



# Welcome! Bienvenidos! St. Theresa Catholic Church

11528 S. US Hwy 301, Belleview, Florida 34420

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Pastor: **Fr. Tom Connery** Website: [www.mystcc.org](http://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)

First Sunday Of Lent

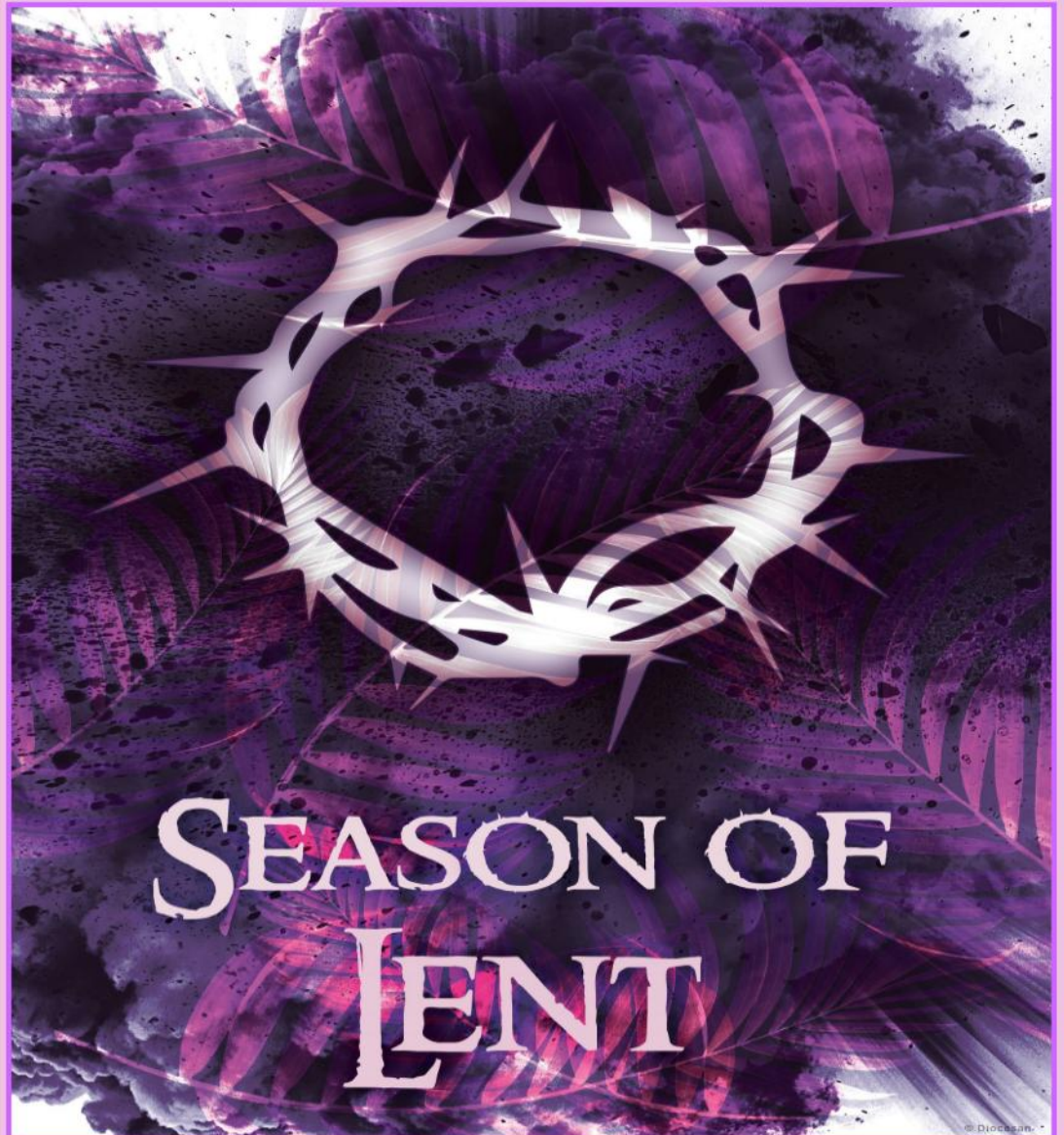
March 9, 2025



**1925—2025 - 100TH ANNIVERSARY**

**OF THE CANONIZATION OF**

**ST. THÉRÈSE**



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

St. Theresa Catholic Church



Mark Your Calendars  
**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
 Próximos Eventos

