



# Welcome! Bienvenidos! St. Theresa Catholic Church

11528 S. US Hwy 301, Belleview, Florida 34420  
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## 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)

*St. Theresa is a home that welcomes, a charity that nourishes, a church that evangelizes and a community where friends can meet.*

**Second Sunday Of Lent**

**March 16, 2025**



**1925—2025 - 100th Anniversary of the  
Canonization of St. Thérèse**

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white.  
*Luke 9:28, 29*

En aquel tiempo, Jesús se hizo acompañar de Pedro, Santiago y Juan, y subió a un monte para hacer oración. Mientras oraba, su rostro cambió de aspecto y sus vestiduras se hicieron blancas y relampagueantes.  
*Lucas 9, 28. 29*

Transfiguration of Jesus by Carl Bloch, 1872

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF  
LENT**  
**2º DOMINGO DE CUARESMA**

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

St. Theresa Catholic Church



# UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat MAR 15	FOR	REQUESTED BY
8:30 am	† Jennifer Lynn	William Hein
4:00 pm	† Les Phillips	Gerry Lucas
6:00 pm (español)	Yolanda Garcia— Special Intention	Yolanda Garcia
<b>Sun MAR 16</b>		
7:30 am	† Ofa T. Sulunga	Christine Wessinger
9:00 am	† Theresa Connor	Robert Munday
11:00 am	St. Theresa Parishioners	
5:00 pm	Wade Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren— Special Intention	Marty & Sheri Wade
<b>Mon MAR 17</b>		
8:30 am	Msgr Lichenthal— Special Intentions	St Theresa parishioners
<b>Tues MAR 18</b>		
8:30 am	† James McQuillan	Carole McQuillan
<b>Wed MAR 19</b>		
8:30 am	† Katherine Costello	Loretta Rogers
<b>Thurs MAR 20</b>		
8:30 am	† Giuseppee Mignosa	Mary Mignosa
<b>Fri MAR 21</b>		
8:30 am	† Moira Yeager	Ann Fritz
<b>Sat MAR 22</b>		
8:30 am	† Ron McWilliams	Annie McWilliams
4:00 pm	† Sandra Grabczynski	Dick & Laurie Dean
6:00 pm (español)	St. Theresa Parishioners	
<b>Sun MAR 23</b>		
7:30 am	† Jerry MacDonald	Marian Roche
9:00 am	† Phil Sturgill	Vicki Alvey & Loretta Montalto
11:00 am	† Jean Dahring	Mary Rudolf-Helvaty
5:00 pm		

DATE / TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Wed. March 19, 26 2:00 pm	GRIEF SHARE	Library
Thurs. March 20, 27 — 1:00 pm	7 LAST WORDS OF JESUS	Parish Hall
Mon. March 24 6:00 pm	MOST (Men Of St. Theresa)	Parish Hall
Tues. March 25 9:30 am	LAY CARMELITES	Quad
Fri. April 4 6:15 pm	SACRED HEART NOVENA & MASS	Church
Sun. April 6	NAME TAG & GROCERY SUNDAY	Church
Wed. April 9 6:00 pm	LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE	Church

## Holy Week and Easter Services

**NOTE:** No morning Masses on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, 8:30 am prayer service only

### HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 17

6:00 pm—Mass of the Lord's Supper (Bilingual)

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18 8:30 am—Prayer Service followed by Stations of the Cross

12:00 Noon—Lake Lillian: Stations of the Cross

2:30 pm—Divine Mercy

3:00 pm—Good Friday Service

5:00 pm—Youth Living Stations of the Cross

6:00 pm—Vía Crucis en español (Spanish Stations)

### HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19

7:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

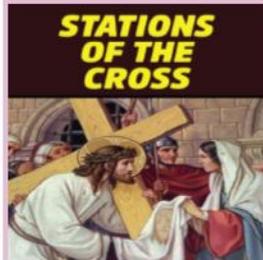
### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20

6:15 am—Sunrise Mass

7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 am—Masses (English)

1:00 pm—Misa en Español

5:00 pm - Mass (English)



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

Friday evenings—6 pm (español)

Saturday afternoons at 3 pm followed by Rosary & Mass.



### FROM FATHER TOM



Frank Sinatra was dining at an upscale restaurant in Los Angeles when he noticed a young waiter looking distressed. Sinatra, known for his sharp eye and ability to read people, observed the waiter speaking quietly with another staff member about something clearly troubling him. The singer, always curious about the lives of those around him, called the young man over and casually asked, "What's on your mind, kid?"

Hesitant at first, the waiter admitted he was struggling to pay for his college tuition. His dream was to finish school and build a better future, but mounting costs had made it nearly impossible. He had taken extra shifts at the restaurant, working long hours just to stay afloat, yet it wasn't enough. Sinatra listened intently, nodding as the young man explained his situation.

