



# 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)

Fourth Sunday Of Lent

March 30 2025



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

Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again, he was lost, and has been found.  
*Luke 15:23, 24*

Comamos y hagamos una fiesta, porque este hijo mío estaba muerto y ha vuelto a la vida, estaba perdido y lo hemos encontrado.  
*Lucas 15, 23. 24*

The Return of the Prodigal Son by Barotomé Esteban Murillo, circa 1670

4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF  
**LENT**  
4<sup>º</sup> DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

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

St. Theresa Catholic Church

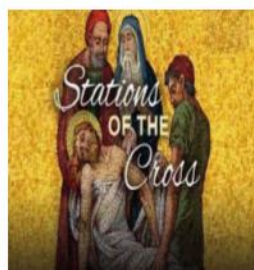


**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

Sat MAR 29	FOR	REQUESTED BY
8:30 am	Darlene & Family	Darlene Galiotte
4:00 pm	† Fred Savino	Kevin & Karen Driscoll
6:00 pm (español)	St. Theresa Parishioners	
<b>Sun MAR 30</b>		
7:30 am	† Thomas Myers	Doris Myers
9:00 am	† Ronald Kapcsos	Neva & Brian Wise
11:00 am	† Veronica	Joan & Mary
5:00 pm	† Brian Deroche	Maryann DeRoche
<b>Mon MAR 31</b>		
8:30 am	Thomas Tucker	Ron & Karen Tumbry
<b>Tues APRIL 1</b>		
8:30 am		
<b>Wed APRIL 2</b>		
8:30 am	† Francis Baranek	Jane Reiter
<b>Thurs APRIL 3</b>		
8:30 am	† Edwina Macmillan	Robert Macmillan
<b>Fri APRIL 4</b>		
8:30 am	† Richard Goulette	Annette Goulette
<b>Sat APRIL 5</b>		
8:30 am	† Rosee Acito	Maria Hagan
4:00 pm	† Deceased Members of K Of C Council 8012 & Assembly 2068	Knights of Columbia
6:00 pm (español)		
<b>Sun APRIL 6</b>		
7:30 am	St. Theresa Parishioners	
9:00 am	† Walter Palys	Don & Joan LaClair
11:00 am	† Barbara Skeahan	Rob Mundy

Date / Time	Event	Location
Wednesdays, 2 pm	GRIEF SHARE	Library
Thursdays during Lent 1:00 pm	7 LAST WORDS OF JESUS	Parish Hall
Fridays during Lent 4-6 pm	K OF C FISH FRY	Parish Hall
Sat. March 29 Call (352) 421-5510	FREE DENTAL CLINIC (No Walk-ins)	Parish Hall
Fri. April 4 6:15 am	SACRED HEART NOVENA & MASS	Church
Sun. April 6	NAME TAG & GROCERY SUNDAY	Church
Wed. April 9 6:00 pm	LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE	Church
Thurs. April 10 6:00 pm	ULTREYA FIESTA DINNER (RSVP)	Parish Hall

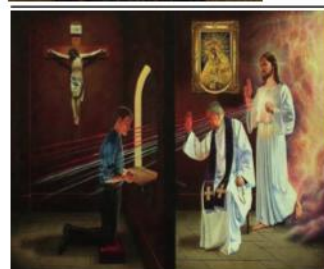
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**



**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.



*Lenten  
Penance Service*

Wednesday, April 9, 2025  
6:00 PM



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**.

**AN ADORATION CANDLE IS LIT FOR**



**YOLANDA GARCIA**

Month of APRIL 2025

From: *Yolanda Garcia*

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP IS LIT FOR**



**FRANCIS BARANEK**

APRIL 5—11, 2025

From: *Jane Reiter*

## FROM FATHER TOM



### When Your Phone Call Turns into a Circus 🎪

A woman was at home with her kids when her cell phone buzzed with an incoming call. As she grabbed it and swiped to answer, she tripped on the charging cable, stumbled, and dropped her phone. The phone hit the floor with a loud clatter, startling the family dog, who jumped up barking and knocking over a chair. The commotion made her three-year-old scream at the top of his lungs, which prompted her to mutter a few choice words. Finally, she picked up the phone, only to hear her husband's voice say, "No one's said hello yet, but I'm pretty sure I called the right circus."

We all have those days. Nothing seems to go right. Car won't start. Can't find the car keys. Fender bender. Never able to remember your passwords. Challenge after challenge. I get it. What to do about it? **Pray.** When things grow out of control, **stop, pause and pray.** Take a breather. Slow down. Recite a favorite scripture passage. (If you don't have one, now is a good time to find one). Or simply pray a short prayer- "**Jesus help me**"; "**Slow me down Lord**." "**Jesus I trust in you**".

Hopefully, after you pray and catch yourself, you may even be able to laugh at your situation. Nothing wrong with that!

*Love and Blessings,  
Fr. Tom*



Food Pantry Donations Needed

Due to the current drastic decrease in the number of items being received through the USDA Farmshare, we are in need of donations to alleviate the shortage. Below 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 share this with friends and family. Any type of donation will be helpful, 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.

