



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

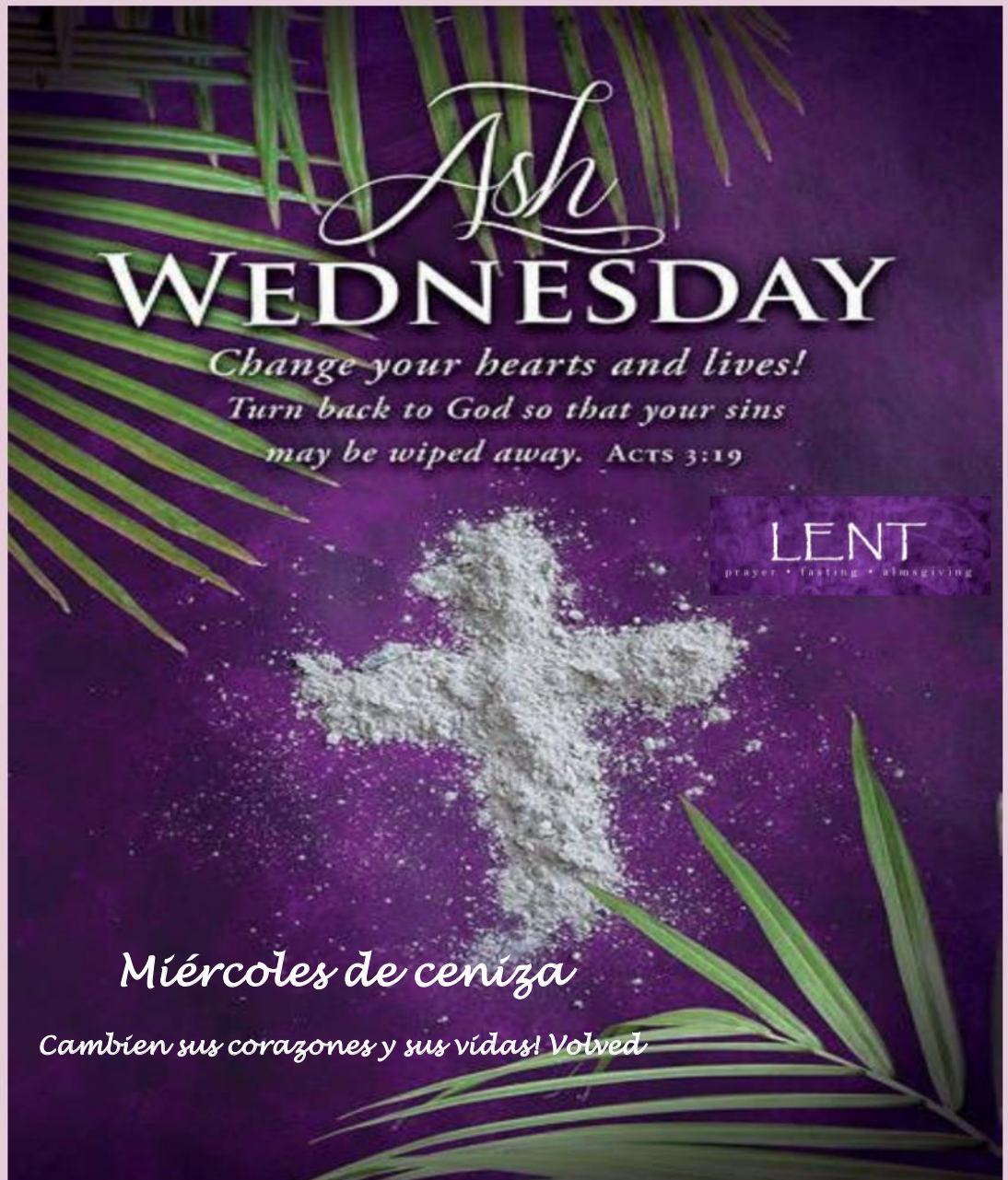
GIFT SHOP

Saturday &
Sunday (after weekend
Masses)

