



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

(352) 245-1359

MONDAY—FRIDAY

9 am—1 pm

THRIFT SHOP

(352) 245-0650

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.

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 17, 2025



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

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sat AUG 16	FOR	REQUESTED BY
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
Mon AUG 18		
8:30 am	† Leticia Guzman	Gloria Guzman
Tues AUG 19		
8:30 am	Special Intention: Anniversary—Gery & Marie Ann Fabrega	Letsea Noller
Wed AUG 20		
8:30 am	† Maria Fajardo	Gloria Guzman
Thurs AUG 21		
8:30 am	† Helen Nowak	John Nowak Family
Fri AUG 22		
8:30 am	† James Alvey	The Alvey Family
Sat AUG 23		
8:30 am	† Jarrett (Jerry) Green	Maria Hagan
4:00 pm	† William Eager	Lorraine Eager
6:00 pm (español)	St. Theresa Parishioners	
Sun AUG 24		
7:30 am	† Francis Baranek	Jane Reiter
9:00 am	† Joseph Doneth	Mary Doneth
11:00 am	† Giuseppe Mignosa	Mary Mignosa

St. Theresa Prayer Hotline (24/7)

(352) 496-1569



We need volunteers to answer the calls and / or serve in the Praying Group. Please call the office to sign up.

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.**

Upcoming EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Date / Time	Event	Location
Tues. Aug. 26 9:30 am	LAY CARMELITES	Quad
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
Sun. Sept 7	RCIA / OCIA PROGRAM	Parish Hall
Sun. Sept 14 10:15-11:15 am	RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION	Parish Hall

MINISTRY MEETING

Saturday, September 6, 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*



Do you have family or friends interested in becoming Catholic? The parish **RCIA / OCIA** program (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) will begin Sunday, September 7.

To register, fill out the form in the church vestibule or contact the office at (352) 245-2458.



Come and See ... at ALPHA

At Alpha we share thoughts and challenges we face, exploring life's meaning in view of faith, and find strength and support from the perspectives of others and our personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Join us for dinner, a video and discussion to see we all **are in this together**.

Thursday, September 11, Noon

Parish Hall

Questions? Contact Blair Learn

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

Register by calling St. Theresa Parish Office



FROM FATHER TOM



I was nervous. I attended an ALPHA conference (we offer ALPHA here at St Theresa) in late July in picturesque Tennessee. On Wednesday evening, they offered a free dinner for pastors and their spouses (we were a mixed group obviously). Hey, free dinner! I'm game. Admittedly, when Wednesday came I had second thoughts. Dinner time and I did not know anyone. I was the only priest until Fr. Joe Kim arrived halfway through dinner. I look around. Whom can I latch on to? There was a couple standing alone so I ventured over to them. The conversation fell flat. I spotted this volunteer whom I met earlier this morning. He is from my old neighborhood in Long Island City. I checked in with him but he had work to do.

Finally, time to eat. I grab my plate and filled my plate. Now where to sit? I slip over to this table. Four people were already in conversation. I sit and was about to introduce myself but they never looked my way. They just kept talking. I leaned forward trying to hear, looking for an opening. Eventually they noticed me. That ended quickly as they went back to their conversation. I threw in a word or two hoping to be part of the group. I was an outsider. Thankfully our host called our attention and shared his testimony. Great, I thought. Almost time to leave.

I imagine we all have been there. You go to a gathering and you do not know a soul. You try to mix and it just doesn't work. You ask yourself why did I come? You can't wait until it is over. What made it worse was that it took place at the ALPHA conference. Hospitality is one of their major values. ALPHA is built on making guests feel welcome and wanted.

Unfortunately we compartmentalize. When at church we act a certain way, outside of church, not so much. My table mates did not have to engage with me. I served them no purpose. I was not going to join their church. I was not a recognized church person. They did not have to go out of their way for me. Most likely we will never see each other again.

We can't let that happen here. Whenever we gather, put up your radar. Look for the person who is alone. Invite them to your table or you and your group sit with them. Though you may be with your friends and really want to enjoy their company, don't make that a priority. Put the other person first. Introduce yourself. Start off with a general conversation. In time you will probably break into smaller conversations. That is fine. Just make sure that no one is left out.

Please have a heart for the outsider. I have been there and I am sure you have as well. It is no fun. Let's do our best to make everyone feel at home here at St. Theresa.

Love and Blessings! Father Tom

Welcome to our New Parishioners

MICHAEL COLON &
MELISSA DOBRINIC

JOYCE KOLEDGE

BARBARA THAXTON

Online Giving



DONATIONS, using your credit or debit card, may be made online on our web site at 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.



I had the joy of baptizing baby Mario on 8/9/25. Praise God!



