



### 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

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

8 am—4 pm M-Th  
8 am—Noon Fri

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9 am—1 pm

### THRIFT SHOP

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MONDAY—SATURDAY

9 am—2:30 pm

### GIFT SHOP

Saturday &  
Sunday (after weekend Masses)

# 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.*

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 10, 2025

Friday, August 15, 2025

## ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

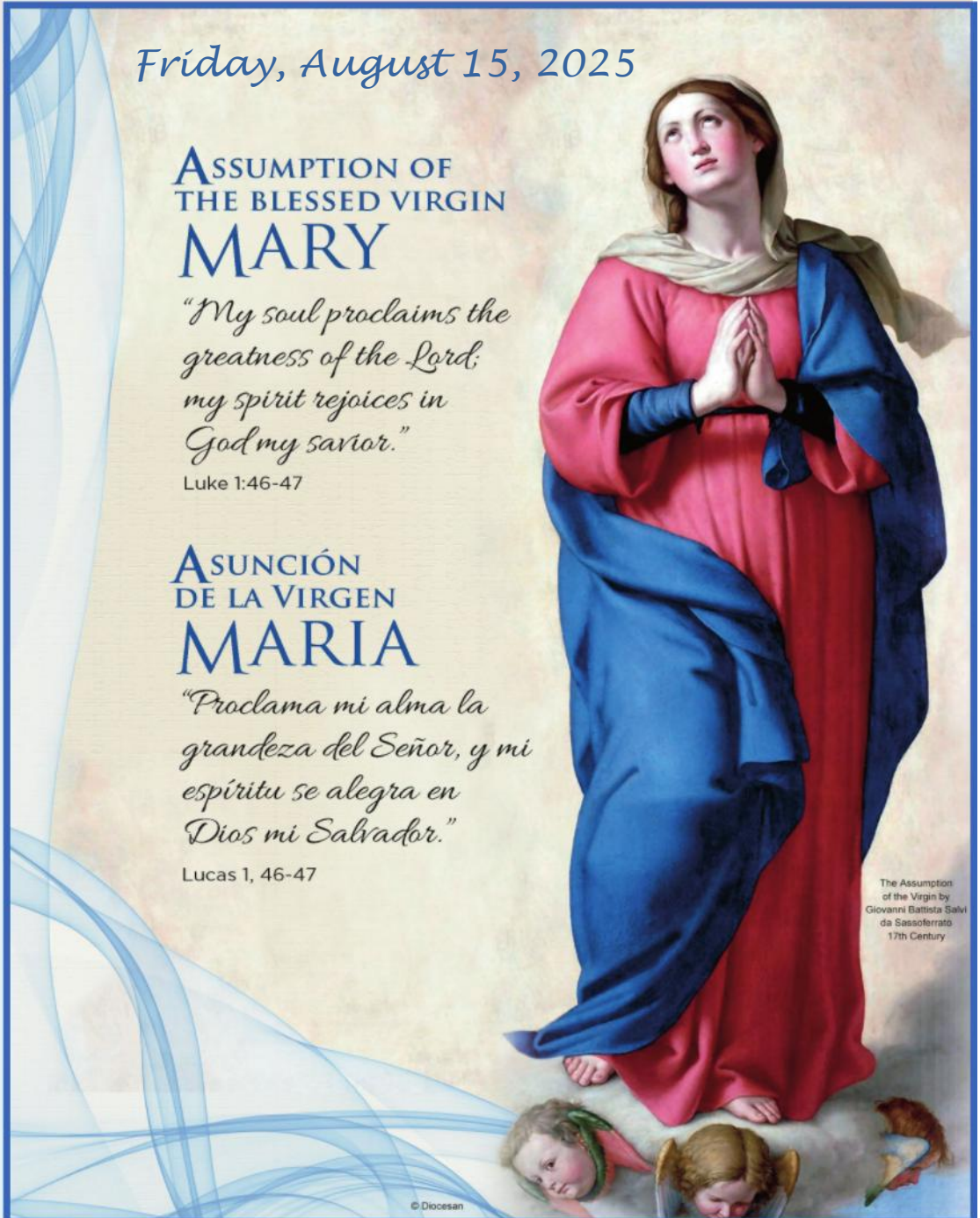
*"My soul proclaims the  
greatness of the Lord;  
my spirit rejoices in  
God my savior."*