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Canonization of St Therese

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 2, 2025



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

St. Theresa Catholic Church



Mark Your Calendars
UPCOMING EVENTS
 Próximos Eventos

Sat MAR 1	FOR	REQUESTED BY
8:30 am	† Salvatore LaScala	Sal & Corinne Costanzo
4:00 pm	† Deceased Members of K of C Council 8012 & Assembly 2068	Knights of Columbus
6:00 pm (español)		
Sun MAR 2		
7:30 am	St. Theresa Parishioners	
9:00 am	† Vicky Champness	Rob Mundy
11:00 am	† Joseph Juliano, Sr.	Bernadette Juliano
5:00 pm	Julie Hardy—Special Intention	St Theresa Office
Mon MAR 3		
8:30 am	Rick Stein—Special Intention	Maryann DeRoche & PJ Stipanic
Tues MAR 4		
8:30 am	† Angie McNamar	Bill & Diane Nothe
Wed MAR 5 ASH WEDNESDAY		
8:30 am	† Brian DeRoche	Mary Ann DeRoche
12:00 pm		
6:00 pm		
Thurs MAR 6		
8:30 am	Children of Darlene Galiotte—Special Intention	Darlene Galiotte
Fri MAR 7		
8:30 am	† Joan McGuckin	Maryann Brady & Brady Family
Sat MAR 8		
8:30 am	Society of St. Theresa	
4:00 pm	† Joseph DeSantis	Joan Phillips
6:00 pm (español)		
Sun MAR 9		
7:30 am	Maria & Joseph Hagan—Special Intention	Bethany Rivera
9:00 am	St. Theresa Parishioners	
11:00 am	† Jean Dahring	The Wrecking Crew
5:00 pm	† Deceased Members of Marty Wade & Sheri Morris Family	Marty & Sheri Wade

Date / Time	Event	Location
Sun. March 2 All Masses	NAME TAG / GROCERY SUNDAY	Church
Wed. March 5	ASH WEDNESDAY	Church
Wed. March 5 2:00 pm	GRIEF SHARE	Parish Hall
Fri. March 7 8:30 am Mass	YOUNG AT HEART—MASS / BREAKFAST	Church / Parish Hall
Fri. March 7 6:15 pm	SACRED HEART NOVENA & MASS	Church
Sat. March 8 8:00 am	CONFESSIONS	Church
Sun. March 9 After all Masses	K of C BREAKFAST	Parish Hall
Sun. March 9—All Masses	DEADLINE FOR CUBAN MISSION DONATIONS	Church
Mon.-Wed. March 10 to 12	PARISH MISSION	Church
Thurs. March 13 6:45 PM	ULTREYA	Parish Hall

CONFESSION Saturday March 8th will be at 8 AM. I am going to assist Blessed Trinity in hearing the confessions of the First Communion children. They have a large number of children (thanks be to God) and I have agreed to assist them. Thank you for understanding.



8:30 am	Mass (English), Ashes
10:30 am	Service (Scripture Reading, Gospel, Distribution of Ashes)
12:00 pm	Mass (English), Ashes
3:00 pm	Service (Scripture Reading, Gospel, Distribution of Ashes)
5:00 pm	Ashes —Lake Lillian
6:00 pm	Mass (Bi-Lingual), Ashes

Our prayers for the repose of the soul of
HOWARD HECKER
REST IN PEACE

Ash Wednesday Simple Meal
 As there is no meat or eating between meals on Ash Wednesday (and Good Friday), we are having pretzels at 5 o'clock before our six o'clock mass. Please join us.

FROM FATHER TOM



It is that time again. Lent. To help you have a good Lent I have offered the following information:

Lent is the 40-day preparation for the events surrounding Easter, namely the suffering, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is observed by many major Christian denominations, including Lutheranism, Catholicism, and others.

Why is Lent 40 days long?

This reflects the time Jesus spent in the Judean desert. According to the books of Matthew, Mark, and Luke in the Bible, Jesus fasted for 40 days and forty nights and overcame direct temptations from Satan during this time.

What are the major special days during and around Lent?

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Holy Week is the final week of Lent, starting with Palm Sunday, when Jesus rode into Jerusalem. Then, Holy Thursday remembers the Last Supper, Good Friday commemorates Jesus' crucifixion, and, finally, Easter Sunday celebrates Jesus' resurrection.

Do you have to give something up for Lent, like meat or a habit?

Some Christian denominations practice fasting, prayer, and Bible study during Lent. These are not Biblical requirements, but many believers see these behaviors as ways to help them focus on the meaning of Jesus' life, sacrifice, and resurrection.

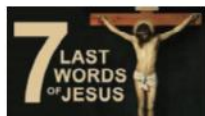
But if you know Jesus rose from the dead, why does Lent seem so dark and sad?

