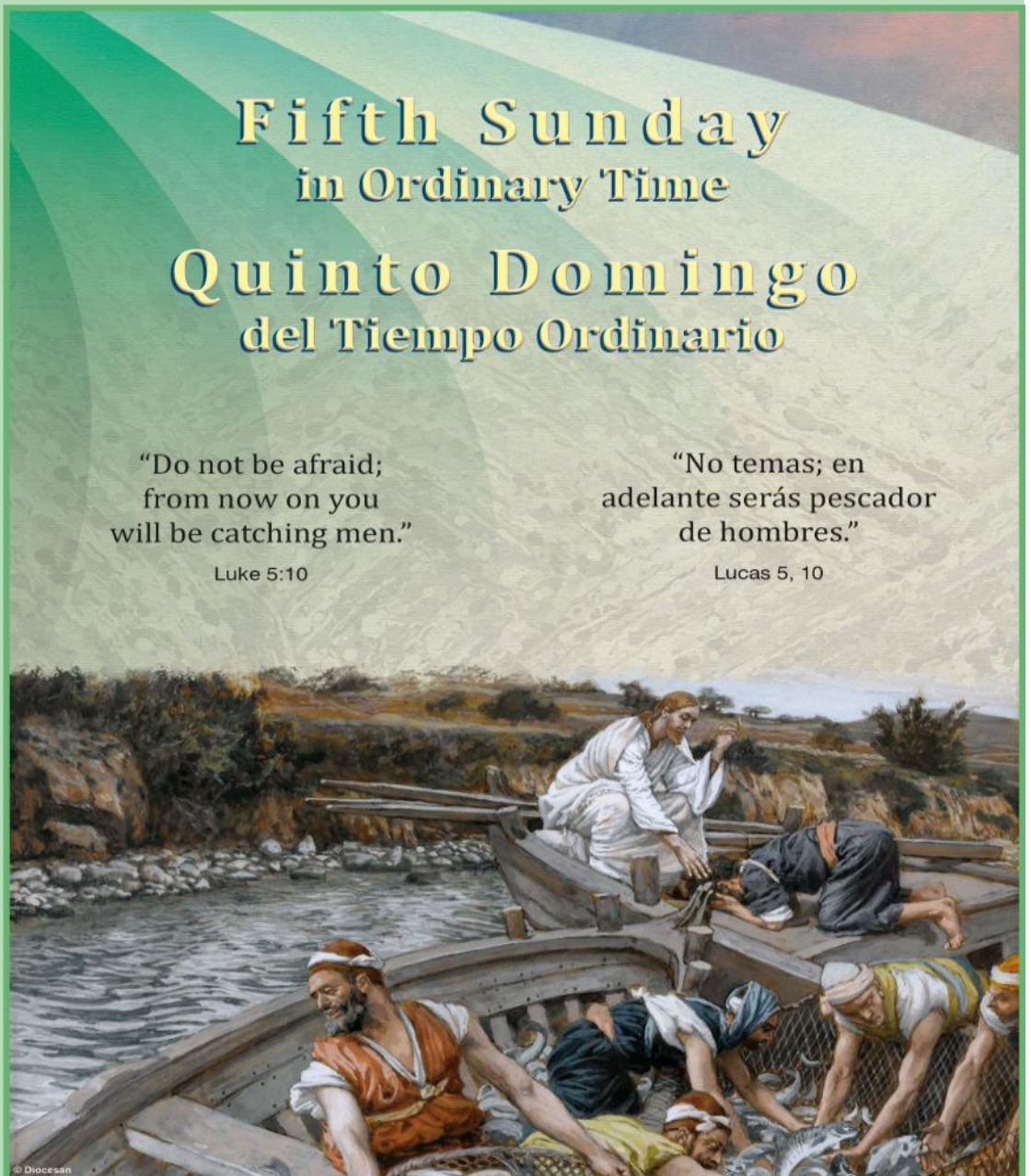
Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

“Do not be afraid;
from now on you
will be catching men.”