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

If interested, please apply through the Diocese of Orlando job site at <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/recruiting/jobs/AIII/fd92ee03-6077-4276-b2b0-552511ae0b8b/Parishes-and-Other-Non-School-Entities>

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



DEL PADRE TOM



Estaba nervioso. Asistí a una conferencia ALPHA (aquí en St. Theresa ofrecemos ALPHA) a finales de julio en la pintoresca Tennessee. El miércoles por la noche, ofrecieron una cena gratuita para los pastores y sus cónyuges (obviamente, éramos un grupo mixto). ¡Oye, cena gratis! Me apunto. Hay que reconocer que, cuando llegó el miércoles, tuve dudas. Era la hora de la cena y no conocía a nadie. Yo era el único sacerdote hasta que llegó el padre Joe Kim a mitad de la cena. Miré a mi alrededor. ¿A quién podía unirme? Había una pareja sola, así que me acerqué a ellos. La conversación no fluyó. Vi a un voluntario que había conocido esa misma mañana. Era de mi antiguo barrio en Long Island City. Me acerqué a él, pero tenía trabajo que hacer.

Por fin, llegó la hora de comer. Cogí mi plato y lo llené. Ahora, ¿dónde sentarme? Me acerqué a una mesa. Cuatro personas ya estaban conversando. Me senté y estaba a punto de presentarme, pero no me miraron. Simplemente siguieron hablando. Me incliné hacia delante para intentar escuchar, buscando una oportunidad. Finalmente se fijaron en mí. Eso terminó rápidamente, ya que volvieron a su conversación. Dije un par de palabras con la esperanza de formar parte del grupo. Era un extraño. Afortunadamente, nuestro anfitrión nos llamó la atención y compartió su testimonio. Genial, pensé. Ya casi es hora de irse.

Imagino que todos hemos pasado por eso. Vas a una reunión y no conoces a nadie. Intentas integrarte y simplemente no funciona. Te preguntas: ¿por qué he venido? Estás deseando que termine. Lo que empeoró las cosas fue que tuvo lugar en la conferencia ALPHA. La hospitalidad es uno de sus valores principales. ALPHA se basa en hacer que los invitados se sientan bienvenidos y queridos.

Por desgracia, compartimentamos. Cuando estamos en la iglesia actuamos de cierta manera, fuera de ella, no tanto. Mis compañeros de mesa no tenían por qué relacionarse conmigo. Yo no les servía para nada. No iba a unirme a su iglesia. No era una persona reconocida en la iglesia. No tenían por qué hacer nada especial por mí. Lo más probable es que no volviéramos a vernos nunca más.

No podemos permitir que eso ocurra aquí. Cada vez que nos reunamos, mantén tu radar activo. Busca a la persona que está sola. Invítala a tu mesa o siéntate con ella junto con tu grupo. Aunque estés con tus amigos y realmente quieras disfrutar de su compañía, no lo conviertas en una prioridad. Poned a la otra persona en primer lugar. Presentáos. Empezad con una conversación general. Con el tiempo, probablemente se dividirá en conversaciones más pequeñas. No pasa nada. Solo aseguraos de que nadie se quede fuera.

Por favor, tened compasión por los que están fuera. Yo he estado ahí y estoy seguro de que vosotros también. No es divertido. Hagamos todo lo posible para que todos se sientan como en casa aquí, en Santa Teresa.

¡Amor y bendiciones! Padre Tom



St. Thérèse Lay Carmelite Community

The Lay Carmelite Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary is lay people responding to the call of God to live in His presence by following in the footsteps of Jesus

Christ and living according to the examples of *Our Blessed Mother* and the *Carmelite Saints*. Join us on the **4th Tuesday** of each month, **9:30 am** in the Quad. If you are interested in finding out more about the Lay Carmelite Community, please stop by the Parish Office or call (352) 245-2458.



USHERS NEEDED !!

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



Have some free time? Join the **Cleaning Angels**. We clean on **Thursdays** starting about **9:30 am**. Takes about **2 hours**.



Help Us Grow for a Great Cause.

Purpose: Support our Soup Kitchen

Location: **Bellevue City Hall**

We're planting **ten 10x10 vegetable gardens** at Bellevue City Hall, and we need your help! These gardens will provide fresh produce directly to our **SOUP KITCHEN**, helping us feed those in need with healthy, homegrown vegetables. We're looking for **volunteers** to:

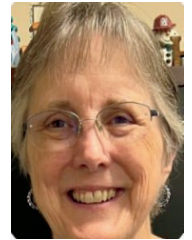
- * Help plant the gardens
- * Maintain and water the crops
- * Harvest produce for the Soup Kitchen

No gardening experience? No problem! We welcome all helping hands—individuals and families.

