



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.

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)

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025



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

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sat SEPT 13	FOR	REQUESTED BY
8:30 am	Society of St. Theresa	
4:00 pm	† Herman Mojica	Joan Phillips
6:00 pm (español)	Diana Gonzalez—Special Intention	Legion of Mary
Sun SEPT 14		
7:30 am	† Janice Deacons	David & Barbara Atkinson
9:00 am	† Donald Schreiner	Ruth Schreiner
11:00 am	St. Theresa Parishioners	
Mon SEPT 15		
8:30 am	Mary Gahles—Special Intention	Ruth Schreiner
Tues SEPT 16		
8:30 am	† Hugh McCloskey	Cathy McCloskey
Wed SEPT 17		
8:30 am	† Kiyoko Kohagura Muffery	Erma Sebexen
Thurs SEPT 18		
8:30 am	† Mary Davis	Erma Sebexen
Fri SEPT 19		
8:30 am	† Bill & Miriam Wendell	Bill Wendell
Sat. Sept 20		
8:30 am	† Daniel Lion	Mary Mignosa
4:00 pm	+Skolaris & Tumbry Families	Ron & Karen Tumbry
6:00 pm (español)	Maurice Van den Broeck Yanira Nieves—Special Intentions	Sarah Gonzalez
Sun SEPT 21		
7:30 am	St. Theresa Parishioners	
9:00 am	† Joseph Doneth	Mary Doneth
11:00 am	† Henry & Doris Lalime	Ronald & Sandra LaFontaine

Date / Time	Event	Location
Sun. Sept 14 10:15-11:15 am	RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION—Pre-K to 5th Grade	Parish Hall
Sun. Sept 14 6:00 - 7:30 pm	EDGE & LIFE TEEN REGISTRATION—6th to 12th Grade	Parish Hall
Wed. Sept 17 9 am—1 pm	LIFESOUTH BLOOD DRIVE	Parish Hall
Mon-Tues. Oct 6-7 2:00—4:00 pm	FOLLOWING THE FOOTSTEPS OF OUR RELIGION—Presentation	Parish Hall
Tues. Oct 7 9am—Wed. 8:30 am	TWENTY-FOUR HOUR ROSARY	Church

Mark your calendars!

Mon. Oct. 6 & Tues. Oct. 7

Join Fr. Jim and Jack Nettis for an informative and enjoyable presentation!

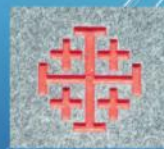
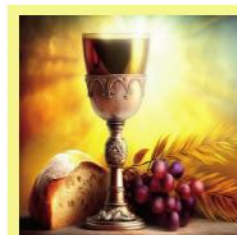
FOLLOWING THE FOOTSTEPS OF OUR RELIGION

FROM ABRAHAM TO MASADA
(THE FINAL DAYS OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE IN THE HOLY LAND)

YOU WILL GAIN A GREATER INSIGHT INTO THE SIGHTS OF OUR RELIGION AND HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING FOR THE HOLY LAND

A PRESENTATION BY FR. JIM & JACK NETTIS

DATE: OCTOBER 6TH & 7TH
TIME: 2:00-4:00 pm
LOCATION: St. Theresa Social Hall

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2026

Due to the large demand for *Mass Intentions*, requesters will be limited to 3 Weekend Masses & 5 Daily Masses. In accordance with Canon Law, there will be only one intention per Mass. Thank you for your understanding.



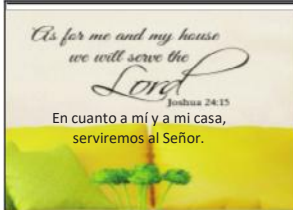
The Sanctuary Lamp is lit for
RON CIAMPI
September 13-19, 2025
From: Rosemarie Perrier



TWENTY FOUR HOUR ROSARY !!! October 7—8, 2025

There is power in prayer, even more so in 24 hour prayer.. The rosary is our special weapon. **October 7th**, the feast of the Holy Rosary, starting at **9:00 AM** concluding **Wednesday, October 8th** with the 8:30 am Mass, we will have continuous prayer in our church.

We need your help. We need a person to **lead the rosary for one half hour**. Information will be provided. The praying will bless our beautiful church. **Sign up for your hour by either calling the office (352) 245-2458 or after Mass on October 4th- 5th.**



FROM FATHER TOM



I just got back from the annual priests convocation Sept 2-4. Over a hundred priests gathered at ChampionsGate Resort Hotel, just west of Disney. This yearly event marks the end of summer. The convocation serves as a time of updating and fellowship.

Championship Gate is an outstanding hotel. It offers a great gym, multi pools, tennis courts and naturally a first class golf course. Did I mention the food was fantastic!!!

