



Welcome! Bienvenidos! St. Theresa Catholic Church

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The mission of St. Theresa is to form disciples who radiate the love and joy of the Lord.

*We practice mercy with a personal touch,
Care and nurture our children, our hope,
Demonstrate radical hospitality, and
Offer unceasing prayer.*

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
5:00 pm

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

M-Th 8am—4 pm
F 8 am—12pm

SOUP KITCHEN

Daily 11 am—1 pm

FOOD PANTRY

M-F 9 am—12 pm

SOCIAL SERVICES

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THRIFT SHOP

(352) 245-0650

M-Sa 9 am—2:30 pm

GIFT SHOP

Saturday &
Sunday (after weekend
Masses)

Third Sunday of Advent

Dec 14, 2025



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

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH




Sat Dec 13	FOR	REQUESTED BY
8:30 am	Society of St Theresa	
4:00 pm	+ Mr & Mrs Salvatore Cutaia	Loretta Montalto
6:00 pm (español)	St. Theresa Parishioners	
Sun Dec 14		
7:30 am	+ Claire Sardisco	The Storm Family
9:00 am	+ Lois Rosmarin	Sharon Nevels
11:00 am	+ Claire Sardisco	Joe Sardisco
5:00 pm	+ Leonard Lawson	Ann Lawson
Mon Dec 15		
8:30 am	+ Brian DeRoche	Maryann DeRoche
Tues Dec 16		
8:30 am	+ Marvin Hill	Mary Hill
Wed Dec 17		
8:30 am	+ Henry Furlong	George Beck
Thurs Dec 18		
8:30 am	+ Thomas Lee	Carmen DeJesus
Fri Dec 19		
8:30 am	+ John Gilbrook	Sal & Corinne Constanzo
Sat Dec 20		
8:30 am	+ Robert Yeoman	Ethel Snyder
4:00 pm	+ Ron Ciampi	Stephen Pepper & JoAnn Van Winkle
6:00 pm (español)	St. Theresa Parishioners	
Sun Dec 21		
7:30 am	+ John & Cecelia Stankovitz	Tom & Diane Mizenek
9:00 am	+ Helen Nowak	The Nowak Family
11:00 am	+ Shirley DeCarlo	Ethel Snyder
5:00 pm	<i>Special Intention</i> Delores Apriletti	Dianne Almond

Date / Time	Event	Location
Wed. Dec 17 4:00 pm	PENANCE SERVICE	Church
Thur. Dec 18 6:00 pm	SPANISH LEGION OF MARY MEETING	Youth House
Fri Dec. 19 7:00 pm	SPANISH MINISTRY MOVIE NIGHT	Parish Hall
Sun Dec 21 12:00 pm	DECORATING THE CHURCH	Church



Wednesday Dec. 24	Christmas Concert with Orchestra & Choir	8:15 pm
Wednesday, Dec. 24	Christmas Eve—Vigil Masses	3:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm (español) 9:15 pm
Thursday, Dec. 25	Christmas Day	7:30 am 10:00 am



*Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God*

MASS TIMES

DECEMBER 31 (New Year's Eve)
4:00 PM , 6:00 PM (español)

JANUARY 1 (New Year's Day)
8:30 AM, 10:00 am



The Sanctuary Lamp is lit for
+ **Brian DeRoche**
Dec 13-19, 2025
From: **Maryann DeRoche**

REMINDER: If you submitted a picture for the month of November's All Soul's Remembrance, you may now pick up that picture in the Church Office.



Our **Bereavement Ministry** seeks volunteers to reach out to our community members who have lost loved ones or friends. For more information, please call the Parish Office or **Lucy Campaniello** (386) 795-3472. Thank you.

FROM FATHER TOM

This morning, on my way to work, I found myself behind a car with a handwritten sign taped to the back window:

"Learning stick. Sorry for any delay."