After a brief pause, Sinatra pulled out his checkbook and asked, "How much do you owe?" The waiter, thinking it was just a friendly question, hesitated before giving him the number. Without another word, Sinatra wrote a check covering the entire amount. When the stunned waiter tried to refuse or offer some form of repayment, Sinatra simply slid the check across the table and said, "Just do something good for someone else someday."

Sinatra's reputation as a tough, no-nonsense personality often overshadowed his deep sense of loyalty and kindness. Those in his inner circle knew he had a soft spot for hardworking people trying to make something of themselves. He had spent his own youth in Hoboken, New Jersey, watching his parents struggle to make ends meet. Though he later achieved massive fame with hits like "Strangers in the Night" and "My Way," he never forgot the value of lending a hand to someone who needed it.

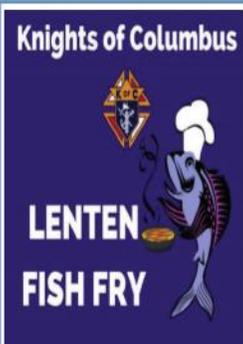
This wasn't an isolated incident. Throughout his life, Sinatra privately helped countless people, from struggling musicians to strangers he met by chance. On another occasion, he reportedly left a \$2,000 tip for a cab driver who had driven him across town late at night. Once, he paid off a struggling friend's mortgage without being asked. He even sent money anonymously to hospital patients and war veterans who had no idea where the funds came from.

**Almsgiving** It is one of the three practices of Lent - **Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving**. May the Lord touch our hearts to be kind and compassionate.

*Love and Blessings, Fr. Tom*



*Lenten Penance Service*  
 Wednesday, April 9, 2025  
 6:00 PM



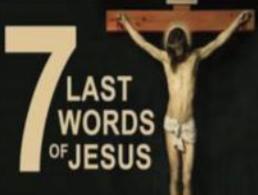
**Knights of Columbus**  
 The **Knights Of Columbus** will serve **Fish Dinners** every **Friday** of Lent (except Good Friday), in the Parish Hall from **4:00 pm to 6:00 pm**. **FISH DINNER: \$8 per person**  
**SHRIMP DINNER: \$10 per person**



Looking for wrapped candy to place in Easter eggs, to help the Easter bunny.  
 Donations can be dropped off at the Office or the Welcome Desk  
**March 22<sup>nd</sup> – April 13<sup>th</sup>**



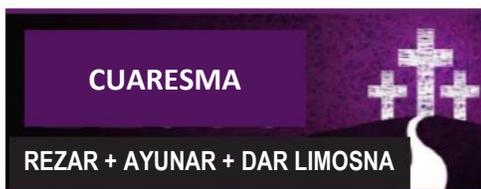
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Join us every **THURSDAY** during the LENTEN season at **1:00 pm** in the Parish Hall to study and discuss the **7 LAST WORDS OF JESUS**.



**Happy St. Patrick's Day**



## DEL PADRE TOM



Frank Sinatra cenaba en un restaurante de lujo de Los Ángeles cuando vio que un joven camarero parecía afligido. Sinatra, conocido por su aguda mirada y su capacidad para leer a las personas, observó que el camarero hablaba en voz baja con otro miembro del personal sobre algo que claramente le preocupaba. El cantante, siempre curioso por la vida de los que le rodeaban, llamó al joven y le preguntó despreocupadamente: “¿Qué te preocupa, chico?”.

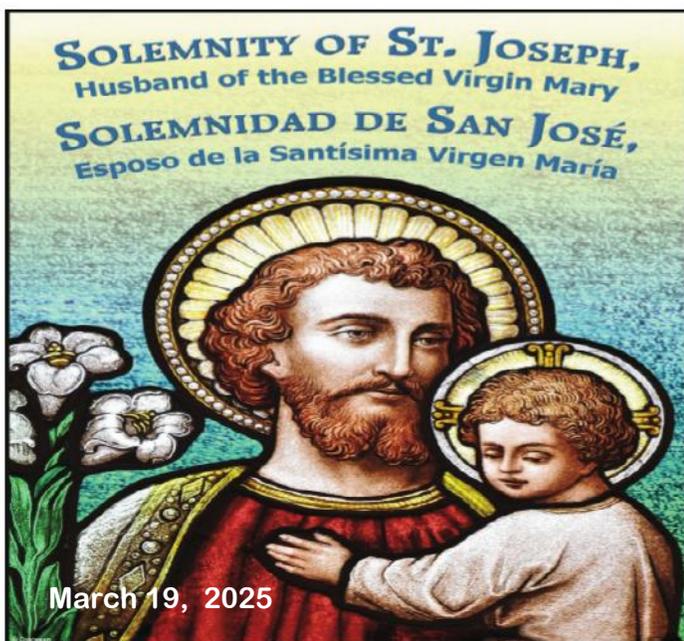
Vacilante al principio, el camarero admitió que estaba luchando por pagar la matrícula de la universidad. Su sueño era terminar los estudios y labrarse un futuro mejor, pero el aumento de los gastos lo hacía casi imposible. Había hecho turnos extra en el restaurante, trabajando muchas horas para mantenerse a flote, pero no era suficiente. Sinatra escuchó atentamente, asintiendo mientras el joven explicaba su situación.

