



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.

Third Sunday Of Lent

March 23 2025



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

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

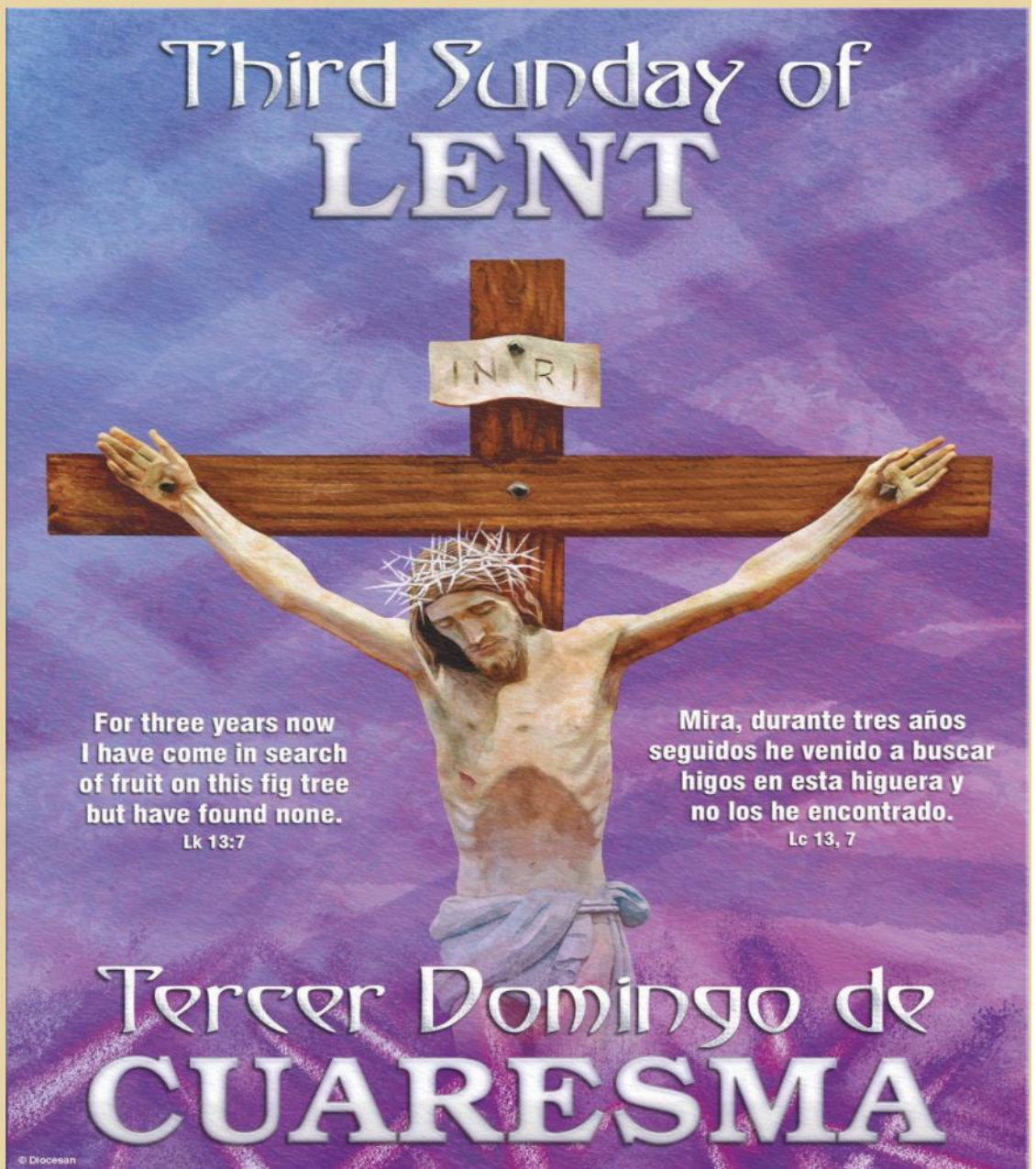
THRIFT SHOP

MONDAY—SATURDAY

9 am—2:30 pm

GIFT SHOP

Saturday &
Sunday (after weekend
Masses)



For three years now
I have come in search
of fruit on this fig tree
but have found none.

Lk 13:7

Mira, durante tres años
seguidos he venido a buscar
higos en esta higuera y
no los he encontrado.