Reading that, I instantly softened. I stayed patient through the slow shifts and jerky starts — and honestly, they were doing pretty well for someone still learning.

But then a thought hit me:

Would I have been just as patient if I hadn't seen that sign?

Probably not.

And that realization stayed with me.

Because the truth is, most people don't have signs explaining what they're going through. You don't see:

"Going through a divorce."

"Lost a child."

"Feeling depressed."

"Just diagnosed with cancer."

If people wore their struggles where we could see them, we'd move through the world with so much more gentleness. But the truth is — we shouldn't need a sign to show kindness. Everyone you meet is carrying something invisible, something heavy. So today, and every day, let's choose patience. Let's choose grace. Let's choose love — even when there's no sign telling us to.

Author unknown.

Love and Blessings! Father Tom



Christmas Ham needed!

Christmas is coming. I am feeling ham-ticipation for the big feast. We want to serve a ham-tastic meal. In the past, you guys have been so ham-mazing in supplying turkeys for Thanksgiving. Now we like to give out hams for Christmas. I might be overly ham-bitious but I think we can equal what we did for Thanksgiving. I am not going to be ham-bivalent, we need over 100 hams. Let me ham-mer out the details:

Please bring a ham (s) to the soup kitchen starting Dec.15-19th. Between the hours of 8:45- 11:45.

As always, thank you so much.



Christmas Dinner

Join us Christmas Day for a delicious dinner. We will begin serving from 11 -12 in the Parish Hall. Guess what we are having-HAM!!!!



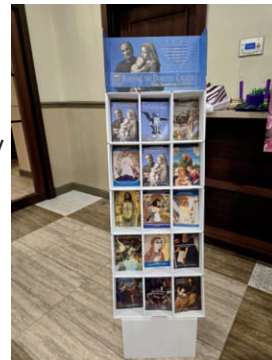
CALLING ALL ELVES!

Sunday, December 21, 2025 after the 11:00 a.m. Mass, we will be decorating the church for Christmas. Please come and join us!



Building the Domestic Church

Help strengthen your family as the domestic church by reading materials provided by the Knights of Columbus. These FREE faith-based booklets are aimed at helping Catholic live out the church's vision for our families. The build the Domestic Church kiosk is in the Narthex of St Theresa Church.



DEL PADRE TOM

Esta mañana, camino al trabajo, me encontré detrás de un coche con un cartel escrito a mano pegado en la ventanilla trasera:

"Palo de aprendizaje. Disculpen la demora".

Al leerlo, me ablandé al instante. Mantuve la paciencia durante los cambios lentos y los arranques bruscos; y, sinceramente, lo estaban haciendo bastante bien para alguien que todavía está aprendiendo.

Pero entonces me asaltó un pensamiento:

¿Habría sido igual de paciente si no hubiera visto ese cartel?

Probablemente no.

Y esa revelación se quedó conmigo.

Porque la verdad es que la mayoría de la gente no tiene carteles que expliquen por lo que está pasando. No se ve:

"Estoy pasando por un divorcio".

"He perdido un hijo".

"Estoy deprimida".

"Me acaban de diagnosticar cáncer".

Si la gente mostrara sus dificultades donde pudiéramos verlas, nos moveríamos por el mundo con mucha más amabilidad. Pero la verdad es que no deberíamos necesitar un cartel para mostrar amabilidad. Cada persona que conoces lleva algo invisible, algo pesado. Así que hoy, y todos los días, elijamos la paciencia. Elijamos la gracia. Elijamos el amor, incluso cuando nada nos lo indique.

Autor desconocido.

¡Amor y bendiciones! Padre Tom

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. 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. We need adorers for the following times.