Luke 1:46-47

## ASUNCIÓN DE LA VIRGEN MARIA

*"Proclama mi alma la  
grandeza del Señor, y mi  
espíritu se alegra en  
Dios mi Salvador."*

Lucas 1, 46-47



The Assumption  
of the Virgin by  
Giovanni Battista Salvi  
da Sassoterrato  
17th Century

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

# ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sat AUG 9	FOR	REQUESTED BY
8:30 am	† Ron McWilliams	Annie McWilliams
4:00 pm	† Phyllis Phillips	Joan Phillips
6:00 pm (español)	St. Theresa Parishioners	
Sun AUG 10		
7:30 am	† Arlene Murphy	Victoria Baker
9:00 am	† Louise Gaither	Fran Clark-Fiorentino
11:00 am	† Ray Schaffer	Susan Johnson
Mon AUG 11		
8:30 am	† Paul & Connie Christopher	Sue Christopher
Tues AUG 12		
8:30 am	† Linda McSorley	Loretta Montalto
Wed AUG 13		
8:30 am	† Jim Desrochers	Laura McQuenney
Thurs AUG 14		
8:30 am	† Rita Connery	Marie
6:00 pm Vigil (Bi-lingual)	† Rita Connery	Fr. Jim
Fri AUG 15 <b>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>		
8:30 am	† Francie Sanders	Ruth Schreiner
12:00 pm	† Betty Lou Torpey	Fr. Tom
Sat AUG 16		
8:30 am	† Joey Amadeo	Joan Phillips
4:00 pm	† Mary Moritz	Dave & Georgiann Matthews
6:00 pm (español)	St. Theresa Parishioners	
Sun AUG 17		
7:30 am	† Chester Cetlinski	Barbara Cetlinski
9:00 am	† Dan Alvey	The Alvey Family
11:00 am	† Veronica Palys	Florence Kaplan



Date / Time	Event	Location
Mon. Sept 1	CUBAN MISSION—Deadline to bring in Donated Items	Church or Parish Hall
Sat. Sept 6 9 am—12 noon	ALL MINISTRIES MEETING—RSVP	Parish Hall
Sun. Sept 7	NAME TAG / GROCERY SUNDAY	Church



**MINISTRY MEETING**  
**Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**9:00 am – 12:00 noon**

Summer will soon be over. Let's get moving !! Calling all Ministry heads and those actively serving!

We invite you to our **KICKOFF** gathering. We want to set our sight on what is coming in **2026**. Review our vision, our mission and goals! We need you there.

RSVP: Reserve your spot by calling the office (352) 245-2458. I can't wait to see you there. *Fr. Tom*



**The Sanctuary Lamp is lit for**  
**JAMES ALVEY**  
**August 16—22, 2025**  
**From: *The Alvey & Montalto Families***



**USHERS NEEDED !!**  
**Please call the Parish Office to**  
**sign up (352) 245-2458**



We need volunteers to answer the calls  
and / or serve in the Praying Group.  
Please call the office to sign up  
(352) 245-2458. Thank you.



## FROM FATHER TOM



I have watched these videos that tell you how you can know if your dog is attached to you, not just attached but truly bonded. Does your dog see you as their mom/dad? Do they roll over and let you rub their stomach? Do they stare into your eyes? Do they bring you their prize possessions? And the big one, do they follow you wherever you go?



Moses checks the boxes. I must admit I love it. The big test came the other day. I went to Ms. Steve's Ice Cream and bought a nice cup of vanilla ice cream. I knew better not to order chocolate. I had my share. I made sure to save some for Moses. I placed the cup on the floor and he immediately sank his face into it. In his effort to get as much as he could, as quick as he could, he pushed the plastic dish across the floor. I had to use the restroom. He is busy, I thought, he won't even notice that I left. He was not going to abandon his ice cream. No way he would choose me over his dessert. Who could blame him? I was wrong. I close the bathroom door and then I hear it. He is scratching the door. He demands to come in. I can't refuse him. At the same time, I am honored that he preferred closeness to me over his frozen delight.

How attached are you to Jesus? Is attending Mass your number one priority? Do you give the Lord your best time and not what you have left over? Prayer is not a burden but a recognizable need you have. You humbly serve others. And yes, you sacrificially give of your finances to build the kingdom of God. These are some of the telltale signs.

