



# *Welcome! Bienvenidos!* **St. Theresa Catholic Church**

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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

## **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**

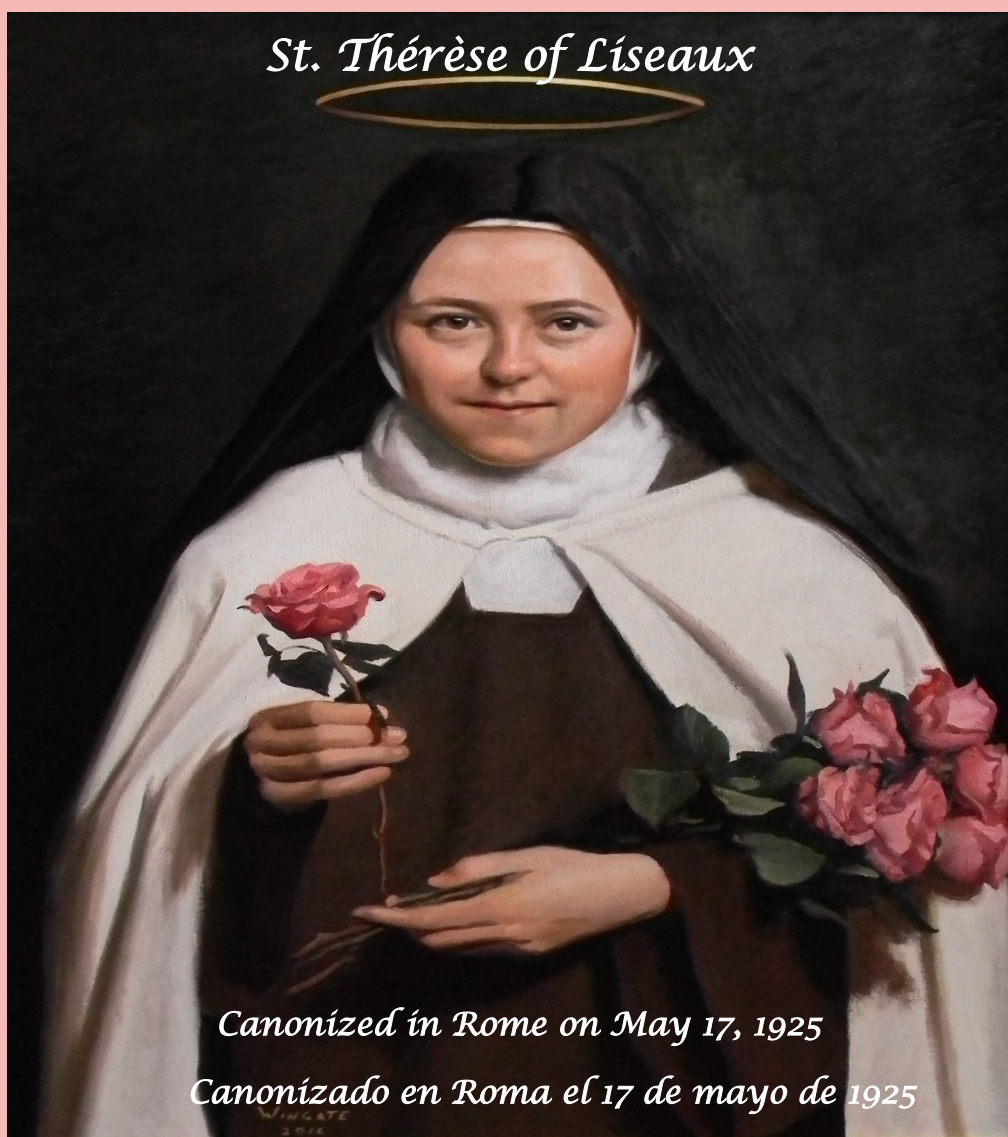
Saturday &  
 Sunday (after weekend  
 Masses)