Luke 5:10

“No temas; en
adelante serás pescador
de hombres.”

Lucas 5, 10



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

St. Theresa Catholic Church



Sat FEB 8	FOR	REQUESTED BY
8:30 am	Society of St. Theresa	
4:00 pm	† Phyllis Phillips	Joan Phillips
6:00 pm (español)	St. Theresa Parishioners	
Sun FEB 9		
7:30 am	† Thomas Myers	Doris Myers
9:00 am	† Walter Lotz	Rene & Sandy Theroux
11:00 am	† Louie (Bud) Choiniere	Joan Choiniere
5:00 pm	† Anthony M. Garrubbo	Anthony & Mary Beth Derosé
Mon FEB 10		
8:30 am	† Libby Gessler	John Gessler
Tues FEB 11		
8:30 am	Marion Farshchian	Ron & Karen Tumbry
Wed FEB 12		
8:30 am	† Joseph Juliano, Jr.	Bernadette Juliano
Thurs FEB 13		
8:30 am	† Bill Thompson	Florence Thompson
Fri FEB 14		
8:30 am	† Joan Drago	Joanne Marino Kottl
	† Helen Nowak	Nowak Family
Sat FEB 15		
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 Goulettee
9:00 am	† Don Stipanic	PJ Stipanic
11:00 am	† Margaret Kottl	Joanne Marino Kottl
5:00 pm	Volunteers	Marty & Sheri Wade



Date / Time	Event	Location
Sat. Feb 8—Sun. Feb 9 after Masses	SOUPER BOWL OF CARING	Church
Sun. Feb 9 after 7:30 & 9 am Masses	K OF C BREAKFAST	Parish Hall
Sun. Feb 9 6:15 pm	SUPER BOWL PARTY	Parish Hall
Mon. Feb 10 6 pm	LADIES GUILD & MOST	Parish Hall
Thurs. Feb 13 6:45 pm	ULTREYA	Parish Hall
Sat. Feb 15—9 am	3RD SATURDAY CLUB	Campus
Sun. Feb 16 11 am	ANNIVERSARY MASS AND LUNCHEON	Church / Parish Hall
Tues. Feb 25 9:30 am	LAY CARMELITES	Quad
Tues. Feb 25 1:00 pm	“ASK YOUR PRIEST....” - Fr. Jim	Library



¡Tuve el placer de bautizar a José!

I had the joy of baptizing Jose!



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 SANCTUARY LAMP IS LIT FOR

FLOSSIE TAFT

February 15—21, 2025

From: FRIENDS OF SHERYL



FUNERAL SCHEDULE		
Sat. March 15	10:00 am	ANGELO DIBELLO
Fri. March 21	11:00 am	RITA BARRETTE



FROM FATHER TOM



REDISCOVER OBSOLETE EXPRESSIONS:

'Heavens to Mergatroyd!'

Mergatroyd ? Do you remember that word? Would you believe the spell-checker did not recognize the word, Mergatroyd? 'Heavens to Mergatroyd!'

The other day a 'not so elderly' (maybe 75 years old) lady said something to her son about driving a **Jalopy**; and he looked at her quizzically and said, "What the heck is a Jalopy?" He had never heard of the word jalopy! She knew she was old ...But not that old.

Well, I hope you are 'Hunky Dory' when you read this and chuckle. How about these phrases: 'Don't touch that dial'; 'Carbon copy'; 'You sound like a broken record'; and 'Hung out to dry'. Back in the olden days we had a lot of moxie. We'd put on our 'best bib and tucker', to 'straighten up and fly right'. 'Heavens to Betsy!' 'Gee whillikers!' 'Jumping Jehoshaphat!'; 'Holy Moley!' We were 'in like Flynn' and 'living the life of Riley'; and even a regular guy couldn't accuse us of being a 'knucklehead', a 'nincompoop' or a pill. 'Not for all the tea in China!'


