



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)

Fifth Sunday Of Lent

April 6, 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



Sat APRIL 5	FOR	REQUESTED BY
8:30 am	† Rose Acito	Maria Hagan
4:00 pm	† Deceased Members of K Of C Council 8012 & Assembly 2068	Knights of Columbus
6:00 pm (español)		
Sun APRIL 6		
7:30 am	St. Theresa Parishioners	
9:00 am	† Walter Palys	Don & Joan LaClair
11:00 am	† Barbara Skeahan	Rob Mundy
Mon APRIL 7		
8:30 am	† Angel Luis Aquino Galarza	Luis Aquino
Tues APRIL 8		
8:30 am	† Thomas Montalto	Loretta Montalto
Wed APRIL 9		
8:30 am	† Mary Ruth Patenude	Ron & Loretta Ciampi
Thurs APRIL 10		
8:30 am	† John & Rosemary Ricchiuto	Bill Wendell
Fri APRIL 11		
8:30 am	† Paul Usrey	Dot Usrey
Sat APRIL 12		
8:30 am	Society of St. Theresa	
4:00 pm	† Bertha Hanley	Michael Devost
6:00 pm (español)		
Sun APRIL 13 PALM SUNDAY		
7:30 am		
9:00 am	St. Theresa Parishioners	
11:00 am	† Teen Mulholland	Rob Mundy

UPCOMING EVENTS

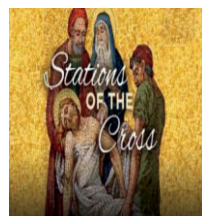
Date / Time	Event	Location
Wednesdays, 2 pm	GRIEF SHARE	Library
Thursdays during Lent 1:00 pm	7 LAST WORDS OF JESUS	Parish Hall
Fridays during Lent 4-6 pm	K OF C FISH FRY	Parish Hall
Sun. April 6	NAME TAG & GROCERY SUNDAY	Church
Wed. April 9 6:00 pm	LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE	Church
Thurs. April 10 6:00 pm	ULTREYA FIESTA DINNER (RSVP)	Parish Hall
Sun. After 7:30 & 9 am Masses	K of C BREAKFAST	Parish Hall
Mon. April 14 6:00 pm	LADIES GUILD & MOST	Parish Hall
Sat. April 19 9 am	3RD SATURDAY CLUB	Campus

Lenten Penance Service

Wednesday, April 9, 2025
6:00 PM

PENANCE SERVICES—NEIGHBORING PARISHES

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
Thurs. April 10	4 PM	St. Timothy
Mon. April 14	6 PM	Blessed Trinity



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays: after 8:30 am Mass; 3:30 pm

Friday evenings: 6 pm (Español)

Saturday: 3 pm followed by Rosary &



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**.



Please join us for **ULTREYA** on **April 10th** 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 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!**



FROM FATHER TOM

Happiness, we all want it, yet too few have it. Before anything else, walk with God. Live according to His truth. Then consider these ten tips.

HERE COMES 10 THINGS HAPPY PEOPLE SPEND ZERO TIME WORRYING ABOUT.



1. **Holding grudges.** They're actually kind of heavy. That's where the term chip on the shoulder comes from. Let them go and lighten the load.
2. **Comparing yourself to others.** It's a waste of time because no one is the unique blend that you are. Instead, work on discovering and enhancing your unique blend. That will bring your gifts to the world.
3. **Worrying about the future.** The future is actually an illusion. The past is now delusion, so just focus on the here and now.
4. **Perfectionism.** It's one of the greatest causes of depression.
5. **Negative self-talk.** Listen to what you're saying to yourself and make sure it's positive. You are your own best friend or worst enemy. Definitely become the friend.
6. **Dwelling on past mistakes.** Instead of dwelling on them, just learn the lesson and then grow and move on.
7. **The need to please everyone.** People pleasing will get you nowhere except a lot of phony relationships.
8. **Fear of change.** Fear is often a sign actually to go forward, especially if it's just our own limiting beliefs that are holding us back. So yeah, don't let fear ever stop you.
9. **Regret.** Regret is also another emotional waste of time. You want to simply learn the lesson, not sit there regretting, which will just inject cortisol. That's the hormone of stress throughout your body.
10. And finally, **happy people don't worry about what other people think of them.** They worry about what they think of themselves. So make sure what you're doing in your private and public life is something you're happy about, proud about. Then it really doesn't matter what other people think.

Love and Blessings, Fr. Tom



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 22nd – April 13th



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



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.



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, April 20* following the 9 am Mass. Join us in simple dance steps and leave your shoes for the needy!



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.

