



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)

Welcome! Bienvenidos! St. Theresa Catholic Church

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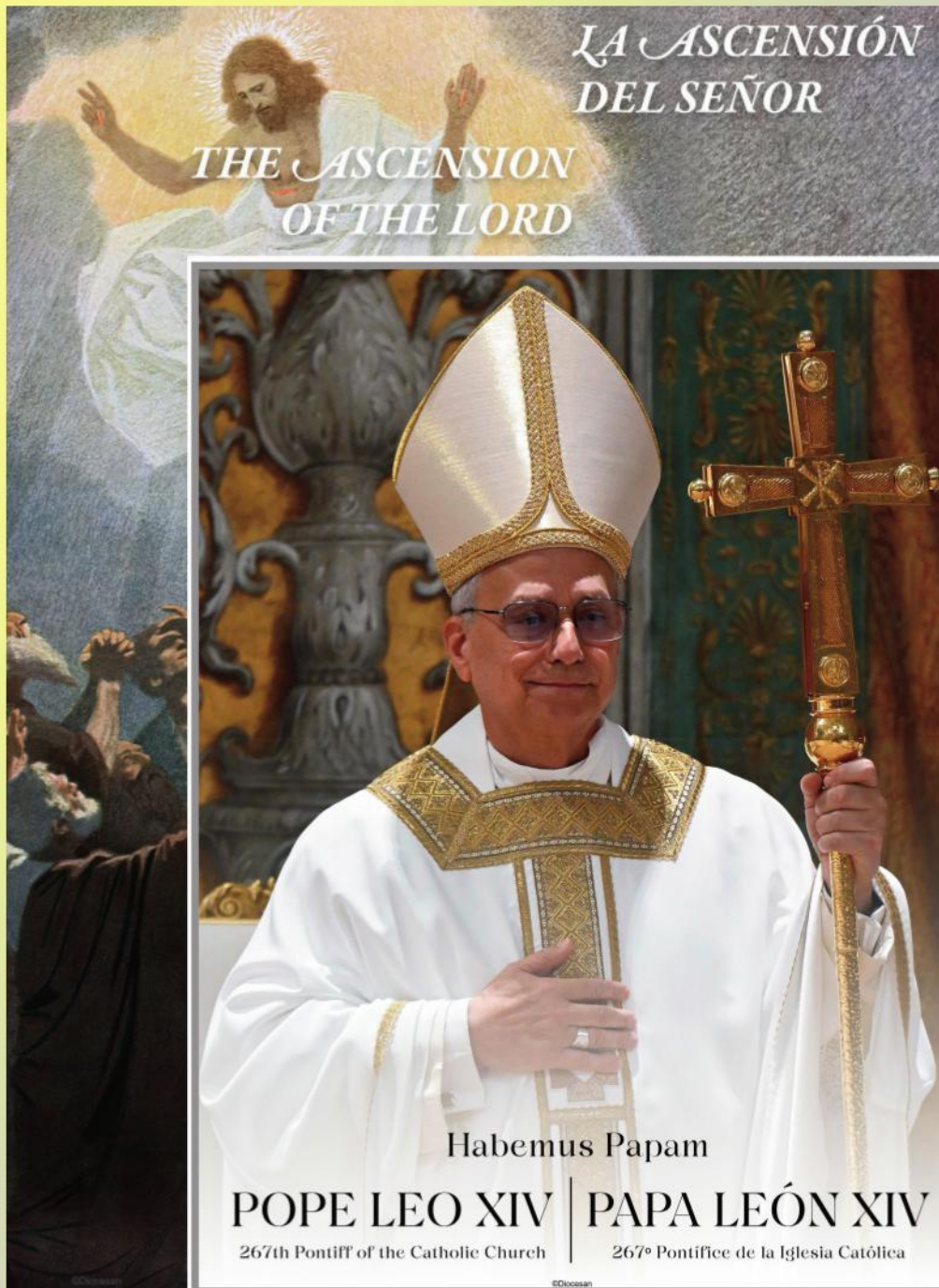
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St. Theresa is a home that welcomes, a charity that nourishes, a church that evangelizes and a community where friends can meet.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

