



# Welcome! Bienvenidos! St. Theresa Catholic Church

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

## 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

## 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 Easter (Divine Mercy)

April 27, 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



## UPCOMING EVENTS

| Sat APRIL 26      | FOR                                                       | REQUESTED BY                   |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 8:30 am           | † Helen Nowak                                             | Nowak Family                   |
| 4:00 pm           | † Amy Miller                                              | Jane & Howard Gault            |
| 6:00 pm (español) | † Deceased members of Shirley Ellacer & Jarelona Family   | Not available                  |
| Sun APRIL 27      |                                                           |                                |
| 7:30 am           | † John & Cecelia Stankovitz                               | Tom & Diane Mizerek            |
| 9:00 am           | † David Kosmider                                          | Pat & Ron Brodsko              |
| 11:00 am          | St. Theresa Parishioners                                  |                                |
| Mon APRIL 28      |                                                           |                                |
| 8:30 am           | † Jim & Peg Dembroski                                     | Bill Wendell                   |
| Tues APRIL 29     |                                                           |                                |
| 8:30 am           | † Joseph Juliano, Sr.                                     | Bernadette Juliano             |
| Wed APRIL 30      |                                                           |                                |
| 8:30 am           | † Vita Montalto                                           | Loretta Montalto               |
| Thurs MAY 1       |                                                           |                                |
| 8:30 am           | † & Leconte Jemell Jackson, Sr.                           | Winyfree Lozo                  |
| Fri MAY 2         |                                                           |                                |
| 8:30 am           | † Maureen Wilkinson                                       | Susan Adamet                   |
| Sat MAY 3         |                                                           |                                |
| 8:30 am           | † Rosario Pontejos Vivero                                 | Vicki Alvey & Loretta Montalto |
| 4:00 pm           | † Deceased Members of K of C Council 8012 & Assembly 2068 | Knights of Columbus            |
| 6:00 pm (español) | † Mercedita Javelona                                      | Shirley Ellacer                |
| Sun MAY 4         |                                                           |                                |
| 7:30 am           | † Francesca Lucia                                         | Carl & June Rylander           |
| 9:00 am           | † Mauricee LaClair                                        | Don & Joan LaClair             |
| 11:00 am          | St. Theresa Parishioners                                  |                                |

| Date / Time          | Event                            | Location    |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Wednesdays, 2 PM     | GRIEF SHARE                      | Library     |
| Sun. April 27 3-4 pm | DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR           | Church      |
| Mon. April 28 6 PM   | MOST                             | Parish Hall |
| Thurs. May 1 6 PM    | SICK / HOMEBOUND MINISTRY (RSVP) | Parish Hall |
| Fri. May 2 8:30      | YOUNG AT HEART MASS/BREAKFAST    | Church      |
| Fri. May 2 6:15 PM   | SACRED HEART NOVENA & MASS       | Church      |
| Sun. May 4           | NAME TAG AND GROCERY SUNDAY      | Church      |

The 5:00 PM Mass on Sundays will be on break, starting April 27th, until September 2025. Thank you to everyone who participated and made it a success.



St Theresa encourages you to spend your hour with the Lord, in our Adoration Chapel, to "be" in His presence and encounter His love. This is your very special hour with Jesus that may be spent in any quiet, loving way you wish to offer it to God. If you are interested in devoting an hour each week to adore, in our chapel, please contact Nancy High 941-518-2194.

### AN ADORATION CANDLE IS LIT FOR

**BRUCE MACKENZIE**

Month of MAY 2025

From: Irene MacKenzie



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

**(352) 496-1569**



### HOLY COMMUNION

**Effective Saturday / Sunday MAY 3 & 4**

**All Weekend Masses**

The distribution of Holy Communion will only be given at the **FRONT** of the church in front of the **ALTAR**.

Parishioners may also receive the Precious Blood. When entering the church, please alert an Usher if you are unable to walk to the front for Communion and a Eucharistic Minister will bring it to you.



## FROM FATHER TOM

### Happy Divine Mercy Sunday!

We had a wonderful Easter and now we celebrate this wonderful feast which falls on the Sunday after Easter. Divine Mercy goes back during the rise of Nazism and the reign of Hitler. The message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of *Saint Faustina Kowalska*, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread. *Pope John Paul II* had great affinity towards this devotion and authorized it in the Liturgical Calendar of the Roman Catholic Church. Today it is celebrated throughout the world.



The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering **ABC**:

**A - Ask for His Mercy.** God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

**B - Be merciful.** God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

**C - Completely trust in Jesus.** God wants us to know that all the graces of His mercy can only be received by our trust. The more we open the door of our hearts and lives to Him with trust, the more we can receive.

Please join us as we honor our Lord and seek His mercy for ourselves and our world. **Sunday, April 27 at 3:00 p.m.** After all, who doesn't need God's mercy?

*Love and Mercy, Fr. Tom*

P.S. A big thank you to all who contributed to our glorious Easter. It takes many hands to make it work. Thank you for making Easter the best day of the year!