Sat MAR 8	FOR	REQUESTED BY
8:30 am	Society of St. Theresa	
4:00 pm	† Joseph DeSantis	Joan Phillips
6:00 pm (español)	Dimingo Family—Special Intention	Carolina Dimingo
<b>Sun MAR 9</b>		
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
<b>Mon MAR 10</b>		
8:30 am	† Lois Chase	Sal & Corinne Costanzo
<b>Tues MAR 11</b>		
8:30 am	† Maria Petronila Batista	Winyfer Lora
<b>Wed MAR 12</b>		
8:30 am	† Terrance Jones	Ron & Loretta Ciampi
<b>Thurs MAR 13</b>		
8:30 am	† Maria Petronila Batista	Winyfer Lora
<b>Fri MAR 14</b>		
8:30 am	† Maria Petronila Batista	Winyfer Lora
<b>Sat MAR 15</b>		
8:30 am	Jennifer Lyon	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 Mundy
11:00 am	St. Theresa Parishioners	
5:00 pm	Wade Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren—Special Intention	Marty & Sheri Wade

Date / Time	Event	Location
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 –Fr. Bill Garrott	Church
Thurs. March 13, 20, 27 — 1:00 pm	7 LAST WORDS OF JESUS	Parish Hall
Tues. March 25 9:30 am	LAY CARMELITES	Quad



**ST. THERESA’S PARISH MISSION**  
 Kick off LENT by attending our Parish Mission with  
**Fr. Bill Garrott**

He blends his unique style of music and scripture. He will be here 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.

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

**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**



It happened the same Friday night I was serving pizza at WAWA for our Social Service guests. Sitting alone was this forlorn chap looking tired and dejected. He was carrying two gas containers for his car. Evidently, he ran out of gas. There he sat. I assumed he was taking a break. I offered him some pizza. Refusing at first, but with a little prodding, he gladly took one and then another. I moved on, looking after our guests. Thirty minutes later he was still sitting there.



Curious, I asked “how long do you plan on sitting there?” “I have no money,” he replied. Oh! I wanted to tell him that sitting there is not going to put gas in the car. “Why didn’t you say something?” Silence. “Grab your container and let’s get some gas. He jumps up and we head to the pump and fill his container. If he had only mentioned it sooner, we could have gone and filled up his car. Oh well, at least he had enough to get where he needed to go.

People are not *mind readers*. How often do we expect people to know what we are thinking? I know firsthand. I make that very mistake. They should know, we insist. No, not really. We need to speak up. We need to tell people what we are thinking and feeling. We expect them to be able to know our thoughts, and when they don’t, we become disappointed, if not angry.

Of course, there is a right way in expressing our thoughts. *No blaming. No attacking. No game playing. What is quite helpful is admitting that we need help. Don’t expect others, no matter how close the relationship, to read your mind.* It is that simple.

*Love and Blessings, Fr. Tom*

**Knights of Columbus**  
**LENTEEN FISH FRY**

The Knights Of Columbus will serve **Fish Dinners** every **FRIDAY** during 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**



**DINING & DONATING**

**Thursday, March 13 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. To receive credit for your meal, you must present the flyer which can be picked up in the Parish Office. Please do not distribute the flyer in the restaurant or within the perimeter of the parking lot.

**LOOKING FOR A CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT GROUP IN THE OCALA AREA?**

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**OCALA YOUNG ADULT CATHOLICS**  
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**SINGLE MARRIED YOUNG PARENTS ALL ARE WELCOME! AGES 21-39**

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.**

**St. Theresa Catholic Church Parish Hall  
11528 S. U.S. Highway 301, Belleview, FL 34420**

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

## DEL PADRE TOM



Ocurrió el mismo viernes por la noche que servía pizza en WAWA para nuestros invitados del Servicio Social. Sentado solo había un tipo desamparado con aspecto cansado y abatido. Llevaba dos bidones de gasolina para su coche. Evidentemente, se había quedado sin gasolina. Allí estaba sentado. Supuse que estaba descansando. Le ofrecí pizza. Al principio se negó, pero con un poco de insistencia tomó una y luego otra. Seguí adelante, atendiendo a nuestros invitados. Treinta minutos después, seguía allí sentado.



Curioso, le pregunté: «¿Cuánto tiempo piensas quedarte ahí sentado?». «No tengo dinero», respondió. Me dieron ganas de decirle que sentarse allí no iba a poner gasolina en el coche. «¿Por qué no has dicho nada?». Silencio. «Coge tu recipiente y vamos a echar gasolina. Se levanta de un salto, nos dirigimos al surtidor y llenamos su recipiente. Si lo hubiera dicho antes, habríamos llenado el depósito de su coche. Bueno, al menos tenía suficiente para llegar a su destino.

La gente no sabe leer la mente. ¿Cuántas veces esperamos que la gente sepa lo que estamos pensando? Lo sé de primera mano. Yo cometo ese mismo error. Deberían saberlo, insistimos. En realidad, no. Tenemos que hablar. Tenemos que decirle a la gente lo que pensamos y sentimos. Esperamos que sepan lo que pensamos y, cuando no es así, nos sentimos decepcionados, cuando no enfadados.