Tras una breve pausa, Sinatra sacó su chequera y preguntó: “¿Cuánto debe?”. El camarero, pensando que sólo era una pregunta amistosa, dudó antes de darle la cifra. Sin mediar palabra, Sinatra extendió un cheque por el importe total. Cuando el atónito camarero intentó negarse u ofrecer alguna forma de reembolso, Sinatra simplemente deslizó el cheque por la mesa y dijo: “Algún día haz algo bueno por otra persona”.

La reputación de Sinatra como una personalidad dura y sensata a menudo eclipsaba su profundo sentido de la lealtad y la bondad. Sus allegados sabían que sentía debilidad por la gente trabajadora que intentaba salir adelante. Había pasado su juventud en Hoboken, Nueva Jersey, viendo a sus padres luchar para llegar a fin de mes. Aunque más tarde alcanzó la fama masiva con éxitos como “Strangers in the Night” y “My Way”, nunca olvidó el valor de echar una mano a quien lo necesitaba.

No fue un incidente aislado. A lo largo de su vida, Sinatra ayudó en privado a innumerables personas, desde músicos en apuros hasta desconocidos que conoció por casualidad. En otra ocasión, dejó una propina de 2.000 dólares a un taxista que le había llevado por la ciudad a altas horas de la noche. Una vez, pagó la hipoteca de un amigo en apuros sin que nadie se lo pidiera. Incluso envió dinero anónimamente a pacientes hospitalizados y veteranos de guerra que no sabían de dónde procedían los fondos. **Limosna** Es una de las tres prácticas de la Cuaresma: **oración, ayuno y limosna**. Que el Señor toque nuestros corazones para que seamos amables y compasivos.

*Amor y bendiciones, Padre Tom*



### 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**.

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Contact the Parish Office for more information or assistance.



### 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.

## My Take



It's a cold rainy morning and as I sit here thinking about my article for this week's bulletin, I'm enjoying the sound of the rain hitting outside my office window. I love that sound, although, truthfully, I'd love it best if I were home with a blanket on my lap, my feet up, Pendragon, my cat, asleep on my lap and reading an enjoyable book.

*May he be like rain falling on a mown field, like showers watering the earth. Psalm 72:6*

This line of the Psalm made me think how faith is like a mown field. A field that has been mown and maintained will get thick and lush with care and rain, while a field that is not maintained will grow thin. It's important that a field be mowed or pruned.

It's a lot like God. No, I don't think that God mows us down, but he does do a little pruning now and then. It's helpful to evaluate our lives now and then. As each new year starts, we may evaluate the batteries in the smoke detectors, look at our income and reevaluate our spending budget, and even make plans to renovate the house or lawn.

By the same means, we should evaluate ourselves and ask God to show us if there are things that may need pruning. Are we still carrying anger over a past relationship or incident? Or are we still blaming others for our own failures? Ask God to help you see those things that need pruning to get rid of those dead branches. We may be afraid to do that and discover what needs to be done to gain something new we don't yet understand. I know it may be uncomfortable to do this process, but the results may be amazing!

God is waiting on us to develop our relationship with him. He wants us to help us to let go of the heavy load. God wants us to be rooted in his love so that we can bear good fruit, and he can help us through the more turbulent times. Just remember, what we get may not be what we thought, but it will be for the best and it will be done in God's time, not ours.

*Marcia Wheatley, Operations Manager*

### SOCIETY OF ST. THERESA



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Call the Parish Office (352) 245-2458.  
Suggested donation: **\$10**



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### 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**.



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## Mí opinión



Es una mañana fría y lluviosa y mientras estoy sentada aquí pensando en mi artículo para el boletín de esta semana, disfruto del sonido de la lluvia cayendo fuera de la ventana de mi oficina. Me encanta ese sonido, aunque, la verdad, me encantaría más si estuviera en casa con una manta en mi regazo, con los pies en alto, con Pendragon, mi gato, durmiendo en mi regazo y leyendo un libro agradable.