Lc 13, 7

Tercer Domingo de
CUARESMA

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

St. Theresa Catholic Church



Sat MAR 22	FOR	REQUESTED BY
8:30 am	† Ron McWilliams	Annie McWilliams
4:00 pm	† Sandra Grabczynski	Dick & Laurie Dean
6:00 pm (español)	St. Theresa Parishioners	
Sun MAR 23		
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		
Mon MAR 24		
8:30 am	† Angel Luis Aquino Galarza	Luis Aquino
Tues MAR 25		
8:30 am	† Jerry Gell	Bob Wright
Wed MAR 26		
8:30 am	† Lucille Pelosi	Ron & Loretta Pelosi
Thurs MAR 27		
8:30 am	† Madeline Yeoman	Ethel Snyder
Fri MAR 28		
8:30 am	† Karen Lemberger	Joe Lemberger
Sat MAR 29		
8:30 am	Darlene & Family	Darlene Galiotte
4:00 pm	† Fred Savino	Kevin & Karen Driscoll
6:00 pm (español)	St. Theresa Parishioners	
Sun MAR 30		
7:30 am	+ Thomas Myers	Doris Myers
9:00 am	† Ronald Kapcsos	Nesh & Brian Wise
11:00 am	† Veronica	Joan & Mary
5:00 pm	† Brian Deroche	Maryann DeRoche

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date / Time	Event	Location
Mon. March 24 6:00 pm	MOST (Men Of St. Theresa)	Parish Hall
Tues. March 25 9:30 am	LAY CARMELITES	Quad
Wed. March 26 2:00 pm	GRIEF SHARE	Library
Sat. March 29 Call (352) 421--5510	FREE DENTAL CLINIC (No Walk-ins)	Parish Hall
Thursdays during Lent 1:00 pm	7 LAST WORDS OF JESUS	Parish Hall
Sun. Apr. 6	NAME TAG & GROCERY SUNDAY	Church
Wed. April 9 6:00 pm	LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE	Church

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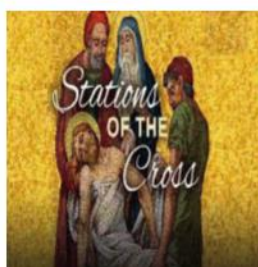
Make plans to spend 4 to 6 hours at the clinic
BRING FOOD AND HEALTHY SNACKS

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**.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP IS LIT FOR
JEANNE COLLETTE
 March 22—28, 2025
 From: A Friend

FUNERAL SCHEDULE

Sat., April 12	10:00 am	Terrence Jones
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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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



This is important to me. For years we were blest to have a dental bus come to assist our Social Service guests. No longer. That hurts. Now what will they do? If you have a physical illness you can always go to the emergency room. They have to see you and take care of you. If your teeth are the problem, where do you go? You can't walk into a dental office and demand to be seen. You, most likely, will end up losing your teeth. Who wants that?

This is personal. I still have painful memories of going to the dentist when I was in grade school. We went to the health clinic. I dreaded it. The waiting room was sterile, metal folding chairs. In the magazine rack were some old, torn copies of "Highlights". It didn't matter. I was in no condition to read. The problem? They did not use Novocain. While sitting on those cold chairs, you could hear the screeching of the drill followed by the screaming of the poor kid fastened to the dental chair. Soon I would be next. It was a nightmare.

On **March 29th** we have this opportunity to host a free dental clinic. They go by the label, **FreeD.O.M. Clinic USA**. They need our help. **We need help setting up, tearing down and to serve as hospitality hosts.** We get to show our care and concern. Here is our opportunity to serve the least of our brothers and sisters. This is what Lent is about. Please step up and help. This is a wonderful opportunity we are offering to our community. St. Theresa has a heart for the poor.


The date is **Saturday, March 29th**. On Friday evening, we set up and on Saturday we receive our guests. Please note, there will be NO FISH FRY on the 28th. If interested, please call the office **352- 245-2458**. Thank you so much.

Love and Blessings, Fr. Tom



We would love to have you join us!!

New to our parish or been coming awhile? Ready to join our parish? Then stop by the Welcome Desk or parish office and get a New Parishioner Registration Packet. We would love to have you in our parish family.

We received 2,140 individual items from the USDA, through **FarmShare**, this delivery. A usual truck is around 10,000-11,000 individual items. Any form of donations will help us, as this is supposed to continue for the next 4-5 trucks. We will help 675 families before the next truck comes. I am sure you can do the math; they will receive approximately 3 items from the USDA and we, the Church will donate the rest. The Church will have to donate approximately 15 items for each family, which is 675 items a day or 4,725 a week minimum to help feed the needy in our area. Right now, we don't come close to those kinds of numbers. I also know that if any church CAN do it, it is St Theresa.