Back in the olden days, *life used to be swell*, but when's the last time anything was swell? Swell has gone the way of beehives, pageboys and the D.A.; of spats, knickers, fedoras, poodle skirts, saddle shoes, and pedal pushers.

Long gone	Pshaw	The milkman did it	Hey! It's your nickel	Don't forget to pull the chain	Okidoki
Knee high to a grasshopper	Well, Fiddlesticks!	Don't take any wooden nickels	Wake up and smell the roses	See ya later, alligator!	

We wake up from what surely has been just a short nap, and before we can say, "Well, I'll be a monkey's uncle!" or, "This is a fine kettle of fish!" we discover that the words we grew up with, the words that seemed omnipresent, as oxygen, have vanished with scarcely a notice from our tongues and our pens and our keyboards. Poof, go the words of our youth, the words we've left behind. We blink, and they're gone. Where have all those great phrases gone?

I hate to admit it but I remember many of those phrases. Time changes many things but not everything. Some phrases never go out of use - "I am sorry" "Please forgive me" "Thank you", "God bless you" and to those special people in our lives "I love you" **May these words always be part of your vocabulary!**

Love and Blessings,



Join us on **Thursday, February 13 at 6:45 PM** in the Parish Hall.
Our witness speaker will be **Mariano Guas** talking about his mission trips to Cuba.

St. Theresa's Annual Anniversary Mass and Luncheon Sunday, February 16, 2025 — Hosted by the Ladies Guild



Married couples, who will be celebrating their **25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th** anniversary or beyond, during 2025, are invited to attend the **11:00 Mass on February 16th** to be recognized and blessed. A luncheon will be served following the Mass in the Parish Hall. Please **sign-up in the Parish Office**.

*If you would like your wedding photo to be displayed, please write your name and phone number on the back, and bring to the Parish Office by **Friday, February 14**.*

Take Advantage of Vita's Free Income Tax Service



Tax season can be stressful, but Vita is here to help! Our free tax service is designed to assist individuals and families in our community with their tax preparation needs. Whether you need help filing your taxes or have questions about your return, our experienced team is ready to provide the support you need. Our offices at **St. Theresa's** are open from **8:30 AM- 12:00 PM** and from **1:00 PM to 2:30 PM every Tuesday**. **Appointments are necessary**. Please make your own appointment on-line at uwmc.org/vita. Just bring your ID and tax documents, and we'll take care of the rest. Don't miss this opportunity to get your taxes done right and on time, all at no cost to you.

DEL PADRE TOM



REDESCUBRIR EXPRESIONES OBSOLETAS:

'¡Cielos a Mergatroyd!'

¿Mergatroyd? ¿Se acuerda de esa palabra? ¿Te puedes creer que el corrector ortográfico no reconoció la palabra Mergatroyd? «¡Cielos a Mergatroyd!

El otro día, una señora «no tan mayor» (quizá de 75 años) le dijo algo a su hijo sobre conducir un jalopy; y él la miró extrañado y le dijo: «¿Qué diablos es un jalopy?». Nunca había oído la palabra cacharro. Ella sabía que era vieja... pero no tanto.


Bueno, espero que seas 'Hunky Dory' cuando leas esto y te rías. ¿Qué te parecen estas frases: «No toques ese dial», «Copia al carbón», «Suenas como un disco rayado» y «Colgado a secar»? Antiguamente teníamos mucho valor. Nos poníamos nuestro «mejor peto» para «enderezarnos y volar bien». «¡Cielos a Betsy!» »¡Gee whillikers! «¡Saltando Josafat!» »¡Santo Dios! Estábamos 'dentro como Flynn' y 'viviendo la vida de Riley'; e incluso un tipo normal no podría acusarnos de ser un 'cabeza de chorlito', un 'papanatas' o una píldora. Ni por todo el té de China».