 		Welcome New Parishioners	
LuAnn Forier		Patti McCurry	
Cheryl Scott			

DEL PADRE TOM


La felicidad, todos la queremos, pero muy pocos la tienen. Antes que nada, camina con Dios. Vive de acuerdo con Su verdad. Luego considera estos diez consejos.



AQUÍ VIENEN 10 COSAS POR LAS QUE LA GENTE FELIZ PASA CERO TIEMPO PREOCUPÁNDOSE.

1. **Guardar rencor.** En realidad son algo pesados. De ahí viene el término resentimiento. Déjalos ir y aligera la carga.
2. **Compararse con los demás.** Es una pérdida de tiempo porque nadie es la mezcla única que tú eres. En lugar de eso, trabaja en descubrir y mejorar tu mezcla única. Eso aportará tus dones al mundo.
3. **Preocuparse por el futuro.** El futuro es en realidad una ilusión. El pasado es ahora una ilusión, así que céntrate en el aquí y ahora.
4. **Perfeccionismo.** Es una de las mayores causas de depresión.
5. **Habla negativamente de ti mismo.** Escucha lo que te dices a ti mismo y asegúrate de que sea positivo. Usted es su mejor amigo o su peor enemigo. Definitivamente, conviértete en el amigo.
6. **Recordar los errores del pasado.** En lugar de insistir en ellos, aprende la lección y luego crece y sigue adelante.
7. **La necesidad de complacer a todo el mundo.** Complacer a la gente no te llevará a ninguna parte, excepto a un montón de relaciones falsas.
8. **Miedo al cambio.** El miedo es a menudo una señal para seguir adelante, sobre todo si son nuestras propias creencias limitantes las que nos frenan. Así que sí, no dejes que el miedo te detenga nunca.
9. **Arrepentimiento.** El arrepentimiento también es otra pérdida de tiempo emocional. Lo que quieres es simplemente aprender la lección, no quedarte sentado lamentándote, lo que sólo inyectará cortisol. Esa es la hormona del estrés en todo tu cuerpo.
10. Y por último, **la gente feliz no se preocupa por lo que los demás piensan de ellos.** Se preocupan por lo que piensan de sí mismos. Así que asegúrate de que lo que haces en tu vida privada y pública es algo de lo que te sientes feliz, orgulloso. Entonces realmente no importa lo que piensen los demás.

Amor y bendiciones, Padre Tom



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)





Cross Catholic Outreach **"Water for Life"** LENTEN Almsgiving Project, raising money for water projects in Africa.

We will be collecting for this project beginning weekend of March 29-30 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 and place in the collections basket.. Thank you!

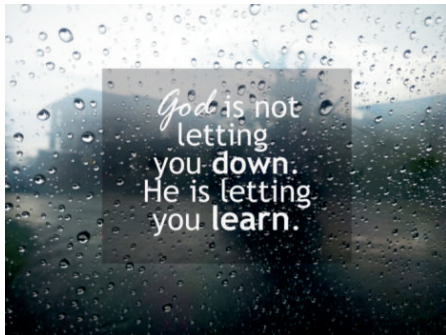


HAVE A LIFE CHANGING LENT!

- Just 15 minutes can affect millions of lives
- The Divine Mercy Chaplet is a Spiritual Work of Mercy
- **Jesus told St. Faustina, "At the hour of their death I defend as my own glory every soul that will say this chaplet; or when others say it for a dying person, the pardon is the same."**
-St. Faustina Diary 811
Quote and picture used with permission from the Marion Fathers of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- When you offer your Divine Mercy Chaplet for whoever is dying, God is defending their souls as His own glory!

PLEASE MAKE THIS SPIRITUAL ACT OF MERCY PART OF YOUR LENT!

My Take



One day I was searching all over the house for my phone. I needed to leave for work and my phone is part of my work accessories. My husband didn't remember seeing it lying anywhere. Using my husband's phone, I called my number. As I looked around, I wondered why Pendragon, my cat, was ringing. Then I realized he was sitting on my phone.



I was late getting started that day and it seemed that foretold how the day would go. Then I got to the bridge I normally take to get over I75 and it was closed for repairs, which meant an extra 15 minutes of travel time. After arriving at work, it seemed everyone wanted to report a problem that needed immediate attention. Now I'm not complaining about my job, I love my job. Somedays I wish I can start the day over.


When we have bad days, we like to think that God's busy elsewhere and didn't have time to make sure the bridge was open or that Pendragon wasn't sitting on my keys or that this person or that didn't need a problem resolved. But that's not what God does. God makes the good and the bad days. He knows that we are self-reliant and if we only had good days, we might and sometimes do, leave Him on the fringe. He doesn't want us to depend on today was a good day so tomorrow will be a good one too.