Here is a list of items we could use:

Rice (2# bags) | Spaghetti | Spaghetti Sauce | Kraft Mac N Cheese

Canned meats (tuna, chicken, andouille sausage, beef, beef stew) | Peanut butter | Jelly | Soups | Shelf Stable Milk | Nuts

NOTE: NO GLASS. POP TOP LIDS ARE BEST

Please feel free to forward this email to friends and family. Any type of donation will help, whether it is cash, check or food. The Food Pantry accepts food donations via the back double doors **Monday-Friday 6 am—12 pm.**

We accept checks and cash donations at the food pantry or soup kitchen or via mail at: St Theresa Catholic Church, 11528 US Hwy 301. Belleview FL 34420

Please write "Food Pantry" on the check. Thank you for your kind generosity.

Eric Steilberger
 Assistant Director of Social Services
 Food Pantry/Soup Kitchen Manager

DEL PADRE TOM



Esto es importante para mí. Durante años hemos tenido la suerte de contar con un autobús dental para atender a nuestros huéspedes de los Servicios Sociales. Ya no. Eso duele. ¿Y ahora qué van a hacer? Si tienes una enfermedad física siempre puedes ir a urgencias. Tienen que verte y atenderte. Si el problema son tus dientes, ¿adónde vas? No puedes entrar en una clínica dental y exigir que te atiendan. Lo más probable es que acabes perdiendo los dientes. ¿Quién quiere eso?

Es algo personal. Todavía tengo recuerdos dolorosos de cuando iba al dentista en primaria. Íbamos al ambulatorio. Me daba pavor. La sala de espera era estéril, con sillas plegables de metal. En el revistero había algunos ejemplares viejos y rotos de «Highlights». No importaba. No estaba en condiciones de leer. ¿El problema? No usaban novocaína. Mientras estaba sentado en aquellos sillones fríos, se oía el chirrido del taladro seguido de los gritos del pobre niño atado al sillón dental. Pronto sería yo el siguiente. Era una pesadilla.

El 29 de marzo tenemos la oportunidad de acoger una clínica dental gratuita. Se llaman FreeD.O.M. Clinic USA. Necesitan nuestra ayuda. Necesitamos ayuda para montar, desmontar y para servir como anfitriones de hospitalidad. Tenemos la oportunidad de mostrar nuestro cuidado y preocupación. Esta es nuestra oportunidad de servir al más pequeño de nuestros hermanos y hermanas. De esto se trata la Cuaresma. Por favor, den un paso adelante y ayuden. Esta es una maravillosa oportunidad que estamos ofreciendo a nuestra comunidad. Santa Teresa tiene un corazón para los pobres.

La cita es el sábado 29 de marzo. El viernes por la noche nos instalamos y el sábado recibimos a nuestros invitados. Por favor, tenga en cuenta que NO HABRA FRY DE PESCADO el día 28. Si está interesado, por favor llame a la oficina 352- 245-2458. Muchas Gracias.

*Amor y bendiciones,
Padre Tom*



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)



Wednesday, April 9, 2025

6:00 PM



Looking for “pre-made” Easter baskets for PRIZES on Easter Sunday. Donations can be dropped off at the Office or the Welcome desk

March 22nd - April 13th



Looking for wrapped candy to place in Easter eggs, to help the Easter bunny.

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March 22nd - April 13th

My Take



To confess or not to confess, that is the question. Now I'll be the first to admit that I don't go to confession unless it's during advent or lent. I'm not comfortable saying confession to my boss, Father Tom, and I'm sure he'd rather I didn't either. I haven't made much of an effort to attend confession by going to other parishes either. Why is confession necessary?



1. Sin causes damage in our relationship to God and to others.
2. God passed the authority to Jesus to forgive sins, who in turn passed it on to his apostles. Christ heals our relationship through the Priest, and we become reconciled again.
3. The only way to be forgiven grave sins is through confession.
4. Confessing to the priest allows us to be counseled and comforted.
5. We gain strength that can be passed on to others.
6. Once we are forgiven, we can forgive others.
7. Confession makes you feel good about yourself, hopefully cutting back the times you want to yell at the driver in front of you.
8. It helps us contemplate what we have done wrong and how to improve ourselves. We can build tolerance for other's perceived shortcomings.
9. It's confidential.
10. Forgiveness is part of becoming holy.
11. Become closer to God and heal the relationship. You have God on your team but more importantly, He's on yours.

During this time of Lent, each parish sponsors a time of Penance, inviting other Priests in to hear confessions of the parishioners. It's a great way to examine our conscience and hold ourselves to a higher standard.

St Theresa will host its day of Penance on **Wednesday, April 9th at 6 p.m.**

Marcia Wheatley, Operations Manager



Congratulations to Cheryl and Elijah on being promoted to Alter Server Leads.