JUNE 1, 2025



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

St. Theresa Catholic Church



Sat MAY 31	FOR	REQUESTED BY
8:30 am	Fr. Jim's 42nd Anniversary of Ordination	Special Intentions
4:00 pm	† Rita Barette	Jeannine Hart & Ann Niehaus
6:00 pm (español)	Pope Leo XIV Special Intentions	
Sun JUNE 1		
7:30 am	Special Intentions for our Parish Family	
9:00 am	St. Theresa Parishioners	
11:00 am	† Roberta Setters	Robert and Cheryl Mundy
Mon JUNE 2		
8:30 am	† William G. Wendell	Bill Wendell
Tues JUNE 3		
8:30 am	† Jim Alvey	The Alvey Family
Wed JUNE 4		
8:30 am	† Andrea Roche	Robert Roche
Thurs JUNE 5		
8:30 am		
Fri JUNE 6		
8:30 am	Amitri Knapp—Special Birthday Intentions	Peter Knapp
Sat JUNE 7		
8:30 am	† Joe and Melany Guerreiro & Tanya Brown	Paula Brown & Maria Guerreiro
4:00 pm	† Deceased Members of K of C Council 8012, & Assembly 2068	Knights of Columbus
6:00 pm (español)	St Theresa Parishioners	
Sun JUNE 8		
7:30 am	James & Doris Russo	Tina & Luis Rios
9:00 am	† John Leizens	Ed & Tish Leizen
11:00 am	† Mr. & Mrs. Bob LeBlanc	Mike & Judy Pavlovsky



HOLY COMMUNION 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date / Time	Event	Location
Sun. June 1	NAME TAG SUNDAY	Church
Fri. June 6: 8:30 am	YOUNG AT HEART MASS & POTLUCK BREAKFAST	Church
Fri. June 6: 6:15 pm	SACRED HEART NOVENA AND MASS	Church
Mon. June 9: 6:00 pm	MOST	Parish Hall
Tues. June 10: 4-8 pm	CATHOLIC YOUTH CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER	Chipotle
Sat. June 21: 9 am	3RD SATURDAY CLUB	Campus
Mon-Wed: July 14-16	ADULT BIBLE SCHOOL WITH FR. TOM AND FR. JIM	TBD
Mon-Wed: July 21-23	BLESSING BELLEVIEW EVENTS	

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JUNE 10TH, 2025

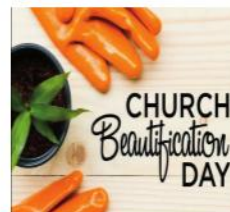
CHIPOTLE

For online orders to count toward this fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$10.00 minimum order value required to receive any discount.

Add event to Google calendar!

Add event to iCalendar!

3RD SATURDAY CLUB



The **3RD SATURDAY CLUB** meets on the **3rd Saturday** of each month at **9 am**. The purpose of this club is to beautify the grounds and interior of St. Theresa. If you are interested in volunteering, please call the Parish Office (352) 245-2458. The next gathering will be **Saturday, June 21st**.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP IS LIT FOR



Kristy Reiter (Special Intentions)

JUNE 7—13, 2025

From: Jane Reiter



FROM FATHER TOM

Love and Blessings!

Father Tom



POPE LEO XIV

1975: This man made a shocking decision: He rejected Harvard Law to serve Peru's poorest villages. Now, he's the 267th Pope.

- Speaks ancient Incan
- Walked 8 hrs to help the poor
- First American born ever

In 1975, Robert Prevost was at the top of his game. Chicago math teacher. Devout Catholic. Accepted into Harvard Law. He had everything a young man could dream of, but then—he made a decision that no one saw coming. He said no to Harvard, no to a six-figure future. No to fame. No to comfort.

And yes—to something few dare to choose: A life of complete surrender. He joined a missionary group and moved to Peru. Not to the cities. Not to the tourist spots.

But to the *most* remote villages—where children die from treatable diseases. And families walk miles just for clean water. There were no roads. No running water. No WiFi.

Just mountains. Silence And poverty. But he embraced it like home, Robert didn't just live *among* the people. He became *one* of them.

- Learned Quechua—the sacred language of the Incas
- Carried food on foot for days
- Slept on dirt floors with the villagers
- Prayed under the stars
- When he wasn't building shelters, he taught math to barefoot kids under broken rooftops.

When he wasn't teaching, he carried the sick on donkeys to get help. When he wasn't healing, he listened—truly listened—to stories no one else cared to hear.

While his friends from back home became lawyers and doctors he became something else entirely.