Food, that is my problem. My weight has always been a challenge. I love to eat. Nothing fancy, but I look forward to my meals. I lose some pounds, then feeling over confident, I put the weight back on. I am trying. Other than ice cream, I no longer eat sweets. I even gave up Pizza. Next to Moses, it is the most precious item in my life.

I have a confession to make, I am vain. I wanted so much to hear these words from my fellow priests. "Boy, you look good. You lost weight. How did you do it?" It never came. Worse yet, the only comment I did receive was the very opposite. As I am eating my turkey sandwich, Fr. David slips in a "You put on weight!" I choked on my pickle. I explained that I did lose but I put some back on. After all, I just got back from vacation. He wasn't buying it. Oh well, I will now have to wait another year to try to impress them.

What is your motivation? Do you ever stop and ask yourself, why you do the things that you do? Is it for recognition? Prove your worth? Out of obligation? Losing weight is a noble endeavor, if done for the right reason. Most importantly, it is good for our health. Doing things just to impress others typically doesn't work. Most people are wrapped up in their own cares and concerns that they wouldn't even notice. As a priest, I have to be careful. I am not working for recognition from the bishop, compliments from my fellow priests or applause from you, my parishioners. The only one I have to please is the good Lord. I work for an audience of one. All that matters is what the Lord thinks. The same applies to you. We do what we do to honor the Lord. Sure it would be nice if others recognized it, but we can't depend on it. We live to serve the Lord. Not easy, but in the long run it is what lasts. I promise He will notice.

Love and Blessings! Father Tom



Wednesday, September 17

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



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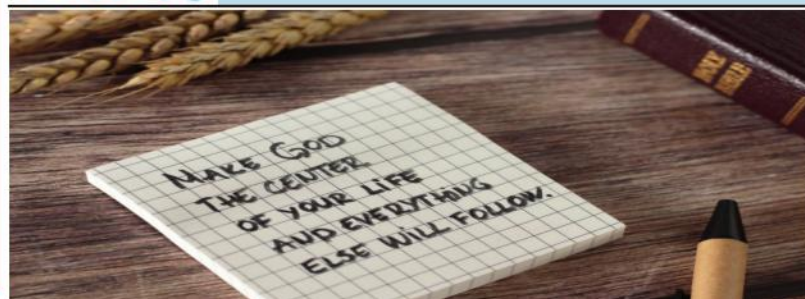
LIFESOUTH Community Blood Centers

Welcome to our New Parishioners

Stepanie Blansett	Nick & Clare Messina
Joan Testa	Edward & Arlene Villa
Henoc Contreras Gonzales & Guadalupe Ruiz	Carolina Contreras-Ruiz & Maria Contreras-Ruiz
Katie Little	



If you can help us by donating **Cookies, Brownies** and **Soda** for our **Sunday Football** guests, it would be greatly appreciated. Just bring them to the office or to the church on Sunday. Look for Fr. Tom. Thank you.



DEL PADRE TOM



Acabo de regresar de la convocatoria anual de sacerdotes, celebrada del 2 al 4 de septiembre. Más de cien sacerdotes se reunieron en el ChampionsGate Resort Hotel, al oeste de Disney. Este evento anual marca el final del verano. La convocatoria sirve como un momento de actualización y compañerismo. Championship Gate es un hotel excepcional. Ofrece un gran gimnasio, varias piscinas, pistas de tenis y, por supuesto, un campo de golf de primera clase. ¡¡¡Y qué decir de la comida, que era fantástica!!!

La comida, ese es mi problema. Mi peso siempre ha sido un reto. Me encanta comer. No soy exigente, pero disfruto mucho de las comidas. Pierdo algunos kilos y, luego, sintiéndome demasiado seguro de mí mismo, vuelvo a engordar. Lo estoy intentando. Aparte del helado, ya no como dulces. Incluso he dejado la pizza. Después de Moisés, es lo máspreciado que tengo en la vida.

Tengo que confesar algo: soy vanidoso. Tenía muchas ganas de oír estas palabras de mis compañeros sacerdotes: «Vaya, qué bien te ves. Has perdido peso. ¿Cómo lo has conseguido?». Nunca las oí. Peor aún, el único comentario que recibí fue todo lo contrario. Mientras comía mi sándwich de pavo, el padre David soltó: «¡Has engordado!». Me atraganté con el pepinillo. Le expliqué que había adelgazado, pero que había vuelto a engordar un poco. Al fin y al cabo, acababa de volver de vacaciones. No se lo creyó. Bueno, ahora tendré que esperar otro año para intentar impresionarlos.

