



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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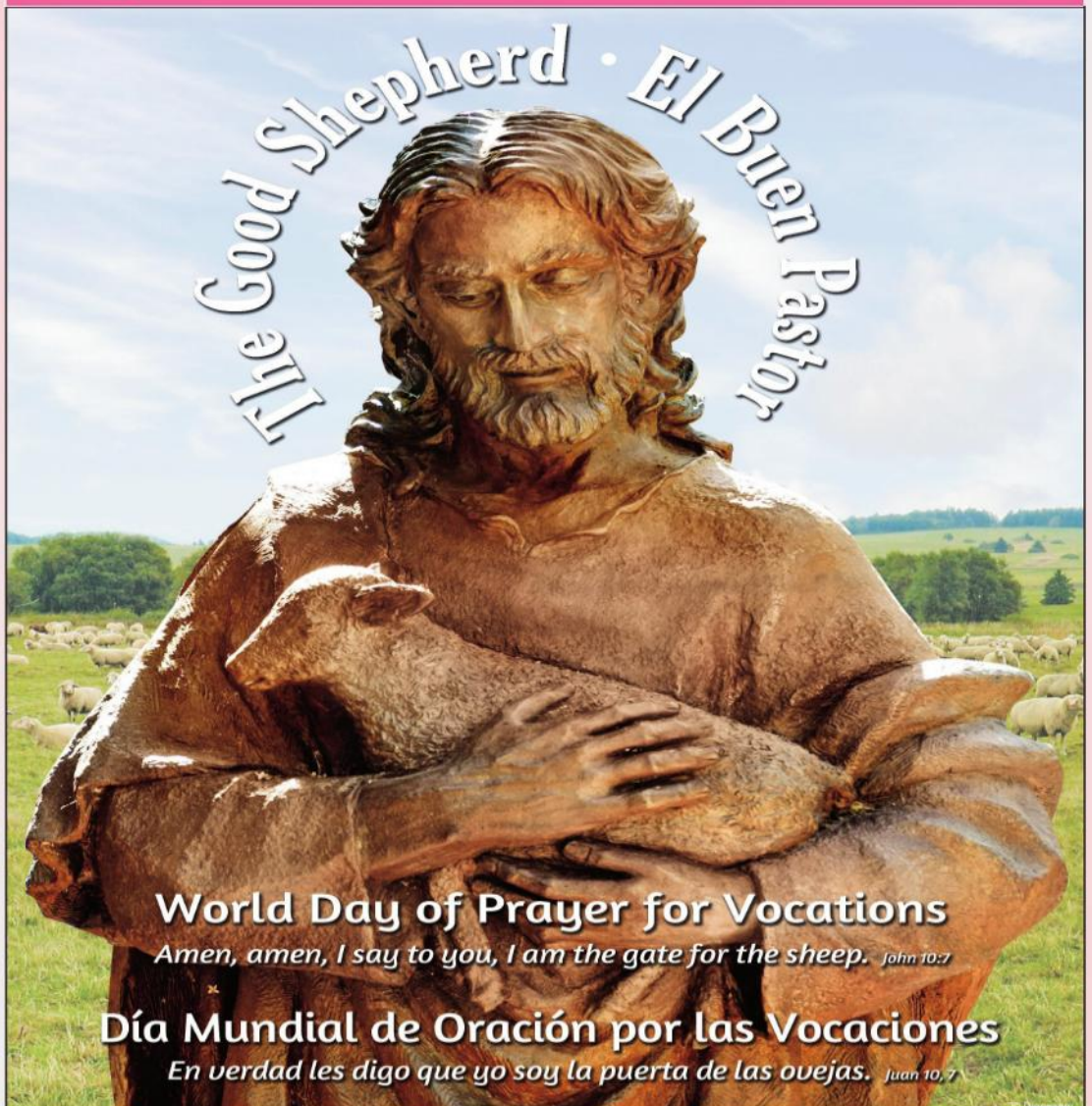
Pastor: **Fr. Tom Connery** Website: www.mystcc.org