- A shepherd
 - A brother
 - A quiet warrior of faith
- And slowly—his legend grew. His acts weren't broadcasted, but they echoed through the Andes.

Bishops noticed
Priests noticed
And eventually—the Vatican noticed. They called him back to lead his entire Augustinian order. From serving a village. To overseeing 2,800 brothers in over 40 countries. Still—he kept his same sandals. Still—he walked with the poor. Still—he rejected luxury.

Then came the call that changed everything.

Rome wanted him closer. In 2020, he was appointed Archbishop and assigned to govern other bishops globally. It was rare. But Robert had never chased tradition. He wasn't just fluent in Latin or Canon Law.

He was fluent in *compassion*.

- In humility
- In listening
- In *presence*

The Vatican didn't just see a priest. They saw a *leader with soul*. On September 30, 2023. Pope Francis made it official: Robert Prevost was named a Cardinal. Just one step below the Pope.

And then... in **2025**
History was made. For the first time ever ...
An American
A former math teacher
A missionary to the forgotten

was elevated as the 267th Pope of the Catholic Church.

And he didn't forget the people who shaped him. To this day, Pope Robert still returns to the same villages. Still prays in Quechua. Still sits on dirt floors. Still holds the hands of the elderly in silence.

Because leadership he believes is about *presence* not position.

The world is obsessed with power. But Robert Prevost proves:
• Titles mean nothing without service
• Knowledge is useless without love
• And faith—without sacrifice—is noise.
He turned down the world. And changed it instead.

***May God bless our Holy Father
Pope Leo XIV***



"We are followers of Christ. Christ goes before us. The world needs his light. Humanity needs him as the bridge that can lead us to God and his love. Help us, one and all, to build bridges through dialogue and encounter, joining together as one people, always at peace."

Pope Leo



USHERS NEEDED !!

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



Our **Bereavement Ministry** seeks volunteers to reach out to our community members who have lost loved ones or friends. For more information, please call the Parish Office or **Lucy Campaniello** (386) 795-3472.



DEL PADRE TOM

*¡Amor y bendiciones!
Padre Tom*



PAPA LEO XIV

- **1975:** Este hombre tomó una decisión impactante: Rechazó las leyes de Harvard para servir a los pueblos más pobres de Perú.
- Ahora, es el 267° Papa.
- Habla inca antiguo
- Caminó 8 horas para ayudar a los pobres
- El primer estadounidense nacido

En 1975, Robert Prevost estaba en la cima de su carrera. Profesor de matemáticas en Chicago. Católico devoto. Aceptado en Derecho en Harvard. Tenía todo lo que un joven puede soñar, pero entonces tomó una decisión que nadie vio venir. Dijo no a Harvard, no a un futuro de seis cifras. No a la fama. No a la comodidad.

Y sí a algo que pocos se atreven a elegir: Una vida de entrega total. Se unió a un grupo misionero y se trasladó a Perú. No a las ciudades. No a los lugares turísticos. Sino a los pueblos *más* remotos, donde los niños mueren de enfermedades tratables. Y las familias caminan kilómetros sólo para conseguir agua potable. No había carreteras. Ni agua corriente. Ni WiFi.

Sólo montañas. Silencio y pobreza. Pero él lo acogió como si fuera su casa, Robert no se limitó a vivir *entre* la gente. Se convirtió en uno de ellos.
- Aprendió quechua, la lengua sagrada de los incas.
Llevó comida a pie durante días.
Durmió en suelos de tierra con los aldeanos.
Rezaba bajo las estrellas
Cuando no estaba construyendo refugios, enseñaba matemáticas a niños descalzos bajo tejados rotos.

Cuando no estaba enseñando, llevaba a los enfermos en burros para conseguir ayuda. Cuando no curaba, escuchaba - escuchaba de verdad- historias que nadie más quería oír.

Mientras sus amigos se convertían en abogados y médicos, él se dedicaba a otra cosa.
Pastor
Un hermano
Un guerrero silencioso de la fe
Y poco a poco su leyenda creció. Sus actos no fueron difundidos, pero resonaron en los Andes.

Los obispos se dieron cuenta
Los sacerdotes se dieron cuenta
Y finalmente, el Vaticano se dio cuenta.
Lo llamaron para que volviera a dirigir toda su orden agustiniana.
De servir a un pueblo. A supervisar a 2.800 hermanos en más de 40 países.
Aún así, mantuvo sus mismas sandalias
Siguió caminando con los pobres
Rechazó el lujo

Entonces llegó la llamada que lo cambió todo.