¿Cuál es tu motivación? ¿Alguna vez te paras a preguntarte por qué haces las cosas que haces? ¿Es por reconocimiento? ¿Para demostrar tu valía? ¿Por obligación? Perder peso es un noble esfuerzo, si se hace por la razón correcta. Lo más importante es que es bueno para nuestra salud. Hacer cosas solo para impresionar a los demás no suele funcionar. La mayoría de la gente está tan absorta en sus propias preocupaciones que ni siquiera se daría cuenta. Como sacerdote, tengo que tener cuidado. No trabajo para obtener el reconocimiento del obispo, los elogios de mis compañeros sacerdotes o los aplausos de ustedes, mis feligreses. El único a quien tengo que complacer es al buen Dios. Trabajo para un público de una sola persona. Lo único que importa es lo que piensa el Señor. Lo mismo se aplica a ustedes. Hacemos lo que hacemos para honrar al Señor. Claro que sería bueno que los demás lo reconocieran, pero no podemos depender de ello. Vivimos para servir al Señor. No es fácil, pero a la larga es lo que perdura. Les prometo que Él se dará cuenta.

¡Amor y bendiciones! Padre Tom



Are you ready to be a part of something truly special? I'm reaching out because I believe some of our parishioners have shown the passion, energy, and heart to make a real difference for St Theresa and our community. Our mission, as shared by Father Tom this past weekend, is to "form disciples who radiate the love and joy of the Lord." We can only accomplish this with the help of volunteers who are

interested in learning to use our communication tools: electronic sign, website, screens shown in church, postings on Facebook and Instagram pages. You do not have to learn how to use all the tools, but how about one? When I came here 7 1/2 years ago, that's what I knew, one. I'm ready to train others to take St Theresa in new and exciting places. How about we start with you?

Send me an email to marcia@mystcc.org to start helping to bring the mission to life!



HYGIENE ITEMS FOR THE HOMELESS

Ongoing needs include: Soap, Shampoo, Conditioner, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Deodorant, Hand Sanitizers, Wet Wipes, Feminine Hygiene Products, Combs, Hair Brushes. Thank you.

FOOD PANTRY DRIVE



Help us re-fill our shelves. Ongoing needs include: Canned Soups, Canned Meat (Tuna, Chicken, Vienna Sausage, Chef Boyardee products).

We are in need of canned food with pop tops that are easily opened.

Peanut Butter & Jelly(plastic jar). Snacks, Protein Bars and Nuts. Gift cards. **Anything will help !!!**

Coincidence or Providence?

Have you ever gone some place that you frequented regularly, only to bump into someone you hadn't seen in a while (what a *coincidence*!)? Or, maybe, you were someplace completely unfamiliar only to see someone you know?

We also may take notice of situations or others who are experiencing situations similar to our own. For example, many years ago (just over 30 years to be exact), when I fell in love with my husband, I hadn't really noticed others who were also in love. And it wasn't until I was pregnant with our first, had I taken note of so many other women who happened to be pregnant too!

Over time - and with a multitude and combination of these type instances - I've learned that the more I spoke to the Lord (a.k.a. prayer, intention, meditation, or simply active awareness), I found Him "speaking" to me through and from these moments. And, more recently, I don't believe it chance that my new commute to St Theresa from home (literally door-to-door) is the precise timing of the rosary prayed aloud.

That our Lord sent His Son in human likeness is to assure us He knows the cross we each bear, and that we are not alone as we sojourn back to Him. When we seek Him in all things, I have found He responds in ways that I can relate to and/or understand.

And so, with intention (and attention!), there is comfort in the unfamiliar and serendipitous answers in coincidence.

"In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." ~Proverbs 3:6

Your sister in Christ, Faye Leilanie Peraza

UNITED WAY OF MARION COUNTY'S READINGPALS PROGRAM.

Want to help develop a kindergartener's literacy toolbox? Join the **ReadingPals** team at a school near you! Your contribution—Just an hour or two each week on Tuesday &/or Thursday at a specific time during the school day.

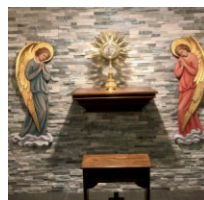
Read a pre-selected book, ask questions provided, and get smiles. ReadingPals has a proven track record since 2012.

Last year students with a **ReadingPal** volunteer had test scores that were 9 points higher than those without a volunteer.

Training and background screening is free. Call **Jan**, the literacy construction boss, at **United Way of Marion County** at (352) 456-7294.



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!



Why Adore?

St. Theresa Adoration Chapel will allow you to spend time in quiet prayer with Jesus Christ, who is truly present in the Eucharist. It is a way to deepen your relationship with Him, show Him honor and gratitude, find spiritual peace and renewal, and listen for His will for your life. Adoration provides a calm, sacred space for personal communication with God.

Please contact **Nancy High**, 941-518-2194 if you are interested in adoring in our chapel or if you would like to be a substitute, in the chapel.