Que sea como la lluvia que cae sobre un campo segado, como las lluvias que riegan la tierra. Salmo 72:6

Esta línea del Salmo me hizo pensar en cómo la fe es como un campo segado. Un campo que ha sido segado y mantenido se volverá espeso y exuberante con el cuidado y la lluvia, mientras que un campo que no ha sido mantenido se volverá ralo. Es importante que un campo sea segado o podado.

Es muy parecido a Dios. No, no creo que Dios nos siega, pero sí hace un poco de poda de vez en cuando. Es útil evaluar nuestras vidas de vez en cuando. Al comenzar cada nuevo año, podemos evaluar las baterías de los detectores de humo, analizar nuestros ingresos y reevaluar nuestro presupuesto de gastos, e incluso hacer planes para renovar la casa o el jardín.

De la misma manera, debemos evaluarnos a nosotros mismos y pedirle a Dios que nos muestre si hay cosas que pueden necesitar poda. ¿Seguimos cargando con enojo por una relación o incidente pasado? ¿O seguimos culpando a otros por nuestros propios fracasos? Pídele a Dios que te ayude a ver las cosas que necesitan poda para deshacerte de esas ramas muertas. Puede que tengamos miedo de hacer eso y descubrir lo que hay que hacer para obtener algo nuevo que aún no entendemos. Sé que puede ser incómodo hacer este proceso, ¡pero los resultados pueden ser asombrosos!

Dios está esperando que desarrollemos nuestra relación con él. Quiere que nos ayude a soltar la carga pesada. Dios quiere que estemos arraigados en su amor para que podamos dar buenos frutos, y puede ayudarnos a atravesar los tiempos más turbulentos. Solo recuerda, lo que obtengamos puede no ser lo que pensamos, pero será lo mejor y se hará en el tiempo de Dios, no en el nuestro.

*Marcia Wheatley, Gerente de Operaciones*

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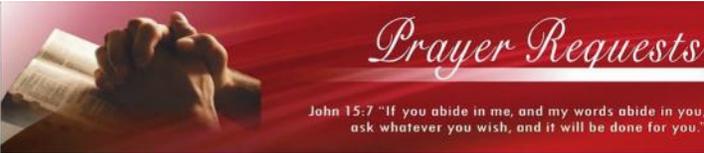
### Have Faith

The story of the **Transfiguration of Jesus** in the Luke's Gospel this week is similar to the ones in Matthew and Mark. One difference I noticed in Luke's version is that Jesus does not tell the three disciples to keep it secret. It seems they decided on their own not to tell anyone.

One reason may be what they heard. While Matthew and Mark just say that Jesus spoke with Moses and Elijah, Luke is more specific: They "spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem" (9:31). Jesus had just said that he would suffer, die, and be raised from the dead in **Luke 9:22**. They probably hoped he was just telling them the worst that could happen, not what really would happen. So hearing it from Moses and Elijah as well as from Jesus was too much for them.

This is where we come in. The apostles were afraid to face the coming passion and death of Jesus. I think we are like them in that we suffer more in anticipating what would hurt us than we do going through it. That is where faith can help. In faith, we hear Jesus tell us not to fear, as he often told his disciples. We know that Jesus suffered on the cross, so he knows what suffering is. And faith tells us that he is with us even when the suffering is the result of our own sins. After all, he himself suffered because of our sins. So **have faith!** -- **Tom Schmidt** – Copyright © Diocesan





*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 call the Parish Office to make changes to the Prayer List.

Rosemary Gurick	Jane Olestrom	Fr. David Vivero
Diane McCue	Diana Taliercio	
Annie McWilliams		



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 March 15—21, 2025



**FUNERAL SCHEDULE**

Fri. March 21	11:00 am	RITA BARRETTE
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**St. Theresa Prayer Hotline (24/7)**  
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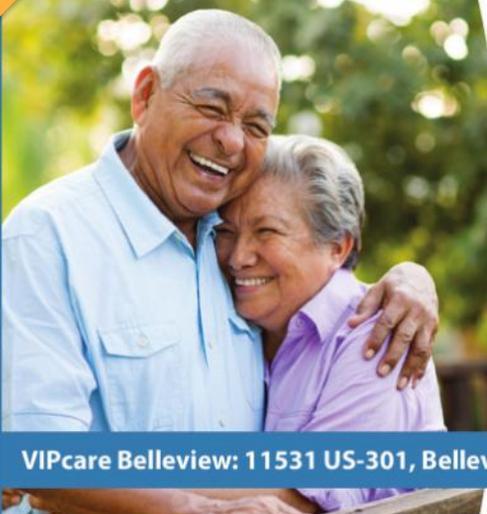
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