



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

(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.

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 31, 2025

Proclamation

CITY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, FLORIDA

WHEREAS the City of Bellevue recognizes the profound impact that acts of kindness, civic engagement, and volunteerism have on the strength and spirit of our community; and

WHEREAS during the final week of July 2025, the congregation of St. Theresa Catholic Church demonstrated extraordinary compassion, generosity, and civic pride through a series of hands-on service projects across the City of Bellevue; and

WHEREAS these efforts were a true reflection of servant leadership, with volunteers offering their time and talents to enhance the quality of life for residents, honor those who serve, and beautify shared public spaces; and

WHEREAS, St. Theresa's volunteers delivered care packages to Public Works employees working in extreme summer conditions, enhanced the roadway entrance of City Hall and respectfully cleaned the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, preserving its dignity and appearance, and improved public spaces along U.S. Highway 441/27 by pressure-washing sidewalks and removing debris, promoting safety and community pride; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellevue deeply values partnerships that foster unity, compassion, and service, and recognizes the visible and lasting impact of St. Theresa Catholic Church's dedication;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine Dobkowski, Mayor/Commissioner of the City of Bellevue on behalf of the Commission of the City of Bellevue, do hereby proclaim sincere appreciation and recognition to:

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH

For their outstanding service, their inspiring commitment to community, and their unwavering example of faith in action.

Christine Dobkowski
CHRISTINE DOBKOWSKI
Mayor/Commissioner

ATTEST:

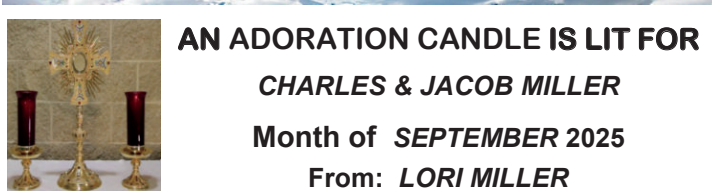
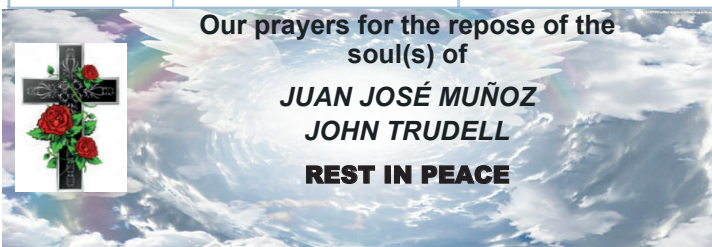
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City Clerk



ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sat AUG 30	FOR	REQUESTED BY	Date / Time	Event	Location
8:30 am	Special Intentions Doreen DeSantis	Joan Phillips	Mon. Sept 1	CUBAN MISSION—Deadline to bring in Donated Items	Church or Parish Hall
4:00 pm	† Joe & Nancy Angelino	Francis & Barbara Angelino	Fri. Sept 5 6:15 pm	SACRED HEART NOVENA & MASS	Churh
6:00 pm (español)	† Jose Rovira	Loretta & Vicki	Sat. Sept 6 9 am—12 noon	ALL MINISTRIES MEETING—RSVP	Parish Hall
Sun AUG 31			Sun. Sept 7	NAME TAG / GROCERY SUNDAY	Church
7:30 am	St. Theresa Parishioners		Sun. Sept 7	RCIA / OCIA PROGRAM	Parish Hall
9:00 am	† Yvonne Yeoman	Ethel Snyder	Thurs. Sept 11 12:00 Noon	ALPHA	Parish Hall
11:00 am	† Joseph & Claire Larcerda	Ronald & Sandra Lafontaine	Thurs. Sept 11 6:30 pm	CURSILLO / ULTREYA	Parish Hall
Mon SEPT 1			Sun. Sept 14 10:15-11:15 am	RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION—Pre-K to 5th Grade	Parish Hall
8:30 am	† Sarah Green	Maria Hagan	Sun. Sept 14 6:00 - 7:30 pm	EDGE & LIFE TEEN REGISTRATION—6th to 12th Grade	Parish Hall
Tues SEPT 2					
8:30 am	Arabella Knapp— Special Intentions	Peter Knapp			
Wed SEPT 3					
8:30 am	† Jimmy Kelly	Janet & Ferdinando Delfiri			
Thurs SEPT 4					
8:30 am	† Timothy Perrier	Rosemary Perrier			
Fri SEPT 5					
8:30 am	† Albert Albin	Patricia Albin			
Sat. Sept 6					
8:30 am	† Chuck Glad	Joan Phillips			
4:00 pm	† Deceased Members of K Of C Council 8012 & Assembly 2068	Knights of Columbus			
6:00 pm (español)	St. Theresa Parishioners				
Sun SEPT 7					
7:30 am	† Joe & Helen Mizerek	Tom & Diane Mizerek			
9:00 am	† Helen Nowak	John Nowak Family			
11:00 am	† Lottie Baranek	Jane Reiter			



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.