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

Good Shepherd Sunday / 4th Sunday of Easter

May 11, 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 MAY 10	FOR	REQUESTED BY
8:30 am	Society of St. Theresa	
4:00 pm	† Skolaris & Tumbry Family	Ron & Karen Tumbry
6:00 pm (español)	St. Theresa Parishioners	
Sun MAY 11		
7:30 am	† Jack Ward	Pamela Kaczanowski Ward
9:00 am	† Helen Nowak	Nowak Family
11:00 am	† Patricia Della-Donna	Joan Choiniere
Mon MAY 12		
8:30 am	† Raymond Galvan	Ruth Schreiner
Tues MAY 13		
8:30 am	† Sheffler Ray	Gail Walsh
Wed MAY 14		
8:30 am	† Maria Yacilla	George Yacilla
Thurs MAY 15		
8:30 am	+Bob & Claire Ladow	Fran Wreen
Fri MAY 16		
8:30 am	† Andrea Roche	Robert Roche
Sat MAY 17		
8:30 am	† Steve Bairstow	Marie Bairstow
4:00 pm	† Walter Lotz, Jr.	Eagle Ridge Ladies Friday Golf League
6:00 pm (español)	+ Familia Roman & Madelene Solano	Leonor Cuervo
Sun MAY 18		
7:30 am	St. Theresa Parishioners	
9:00 am	† Shirley Pearce	Patti Cardoso
11:00 am	† Thomas Brennan	Cindy Brennan

Date / Time	Event	Location
Mon. May 12: 6 pm	LADIES GUILD	Parish Hall
Not meeting this month	3RD SATURDAY CLUB	Campus
Tues. May 27: 9:30 am	LAY CARMELITES	Quad
Mon-Wed: July 14-16	ADULT BIBLE SCHOOL WITH FR. TOM AND FR. JIM	TBD
Mon-Wed: July 21-23	BLESSING BELLEVIEW EVENTS	TBD

Ocala Young Adult Catholics Upcoming Events

APRIL-MAY

WED APR 16	SEDER PRAYER SERVICE BT Community Center, 6pm
SUN APR 20	EASTER SUNDAY! Every church in the world
MON MAY 5	ADORATION AND DINNER St. Theresa Catholic Church, 6pm
WED MAY 21	THEOLOGY ON TAP OCALA MOJO'S, 6PM, RSVP NEEDED 361-449-6896
TBD	SUNDAY MASS AND PICNIC
FIRST FRIDAYS	FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK OCALA DOWNTOWN SQUARE, 6PM FREE

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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.

July 21-23: Blessing Belleview

July 14-16: Adult Bible School with Father Tom and Father Jim

THE SANCTUARY LAMP IS LIT FOR
JOHN BREIMAIER

MAY 17—23, 2025
From: Elenor Breimaier

St. Theresa Prayer Hotline (24/7)

(352) 496-1569

HOTLINE

FROM FATHER TOM



5 Important Moments Catholics Should Make the Sign of the Cross



When we make the Sign of the Cross, we remember that God is One and Triune. It is a simple and effective way for us, as Catholics, to affirm our faith. The gesture is made at the beginning and end of the Holy Mass, but here are some important moments in which you can make the Sign of the Cross :

1. ***In personal prayer:*** As Cardinal Ratzinger (future Pope Benedict XVI) once stated, "The most basic Christian gesture in prayer is and always will be the Sign of the Cross." Therefore, invoking the Holy Trinity opens our hearts to hear God in prayer and also drives away demons.
1. ***When passing a church:*** The biographers of Saint Francis of Assisi said that whenever he saw a church, he would kneel. Wherever he was, he said a short prayer. Sometimes, in the rush of daily life, going to work or some appointment, we pass by a church and don't pay attention to the great miracle of Jesus truly present – body, blood, soul, and divinity. Therefore, if it is impossible to stop and pay a visit, a beautiful gesture of piety is to make the sign of the Cross to honor the Blessed Sacrament that is present there.
2. ***When hearing a siren:*** Whether through an ambulance or firefighters, make this gesture as a way of interceding for someone who may be in danger of death, and so that the professionals involved can do a good job. If you can, also say a Hail Mary for the situation and the people involved.
3. ***When passing by a cemetery:*** The word "cemetery" comes from the Greek word "Koimeterion," which means "resting place." Therefore, this is a beautiful way to honor and pray for the holy souls whose bodies rest there.
4. ***In the event of an accident:*** Just like when you hear a siren, you can pray for the dead and/or injured when you pass an accident, and intercede for the victims and rescue workers.
5. What would you add to the list? As St Paul encourages us to pray always, **making the sign of the cross is a simple, easy way to pray.** Let's make it our pious habit.

Love and blessings, Fr. Tom



Congratulations & Blessings on our FIRST COMMUNION RECIPIENTS, May 4, 2025

DEL PADRE TOM



5 momentos importantes en los que los católicos deben persignarse



Cuando nos persignamos, recordamos que Dios es Uno y Trino. Es una forma sencilla y eficaz de afirmar nuestra fe como católicos. El gesto se hace al principio y al final de la Santa Misa, pero aquí hay algunos momentos importantes en los que usted puede hacer la Señal de la Cruz :