Sunday: 10pm-5 am; 4 pm

Wednesday: 11pm-3am; 6am, 1pm

Saturday: 11pm-3am; 7-9pm

Monday: 7pm-3am; 8am

Thursday: 10pm-3am; 6am

Tuesday: 10pm-2am; 7pm, 8pm

Friday: 8pm-2am

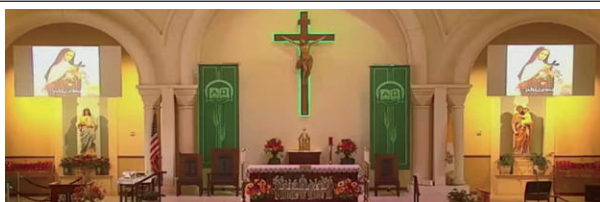
Thank You to Our Parish Community



We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our parishioners who joined us at our Paste Faire Restaurant fundraiser in support of our Social Service Ministry. Your presence, generosity, and fellowship made the event a true blessing in which we made \$600.00.

Because of your kindness, we are able to continue serving those in need with compassion and dignity. Thank you for living out the Gospel through your support and for strengthening our mission as a Catholic community.

May God bless you abundantly for your goodness and generosity.



Are you creative and/or interested in taking an active part in the mass but not be seen? Here's your chance. We need volunteers to join the Screen Team! You will learn how to create the screens that bring our eyes up and keep us engaged during mass. Contact the office if interested.

Stewardship Opportunities

The gift of your time and talent would be greatly appreciated! Below is a list of stewardship opportunities that can be mutually enriching for our faith community and your spiritual journey.

Please stop by the Parish Office or call 352-245-2458 if you are interested in volunteering.

Adorers – dedicated hour of prayer in chapel to fulfill our Perpetual Adoration

Church

- o Altar servers
- o Church Cleaner
- o Screen team
- o Ushers
- o *New!* Wayfinders (parking)



Circle of Love – ministers to families who have lost loved ones.

- o Funeral luncheons
- o Sunday coffee hour

Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion

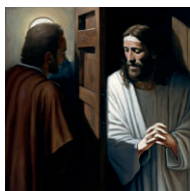
- o Ministers to the sick and homebound
- o Eucharistic Ministers

Food Pantry

- o Pick-up drivers
- o Soup kitchen servers
- o Stockroom
- o Unloaders

Thrift Store

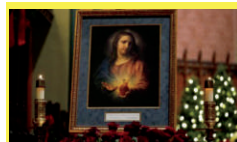
- o Cashiers
- o Sorters

**Advent Penance Service at St Theresa**

We will be hosting confession here, Wednesday, Dec 17 @ 4pm. We will have extra priests on hand to assist us.



Mon. 12/15	5:30 pm	St. Mark
	6:00 pm	St. Jude
Wed. 12/17	4:00 pm	St. Theresa
	7:00 pm	Blessed Sacrament, Clermont
Thur 12/18	10:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul
	6:00 pm	St. Vincent de Paul
Mon. 12/22	10:00 am	Blessed Trinity
	6:30 pm	Blessed Trinity
Tue. 12/23	4:00 pm	St. Timothy

**Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon**

The **Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon** will be visiting St. Theresa from Dec 16th thru Dec 22nd. The Icon will be placed in the church and will be available for 24-hr adoration the evening of Tues the 16th ONLY. It will be available daily until 6pm through Sunday the 21st. The Knights of Columbus will be transporting the Icon to its next church destination at noon on Dec 22nd.



Thank you ladies of the Nursing Home Ministry for the beautiful gifts for the residents.

St. Augustine
FLORIDA

ADVENT RETREAT & PILGRIMAGE

St. Theresa & St. Timothy are going to St. Augustine on Saturday, December 20, 2025. To register please use the QR code & complete all the paperwork. For more information contact Kristina or stop by the office.