Roma le quería más cerca. En 2020, fue nombrado arzobispo y asignado a gobernar a otros obispos en todo el mundo. Era raro. Pero Robert nunca había perseguido la tradición. No sólo dominaba el latín o el Derecho Canónico.

Él era fluido en *compasión*
En humildad
En escuchar
En *presencia*

El Vaticano no sólo vio a un sacerdote. Vieron un *líder con alma*. El 30 de septiembre de 2023. El Papa Francisco lo hizo oficial: Robert Prevost fue nombrado Cardenal.

Sólo un escalón por debajo del Papa.

Y entonces... en 2025

Se hizo historia. Por primera vez en la historia...

Un americano

Un antiguo profesor de matemáticas

Un misionero de los olvidados

fue elevado como el 267° Papa de la Iglesia Católica

Y no olvidó a las personas que lo formaron. A día de hoy. El Papa Roberto sigue volviendo a los mismos pueblos.

Sigue rezando en quechua

Sigue sentándose en suelos de tierra

Sigue cogiendo las manos de los ancianos en silencio

Porque cree que el liderazgo se basa en la *presencia*, no en la posición.

El mundo está obsesionado con el poder.

Pero Robert Prevost lo demuestra:

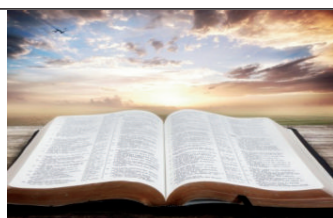
- Los títulos no significan nada sin servicio

- El conocimiento es inútil sin amor

- Y la fe -sin sacrificio- es ruido

Él rechazó al mundo. Y en cambio lo cambió.

Que Dios bendiga a nuestro Santo Padre el Papa León XIV



JULY 14-16

**Adult Bible School with
Fr. Tom & Fr. Jim**



JULY 21-23

Blessing Belleview

My Take



Unfortunately, I was out of town and didn't get to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the canonization of St Therese on May 17th. I remembered a book of Father Tom's which I read several years ago titled "Stronger Than Steel, Soldiers of the Great War write to St Therese of Lisieux." It's a fascinating book with actual letters from French soldiers thanking St Therese for answering their prayers during their time at the front. What makes it so fascinating is that St Therese died 17 years earlier, but that didn't stop her from protecting them, appearing to them, giving peace with the smell of roses, and even taking some by the hand to safety. Every letter is emotional with description of time on the front, huddled in trenches, being hit by bullets, and seeing many friends killed right alongside them.

I was especially touched by one letter from Le Denen which he wrote asking his loved one not to say, "Those bad Germans." He states that God loves the Germans just as much as he loves us, and he did not create one race inferior to another. We should heed Le Denen's words and remember that not all groups or races are any better or inferior to others. We must treat each other with respect and love. Le Denen wrote that he heard a voice in his head saying, "Return good for evil, be better than they are." Good words to live by.

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of St Therese's Canonization and the Jubilee Year, relics of St Therese will be visiting the United States from October 1st to December 8th, 2025. The closest location will be in the Diocese of Miami from December 1-8, 2025. Specific dates and locations can be found here: <https://stthereseusa2025.com/schedule-of-events>.

As St Therese stated on her deathbed "I will spend my heaven doing good on earth" and she held up to her words. Not only to those French soldiers but to countless others around the world who call on her for help, St Therese has not forgotten any of us.

Marcia Wheatley, Operations Manager

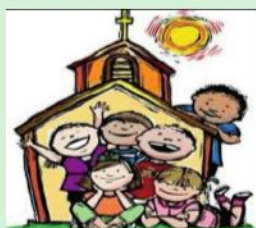
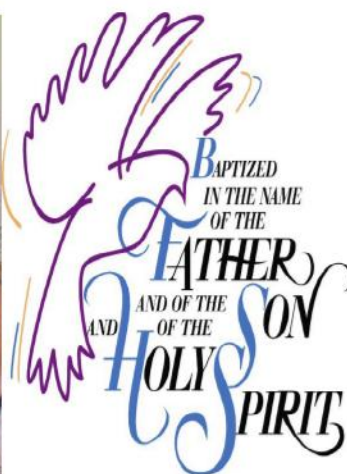
Blessings on baby Atlas!