Jesus' suffering was physical, mental, and spiritual. He carried all the sins of the world on his shoulders so that we would not have to receive the punishment we deserve. God gave up everything for us, and the reverent tone of Lent is many Christians' way of recognizing and respecting this great price he paid.

Most importantly, however, this solemn time keeps Christians looking forward to Easter morning when Jesus triumphantly conquered sin and death. Because Jesus lived, died, and rose for us, we will enjoy eternal life with him in heaven.

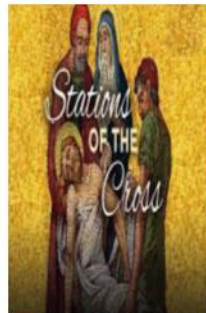
Fasting—Catholics ages 18–59 are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means eating one full meal and two smaller meals that don't add up to a full meal. Snacking between meals is not allowed
Abstinence- Catholics ages 14 and older are required to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent. Abstinence means not eating meat or poultry.

Love and Blessings, Fr. Tom



This Lent join us for a study on the Last Seven Words of Christ. We will be gathering in parish hall beginning Thursday, March 6 at

1p.m. We will be using a video presentation by Scott Hahn, an eminent Catholic biblical scholar. This will be followed by a discussion. We will gather on the subsequent Thursdays at 1. See you there.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday after 8:30 am Mass and at 3:30 pm

Saturday afternoons at 3 pm followed by Rosary & Mass.

Friday evenings—6 pm (Español)



PARISH MISSION

Kick off LENT by attending our Parish Mission with *Fr. Bill Garrot*. He blends his unique style of music and scripture. He will be here for all masses the weekend of March 8 - 9 and will offer his 3-night mission talk March 10-12 at 6:30 pm. (He will lead a Rosary recitation at 6:00 pm)

March 10-12: Light dinner at 5:30 pm. Please call the Parish Office to RSVP for dinner.

DEL PADRE TOM



Ha llegado de nuevo ese momento: la Cuaresma. Para ayudarte a pasar una buena Cuaresma, te he ofrecido la siguiente información:

La Cuaresma es la preparación de 40 días para los acontecimientos que rodean la Pascua, es decir, el sufrimiento, la muerte, el entierro y la resurrección de Jesucristo. La celebran muchas de las principales denominaciones cristianas, entre ellas el luteranismo, el catolicismo y otras.

¿Por qué la Cuaresma dura 40 días?

Esto refleja el tiempo que Jesús pasó en el desierto de Judea. Según los libros de Mateo, Marcos y Lucas de la Biblia, Jesús ayunó durante 40 días y cuarenta noches y superó las tentaciones directas de Satanás durante este tiempo.

¿Cuáles son los días especiales más importantes durante y alrededor de la Cuaresma?

La Cuaresma comienza el Miércoles de Ceniza. La Semana Santa es la última semana de Cuaresma, que comienza con el Domingo de Ramos, cuando Jesús entró en Jerusalén. Luego, el Jueves Santo recuerda la Última Cena, el Viernes Santo conmemora la crucifixión de Jesús y, finalmente, el Domingo de Pascua celebra la resurrección de Jesús.

¿Tienes que renunciar a algo durante la Cuaresma, como la carne o un hábito?

Algunas denominaciones cristianas practican el ayuno, la oración y el estudio bíblico durante la Cuaresma. Estos no son requisitos bíblicos, pero muchos creyentes ven estas conductas como formas de ayudarlos a centrarse en el significado de la vida, el sacrificio y la resurrección de Jesús.

Pero si sabes que Jesús resucitó de entre los muertos, ¿por qué la Cuaresma parece tan oscura y triste?

El sufrimiento de Jesús fue físico, mental y espiritual. Llevó todos los pecados del mundo sobre sus hombros para que no tuviéramos que recibir el castigo que merecemos. Dios renunció a todo por nosotros, y el tono reverente de la Cuaresma es la forma en que muchos cristianos reconocen y respetan este gran precio que pagó.

Sin embargo, lo más importante es que este tiempo solemne hace que los cristianos esperen con ansias la mañana de Pascua, cuando Jesús conquistó triunfantemente el pecado y la muerte. Debido a que Jesús vivió, murió y resucitó por nosotros, disfrutaremos de la vida eterna con él en el cielo.

Ayuno: los católicos de entre 18 y 59 años deben ayunar el Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo. El ayuno significa comer una comida completa y dos comidas más pequeñas que no sumen una comida completa. No se permite comer bocadillos entre comidas.