Por supuesto, hay una forma correcta de expresar nuestros pensamientos. No culpar. Sin atacar. No jugar. Lo que es bastante útil es admitir que necesitamos ayuda. No esperes que los demás, por muy estrecha que sea la relación, te lean la mente. Es así de sencillo.

*Amor y bendiciones,  
Padre Tom*



**Divine Mercy Lenten Mission**  
**Blessed Trinity Catholic Church**  
**March 19, 2025**

**11am-5pm**

**"Jesus, I trust in You"**

**Please join us in veneration of  
the Relic of Saint Sr. Faustina**



\*Veneration of Saint Faustina Relic

\*Silent prayer in the church

\*Divine Mercy Chaplet prayer in chapel throughout the day

\*Priests available for confession

\*Divine Mercy books and rosaries made in Poland available

This Relic of St. Faustina Kowalska was received at the Sanctuary of Divine Mercy in Krakow, Poland by Father Eugene Grytner SDS, for the parish of St. Thomas Aquinas in Bartow, Florida. Our mission is to spread the word of God's Divine Mercy, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet given to St. Faustina by Jesus.

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.

**St. Theresa Prayer Hotline (24/7)**

**(352) 496-1569**



**¡Tuve la dicha de bautizar al bebé Isael Augustin!  
¡Gloria a Dios!**

*I had the joy of baptizing baby Isael Augustin!  
Glory to God!*



## My Take



I live in Ocala so my drive to St Theresa can take about 35 minutes or so. I don't mind the drive as I get to check in on cows and horses and one farm has a draft horse, donkey, and a couple of goats. Until January, I spent my time listening to music on Z88. Then I decided to make my time more productive and started listening to The Bible in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz. Each day he'll read chapters in Genesis all the way to Revelations. You can find the podcast here <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLeXS0cAkuTPqFMtZQ379qdEmcfxO1SvXc> or several other websites. Each of the 14 narrative books are read along with a coinciding book, such as legal, prophetic, poetic or New Testament epistle and a psalm or proverb, closing with a guided prayer. At the end of the 365 episodes, you'll understand how all the pieces fit together.

I'm using the app Podcast to listen during my daily commute. I find this method of covering the Bible preferable to reading at home. There are distractions at home. Not only do I enjoy hearing the Bible read but after each session, Fr. Mike Schmitz will key in on a part of that day's reading and offer a reflection. For instance, did you know that each of the plagues sent by God on the Pharaoh and the people of Egypt were not just random disasters? There were each against Egyptian gods. For example, the plague of blood was against Hapi and Osiris, which were considered the gods of the Nile, and the plague of darkness was against Ra, who was the Egyptian god of the sun.

What has this podcast done for my faith? It's strengthened it. It's great to hear the bible read and Fr. Mike's explanations and his love and compassion for the word of God can't be missed. Starting my day with the Bible podcast had given me time to myself to hear and reflect on the words of God which has instilled peace at the beginning of my day. When I learn something new, I could not wait to share it with others at the office. Join me on this journey and share the word with others.

*Marcia Wheatley, Operations Manager*

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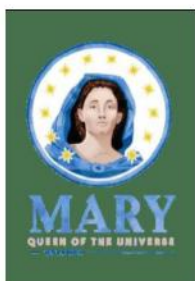
**March 8—14, 2025**

From: **Marge Kenney**



Have some free time? Join the **Cleaning Angels**. We clean on **Thursdays** starting about **9:30** am. Takes about **2** hours.

If interested, please contact the Parish Office (352) 245-2458. Thank you.



*The Choir and Orchestra of the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe will present A German Requiem by Johannes Brahms on **Friday, March 28th** at 7:30pm, as part of the **Basilica's 2024-2025 Concert Series**.*

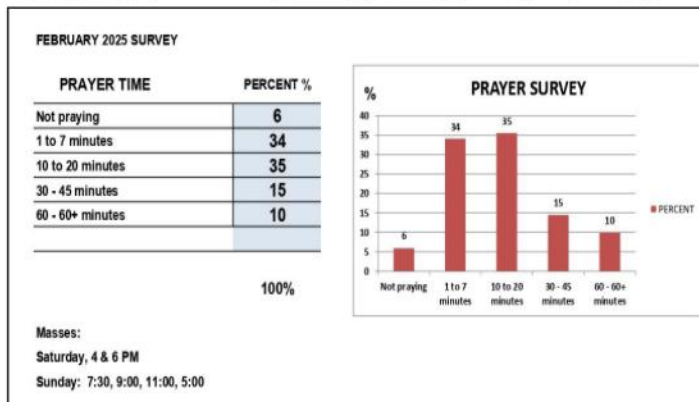
**No tickets required. All are welcome.**

*The Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe is located at 8300 Vineland Avenue in Orlando, near the Lake Buena Vista exit of I-4 (exit 68). Complimentary parking is available. For more information, 407-239-6600.*