Mi opinión



Confesarse o no confesarse, esa es la cuestión. Seré el primero en admitir que no me confieso a menos que sea en Adviento o Cuaresma. No me siento cómodo confesándome con mi jefe, el Padre Tom, y estoy seguro de que él preferiría que yo tampoco lo hiciera. Tampoco me he esforzado mucho por confesarme yendo a otras parroquias. ¿Por qué es necesaria la confesión?

1. El pecado causa daño en nuestra relación con Dios y con los demás.
2. Dios pasó la autoridad a Jesús para perdonar los pecados, quien a su vez la pasó a sus apóstoles. Cristo sana nuestra relación a través del Sacerdote, y nos reconciamos de nuevo.
3. La única manera de ser perdonado de los pecados graves es a través de la confesión.
4. La confesión al sacerdote nos permite ser aconsejados y consolados.
5. Obtenemos fuerza que podemos transmitir a los demás.
6. Una vez perdonados, podemos perdonar a los demás.
7. La confesión nos hace sentirnos bien con nosotros mismos y, con suerte, reduce las veces que queremos gritar al conductor que nos precede.
8. Nos ayuda a reflexionar sobre lo que hemos hecho mal y cómo mejorar. Podemos ser más tolerantes con los defectos de los demás.
9. Es confidencial.
10. El perdón forma parte de llegar a ser santo.
11. Acércate más a Dios y sana la relación. Tienes a Dios en tu equipo, pero lo más importante es que Él está en el tuyo.

Durante este tiempo de Cuaresma, cada parroquia patrocina un tiempo de Penitencia, invitando a otros Sacerdotes a escuchar las confesiones de los feligreses. Es una gran manera de examinar nuestra conciencia y mantenernos a un nivel más alto.

Santa Teresa tendrá su día de Penitencia el miércoles **9 de abril a las 6 p.m.**

Marcia Wheatley, Gerente de Operaciones

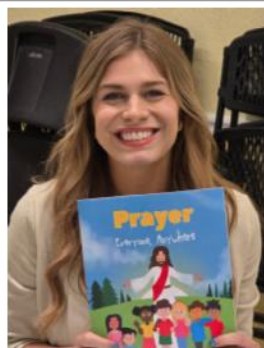
LENTEN WORKS OF MERCY



Collecting jeans for *St. Joseph Indian School*, South Dakota. Now until April 17th. Drop off donations at the Parish Office. Thank you.

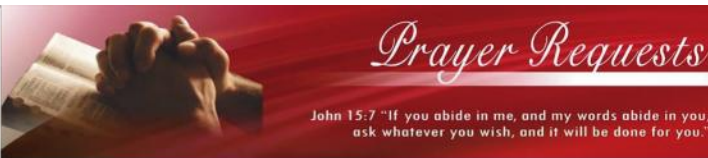


It's Back! Dance your Shoes Off!! **Easter Sunday** following the 9 am Mass. Join us in simple dance steps and leave your shoes for the needy!



Author Cameron Lee Brenner stopped by the Faith Formation classes this past week to sign copies of her book, *Prayer, Everyone, Everywhere*.



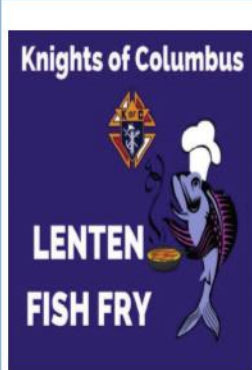


Prayer Requests

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	Diana Taliercio
Diane McCue	Isabel Smith	Omar Vargas
Annie McWilliams	Francine Sothen	Fr. David Vivero



The Knights Of Columbus will serve **Fish Dinners** every **Friday** of Lent (except Good Friday and March 28th), in the Parish Hall from **4:00 pm to 6:00 pm**. **There will be no fish dinner on Friday, March 28th.**

FISH DINNER: \$8 per person
SHRIMP DINNER: \$10 per person

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



TITHES & OFFERINGS
GIVE UNTO THE LORD
WEEK ENDING MARCH 16, 2025

Offertory	\$ 17,560.85
Maintenance	\$ 2,714.50
Soup Kitchen	\$ 7,272.50
Social Services	\$ 2,836.32
Thrift Store	\$ 8,609.50



OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL—2025

OCA Goal for 2025	\$160,379.00
Collected to date	\$ 77,241.00
Under Goal (Por debajo de la meta)	\$ 83,137.00
ONLINE Pledges: https://www.cfocf.org/oca/ (Select <u>ST. THERESA</u> as your Parish). Thank you.	

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