Abstinencia: los católicos de 14 años o más deben abstenerse de comer carne el Miércoles de Ceniza, el Viernes Santo y todos los viernes de Cuaresma. La abstinencia significa no comer carne ni aves.

Amor y bendiciones, Padre Tom

YOUNG AT HEART MINISTRY will meet on Friday, **March 7** for **First Friday Mass**, followed by a **potluck breakfast** in the Parish Hall.



DINING & DONATING

Thursday, March 13th

4:30—8:00 pm

10401 US Hwy 441, Belleview, FL 34420. Phone: (352) 347-3100

Fill up with great food & Pasta Fair will donate 20% of your bill to St. Theresa's Social Services.

Donation percentage excludes tax and tip. Valid at this restaurant during specified hours. To receive credit for your meal, you must present the flyer from the Parish Office or the page in the Bulletin. Please do not distribute the flyer in the restaurant or within the perimeter of the parking lot.



George & Frances Doolin	Ashleigh Grabe	Faye McCrocklin
Ken & Katie Meyer	Thomas & Janet Peeples	Michael & Jaime Piczek
William Ullman	Gail Zippili	

My Take



“Be merciful as your Father is merciful.” Easier said than done. We’re usually particularly good at showing mercy to our friends and family, after all, they show it back in kind. Showing mercy to someone having a challenging time is often easy as well. We feel their pain and want to help them in their time of need. But how good are we when it comes to showing mercy to someone who has done us wrong or who has done wrong to others?




Being merciful means showing mercy when there is no chance the person will return the favor or acknowledge it. Jesus shows us there are ways to show mercy to others who have done wrong. The first thing is not to judge. When we judge, we jump to conclusions or assumptions without having the full picture. We also may be guilty of judging others by categorizing them. We act or make comments based on who their family is, their race, or even their heritage.

Along with judging, we should not condemn others. We make assumptions and then we condemn them by deciding the consequences. We may avoid them, not talk to them, or talk about them. If someone has sinned, it is not our job to condemn them. Often, they know what they have done and will have to ask for God’s mercy.

To be merciful as our Father is merciful, we must show forgiveness repeatedly. Jesus called on us to forgive 70 times 7. Here at St Theresa, we want to be a church that sinners run to and find someone who extends grace and forgiveness.


Marcia Wheatley, Operations Manager



At Alpha, we share thoughts and challenges, exploring life’s meaning in view of faith, and find strength and support from the perspectives of others and our personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Join us for dinner, a video and discussion to see we all are in this together.

Come and See ... at ALPHA
Wednesday, April 23, 6:00 p.m.

**Questions? Contact Blair Learn—Cell: 609-513-4320. BlairW.Learn@verizon.net
Register by calling St. Theresa Parish Office(352) 245-2458**



IS JESUS CALLING YOU? St. Theresa is looking for adorers, in our chapel. Our goal is to stay open 24/7. Presently, there are **49 hours** each week that do not have scheduled adorers. We 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 Coordinator”** OR a **Part Time “Children Faith Formation Coordinator”** and a **Part Time “Youth Ministry Coordinator”**. The job descriptions can be found at <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/recruiting/jobs/All/fd92ee03-6077-4276-b2b0-552511ae0b8b/Parishes-and-Other-Non-School-Entities>

Put St. Theresa in the Location drop down. You may call the Parish Office for a copy of the job descriptions.

YOUR GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Our Catholic Appeal is critical to conversion! We must evangelize because the Lord Jesus commanded us to do so. He gave the Church the unending task of evangelizing as a restless power, to stir and to stimulate all its actions until all nations have heard His Good News and until every person has become His disciple.

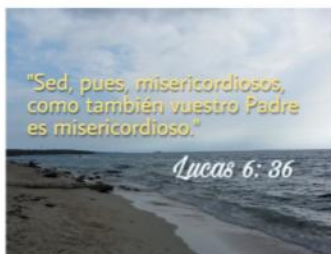
23,000+ Children & Adults in Faith Formation	5,900+ Adults studying to become members of the Catholic Church in OCIA
14,000+ Students enrolled in Catholic Schools	

NOT EVERYONE CAN GIVE THE SAME SIZE GIFT,
BUT EVERYONE CAN MAKE THE SAME SIZE SACRIFICE

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Mí opinión



“Sed misericordiosos como vuestro Padre es misericordioso”. Es más fácil decirlo que hacerlo. Por lo general, somos particularmente buenos mostrando misericordia a nuestros amigos y familiares; después de todo, ellos también la muestran de la misma manera. Mostrar misericordia a alguien que está pasando por un momento difícil también suele ser fácil. Sentimos su dolor y queremos ayudarlos en su momento de necesidad. Pero, ¿qué tan buenos somos cuando se trata de mostrar misericordia a alguien que nos ha hecho mal o que ha hecho mal a otros?