Being attached to Jesus means we are willing to go with Jesus wherever He leads us. Even if it means leaving our ice cream behind.

*Love and Blessings! Father Tom*



We are hiring **Thrift Store Worker (PT)**

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Put **St. Theresa** in the Location drop down



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.



**Mission Circle Inc** is planning trips to **Cuba** in September. We are again asking you, parishioners of St. Theresa, to support our mission. You have been wonderful partners. Conditions continue to worsen in Cuba. Below are the items that we are requesting. Please bring your donations to church by **September 1st**. Label your donations "**Cuba Mission**" to ensure they get to the correct group.

**Powdered Milk | Oatmeal | Foil Packs-Tuna (not cans) | Dry Soup Packets | Packets of Hot Chocolate Mix | Nuts Powdered Eggs | Foil Packs-Chicken (not cans) | Foil Packs-Spam (not cans) | Powdered Peanut Butter | Dried Fruit: Cranberries, Raisins, Other | Cookies | Peanut Butter or Cheese Crackers | Rehydration Powder—like Propel in Small Packets | Hard Candy and Caramels**



Are you a Catholic homeschooling family looking for community and enrichment? Join us at **Ocala FL Catholic Schoolhouse**, where faith, friendship, and learning come together in a joyful, supportive environment. We meet at St. Theresa parish. Our program offers memory work, hands-on learning, art, science and opportunities to grow in the Catholic faith, while building lasting connections with families. We'd love to welcome you! Contact **Jill** at [ocalafl@catholicschoolhouse.com](mailto:ocalafl@catholicschoolhouse.com)

## DEL PADRE TOM



He visto estos vídeos que te explican cómo saber si tu perro está apegado a ti, no solo apegado, sino verdaderamente unido. ¿Tu perro te ve como su mamá/papá? ¿Se tumba boca arriba y te deja acariciarle la barriga? ¿Te mira fijamente a los ojos? ¿Te trae sus tesoros más preciados? Y lo más importante, ¿te sigue allá donde vayas?



Moses cumple todos los requisitos. Debo admitir que me encanta. La gran prueba llegó el otro día. Fui a Ms. Steve's Ice Cream y compré una deliciosa copa de helado de vainilla. Sabía que era mejor no pedir chocolate. Me comí mi parte. Me aseguré de guardar un poco para Moses. Puse la copa en el suelo y él inmediatamente hundió la cara en ella. En su esfuerzo por conseguir todo lo que pudiera, tan rápido como pudiera, empujó el plato de plástico por el suelo. Tenía que ir al baño. Está ocupado, pensé, ni siquiera se dará cuenta de que me he ido. No iba a abandonar su helado. De ninguna manera me elegiría a mí en lugar de su postre. ¿Quién podría culparlo? Me equivoqué. Cierro la puerta del baño y entonces lo oigo. Está rascando la puerta. Exige entrar. No puedo negarme. Al mismo tiempo, me siento honrada de que haya preferido estar cerca de mí antes que de su delicia helada.

¿Cuánto te apegas a Jesús? ¿Asistir a misa es tu prioridad número uno? ¿Le dedicas al Señor tu mejor tiempo y no lo que te sobra? La oración no es una carga, sino una necesidad reconocible que tienes. Sirves humildemente a los demás. Y sí, sacrificas tus finanzas para construir el reino de Dios. Estas son algunas de las señales reveladoras.

Estar apegado a Jesús significa que estamos dispuestos a ir con Jesús dondequiera que nos lleve. Incluso si eso significa dejar atrás nuestro helado.

*¡Amor y bendiciones!*

*Padre Tom*

"BLESSED ARE THOSE SERVANTS  
WHOM THE MASTER FINDS  
VIGILANT ON HIS  
ARRIVAL."



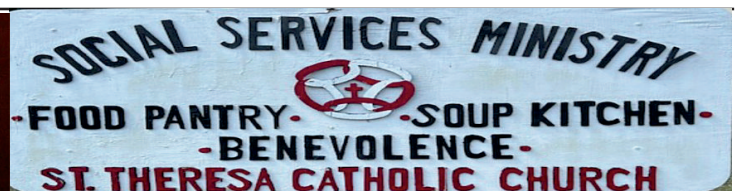
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**ITEMS NEEDED:** Soap, Conditioner, Shampoo | Toothpaste & Toothbrushes | Deodorant | Hand Sanitizers | Wet Wipes | Feminine Hygiene Products | Combs & Hair Brushes. **THANK YOU!**



### FOOD PANTRY DRIVE

Please consider donating to our food pantry. We are in desperate ongoing need of canned food with pop tops that are easily opened.