**Nick and Travis were baptized, received first Holy Communion and were confirmed at Easter Vigil Mass on April 19, 2025 !!**



**Catherine was confirmed at Easter Vigil Mass**



**LIVING STATIONS—** Wonderful presentation by our Teens on Good Friday

**GOOD FRIDAY: STATIONS OF THE CROSS—LAKE LILLIAN**





## DEL PADRE TOM



### ¡Feliz Domingo de la Divina Misericordia!

Hemos tenido una Pascua maravillosa y ahora celebramos esta maravillosa fiesta que cae el domingo después de Pascua. Los orígenes de la Divina Misericordia se remontan al ascenso del nazismo y al reinado de Hitler. El mensaje y la devoción a Jesús como La Divina Misericordia se basa en los escritos de Santa Faustina Kowalska, una monja polaca sin educación que, en obediencia a su director espiritual, escribió un diario de unas 600 páginas registrando las revelaciones que recibió sobre la misericordia de Dios. Incluso antes de su muerte en 1938, la devoción a la Divina Misericordia había comenzado a extenderse. El Papa Juan Pablo II tenía gran afinidad con esta devoción y la autorizó en el Calendario Litúrgico de la Iglesia Católica Romana. Hoy se celebra en todo el mundo.

Podemos evocar el mensaje de la Divina Misericordia simplemente recordando el ABC:

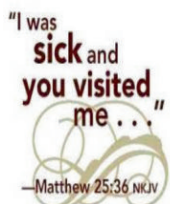
**A - Pedir Su Misericordia.** Dios quiere que nos acerquemos a Él en oración constantemente, arrepintiéndonos de nuestros pecados y pidiéndole que derrame su misericordia sobre nosotros y sobre el mundo entero.

**B - Sé misericordioso.** Dios quiere que recibamos Su misericordia y dejemos que fluya a través de nosotros hacia los demás. Él quiere que extendamos el amor y el perdón a los demás tal como Él lo hace con nosotros.

**C - Confiar plenamente en Jesús.** Dios quiere que sepamos que todas las gracias de Su misericordia sólo pueden ser recibidas por nuestra confianza. Cuanto más le abramos la puerta de nuestro corazón y de nuestra vida con confianza, más podremos recibir.

Por favor, únase a nosotros para honrar a nuestro Señor y buscar su misericordia para nosotros y nuestro mundo. Domingo, **27 de abril a las 3:00 p.m.** Después de todo, ¿quién no necesita la misericordia de Dios?

*Amor y Misericordia,  
Padre Tom*



### EUCARIST MINISTERS MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND (MTS) MEETING

DATE: **THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025**

TIME: **6:00 PM**

**LASAGNA DINNER & A MOVIE  
FEARLESS (MAURA SMITH)**

**RECEIVE YOUR CONTINUING EDUCATION POINTS  
FOR MOVIE AND MEETING**

**RSVP—CALL THE OFFICE (352) 245-2458**



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.



*Welcome*  
*New Parishioners*

**Albert & Maria Elena  
Alvarez**

**Richard & Nicole Crawford**

**Dennis & Anita  
Moliterno**

**Theresa Stangel**

Interested in  
*Membership?*  
Maybe NOW is the time!

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!

## My Take



In Father Tom's homily on Holy Saturday, he asked "Are you in or are you out?" His homily covered Catholicism and some people's hatred of it. Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen once said, "There are not even 100 people in this country who

hate the Catholic Church, but there are millions who hate what they think the Catholic Church to be." Most of us are Catholic because we believe Catholicism is true. We believe Jesus founded the Catholic Church to preserve the truth and passed it down to us to help people around the world encounter His love.

The word "catholic" means universal and is centered on the belief that the Church encompasses believers for all nations. The mission of the Church was to proclaim the Gospel to all people. As time went on, the term Catholic came to mean this new religion that all teaching and faith were believed by the whole Church. The Church has no exclusions based on nationality, race or status. It is for all people of God. Those who profess belief in the Church's universal teachings and practices have become known as Catholic.

As you heard from Father Tom, more young people are now turning to the church in larger numbers. Perhaps it's the longing for something more that can not be found on FaceBook or TikTok. Those avenues do not have the answer to the truth or finding God. God didn't intend for us to live with or try to interpret a Bible alone (Acts 8:27-31) but to have an authoritative body, the Church.

Being a Catholic means being resilient. There have been many changes to the Mass and teachings over the years, but the scripture holds true and fast. Don't be afraid to be "in". Show that you are a Catholic by your words and actions. In the coming days of choosing a new Pope, be ready for changes but realize the church still stands for Jesus Christ and all he stood for.

*Marcia Wheatley, Operations Manager*



**SOCIAL SERVICES** has an ongoing need of toiletry items for our homeless and less fortunate guests. Items needed: **Shampoo, Antiperspirants / Deodorants, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes.** Items may be dropped off in the Parish Office or in the church before or after Mass.