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

NAME TAG / GROCERY SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

Get to know your fellow parishioners! If you have a name tag from any group you belong to, please wear it. Please bring donations to the church for our **Food Pantry**.

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

Registration for **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES** is now open. (Pre-K to 5th Grade).

Starting on Sunday, **September 14**, 10:15 to 11:15 AM. Please contact *Kristina Ilcheva* at Kristina@mystcc.org or the Parish Office (352) 245-2458.





FROM FATHER TOM



That brought me back to earth... I woke in the morning and grabbed my phone. Unknown to me, the bishop called a little before eleven. By then, I was fast asleep. Too early to return the call. I waited. I was curious. Why would the bishop call me, especially at that time of night? Obviously he is unaware of my sleep schedule. Then it dawned on me. He wanted me to preach at Fr. Frank Zammit's funeral. He died earlier that day. I had the good fortune of being with him as he took his last breath. It made sense that he wanted me to preach.

Fr. Frank and I worked together for fifteen years at my last assignment. Though retired, he was a great help to me and the parish. In many ways, similar to the Monsignor Jim who assisted here for many years. Fr. Frank and I had an understanding that I would preach at his funeral. That is not the only reason. A month earlier, I preached at Monsignor Page's funeral. The bishop was in attendance. If I can be honest, it was one of the better homilies that I have given. Bishop Noonan even complimented me on it. Aware of my ability, he was now calling to make sure that I preach at Father Frank's funeral. Or so I thought.

Later that morning, I called the Bishop. "Good morning Bishop. I see that you called last night and I am returning your call." There was a moment's pause. I waited for the request. I did not want to sound too anxious but yet ready to jump at the chance to preach at the funeral.

"Oh, it is nothing. At times, when I charge my phone at night, it hits a number on my phone." My heart sank. You mean I was not on the top of the list to preach at this special occasion? Just in case, I told him I was heading home on Tuesday for vacation with my family. I hinted if we can have the funeral on Monday. No luck. The funeral fell on Wednesday. I will not only not be preaching but now, unable to attend the funeral mass. Oh well, that taught me a lesson.

That's okay. I love what I do. I am at home here at St. Theresa. I appreciate your kindness and acceptance of me. I trust God is pleased as well. After all, isn't that what's all that matters?

Love and Blessings! Father Tom

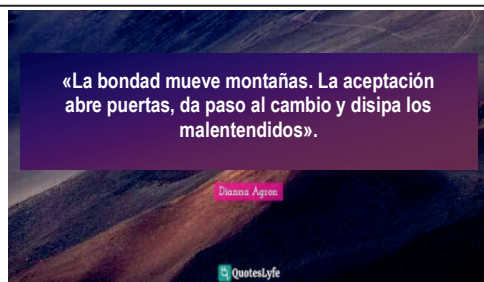
Mi opinión

Nacer es un milagro; crecer y marcar la diferencia en este mundo maravilloso es, sin duda, una gracia... pero vivir una vida que impacta a los demás es incomparablemente asombroso.

Agradezco al Padre Tom y a todos ustedes por permitirme tocar sus vidas, ya sea con mis palabras en los artículos de Mi Opinión o a través de una conexión personal. Ha sido increíble, y a veces estresante, durante los siete años y medio que llevo como Gerente de Operaciones. ¿Quién se hubiera imaginado al comenzar que recuperaría mi fe católica gracias a todos los que tuvieron paciencia conmigo en mi falta de comprensión del funcionamiento de una iglesia?

El 23 de agosto de 2020, mis artículos cambiaron de "Proyecto de Crecimiento" a "Mi Opinión", lo que me permitió compartir mi camino de fe con todos ustedes. Fui abierto y honesto sobre mi falta de conocimiento y fe, y cómo los estaba mejorando. A medida que descubrí nuevos recursos e ideas, pude compartirlas con ustedes, como el diario de fe, el significado de las diferentes velas en Adviento, el uso de Formed.org, las señales de nuestra bendición mediante el Sermón del Monte de Jesús, diferentes aplicaciones bíblicas como Halo y otras.

En los últimos siete años y medio, he encontrado amigos que me han acompañado en mi lucha familiar por la salud de mi sobrina, la muerte de dos de mis hermanos, la hospitalización de mi esposo y mi miedo a no ser lo suficientemente buena para Dios. Nunca podría agradecerles por ser esa familia para mí y permitirme acompañarlos cuando lo necesité. Lo que parece ser el final puede ser un nuevo comienzo. Que este nuevo comienzo me ayude a avanzar en mi camino hacia Dios.