Ocala Young Adult Catholics invites you to a  
**Passover Seder**

Location: BT Community Center- 5 SE 17th St  
Wednesday April 16th, 6-8pm  
RSVP to [ocalayoungadultcatholics@gmail.com](mailto:ocalayoungadultcatholics@gmail.com)  
by April 14th

*Children welcome*

### NAME TAG / GROCERY SUNDAY - APRIL 6, 2025



Get to know your fellow parishioners! We will have **Name Tag Sunday** every 1st weekend of each month. If you have a name tag from any group you belong to, please wear it.



Please bring donations for our **Food Pantry** to the church before or after Masses.

**HOLY WEEK**  
IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS CHRIST  
FROM PALM SUNDAY AND CHRIST'S ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM TO HIS DEATH, BURIAL AND RESURRECTION

A PRESENTATION BY JACK NETTIS

DATE: March 31st TIME: 4:30 PM  
LOCATION: St. Theresa Social Hall

## DEL PADRE TOM



Cuando tu llamada de teléfono se convierte en un circo 🎪  
Una mujer estaba en casa con sus hijos cuando recibió una llamada en el móvil. Al cogerlo y deslizar el dedo para contestar, tropezó con el cable de carga, tropezó y se le cayó el teléfono. El teléfono cayó al suelo con gran estrépito, sobresaltando al perro de la familia, que se levantó ladrando y tirando una silla. El alboroto hizo que su hijo de tres años gritara a pleno pulmón, lo que la llevó a murmurar algunas palabras malsonantes. Finalmente, cogió el teléfono, sólo para oír la voz de su marido: «Nadie ha dicho hola todavía, pero estoy bastante segura

de que he llamado al circo correcto».

Todos tenemos esos días. Nada parece ir bien. El coche no arranca. No encuentro las llaves. Golpe en el guardabarros. Nunca recuerdas tus contraseñas. Desafío tras desafío. Lo entiendo. ¿Qué hacer al respecto? Rezar. Cuando las cosas se salgan de control, detente, haz una pausa y reza. Tómate un respiro. Tranquilízate. Recita tu pasaje favorito de las Escrituras. (Si no tiene uno, ahora es un buen momento para encontrarlo). O simplemente reza una breve oración: «Jesús ayúdame»; «Desacelérame Señor». «Jesús confío en ti».

Con un poco de suerte, después de rezar y recuperarte, puede que incluso seas capaz de reírte de tu situación. No hay nada malo en ello.

*Amor y bendiciones, Padre Tom*

**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.

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

Pray & Donate at [ourcatholicappeal.org](http://ourcatholicappeal.org)



Cross Catholic Outreach “Water for Life” Lenten Almsgiving Project, raising money for water projects in Africa.

We will be collecting for this project beginning this weekend and through Easter weekend. Please make

checks payable to St. Theresa Catholic Church with “WATER” on the memo line or place in an envelope with “WATER” on the outside or use one of the Cross Catholic Outreach envelopes in the pews.



<b>John Celebre &amp; Jeanine Hicks</b>	<b>Michael Blair, Sr. &amp; Katherine Quackenbush-Blair</b>
<b>Craig &amp; Catherine Thomson</b>	

# My Take



Recently Tom and I watched a special on Yosemite which explained the history of how it became a national park. In 1903, President Theodore Roosevelt visited Yosemite and was guided by naturalist John Muir. The two men spent three memorable nights camping, first under the outstretched arms of the Grizzly Giant in the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias. The Grizzly Giant is leaning slightly, about 5 degrees southward now. But there is not much concern over the tree falling over. Sequoias have a shallow root system that extends a considerable distance, intertwining with other trees for support. By intertwining the roots, the trees form a network of stability and support.

Our faith is like the roots of the Sequoias. Just as the tree roots absorb water and nutrients, we absorb God’s Words for spiritual nourishment and stability. As we grow spiritually, we bear fruit. If we root ourselves into God’s words, we do not need to fear. God will always give us the everlasting water to sustain us.

Trees have different kinds of roots: aerial roots which grow above ground and are not very efficient at absorbing moisture or supporting themselves. Surface root trees grow a few feet deep. The roots can represent the beginning connections to God. Taproots, as the Sequoias have, means your faith has very deep roots. You pray to God daily and study his Word. The deeper the roots, the stronger you become.

If a Sequoia becomes sick, the other trees send nutrients through the root system, helping to nourish it back to health. The trees must all work to get their nourishment. Our faith, too, takes effort and diligence. We can just scrape by with the nourishment from the Sunday Gospel or we can develop a closer relationship with God and receive help to overcome sin and produce fruit. Decide to develop the deeper roots and keep your heart rooted in God and you won’t be moved.

*Marcia Wheatley, Operations Manager*



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 13th**



Get your Easter Bonnets ready to participate in the parade on Sunday, **April 20**, following the 9 am and 11 am Masses.



**Easter Sunday, April 20**  
**Our Easterbration!**  
Food, games and visits from the Easter Bunny following the 9 am Mass.