Antes, la vida era maravillosa, pero ¿cuándo fue la última vez que algo fue maravilloso? Lo maravilloso ha pasado a la historia de las colmenas, los pajes y el fiscal del distrito; de las polainas, las bragas, los fedoras, las faldas de caniche, los zapatos de montar y los empujadores de pedales.

Nos despertamos de lo que seguramente ha sido una breve siesta, y antes de que podamos decir: «Bueno, ¡seré tío de un mono!» o «¡Esto es un buen lío!», descubrimos que las palabras con las que crecimos, las palabras que parecían omnipresentes, como el oxígeno, han desaparecido sin apenas darnos cuenta de nuestras lenguas, nuestras plumas y nuestros teclados. Puf, desaparecen las palabras de nuestra juventud, las palabras que hemos dejado atrás. Parpadeamos y ya no están. ¿Dónde han ido a parar todas esas grandes frases?

Odio admitirlo, pero recuerdo muchas de esas frases. El tiempo cambia muchas cosas, pero no todo. Algunas frases nunca dejan de usarse - «Lo siento» «Por favor, perdóname» «Gracias», «Que Dios te bendiga» y a esas personas especiales en nuestras vidas «Te quiero» ¡Que estas palabras siempre formen parte de tu vocabulario!


Amor y bendiciones, Padre Tom



Volunteers needed to run the screens and streaming for Masses. Free training provided. Contact Marcia in the office if interested.



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. The Grief Share Group meets on **Wednesdays at 2:00 pm** at St. Theresa's. 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.




“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.

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My Take



This past weekend, Father Tom challenged all of us to improve on our prayer time to grow deeper in our relationship with God. He is challenging us to make a commitment to daily prayer.

In the past, I've always considered prayer meant reciting the Hail Mary and Our Father multiple times, not necessarily in a rosary format. Overtime, I've discovered that prayer is really a conversation with God, not just speaking at God. The problem was I didn't listen. Several years ago, I read Matthew Kelly's book "I Heard God Laugh." In this book, he suggests a prayer process which I have found helpful.

- Gratitude – Start by thanking God for whatever you are most thankful for today. I've been known to stop in the parking lot at work, raise my hands to heaven and thank God for the beautiful day. There is nothing like living in FL when there is a cloudless day, comfortable temperature, and the bluest sky you have ever seen.
 - Awareness – Think about the past day and reflect on the times you were and were not the best version of yourself. Have a conversation with God about what you've learned about these times. Sometimes, I must admit, there are multiple times when I could have been a better version.
 - Significant Moments - Were there any significant moments that happened today? What is God trying to tell you?
 - Peace – Ask God to forgive you for anything you did wrong to others, yourself or to him, and ask God to fill you with peace. Asking God to forgive you, I find, is often the hardest to do. I sometimes beat myself up for a long time and feel I'm not worthy of forgiveness.
 - Freedom – Talk with God about his invitation to change your life for the better. Talk about the freedom to be a better version of yourself.
 - Others – Pray for those who need God's blessings and guidance today.
- Finish by praying the Our Father.

After Mass this past weekend, I had to stop and ask God for forgiveness because I was not the best version of myself. I let my impatience get the better of me and I took over the job of an usher. I apologized to the usher after the mass, but I knew I had let God down as well. I still have a lot of work to do with prayer because I haven't mastered the gift of silence so I can hear God. Someday, he may have to just scream at me to quiet down.

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**. Thank you!

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	

Need prayer? Don't be shy to ask our Prayer Team for prayer after Mass



IS JESUS CALLING YOU?

St. Theresa is looking for adorers, in our chapel. Our goal is to stay open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Presently, there are 49 hours each week that do not have scheduled adorers. If you are not presently signed up to cover a specific hour, **PLEASE** consider doing so. We definitely need your commitment to Jesus, even as a **second adorer** in many hours that only have one adorer and there is also a need for **substitutes**. If you feel called to adore, please call **Nancy High (941) 518-2194**.