Ser misericordioso significa mostrar misericordia cuando no hay posibilidad de que la persona le devuelva el favor o lo reconozca. Jesús nos muestra que hay maneras de mostrar misericordia a otros que han hecho mal. Lo primero es no juzgar. Cuando juzgamos, sacamos conclusiones o suposiciones precipitadas sin tener una visión completa. También podemos ser culpables de juzgar a los demás categorizándolos. Actuamos o hacemos comentarios en función de quién es su familia, su raza o incluso su herencia.

Además de juzgar, no debemos condenar a los demás. Hacemos suposiciones y luego las condenamos decidiendo las consecuencias. Podemos evitarlos, no hablar con ellos o hablar de ellos. Si alguien ha pecado, no es nuestro trabajo condenarlo. Muchas veces saben lo que han hecho y tendrán que pedir la misericordia de Dios.

Para ser misericordiosos como nuestro Padre es misericordioso, debemos mostrar perdón repetidamente. Jesús nos llamó a perdonar 70 veces 7. Aquí en Santa Teresa, queremos ser una iglesia a la que los pecadores acudan y encuentren a alguien que les extienda gracia y perdón.

Marcia Wheatley, Gerente de Operaciones



It is not too late to sign up for a Lenten small group. Make the five week commitment. This is a great Lenten practice. Just call the parish office to register.

St. Theresa Weekend Masses

4 pm Saturday:

Our vigil service features music led by Piano and a Cantor, and contains hymns that are commonly seen in today's services, both Traditional and Contemporary

7:30 am Sunday:

A traditional "High Mass" that features Organ, Choir, and Violin. Latin chant is used for much of the music at this Mass, as well as traditional hymns, and classical pieces. Incense is also used frequently at this Mass

9 am Sunday:

This is an upbeat and lively "Family Mass" that features a full Gospel Choir and instrument ensemble. Our Children's Choir sings at this Mass on Occasion.

11 am Sunday:

A Mass that contains a mix of contemporary and traditional music led by acoustic guitar, and containing a small music ensemble with folk leanings.

5 pm Sunday: A Mass that features Contemporary Christian Music, and a modern Worship Band, as well as many volunteers from our Youth Group. a time of Praise and Worship starts at 4:30 pm before the Mass.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT OUR CUBAN MISSION



A **solar generator** is needed because frequent blackouts in Cuba are impacting our mission's work. We are seeking donations to purchase a solar powered generator to provide reliable power for lights, fans, refrigerator, all the basics. Your generosity will help *Fr. Alex* and *Fr. José Luis* to do their work helping their parishioners. The cost of one generator is **\$1,500.00** including shipping.

To contribute, please make check payable to: **St. Theresa Catholic Church**. Write "**Cuba Mission—Generator**" in memo section. You may drop off at the Parish Office or in the weekend Mass

AN ADORATION CANDLE IS LIT FOR

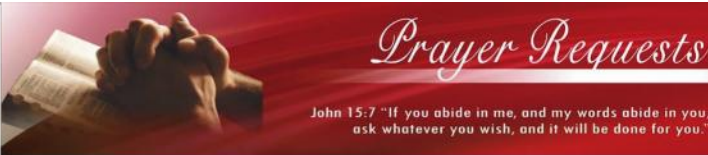


FRANK BALYS

Month of **MARCH 2025**

DEBRA BALYS





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!"

Please contact the Parish Office to add, remove, make changes to the PRAYER LIST. Thank you.

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 (303) 887-3650**.

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



TITHES & OFFERINGS
GIVE UNTO THE LORD

WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 23, 2025

Offertory	\$ 15,857.13
Maintenance	\$ 2,150.50
Soup Kitchen	\$ 538.50
Social Services	\$ 1,086.50
Thrift Store	\$ 9,256.20

OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL
The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida
NUESTRO LLAMADO CATÓLICO

OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL—2025

OCA Goal for 2025	\$160,379.00
Collected to date	\$ 43,720.00
Under Goal (Por debajo de la meta)	\$116,658.00

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(Select **ST. THERESA** as your Parish). Thank you.

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