1. **En la oración personal:** Como afirmó en una ocasión el Cardenal Ratzinger (futuro Papa Benedicto XVI), «El gesto cristiano más básico en la oración es y será siempre la Señal de la Cruz.» Por lo tanto, invocar a la Santísima Trinidad abre nuestros corazones para escuchar a Dios en la oración y también ahuyenta a los demonios.
2. **Al pasar por delante de una iglesia:** Los biógrafos de San Francisco de Asís cuentan que siempre que veía una iglesia, se arrodillaba. Dondequiera que estuviera, rezaba una breve oración. A veces, en el ajetreo de la vida cotidiana, yendo al trabajo o a alguna cita, pasamos por delante de una iglesia y no prestamos atención al gran milagro de Jesús realmente presente - cuerpo, sangre, alma y divinidad. Por eso, si es imposible detenerse a hacer una visita, un hermoso gesto de piedad es hacer la señal de la Cruz para honrar al Santísimo Sacramento allí presente.
3. **Al oír una sirena:** Ya sea a través de una ambulancia o de los bomberos, haz este gesto como una forma de interceder por alguien que puede estar en peligro de muerte, y para que los profesionales que intervienen puedan hacer un buen trabajo. Si puedes, reza también un Ave María por la situación y las personas implicadas.
4. **Al pasar por un cementerio:** La palabra «cementerio» viene del griego «Koimeterion», que significa «lugar de descanso». Por lo tanto, ésta es una hermosa manera de honrar y rezar por las almas santas cuyos cuerpos descansan allí.
5. **En caso de accidente:** Al igual que cuando oyes una sirena, puedes rezar por los muertos y/o heridos cuando pases por un accidente, e interceder por las víctimas y los socorristas.

¿Qué añadirías a la lista? Como San Pablo nos anima a rezar siempre, hacer la señal de la cruz es una forma sencilla y fácil de rezar. Hagamos de ella nuestra piadosa costumbre.

¡Amor y bendiciones! Padre Tom



THANKS to all who contributed to the purchase and shipment of a solar generator to help our Mission in Cuba. Our dedicated volunteers from St. Theresa were there to experience, firsthand, the joy and gratitude expressed for this well needed gift.



My Take



They say the world seems to know as soon as you retire. People save you seats on the bus, hold the door open for you, ask if you are lost and need directions or treat you as a child. Well, Donna and Lynn, heads up.... We are sorry to announce that Donna and Lynn are retiring during the month of May.



Actually, Lynn's last day as the DRE was last Sunday, when First Communion was done. Lynn has been an invaluable asset stepping up to fill the DRE position, as a volunteer, after Marie retired in 2019. Not only has Lynn done this position as a volunteer but she has spent at least 25 hours per week volunteering in the office. Lynn has been a volunteer in one capacity or another over the past 20 years. It's going to be quiet in the office and I will miss my sometimes assistant. Lynn and her husband want to get back to traveling to Massachusetts and not be tied to a deadline.

Donna was hired in 2005 as the Director of Social Services and retired from that position in 2009. The next nine years Donna was active as a volunteer until she decided to return to Social Services as an administrative assistant in 2018. Donna tried to retire again in 2022 but her supervisor announced retirement and we asked her to reconsider. This time, even after offering free lunches, Donna has decided to retire on May 30th.



I don't think either of these ladies worked for St Theresa. I think it would be more appropriate to say they served God here at St Theresa. Ladies, just know if you find retirement to be boring, we will always find a place for you here.

Marcia Wheatley, Operations Manager



We need dedicated volunteer Instructors and Aides for our **Pre-K—6th grade Faith Formation**. Our children's program continues to grow and needs dedicated volunteers to grow with it. Whether you have a child that attends or not, please think about serving.

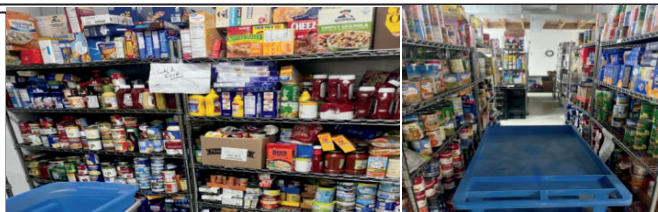
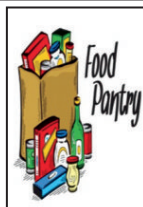
Sundays 10:15—11:15 A.M.



Our prayers for the repose of the soul of
**Elizabeth Barrett
Gene Dever**



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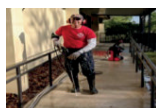


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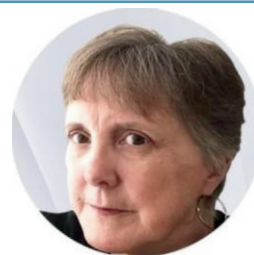
SOCIAL SERVICES has an ongoing need of toiletry items for our homeless and less fortunate guests. Items needed: Shampoo, Antiperspirants / Deodorants, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes. Items may be dropped off in the Parish Office or after Mass.