God is not dependent on us, but we are dependent on him. He can make a crop grow or a flower bloom at the arctic circle in the middle of a storm. But if we want him to help us, we must take some responsibility for ourselves. For example, if we want our field to grow so we can harvest it, we must first plant the seeds. Then we are dependent on God for the rain to water it and the sun to shine.

While the bad days may be hard at the time, we must remember that God is aware. He's using the hard days to help accomplish His plans for us and to make us reliant on him. Remember if God brings you to it; He will bring you through it.

Marcia Wheatley, Operations Manager

Discover More To Life

 Many of us have asked ourselves the question, "*is there more to life than this?*". We are busy with family and friends, work and recreation, and attend church. But there still seems something is missing. An empty space. A void. A hunger. Alpha is a place to join with other people who are asking similar questions, exploring the meaning of life and faith. Join us for dinner, a short video and group discussion, and together discover that *There IS More To Life*.

Come and See ... at ALPHA

Wednesday, April 23, at 6:00 p.m.

St. Theresa Parish Hall

For information, contact **Blair Learn**

Cell: 609-513-4320; BlairW.Learn@verizon.net

Register by calling the office at 352-245-2458

St. Theresa Prayer Hotline (24/7)

(352) 496-1569



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

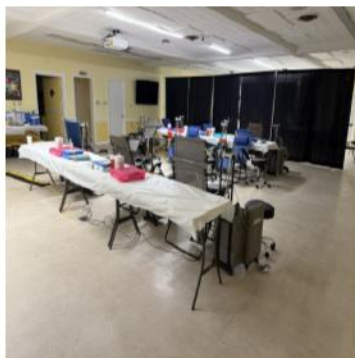
NOTE: NO GLASS. POP TOP LIDS ARE BEST

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.

Dental Clinic



Thank you to all the St Theresa and FreeD.O.M. volunteers for making Saturday's dental clinic a success. Over seventy patients were seen by dentist and dental students from University of Florida. The volunteers were delighted by the hospitality and the meals they received as they did their work. Many thanks to Barb Cipolla for taking care of the pantry for the event and for including vegan options.



Ocala Young Adult Catholics invites you to a
Passover Seder



Location: TBD
Wednesday April 16th, 6-8pm
RSVP to ocalayoungadulcatholics@gmail.com
by April 14th

Children welcome

Pasta Faire Event a Success!

On behalf of St. Theresa's Social Services, I want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support in dining at Pasta Faire during our recent fundraiser. Your participation in this event not only brought our community together but also made a meaningful impact on those in need.

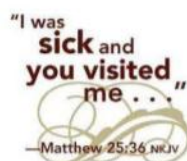
Thanks to your kindness, 20% of the proceeds from your meals will go directly to our social services programs, helping to provide food, shelter, and essential resources to individuals and families facing hardship. Your support enables us to continue our mission of serving others with love and compassion.

Mike Travaglini, Director of Social Services



Help make Easter Flower Cross!

Easter Sunday we will have a cross in front of our church. You bring the flower (s) and put it on the cross. There will be wire on the cross so the flower will remain. Thank you so much!



EUCCHARIST MINISTERS MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND (MTS) MEETING

DATE: MAY 1, 2025
TIME: 6:00 PM

LASAGNA DINNER & A MOVIE
FEARLESS (MAURA SMITH)
FEATURING FATHER MATHIAS THELEN, PASTOR OF
ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC PARISH IN BRIGHTON, MI
**RECEIVE YOUR CONTINUING EDUCATION POINTS
FOR MOVIE AND MEETING**

PLEASE RSVP TO THE PARISH OFFICE BY APRIL 26
FOR FOOD COUNT.



**THE SANCTUARY LAMP IS LIT
FOR
PARISH OFFICE STAFF
APRIL 12—18, 2025**
From: A Friend





"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		



Become Part of Our Church Family

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!

TITHES & OFFERINGS

GIVE UNTO THE LORD

WEEK ENDING MARCH 30, 2025

Offertory	\$ 14,671.01
Maintenance	\$ 2,224.50
Soup Kitchen	\$ 7,713.50
Social Services	\$ 690.75
Thrift Store	\$ 8,461.40



OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL—2025

OCA Goal for 2025 **\$160,379.00**

Collected to date **\$ 93,967.00**

Under Goal (Por debajo de la meta) **\$ 66,411.00**

ONLINE Pledges: <https://www.cfocf.org/oca/> (Select **ST. THERESA** as your Parish). Thank you.



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Golf Outing Fundraiser



Contact Larry at
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The Golf Outing is
October 11th, 2025, to play,
sponsor by 10/3/25

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