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**May 18, 2025**



**1925—2025 - 100th Anniversary of the Canonization of St. Thérèse**



*St. Thérèse of Lisieux*

*Canonized in Rome on May 17, 1925*

*Canonizado en Roma el 17 de mayo de 1925*

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

# St. Theresa Catholic Church



Sat MAY 17	FOR	REQUESTED BY
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
Mon MAY 19		
8:30 am	† Timothy Hagerman	Sandra Funk
Tues MAY 20		
8:30 am	† Giuseppe Mignosa	Mary Mignosa
Wed MAY 21		
8:30 am	† SisTo Frasco	Knights of Columbus
Thurs MAY 22		
8:30 am	† Partick Roche	Robert Roche
Fri MAY 23		
8:30 am	+ Ron Ciampi	Fran Wreen
Sat MAY 24		
8:30 am	† Paul Usrey	Dot Usrey
4:00 pm	† John Breimaier	Elenor Breimaier
6:00 pm (español)		
Sun MAY 25		
7:30 am	† Alan Kaczanowski	Pamela Kaczanowski / Ward
9:00 am	St. Theresa Parishioners	
11:00 am	† Michael Sylvester	Mary Rudolf-Helvaty

THE SANCTUARY LAMP IS LIT FOR  
**WALTER LOTZ, JR**  
MAY 24—30, 2025



From: Eagle Ridge Ladies Friday Golf League

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



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Date / Time	Event	Location
Tues. May 27: 9:30 am	LAY CARMELITES	Quad
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	

## THEOLOGY on Tap

OCALA YOUNG ADULT CATHOLICS

Wednesday, May 21st  
6:00 PM

Enjoy a speaker, dinner, and drinks at Mojo's Ocala

2015 SW 17<sup>th</sup> St

Hear how the classical world shaped Christian thought from Amy Chandran, Assistant Professor of Humanities at the University of Florida.

with  
**AMY CHANDRAN**  
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA



To RSVP:

Text or call 361-449-6896

Email shelbytkearns@gmail.com



## FUNERAL SCHEDULE

Wed. May 21	10:00 AM	FRED CIOFFI
Fri. May 30	8:30 AM	ELIZABETH BARRETT



## 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.



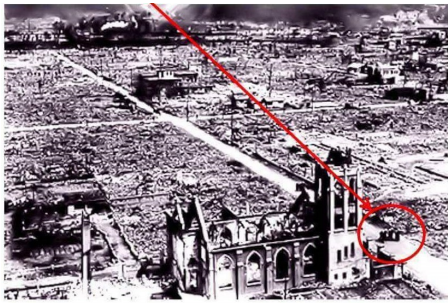
## FROM FATHER TOM



In the month of May, we honor our Blessed Lady. On May 13<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Fatima. For the next six months, May to October, Our Lady appeared to the three Fatima children, Lucy, Jacinta and Francisco. She encouraged the recital of the daily rosary. Below is an illustration of the power of prayer, but in particular, the rosary.

When the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, everything within a one-mile radius was instantly vaporized, except for one house. On August 6, 1945, the U.S. dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, instantly leveling the city and killing over 100,000 people. Buildings were obliterated, radiation filled the air, and survival near the epicenter was considered impossible.

But just blocks from ground zero, there stood one house still intact. Inside, eight Jesuit priests. The Society of Jesus, commonly known as the Jesuits, is a Catholic religious order founded by Saint Ignatius of Loyola in 1540.



Jesuits take vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, and they serve the church through education, missionary work, and spiritual direction. These eight priests were living at the Jesuit mission house, which was located exactly one mile away from where the blast took place. Not only did they survive, but they walked out completely unharmed.

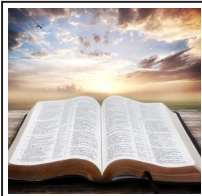
No burns, no radiation, no sickness, nothing. They lived long, healthy lives, and some even into their 80s and 90s. When people ask them how they think that they survived the devastation, they didn't claim luck, they

didn't credit science.

Instead, Father Hubert Schaeffer said, they attributed their survival to the commitment to the daily recitation of the ROSARY in adherence to the message of FATIMA. He said, we believe that we survived because we were living the message of Fatima. We lived and prayed the rosary daily in that home. They prayed the rosary every single day. Since then, for decades, doctors and scientists have studied them, looking for answers. None of the expected long-term radiation effects ever appeared.

This story defies science, but it does not defy faith. That atomic bomb had the power to level an entire city, but it couldn't touch the power of prayer.