### FEBRUARY 2025 PRAYER SURVEY RESULTS

#### MASS TOTALS

MASS TIMES	RESPONSE TOTALS	MALE	FEMALE	NO GENDER GIVEN	NO GENDER OR AGE GIVEN
4:00 PM	212	73	94	16	29
6:00 PM	137	57	63	4	13
7:30 AM	128	50	57	6	15
9:00 AM	263	86	138	17	22
11:00 AM	225	61	132	4	28
5:00 PM	75	32	31	6	6
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1040</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>113</b>
<b>PERCENT %</b>		<b>34.50%</b>	<b>49.50%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>11%</b>



## Mi opinión



Vivo en Ocala, por lo que mi viaje a Santa Teresa puede llevar unos 35 minutos aproximadamente. No me importa el viaje porque puedo ver cómo están las vacas y los caballos, y en una granja hay un caballo de tiro, un burro y un par de cabras. Hasta enero, pasaba mi tiempo escuchando música en Z88. Luego decidí hacer que mi tiempo fuera más productivo y comencé a escuchar La Biblia en un año con el padre Mike Schmitz. Cada día lee capítulos desde el Génesis hasta el Apocalipsis. Puedes encontrar el podcast aquí <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLEXS0cAkuTPqFMtZQ379qdEmcfxO1SvXc> o en varios otros sitios web. Cada uno de los 14 libros narrativos se lee junto con un libro coincidente, como una epístola legal, profética, poética o del Nuevo Testamento y un salmo o proverbio, y se cierra con una oración guiada. Al final de los 365 episodios, comprenderás cómo encajan todas las piezas.

Uso la aplicación Podcast para escuchar durante mi viaje diario al trabajo. Este método de estudio de la Biblia me parece preferible a leer en casa. En casa hay distracciones. No solo disfruto de escuchar la lectura de la Biblia, sino que después de cada sesión, el padre Mike Schmitz se centra en una parte de la lectura del día y ofrece una reflexión. Por ejemplo, ¿sabías que cada una de las plagas enviadas por Dios al faraón y al pueblo de Egipto no fueron solo desastres aleatorios? Todas fueron contra los dioses egipcios. Por ejemplo, la plaga de sangre fue contra Hapi y Osiris, que eran considerados los dioses del Nilo, y la plaga de la oscuridad fue contra Ra, que era el dios egipcio del sol.

¿Qué ha hecho este podcast por mi fe? La ha fortalecido. Es genial escuchar la lectura de la Biblia y las explicaciones del padre Mike y su amor y compasión por la palabra de Dios son imprescindibles. Comenzar el día con el podcast de la Biblia me ha dado tiempo para escuchar y reflexionar sobre las palabras de Dios, lo que me ha infundido paz al comenzar el día. Cuando aprendo algo nuevo, no veo la hora de compartirlo con los demás en la oficina. Únase a mí en este viaje y comparta la palabra con los demás.

*Marcia Wheatley, Gerente de Operaciones*

**GRACE IN THE ORDINARY:**  
**Encountering God in Sacramental Signs**  
 A Retreat for Candidates & the Elect in Preparation for the Easter Sacraments



**SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025**  
 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM  
 \$40 per person

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While this retreat is given with the Elect in mind, catechetical leaders and Godparents are also invited to attend.  
**Register By March 21, 2025**



Scan the QR code to register or visit  
[www.sanpedrocenter.org/soia-retreat-2025](http://www.sanpedrocenter.org/soia-retreat-2025)

QUESTIONS CALL THE SAN PEDRO PROGRAM OFFICE AT 407-671-6322

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### 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 collections.

### 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**.

### ROSES FROM HEAVEN GIFT SHOP



Come in and browse your gift shop. **Hours:** Saturday 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm and Sunday 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. Contact the office (352) 245-2458, **Anita Hunter** (352) 207-4466 or **Marie Bairstow** (352) 812-4752 if you need something during the week.







*Prayer Requests*

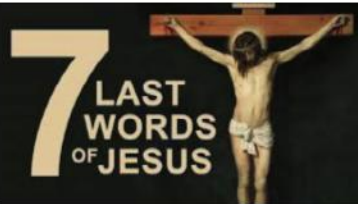
John 15:7 "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."

"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.

Anne McWilliams Diana Taliercio



**Our prayers for the repose of the soul of**  
**MARIE YATCILLA**  
**REST IN PEACE**



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. Our first gathering starts March 6.

**TITHES & OFFERINGS**  
GIVE UNTO THE LORD  
WEEK ENDING MARCH 2, 2025

Offertory	\$16,976.13
Maintenance	\$ 2,932.50
Soup Kitchen	\$ 1,024.37
Social Services	\$ 916.50
Thrift Store	\$ 9,024.00



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**OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL—2025**

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