DEL PADRE TOM



Eso me devolvió a la realidad... Me desperté por la mañana y cogí mi teléfono. Sin saberlo, el obispo había llamado poco antes de las once. Para entonces, yo estaba profundamente dormido. Era demasiado temprano para devolver la llamada. Esperé. Tenía curiosidad. ¿Por qué me llamaría el obispo, especialmente a esa hora de la noche? Obviamente, no conocía mis horarios de sueño. Entonces caí en la cuenta. Quería que predicara en el funeral del padre Frank Zammit. Había fallecido ese mismo día. Tuve la suerte de estar con él cuando exhaló su último aliento. Tenía sentido que quisiera que yo predicara.

El padre Frank y yo trabajamos juntos durante quince años en mi último destino. Aunque estaba jubilado, fue de gran ayuda para mí y para la parroquia. En muchos aspectos, era similar al monseñor Jim, que prestó sus servicios aquí durante muchos años. El padre Frank y yo habíamos acordado que yo predicaría en su funeral. Esa no es la única razón. Un mes antes, prediqué en el funeral del monseñor Page. El obispo asistió al funeral. Si puedo ser sincero, fue una de las mejores homilias que he pronunciado. El obispo Noonan incluso me felicitó por ella. Consciente de mi capacidad, ahora me llamaba para asegurarse de que predicara en el funeral del padre Frank. O eso creía yo.

Más tarde esa mañana, llamé al obispo. «Buenos días, obispo. Veo que me llamó anoche y le devuelvo la llamada». Hubo una pausa. Esperé la petición. No quería parecer demasiado ansioso, pero estaba listo para aprovechar la oportunidad de predicar en el funeral.

«Oh, no es nada. A veces, cuando cargo mi teléfono por la noche, marca un número de mi agenda». Se me encogió el corazón. ¿Quería decir que no era el primero de la lista para predicar en esta ocasión especial? Por si acaso, le dije que el martes me iba a casa de vacaciones con mi familia. Insinué si podíamos celebrar el funeral el lunes. No hubo suerte. El funeral fue el miércoles. No solo no voy a predicar, sino que ahora tampoco podré asistir a la misa fúnebre. Bueno, eso me enseñó una lección.

No pasa nada. Me encanta lo que hago. Me siento como en casa aquí, en Santa Teresa. Agradezco su amabilidad y su aceptación. Confío en que Dios también esté contento. Al fin y al cabo, ¿no es eso lo único que importa?

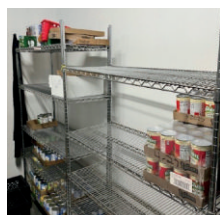
¡Amor y bendiciones!

Padre Tom



Welcome!

Please join Father Tom in welcoming our new office staff, Faye Peraza, Operations Manager, Kristina Iltcheva, Religious Education and Laura Skalski, Receptionist.



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 !!!**

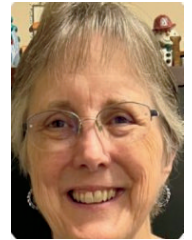
My Take

There are those whose lives affect all others around them. Quietly touching one heart, who in turn, touches another. Reaching out to ends further than they would ever know.

~ William Bradford



"Just being born is a miracle, to grow and make a difference in this wonderful world, is grace indeed...but to live a life that touches others is amazing beyond compare."



I thank Father Tom and all of you for allowing me to touch your life, either by my words in My Take articles or through a personal connection. It has been amazing, and stressful at times, during the seven and a half years in the position of Operations Manager. Who could have imagined when I started that I would find my Catholic faith again thanks to all those who were patient with me in my lack of understanding in how a church operates.

On August 23, 2020, my articles changed from Project Growth to My Take, which allowed me to share my faith voyage with all of you. I was open and honest about my lack of knowledge and faith and how I was improving them. As I discovered new resources or ideas, I was able to share them with you, such as faith journaling, what the different candles meant at Advent, using Formed.org, signs that we are blessed using Jesus's sermon on the Mount, different bible apps including Halo and others.

This past seven and half years, I have found friends who have walked with me as my family fights for my niece's health, the death of two of my brothers, my husband's hospitalization, and my fear of not being good enough for God. I could never thank you for being that family to me and allowing me to walk with you when needed. What appears to be the end may be a new beginning. May this new beginning carry me further on my path to God.

Marcia Wheatley

JOIN A CONVERSATION ABOUT LIFE AND FAITH!