**ITEMS NEEDED:** Canned Soups, Canned Meat (Tuna, Chicken, Vienna Sausage, Chef Boyardee products). Peanut Butter & Jelly (plastic jar). Snacks, Protein Bars and Nuts. Gift Cards. **Anything will help !!!**

Times are only getting tougher for the needy and homeless in OUR neighborhood. **THANK YOU!**



## My Take



Does God have a sense of humor? I believe he does. Last week, I was walking out of the office and said to the Receptionist, I will be right back, unless I get lost. Then I commented, maybe I should lay down breadcrumbs so I can find my way back to the office. I opened the door to find a bird walking down the corridor towards me. I couldn't help but burst out laughing. Yes, God does have a sense of humor. Think you are going to lay down breadcrumbs? Well watch this. Ha!



In Genesis 1:27, it states that God created man in his image, then humor must be part of God. In addition to being made in God's image, I believe God created the world around us to amuse and fascinate us. Take for example, the platypus. This comical creature looks like God was creating animals and the platypus got some of the leftover parts.

One story in the Bible (1 Samuel 5:1-5), that has a somewhat humorous ending, is how the Israelites took the Ark of the Covenant for luck in the battle against the Philistines. The Israelites were defeated and the Ark was taken. The Philistines placed the Ark in front of their god, Dagon. When they came into their temple the next day, Dagon was face down in front of the Ark. They set Dagon upright again and again the next morning, Dagon was face down with his head and his hands broken off. God put the false god in submission to him in a comical way.

Not all humor is pleasing to God. If we use sarcasm or humor at the expense of anyone, that is not the type of humor God intended us to use. God knew life would not be easy and a little humor would remind us to not take life or ourselves too seriously.

*Marcia Wheatley, Operations Manager*



The Grief Share Group meets on **Wednesdays at 2:00 pm** at St. Theresa's. For more information call **Deacon Dan Pallo** at **352-391-9338** or email to [deacondan2007@gmail.com](mailto:deacondan2007@gmail.com).



For the health and consideration of our parishioners with allergies, please try to refrain from using perfume / cologne and other scented 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.



### SANCTUARY LAMP

Available for 1 week beginning on Saturday through Friday. It can be for a deceased person or a special Intention. Suggested donation: **\$20**.

### LOST & FOUND



We have many items in our Lost & Found storage. If you may have lost items on our campus, please call (352) 245-2458 or stop by our Office (Mon-Thurs 8 am -4 pm, Fri: 8 am - 12 noon).

Items not picked up within 30 days will be disposed of.

At first the weather was fine and still. The thrushes were calling, and in the swamps close by some living creature called plaintively with a note that fell into an

### The Ocala Young Adult Catholics Invite You To Literature and the Eternal

*August 27th, 6 PM*

*Mojo's-Ocala (2015 SW 17th St)*

A group reading and discussion of Anton Chekhov's "The Student" with humanities instructor and comic artist Joshua Dease

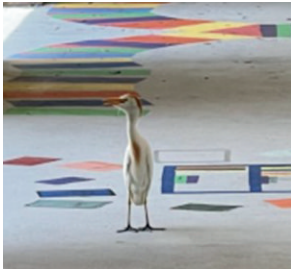


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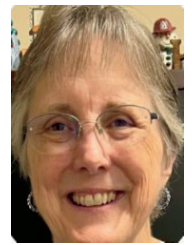
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As it was Good Friday nothing had been done, and the student was terribly hungry. And now, shrinking from the

## Mi opinión



¿Tiene Dios sentido del humor? Creo que sí. La semana pasada, al salir de la oficina, le dije a la recepcionista: «Enseguida vuelvo, si no me pierdo». Entonces comenté que quizá debería dejar migas de pan para poder encontrar el camino de vuelta. Abrí la puerta y me encontré con un pájaro que venía por el pasillo hacia mí. No pude evitar reírme a carcajadas. Sí, Dios tiene sentido del humor. ¿Crees que vas a dejar migas de pan? ¡Pues mira esto! ¡Ja!