352 - 245 2458
Kristina@mystcc.org

Cost: \$25



ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH

STAFF DIRECTORY

Pastor	Fr. Tom Connery
Assisting Retired Priests	Fr. Jim Torpey, Fr. Glen Baptiste
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Bookkeeper	Wendy Trejo
Receptionist	Laura DiCaro
Maintenance Manager	Maurice van de Broeck
Maintenance Worker	Chris Carroll
Music Director	Robert (RJ) Lemire
Religious Education	Kristina Ilcheva
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SOCIAL SERVICES/SOUP KITCHEN (352) 245-1359	
Director	Michael Travaglini
Assistant Director / Food Pantry & Soup Kitchen Manager	Eric Steilberger
Data Entry Clerk	Jill Travaglini
THRIFT STORE (352) 245-0650	
Manager	Julie Hamlin
Assistant Manager	Chris DiPillo
Thrift Store Worker	Roland LeRoy
Thrift Store Worker	Judy Egizio

PLEASE NOTE: The Prayer Request list will start over on January 1, 2026. This means that all names will be taken off and will need to be requested to be added back. It's the only way to keep this list updated. Thank you for your understanding.



Irene Adamcik	Brian Kelley	Mary Penndorf
Paul Almond	Kathy Kelly	Joanie Phillips
Glenn Anderson	Marge Kenney	Maria Romero
Ruth Bertinetti	Joanne Kissler	Isabel Smith
Joan Block	Deanette LaClair	Maggie Villa
Loretta Ciampi	Dave Lindeman	Mary Villa
Lily Chimenti	Mary Lippincott	Fr. David Vivero
Marc Czyznik	Matthew Lyons	Sheri Wade
Bob Delaney	Anthony Maggi	Angline Walker
Eric Dushane	Greg McGregor	Robert Walker
Jim Evans	Annie McWilliams	Stephen Zammet
Colleen Furnia	Coley Mister	
Patty Grant	Peggie Munson	
Rosemary Gurick	Jane Oelstrom	
Tom Jones	Tom Peeples	
Carol Kaiser		

Roses from Heaven Gift Shop



Come in and browse your gift shop. Advent candles, Statues, Rosaries, Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation. Bibles; English and Spanish.

Hours: Saturday 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm and Sunday 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. Contact the office (352) 245-2458, Anita Hunter (352) 207-4466 or Marie Bairstow (352) 812-4752 if you need something during the week.

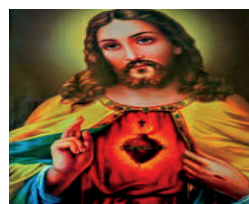
Tienda de Regalos Rosas del Cielo

Pase y explore nuestra tienda de regalos. Velas de adviento, Estatuas, rosarios, artículos para bautizos, primeras comuniones y confirmaciones. Biblias en inglés y español.

Horario: sábado de 15:30 a 17:00 y domingo de 8:30 a 12:30.



Our beautiful Altar at St. Theresa has precious linens that need care, washing, and ironing. Occasional "substitute" help is needed for the **Altar Linen Ministry**. If you have an hour or two to help once every other month or so, please call the office to sign up.



DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

1st Friday of each month.
Novena at 6:15 pm.
Mass at 6:30 pm.



Welcome to our New Parishioners

James & Virginia Doucette

Joseph Gerena

Roger & Luisa Ogilvie

TITHES & OFFERINGS

GIVE UNTO THE LORD

WEEK ENDING December 7, 2025

Offertory	\$19,222.51
Maintenance	\$ 2,169.50
Soup Kitchen	\$ 6,494.50
Social Services	\$ 3,829.50
Thrift Store	\$11,344.00

OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL

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Healing the sick

Accompanying the elderly

Upholding the dignity of migrants

NOT EVERYONE CAN GIVE THE SAME SIZE GIFT,
BUT EVERYONE CAN MAKE THE SAME SIZE SACRIFICE



Pray & Donate at
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Our Catholic Appeal



OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL—2025

OCA Goal for 2025 **\$160,379.55**

Collected to date **\$154,508.67**

Under Goal (Por debajo de la meta) **\$5,869.88**



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