Looking for “pre-made” Easter baskets for PRIZES on Easter Sunday. Donations can be dropped off at the Office or the Welcome desk  
**March 22<sup>nd</sup> - April 13th**

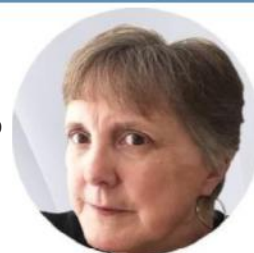


**Hello Parishioners!**  
We are in need of a rideable donkey for **Palm Sunday, April 13** at the 9 am Mass. Please contact **George Beck at 352-634-5584** or the **Parish Office at 352-245-2458**.

## Mí opinión



Recientemente, Tom y yo vimos un especial sobre Yosemite que explicaba la historia de cómo se convirtió en parque nacional. En 1903, el presidente Theodore Roosevelt visitó Yosemite bajo la guía del naturalista John Muir. Los dos hombres pasaron tres noches memorables acampando, primero bajo los brazos extendidos del Gigante Grizzly en el Bosque Mariposa de Sequoias Gigantes. El Gigante Grizzly se inclina ligeramente, unos 5 grados hacia el sur. Pero no hay mucha preocupación por la caída del árbol. Las secuoyas tienen un sistema de raíces poco profundas que se extiende a una distancia considerable, entrelazándose con otros árboles para sostenerse. Al entrelazar las raíces, los árboles forman una red de estabilidad y apoyo.



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Nuestra fe es como las raíces de las secuoyas. Así como las raíces de los árboles absorben agua y nutrientes, nosotros absorbemos la Palabra de Dios para obtener alimento y estabilidad espiritual. A medida que crecemos espiritualmente, damos fruto. Si nos arraigamos en la palabra de Dios, no tenemos por qué temer. Dios siempre nos dará el agua eterna para sustentarnos.

Los árboles tienen diferentes tipos de raíces: raíces aéreas que crecen por encima del suelo y no son muy eficientes para absorber la humedad ni sostenerse. Los árboles con raíces superficiales crecen a pocos metros de profundidad. Las raíces pueden representar la conexión inicial con Dios. Las raíces pivotantes, como las de las secuoyas, significan que tu fe tiene raíces muy profundas. Oras a Dios a diario y estudias su Palabra. Cuanto más profundas sean las raíces, más fuerte te vuelves.

Si una secuoya se enferma, los demás árboles envían nutrientes a través del sistema radicular, ayudándola a recuperar su salud. Todos los árboles deben trabajar para obtener su alimento. Nuestra fe también requiere esfuerzo y diligencia. Podemos sobrevivir con el alimento del Evangelio dominical o podemos desarrollar una relación más cercana con Dios y recibir ayuda para vencer el pecado y dar fruto. Decide cultivar raíces más profundas y mantener tu corazón arraigado en Dios, y no te conmovrás.

*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!

### Penance Services—St. Theresa & Other Parishes

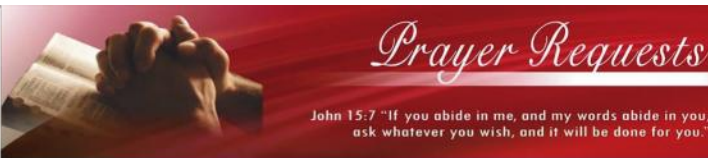
Thurs. April 3	10 AM & 6 PM	St. Vincent De Paul
Mon. April 7	6 PM	St. Mark The Evangelist
Tues. April 8	4 PM	St. Timothy
Tues. April 8	4 PM	St. John The Baptist
Wed. April 9	6 PM	St. Theresa
Thurs. April 10	4 PM	St. Timothy
Mon. April 14	6 PM	Blessed Trinity

Please join us for **ULTREYA** on **April 10<sup>th</sup>** at **6:00 pm** for a Fiesta Dinner in the St. Theresa Parish Hall. We are asking that everyone bring something for the meal. Anything Mexican or Latino is appropriate.



Please **RVSP** to Kathy and Rich LaCorte at [lacorte.family@cox.net](mailto:lacorte.family@cox.net) if you plan to attend. Beverages and paper products will be provided. You are welcome to bring your children and family members even if they have not attended a Cursillo. **This is our last Ultreya until September. Let's make it a good one!**





*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.

Eric Dushane	Jane Olestrom	Diana Taliercio
Rosemary Gurick	Isabel Smith	Omar Vargas
Diane McCue	Francine Sothen	Fr. David Vivero
Annie McWilliams		

**TITHES & OFFERINGS**  
GIVE UNTO THE LORD  
WEEK ENDING MARCH 23, 2025

Offertory	\$ 13,654.55
Maintenance	\$ 2,177.50
Soup Kitchen	\$ 8,271.00
Social Services	\$ 1,958.50
Thrift Store	\$ 8,841.52



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!



**OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL—2025**

OCA Goal for 2025	<b>\$160,379.00</b>
Collected to date	<b>\$ 82,992.00</b>
<i>Under Goal</i> (Por debajo de la meta)	<b>\$ 88,386.00</b>
ONLINE Pledges: <a href="https://www.cfocf.org/oca/">https://www.cfocf.org/oca/</a> (Select <b>ST. THERESA</b> as your Parish). Thank you.	

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