3RD SATURDAY CLUB—



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

Mi opinión



Dicen que el mundo parece enterarse en cuanto te jubilas. Te guardan el asiento en el autobús, te abren la puerta, te preguntan si estás perdido o necesitas indicaciones, o te tratan como a un niño. Bueno, Donna y Lynn, ¡atención! Lamentamos anunciar que Donna y Lynn se jubilaron durante el mes de mayo.



De hecho, el último día de Lynn como Directora de Educación Religiosa (DRE) fue el domingo pasado, cuando se celebró la Primera Comunión. Lynn ha sido un recurso invaluable al asumir el puesto de Directora de Educación Religiosa (DRE) como voluntaria después de que Marie se jubilara en 2019. Lynn no solo ha desempeñado este puesto como voluntaria, sino que también ha dedicado al menos 25 horas semanales a trabajar como voluntaria en la oficina. Lynn ha sido voluntaria de una u otra manera durante los últimos 20 años. Habrá silencio en la oficina y extrañaré a mi asistente ocasional. Lynn y su esposo quieren volver a viajar a Massachusetts y no estar atados a una fecha límite.

Donna fue contratada en 2005 como Directora de Servicios Sociales y se jubiló en 2009. Durante los nueve años siguientes, Donna trabajó como voluntaria hasta que decidió regresar a Servicios Sociales como asistente administrativa en 2018. Donna intentó jubilarse de nuevo en 2022, pero su supervisora anunció su jubilación y le pedimos que lo reconsiderara. Esta vez, incluso después de ofrecer almuerzos gratuitos, Donna decidió jubilarse el 30 de mayo.



No creo que ninguna de estas señoras trabajara para Santa Teresa. Creo que sería más apropiado decir que sirvieron a Dios aquí en Santa Teresa. Señoras, sepan que si la jubilación les resulta aburrida, siempre encontraremos un lugar para ustedes aquí.

Marcia Wheatley, Gerente de Operaciones



Dear brothers and sisters discerning the call of God,

We settle into old ways of thinking sometimes. We imagine spiritual life as climbing a mountain to the Lord. We believe we must rid ourselves of our sin and then maybe we can finally hear God, make it to heaven, achieve joy, and achieve peace. What if we have it backwards? That was one of my meditations this Lent, considering the ways we still try to make it "up" to God. The truth is Christianity is quite the opposite story. God comes to us:

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, then I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me." -Revelation 3:20

This year we are pilgrims of hope, but the Lord is always on pilgrimage as well, in pursuit of our heart, in pursuit of our *surrender*. What if He is standing at the door knocking and we are inside, trying to distract ourselves, resisting, sinning, and scared?

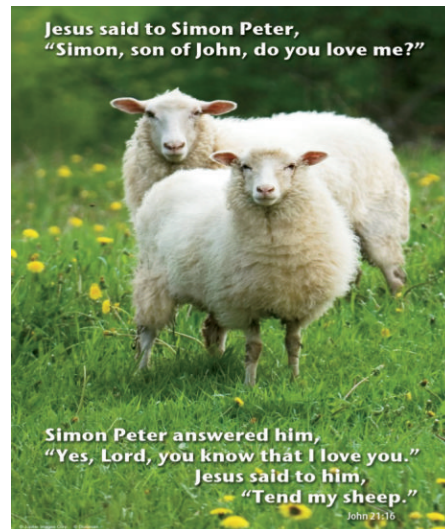
It is certainly an act of faith to open that door. Opening the door to Jesus means change and change is scary. It also means admitting the Lord knows more about what will make us happy than we do.

Open the door! Be not afraid! Today the **Good Shepherd** continues to go after His sheep. He comes after you. Trust Him. Jesus is alive! He wants to care for you, heal you, and help you live life to the fullest!

Why does discerning God's will have to be so complicated? Why doesn't God just tell us what to do? It seems like an unnecessary riddle at times. The truth is we make it complicated. God wills us to deeper conversion, and ultimately deeper freedom. Jesus wants to be our Shepherd. He wants to teach us to live a life of faith, hope and love. He wants to teach us to be selfless, generous, and life-giving to those around us.

Pray for Holy Vocations! Happy Easter!

In Christ, **Father Josh**



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.

Bob Delaney
Eric Dushane
Jim Evans
Rosemary Gurick

Diane McCue
Rosa Morales
Isabel Smith

Francine Sothen
Fr. David Vivero

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!

ADORATION CHAPEL



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.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

GIVE UNTO THE LORD

WEEK ENDING MAY 4, 2025

Offertory	\$ 19,320.74
Maintenance	\$ 3,035.50
Soup Kitchen	\$ 1,980.50
Social Services	\$ 9,955.50
Thrift Store	\$ 8,471.59



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