*Love and blessings, Fr. Tom*



**JULY 14-16**  
**ADULT BIBLE SCHOOL WITH**  
**FATHER TOM AND FATHER JIM**



**JULY 21—23**  
**BLESSING BELLEVIEW**

*"Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, or even at their difficulty, as at the love with which we do them."*

ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX



### FAITH FORMATION

We need dedicated VOLUNTEERS for our **Pre-K—6<sup>th</sup> grade Faith Formation**.

Our children's program continues to grow and needs some dedicated volunteers to grow with it.

If you have a child that attends, please think about volunteering.

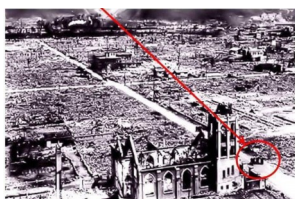
**Sundays 10:15—11:15 A.M.**

## DEL PADRE TOM



En el mes de mayo, honramos a nuestra Santísima Señora. El 13 de mayo, celebramos la festividad de Nuestra Señora de Fátima. Durante los siguientes seis meses, de mayo a octubre, Nuestra Señora se apareció a los tres niños de Fátima: Lucía, Jacinta y Francisco. Los animó a rezar el rosario diario. A continuación, se muestra una ilustración del poder de la oración, pero en particular, del rosario.

Cuando se lanzó la bomba atómica sobre Hiroshima, todo en un radio de una milla se vaporizó instantáneamente, excepto una casa. El 6 de agosto de 1945, Estados Unidos lanzó la bomba atómica sobre Hiroshima, arrasando la ciudad al instante y matando a más de 100.000 personas. Los edificios fueron destruidos, la radiación llenó el aire y la supervivencia cerca del epicentro se consideró imposible.



Pero a pocas cuadras de la zona cero, había una casa aún intacta. Dentro, ocho sacerdotes jesuitas. La Compañía de Jesús, comúnmente conocida como los Jesuitas, es una orden religiosa católica fundada por San Ignacio de Loyola en 1540.

Los jesuitas hacen votos de pobreza, castidad y obediencia, y sirven a la Iglesia mediante la educación, la obra misionera y la dirección espiritual. Estos ocho sacerdotes vivían en la casa de la misión jesuita, ubicada exactamente a una milla de donde ocurrió la explosión. No solo sobrevivieron, sino que salieron completamente ilesos.

Sin quemaduras, sin radiación, sin enfermedades, sin nada. Vivieron vidas largas y saludables, algunos incluso hasta los 80 y 90 años. Cuando se les pregunta cómo creen que sobrevivieron a la devastación, no dicen que fue suerte ni que la ciencia lo atribuyó.

En cambio, el padre Hubert Schaeffer explicó que atribuyeron su supervivencia al compromiso con el rezo diario del ROSARIO en adhesión al mensaje de FÁTIMA. Añadió: «Creemos que sobrevivimos porque vivimos el mensaje de Fátima». Vivíamos y rezábamos el rosario a diario en esa casa.

Rezaban el rosario todos los días. Desde entonces, durante décadas, médicos y científicos los han estudiado en busca de respuestas. Ninguno de los efectos de la radiación a largo plazo previstos se manifestó.

Esta historia desafía la ciencia, pero no la fe. Esa bomba atómica tenía el poder de arrasar una ciudad entera, pero no pudo igualar el poder de la oración.

*¡Amor y bendiciones!  
Padre Tom*



**Victoria Baker**



### 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**.

## My Take



Last week's bulletin had a beautiful picture of those receiving their First Communion. I heard one of the children had proclaimed that he had received his first Communion, and he was now 100% Catholic. While it is a joy for a child to receive their first Communion, it is not because of the celebration but because of the specialness of receiving our Lord. What a joy it is to fully participate in the Mass by receiving the body and blood of Jesus every time. Do you remember your joy of receiving it for the first time? Do you feel that joy every time you receive Communion now? If not, why not? For those who were preparing to receive their

First Holy Communion, it was a big deal. For the rest of us, every time we receive the Eucharist, it should be a big deal.

It wasn't the new suit or even the white dress that made the first Communion special. It was the welcoming of the person/child into the eucharistic community which allows us that intimate moment with Christ through his body and blood. What made it special the first time, should make it important the countless times afterwards. Pope Francis used to call communion the "*Sacrament of Love.*" "*The Eucharist is such a great gift. That's why going to Mass is so important. Going to Mass not just to pray, but to receive Communion, the Bread and Body of Christ. It saves us, forgives us and it makes us one with the Father. How beautiful!*" -- **Pope Francis.** Holy Communion deepens our union with Christ and if allowed by us, can transform us to become more like Christ.