¡Bendiciones para el bebé Atlas!



¡Bendiciones para el bebé Elías!

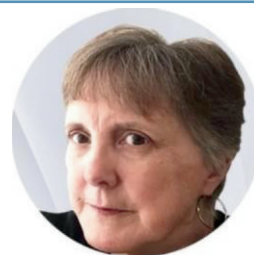
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Do you want to make a difference? Our youth need you! If you would like to instruct or assist our children - elementary age, after the 9:00 am Mass, and Middle School / High School Sunday evening at 6:00 pm. Also, we need **Catechists** for "Time Out for God's Word" - when we dismiss our young ones at the 9:00 am Mass for their own homily. We will guide you. Please contact **Fr. Tom (352) 245-2458**.

Mí opinión



Lamentablemente, estaba fuera de la ciudad y no pude celebrar el centenario de la canonización de Santa Teresita el 17 de mayo. Recordé un libro del Padre Tom que leí hace varios años titulado "Más fuertes que el acero, los soldados de la Gran Guerra escriben a Santa Teresita de Lisieux". Es un libro fascinante con cartas reales de soldados franceses agradeciendo a Santa Teresita por responder a sus oraciones durante su tiempo en el frente. Lo que lo hace tan fascinante es que Santa Teresita murió 17 años antes, pero eso no le impidió protegerlos, aparecerse ante ellos, darles paz con aroma a rosas e incluso llevar a algunos de la mano a un lugar seguro. Cada carta es emotiva, con descripciones del tiempo en el frente, apiñados en trincheras, siendo alcanzados por balas y viendo a muchos amigos morir junto a ellos.

Me conmovió especialmente una carta de Le Denen, en la que le pedía a su ser querido que no dijera: "Esos malos alemanes". Afirma que Dios ama a los alemanes tanto como a nosotros, y que no creó una raza inferior a otra. Debemos prestar atención a las palabras de Le Denen y recordar que no todos los grupos o razas son mejores ni inferiores a otros. Debemos tratarnos con respeto y amor. Le Denen escribió que escuchó una voz interior que le decía: «Devuelve bien por mal, sé mejor que ellos». Buenas palabras para vivir.

Para celebrar el centenario de la canonización de Santa Teresita y el Año Jubilar, las reliquias de Santa Teresita visitarán Estados Unidos del 1 de octubre al 8 de diciembre de 2025. El lugar más cercano será la Diócesis de Miami del 1 al 8 de diciembre de 2025. Las fechas y lugares específicos se pueden consultar aquí: <https://stthereseusa2025.com/schedule-of-events>.

Como dijo Santa Teresita en su lecho de muerte: "Pasaré mi cielo haciendo el bien en la tierra", y cumplió sus palabras. No solo a los soldados franceses, sino a innumerables personas en todo el mundo que la invocan en busca de ayuda, Santa Teresita no se ha olvidado de ninguno de nosotros.

Marcia Wheatley, Gerente de Operaciones



Looking for a rewarding opportunity to volunteer? Join the Cleaning Angels. We can really use your help. We clean after Mass each Thursday for about 1 ½ to 2 hours. Even if you can only work once or twice a month, that would be appreciated. Call Marie at the office, 352-245-2458, if you have any questions or want to volunteer.

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.



MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to offer a Mass for Special Intentions or for a deceased family member or friend, please note that we have availability of some "weekday" Masses at this time. Visit the Parish Office. Suggested donation: \$10 / Mass.



For the health and consideration of our parishioners with allergies, please try to refrain from using perfume / cologne and other scented beauty products while attending services. At this time, the **left side** of the church (across from the Choir area) is designated a "**No Fragrance Area**". We ask that those sitting in that area refrain from using fragrances. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMPASSION AND CONSIDERATION.**



PRAYER REQUESTS

How can we pray 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.

Bob Delaney	Diane McCue	Isabel Smith
Eric Dushane	Rosa Morales	Francine Sothen
Jim Evans	Mary Penndorf	Fr. David Vivero
Rosemary Gurick		

Welcoming New Members

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!

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



TITHES & OFFERINGS

GIVE UNTO THE LORD

WEEK ENDING MAY 25, 2025

Offertory	\$11,497.95
Maintenance	\$ 1,985.50
Soup Kitchen	\$ 2,028.70
Social Services	\$ 396.50
Thrift Store	\$ 8,275.30

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