We are hiring a **Full Time Children Faith Formation / Youth Minister**. This position is responsible for the direction of the **Pre-K** through **Youth** faith formation.

See the full job description at: <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/Recruiting/Jobs/Details/2975733> or call the Parish Office.

BELOVED PEOPLE OF GOD:

My hope is burning: I trust in the Lord! Our Holy Father, Pope Francis announced this year as a Jubilee Year, a special gift of grace calling us to be a leaven of God's hope.


Hope, together with faith and charity express the heart of the Christian life. Surely we "abound in hope", so that we may bear credible and tender witness to the faith and love that dwell in our hearts; that our faith may be joyful and our charity enthusiastic; and that each of us may be able to offer a smile, a small gesture of friendship, a kind look, a ready ear, a good deed, in the knowledge that, in the Spirit of Jesus, these can become, for those who receive them, rich seeds of hope.

The ministries funded by Our Catholic Appeal are rich seeds building upon the hope offered through the Lord. These ministries introduce us to God; teach us the beauty of the gift of life; nurture the bonds of God and family; open the heart of God to our brothers and sisters who live in our neighborhood; fill our spirit with joy as we proclaim the Gospel through our word and deed; and enrich our soul with God's Eucharistic feast. The ministries funded by Our Catholic Appeal are the outreach of hope in the Lord opening our eyes to God's wisdom, for we no longer look at the world with eyes of earthly desires. Rather, we see with the perspective of God. They are the hope of God transcending the earth as we arise and settle His goodness through all our days.

I invite you to participate in Our Catholic Appeal. Our collective stewardship sustains the gifts of priesthood through Vocations and Clergy Care; forms our permanent deacons to satisfy the hunger of the people; teaches us to pray and sing within God's liturgy; leads our young people to know and serve God; offers mercy and sustenance to the meek and lowly; sanctifies the dying and buries the dead; keeps us safe as we walk the sacred ground of parishes and missions; and communicates God's essential Word through all forms of media that all might also hear God's Word. Your gracious gifts presented before God stretch the roots of God's love to more than 400,000 Catholics who live within the Diocese of Orlando.

My hope is burning: I trust in the Lord! Jesus invites us to anoint each day with His hope by receiving the Eucharist and offer Him to each other.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,


 Most Reverend John Noonan
 Bishop of Orlando



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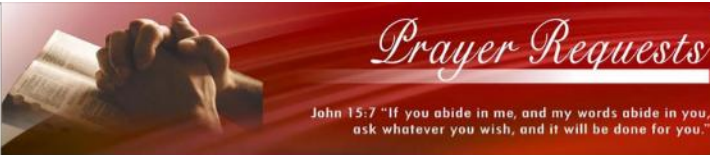
Fiscal management of parishes / schools

Construction and maintenance assessments across the diocese.



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 9, 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.

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

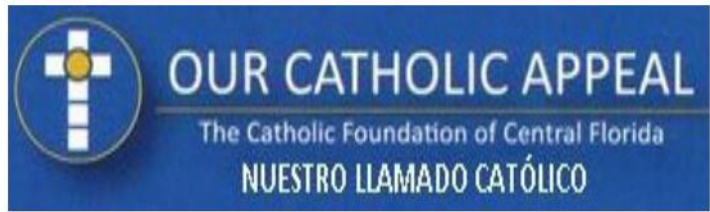
Saturday, 9 AM to 2:30 PM.

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



TITHES & OFFERINGS
GIVE UP TO THE LORD
WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 2, 2025

Offertory	\$16,183.66
Maintenance	\$ 3,036.50
Soup Kitchen	\$10,281.00
Social Services	\$ 9,015.00
Thrift Store	\$ 8,025.25



OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL—2025

OCA Goal for 2025 \$160,379.00

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Richard Gutknecht



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