The richness of the sacrament of Communion fills us spiritually more and more as we receive it. It is the bread of life, and it brings grace and richness into our love for God.

Marcia Wheatley,  
Operations Manager

*Congratulation to Father Tom and Father Jim on the 42nd Anniversary of their Ordination.*





## Mi opinión



El boletín de la semana pasada tenía una hermosa foto de los que recibían su Primera Comunión. Escuché que uno de los niños había proclamado que había recibido su primera Comunión, y que ahora era 100% católico. Aunque es una alegría para un niño recibir su primera Comunión, no es por la celebración sino por lo especial que es recibir a nuestro Señor. Qué alegría es participar plenamente en la Misa recibiendo cada vez el cuerpo y la sangre de Jesús. ¿Recuerdas tu alegría al recibirlo por primera vez? ¿Sientes ahora esa alegría cada vez que comulgas? Si no es así, ¿por qué no?

Para los que se preparaban para recibir la Primera Comunión, era un gran acontecimiento. Para el resto de nosotros, cada vez que recibimos la Eucaristía, debería ser un gran acontecimiento.

No era el traje nuevo, ni siquiera el vestido blanco, lo que hacía especial la Primera Comunión. Era la acogida de la persona/niño en la comunidad eucarística que nos permite ese momento íntimo con Cristo a través de su cuerpo y su sangre. Lo que la hizo especial la primera vez, debería hacerla importante las innumerables veces posteriores. El Papa Francisco solía llamar a la comunión el «Sacramento del Amor». «La Eucaristía es un regalo tan grande. Por eso ir a Misa es tan importante. Ir a Misa no sólo para rezar, sino para recibir la Comunión, el Pan y el Cuerpo de Cristo. Nos salva, nos perdona y nos hace uno con el Padre. Qué hermoso!» -- Papa Francisco. La Sagrada Comunión profundiza nuestra unión con Cristo y, si nos lo permitimos, puede transformarnos para parecernos más a Cristo.

La riqueza del sacramento de la Comunión nos llena espiritualmente cada vez más a medida que lo recibimos. Es el pan de vida, y aporta gracia y riqueza a nuestro amor a Dios.

*Marcia Wheatley,*  
*Gerente de Operaciones*



**¡Gran alegría bautizar a Ailony  
5/10/25 !**

**Great joy baptizing Ailony 5/10/25 !**

### Online Giving



**DONATIONS**, using your credit or debit card, may be made online on our web site at [www.mystcc.org](http://www.mystcc.org). If you are using online giving on a regular basis, you may call the Parish Office to stop the envelopes you receive in the mail.

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

#### No Stunt Man for Jesus

Today's first and second readings seem to contradict each other. In the Acts of the Apostles, Paul and Barnabas remind the other disciples that they would "undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God" (Acts 14:22). But in the second reading from Revelation, John says there will be "no more . . . mourning, wailing, or pain" (Revelation 21:4). These two sides of the Kingdom show how real our faith is. Life is frequently contradictory. A woman in labor moves from pain to joy in seconds after her child is born. She doesn't forget the pain, but knows it is necessary for the joy of new birth. Only the artist knows how much effort and pain went into the creation of a painting, sculpture, or symphony.

That's why Jesus in the Gospel talks of his coming death on the cross as the way that God will glorify him. Even God does not do things the easy way. Jesus didn't send a stunt man to take his place on the cross. It was God who was born in poverty, in a time of high infant mortality (even higher when Herod tried to kill the Child). It was God who suffered, from the Agony in the Garden through the Crucifixion.

So when Jesus tells us to love one another as he has loved us, he knows what it cost. And he also knew that his death on the cross would be the beginning of a way of love that will eventually lead to "no more death or mourning, wailing or pain." We're not there yet, but we know we are not alone in our suffering for "God himself will always be with them" (Revelation 21:3).

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*"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		



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 11, 2025

Offertory	\$17,552.91
Maintenance	\$ 2,662.50
Soup Kitchen	\$ 1,788.50
Social Services	\$ 1,012.50
Thrift Store	\$ 8,799.95



## 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 **\$130,330**

**Under Goal** (Por debajo de la meta) **\$ 30,048**

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