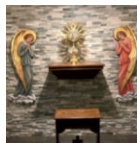
En Génesis 1:27 se afirma que Dios creó al hombre a su imagen, por lo que el humor debe ser parte de Dios. Además de ser creado a imagen de Dios, creo que Dios creó el mundo que nos rodea para divertirnos y fascinarnos. Tomemos como ejemplo al ornitorrinco. Esta criatura tan cómica parece como si Dios estuviera creando animales y el ornitorrinco se quedara con algunas de las partes sobrantes. Una historia de la Biblia (1 Samuel 5:1-5), con un final un tanto humorístico, cuenta cómo los israelitas tomaron el Arca de la Alianza para tener suerte en la batalla contra los filisteos. Los israelitas fueron derrotados y el Arca fue tomada. Los filisteos colocaron el Arca frente a su dios, Dagón. Al día siguiente, al entrar en su templo, Dagón estaba boca abajo frente al Arca. Lo pusieron de pie una y otra vez a la mañana siguiente, y Dagón estaba boca abajo con la cabeza y las manos destrozadas. Dios sometió al dios falso a él de una manera cómica.

No todo humor le agrada a Dios. Si usamos el sarcasmo o el humor a costa de alguien, ese no es el tipo de humor que Dios quería que usáramos. Dios sabía que la vida no sería fácil y un poco de humor nos recordaría que no nos tomáramos la vida ni a nosotros mismos demasiado en serio.

*Marcia Wheatley,*  
*Gerente de Operaciones*



Join Father Jim for an  
Adult Education Session  
on Mary, Mother of God &  
Mother of the Church on  
Thursday, August 14th  
from 9:30 am to 11 am in  
the Parish Hall.



**ST. THERESA ADORATION CHAPEL**  
needs adorers. Please contact **Nancy High**  
(941) 518-2194 to sign up (8/4 update)  
**VACANT TIMES—YELLOW HIGHLIGHTS**

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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### Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Death Has no Power Over Her

Have you ever wondered about how Mary's family and friends would have reacted to her passing? Have you ever thought about how the early Christians would have noticed right away that there was no tomb for the Mother of their Lord and Savior? The final resting place of one who had given birth to the Son of God would have been highly venerated, and would be a frequented pilgrimage site to this day. Yet it does not exist. There is no tomb, no headstone, no sign marking the place where her body is buried in the Holy Land.

Today we celebrate the Blessed Mother's passing from this earthly life to the heavenly one, yet without passing through death. God surely would have wanted to call her to Himself in a most gentle and loving way. Just like she held Him in her arms as a sleeping babe, He now held her close as he carried her into eternity.

This feast reminds us once again that death is the result of sin. If the fall of man would not have happened, we would most likely all still be basking in the Garden of Eden. What sorrow it brings to have to wait for all the beauty, joy and peace that await us on the other side! What a tragedy that because of our sin we first must die!

May we ask for Mary's intercession in a special way on her special day today. May we invoke her name to help us flee from sin and run into the arms of our loving Savior. Amen. ----- Tami Urcia – Copyright © Diocesan Publications





# 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.

Irene Adamcik	Kathy Kelly	Maria Romero
Lily Chimenti	Dave Lindeman	Isabel Smith
Bob Delaney	Matthew Lyons	Francine Sothen
Eric Dushane	Jane Oelstrom	Fr. David Vivero
Jim Evans	Tom Peeples	Sheri Wade
Patty Grant	Mary Penndorf	Stephen Zammet
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!

"When I was a kid, bedtime was 9 pm and I couldn't wait to be a grown-up so I could go to bed any time I wanted ... turns out that's 9 pm."

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

Give Unto The Lord

WEEK ENDING AUGUST 3, 2025

Offertory	\$15,433.00
Maintenance	\$ 2,118.50
Soup Kitchen	\$14,708.50
Social Services	\$ 721.50
Thrift Store	\$ 7,354.55



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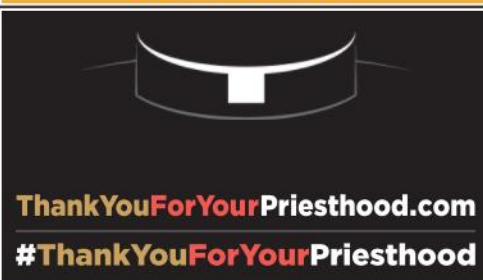
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