Chapel Vacancies

Sunday: 12AM, 1AM, 2AM, 3AM, 4AM, 5AM, 10PM, 11PM
Monday: 12AM, 1AM, 2AM, 3AM, 10PM, 11PM
Tuesday: 12AM, 1AM, 2AM, 8PM, 10PM, 11PM
Wednesday: 12AM, 1AM, 2AM, 3AM, 10PM, 11PM
Thursday: 12AM, 1AM, 3AM, 9PM, 10PM, 11PM
Friday: 12AM, 1AM, 2AM, 3AM, 9PM, 10PM, 11PM
Saturday: 12AM, 1AM, 2AM, 3AM, 1PM, 8PM, 9 PM, 11PM

"A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament." — Padre Pio (Pio of Pietrelcina)

¿Casualidad o Providencia?

¿Alguna vez has ido a un lugar que frecuentabas con frecuencia y te has topado con alguien a quien hacía tiempo que no veías (¡qué casualidad!)? ¿O tal vez estabas en un lugar completamente desconocido y te encontraste con alguien conocido?

También podemos fijarnos en situaciones o en otras personas que están viviendo situaciones similares a las nuestras. Por ejemplo, hace muchos años (poco más de 30 para ser exacta), cuando me enamoré de mi esposo, no me había fijado en que otras también lo estuvieran. ¡Y no fue hasta que me quedé embarazada de nuestro primer hijo que me fijé en tantas otras mujeres que también lo estaban!

Con el tiempo, y gracias a una multitud y combinación de estos casos, he aprendido que cuanto más hablaba con el Señor (ya sea mediante la oración, la intención, la meditación o simplemente la consciencia activa), lo encontraba "hablándome" a través de esos momentos. Y, más recientemente, no creo que sea casualidad que mi nuevo viaje a Santa Teresa desde casa (literalmente de puerta en puerta) coincida con el momento preciso en que se reza el rosario en voz alta.

Que nuestro Señor envió a su Hijo en semejanza humana es para asegurarnos que Él conoce la cruz que cada uno lleva, y que no estamos solos en nuestro peregrinar de regreso a Él. Cuando lo buscamos en todas las cosas, he descubierto que responde de maneras con las que puedo identificarme y/o comprender.

Y así, con intención (¡y atención!), hay consuelo en las respuestas desconocidas y fortuitas de la coincidencia.

"Reconócelo en todos tus caminos, y él enderezará tus veredas." ~Proverbios 3:6

Tu hermana en Cristo, Faye Leilanie Peraza



*I had the joy of baptizing
Liam, 9/7/25. Praise God!*

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.

THE OCALA YOUNG ADULT CATHOLICS PRESENT

SACRED AND PROFANE TECHNOLOGY

September 24th, 6 PM, Mojo's-Ocala (2015 SW 17th St)

Space is limited
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Join author and product designer John Fichtel to discuss technology that helps—and technology that hinders—our path to holiness.

Contact: shelbytkearns@gmail.com or 361-449-6896



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
Ruth Bertinetti
Barbara Bowser
Lily Chimenti
Mark Czynnik
Bob Delaney
Eric Dushane
Jim Evans
Patty Grant

Rosemary Gurick
Brian Kelley
Art Kelly
Kathy Kelly
Joanne Kissler
Dave Lindeman
Matthew Lyons
Greg McGregor

Jane Oelstrom
Tom Peeples
Mary Penndorf
Maria Romero
Isabel Smith
Fr. David Vivero
Sheri Wade
Stephen Zammet

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Our Catholic Appeal promotes a Culture of Life. Catholic Charities of Central Florida works to protect all human life from conception to natural death through every ministry. The Culture of Life Office seeks to transform and build a society where every human being is valued and protected.

- Pro-life pregnancy services
- Walking with moms in need
- Post-abortion healing and reconciliation
- Care for the elderly, sick, & dying
- Care for prisoners & victims of violent crime

NOT EVERYONE CAN GIVE THE SAME SIZE GIFT, BUT EVERYONE CAN MAKE THE SAME SIZE SACRIFICE. Pray & Donate at [ourcatholicappeal.org](https://www.cfof.org/oca/)

 Our Catholic Appeal

TITHES & OFFERINGS

GIVE UNTO THE LORD

WEEK ENDING AUGUST 31, 2025

Offertory	\$18,730.50
Maintenance	\$ 3,155.50
Soup Kitchen	\$ 2,707.50
Social Services	\$ 2,760.50
Thrift Store	\$ 7,096.75



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The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida

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OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL—2025

OCA Goal for 2025 **\$160,379**Collected to date **\$147,925****Under Goal** (Por debajo de la meta) **\$12,453**

ONLINE Pledges: <https://www.cfof.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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