My Take



I remember the scene at the end of the movie *Cast Away*, where Tom Hanks drives up to a country intersection and tries to decide which way to go. I know I've come to that intersection many times in my life, especially lately as my time as Operations Manager for St Theresa is coming to a close. God, which way should I go?



If you're confused what you should be doing with your life or which activity should you do next, pause and ask God for help. God would be delighted if we sought him out for help. He could guide us away from our fear and give us the courage to step outside the box, if that's where his path should take us.

Start out by asking God to give you the wisdom to determine the next step. Ask that in good faith and not that I'll see what God has to say and then make my own mind up. If you ask God for wisdom, then take it. Don't try to second guess or change it to what you think you want to do.

Try writing down what God suggests. Any time you feel confused or feel fear, you can refer back to it and know this is the plan God has set for you.

The most important thing is to take action. Once you do start this process, God will give you additional direction to stay on the path. God, I'm on my new path.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you." —Psalm 32:8

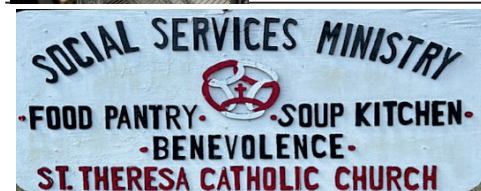
Marcia Wheatley, Operations Manager



FOOD PANTRY DRIVE

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

SOME 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 needy and homeless in OUR neighborhood. **THANK YOU!**



HYGIENE ITEMS FOR THE HOMELESS

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

Mi opinión



Recuerdo la escena al final de la película Náufrago, donde Tom Hanks llega a un cruce de caminos en el campo y trata de decidir qué camino tomar. Sé que me he encontrado con esa situación muchas veces en mi vida, especialmente últimamente, ahora que mi etapa como Gerente de Operaciones en Santa Teresa está llegando a su fin. Dios, ¿qué camino debo tomar?



Si no sabes qué hacer con tu vida o qué actividad deberías hacer a continuación, haz una pausa y pídele ayuda a Dios. A Dios le encantaría que lo buscáramos. Él podría alejarnos del miedo y darnos la valentía para salir de lo establecido, si es ahí adonde nos lleva su camino.

Comienza pidiéndole a Dios la sabiduría para determinar el siguiente paso. Pídelo con buena fe, no con la idea de que verás lo que Dios tiene que decir y luego tomarás una decisión. Si le pides sabiduría a Dios, tómalala. No intentes dudar ni cambiarlo por lo que crees que quieres hacer. Intenta escribir lo que Dios te sugiere. Cada vez que te sientas confundido o tengas miedo, puedes recurrir a él y saber que este es el plan que Dios ha trazado para ti.

Lo más importante es actuar. Una vez que comiences este proceso, Dios te dará dirección adicional para mantenerte en el camino. Dios, estoy en mi nuevo camino.

"Te instruiré y te enseñaré el camino que debes seguir; te aconsejaré con mi mirada amorosa puesta en ti." —Salmo 32:8

Marcia Wheatley,
Gerente de Operaciones



Registration for Religious Education classes is now open. (PreK - 5th grade)
Starting on September 14th
10:15 am to 11:15 am
Please contact Kristina Iltcheva at
Kristina@mystcc.org.
or the office.



ST. THERESA ADORATION CHAPEL needs adorers. Please contact Nancy High (941) 518-2194 to sign up.
VACANT TIMES—YELLOW HIGHLIGHT

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12 AM							
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Registration for Edge & Life Teen is now open. (6 - 12 grade)
Starting on September 14th
6pm till 7:30pm
Please contact Kristina Iltcheva at Kristina@mystcc.org
or the office.



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
Lily Chimenti
Bob Delaney
Eric Dushane
Jim Evans
Patty Grant
Rosemary Gurick

Kathy Kelly
Dave Lindeman
Mary Lippincott
Matthew Lyons
Jane Oelstrom
Tom Peeples
Mary Penndorf

Maria Romero
Isabel Smith
Francine Sothen
Fr. David Vivero
Sheri Wade
Stephen Zammet



LOST & FOUND

We have many items in our Lost & Found storage—including Umbrellas, Sweaters, Hoodies and other items. Please call (352) 245-2458 or stop by the Parish Office as soon as possible, if you have items you may have lost on our campus. Items not picked up within 30 days will be disposed of.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Give unto the Lord

WEEK ENDING AUGUST 10, 2025

Offertory	\$16,937.08
Maintenance	\$ 2,296.50
Soup Kitchen	\$ 3,226.50
Social Services	\$ 1,457.50
Thrift Store	\$ 7,778.00



OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida

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OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL—2025

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