Alpha is a series of group conversations that explore the basics of life and faith in a friendly, welcoming way. It's a place that opens your mind and heart, where everyone's opinion matters. You're invited, no matter your background or beliefs. Join us for a free dinner. Meet new people.

Watch a short video on a question of life and faith, share your thoughts, and help us make the world a better place.



Come and See ... at ALPHA

Thursday, September 11, Noon in the Parish Hall
Call the Parish Office to Register

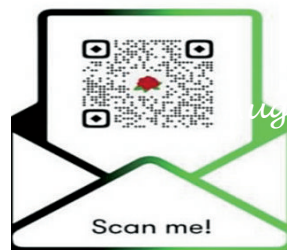
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Needed:**

Soap | Shampoo | Conditioner |
Toothpaste & Toothbrushes | Deodorant
| Hand Sanitizers | Wet Wipes |

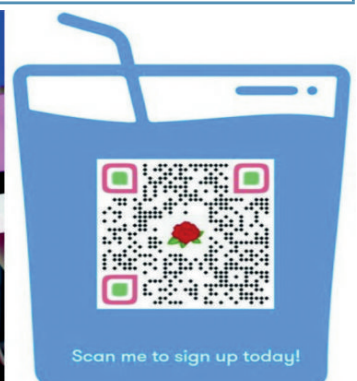


**EDGE
LIFE TEEN**

Registration for Edge & Life
Teen is now open.
(6 - 12 grade)
Starting on September 14th
6pm till 7:30pm
Please contact Kristina Ilcheva
at Kristina@mystcc.org
or the office.

Welcome to our New Parishioners

PAMELA SHEROUSE



ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH

An Old Instrument in a New Home

Wow, I feel “at home”. ...but I’m still a stranger.

It’s Week 2, and there’s a sense of familiarity and warmth – thanks to everyone I’ve encountered thus far. That says a lot about this parish community. I’ve been made to feel welcome at each encounter, yet I know I’m still a stranger; I’ve got so much to learn about you!

There’s much to navigate as Marcia “passes the baton”. I am excited to “take the wheel” and look forward to helping Father Tom fulfill his vision to grow our Parish with *simple acts of kindness done with great love*. I am humbled by this grand opportunity to serve others and do our Lord’s work in this role.

While Stephen Covey popularized the importance “to seek first to understand”, it is the Prayer of St. Francis that I place intentions on during this new season of my life. ...for me and you:

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.*

*O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.*

*For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

Your sister in Christ, Faye Leilanie



WE NEED YOUR HELP
TO MEET OUR 2025 OCA GOAL !



OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL—2025

OCA Goal for 2025 **\$160,379**

Collected to date **\$147,100**

Under Goal (Por debajo de la meta) **\$ 13,278**

ONLINE Pledges: <https://www.cfocf.org.oca/> (Select **ST. THERESA** as your Parish). Thanks to all who have completed their pledges. **Your support is greatly appreciated.**

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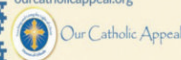
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prayer requests

"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	Rosemary Gurick	Tom Peeples
Ruth Bertinetti	Art Kelly	Mary Penndorf
Lily Chimenti	Kathy Kelly	Maria Romero
Mark Czynik	Dave Lindeman	Isabel Smith
Bob Delaney	Matthew Lyons	Fr. David Vivero
Eric Dushane	Greg McGregor	Sheri Wade
Jim Evans	Jane Oelstrom	Stephen Zammet
Patty Grant		

COME & SEE...CURSILLO

Ever heard of Cursillo and have questions? Are you interested in becoming a better version of your Catholic self and diving further into your faith? Are you looking for the next step after CRHP? Cursillo may be THE answer for you! PLEASE...COME & SEE all are welcome ☺

- When: September 11th @ 6:30 PM
- Where: St. Theresa Catholic Church Hall
- Why: Because Jesus may be calling you to this amazing movement!
- Potluck supper will be provided
- Questions contact Kathy or Rich LaCorte at 352-629-2207 or lacorte.family@cox.net



TITHES & OFFERINGS

GIVE UNTO THE LORD

WEEK ENDING AUGUST 24, 2025

Offertory	\$12,172.38
Maintenance	\$ 1,920.50
Soup Kitchen	\$ 2,017.50
Social Services	\$ 606.50
Thrift Store	\$ 8,032.75

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2026



Due to the large demand for mass intentions, requesters will be limited to 3 weekend Masses and 5 daily Masses. In accordance with Canon Law, there will only be one intention per Mass.



The Young at Heart will meet in the Parish Hall for a potluck breakfast on Friday, September 5th following the 8:30 Mass and Divine Mercy prayers. The Young at Heart is for all parishioners, age 55 and over.



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