### 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.



**ST. THERESA FOOD  
PANTRY & SOUP  
KITCHEN**



**THANK YOU** for your generosity in supporting St. Theresa's mission to feed those in need. Below is a list of items we can still use: **Pasta | Pasta Sauce or Spaghetti Sauce (in PLASTIC, please) | Mac N Cheese | Canned Tuna | Canned Chicken | Canned Salmon | Peanut Butter. PLEASE— NO GLASS. POP TOP LIDS ARE BEST.** The Food Pantry accepts food donations via the back double doors **Monday—Friday, 6 am —12 pm.** Thank you for your continued support.

**JOYFUL AGAIN, ORLANDO!**  
**May 24-25, 2025**



**RETREAT for Widows & Widowers (6 months or more after loss of spouse)**

**San Pedro Spiritual Center,  
Winter Park, FL**

**Please contact Sharon at 386-717-4452 to Register**

## Mi opinión



En la homilía del Padre Tom del Sábado Santo, preguntó: "¿Estás dentro o fuera?". Su homilía abordó el catolicismo y el odio de algunos hacia él. El venerable arzobispo Fulton Sheen dijo una vez: "No hay ni 100 personas en este país que odien a la Iglesia Católica, pero hay millones que odian lo que creen que es". La mayoría de nosotros somos católicos porque creemos que el catolicismo es verdadero.



Creemos que Jesús fundó la Iglesia Católica para preservar la verdad y nos la transmitió para ayudar a personas de todo el mundo a encontrar su amor.

La palabra "católico" significa universal y se centra en la creencia de que la Iglesia abarca a creyentes de todas las naciones. La misión de la Iglesia era proclamar el Evangelio a todas las personas. Con el tiempo, el término católico llegó a significar esta nueva religión en la que toda la Iglesia creía en todas sus enseñanzas y fe. La Iglesia no hace exclusiones por nacionalidad, raza o estatus. Es para todo el pueblo de Dios. Quienes profesan la creencia en las enseñanzas y prácticas universales de la Iglesia se conocen como católicos. Como escucharon del Padre Tom, cada vez más jóvenes se acercan a la Iglesia. Quizás sea el anhelo de algo más que no se encuentra en Facebook o TikTok. Esas vías no tienen la respuesta a la verdad ni a encontrar a Dios. Dios no quiso que viviéramos solos con la Biblia ni intentáramos interpretarla (Hechos 8:27-31), sino que tuviéramos un cuerpo de autoridad: la Iglesia.

Ser católico significa ser resiliente. Ha habido muchos cambios en la Misa y las enseñanzas a lo largo de los años, pero la Escritura sigue siendo verdadera y firme. No tengan miedo de estar a la moda. Demuestren que son católicos con sus palabras y acciones. En los próximos días de la elección de un nuevo Papa, prepárense para los cambios, pero recuerden que la Iglesia sigue defendiendo a Jesucristo y todo lo que él representó.

*Marcia Wheatley, Gerente de Operaciones*

OCALA YOUNG ADULT CATHOLICS  
PRESENT

*adoration and dinner*



MONDAY MAY 5<sup>TH</sup> 2025 6PM-8PM @  
ST THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH  
11528 US-301 S BELLEVUE FL  
34420  
RSVP @  
ocalayoungadultcatholics@gmail.com



### RECEPTIONIST

Monday—Thursday: 8:00 AM—2:00 PM  
Friday: 8:00 AM—12:00 PM

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Monday—Friday: 9:00 AM—1:00 PM  
The positions will be posted on the Diocese website at <https://www.orlandodiocese.org/office/career-opportunities/>.



### USHERS NEEDED !!

Please call the Parish Office to  
sign up (352) 245-2458



## Prayer Requests

*"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.

Ron Ciampi  
Bob Delaney  
Eric Dushane  
Jim Evans

Rosemary Gurick  
Diane McCue  
Annie McWilliams  
Rosa Morales

Isabel Smith  
Francine Sothen  
Fr. David Vivero



**THE SANCTUARY LAMP IS LIT  
FOR  
CHARLES & JACOB MILLER  
MAY 3—9, 2025  
From: LORI MILLER**



Our prayers for the repose of the  
soul of

**BERTHA GONZALEZ  
RAY SHEFFER  
REST IN PEACE**

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

GIVE UNTO THE LORD

WEEK ENDING APRIL 20, 2025

|                 |              |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Offertory       | \$ 22,896.25 |
| Maintenance     | \$ 3,046.50  |
| Soup Kitchen    | \$ 3,473.50  |
| Social Services | \$ 885.50    |
| Thrift Store    | \$ 6,806.53  |



## OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida  
NUESTRO LLAMADO CATÓLICO

### OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL—2025

OCA Goal for 2025 **\$160,379**

Collected to date **\$121,142**

**Under Goal** (Por debajo de la meta) **\$ 39,236**

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