



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

(352) 245-1359

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THRIFT SHOP

(352) 245-0650

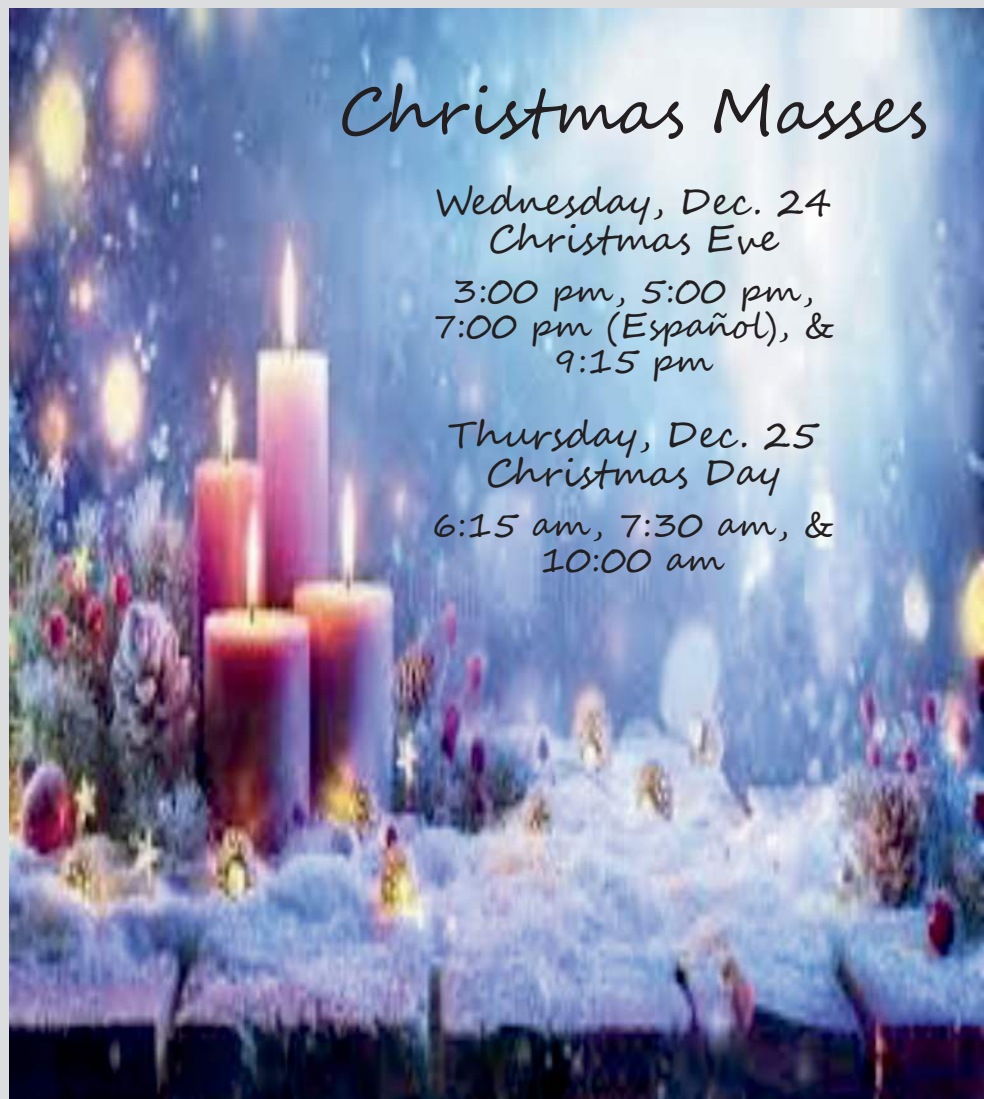
M-Sa 9 am—2:30 pm

GIFT SHOP

Saturday &
Sunday (after weekend
Masses)

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dec 21, 2025



Christmas Masses

Wednesday, Dec. 24
Christmas Eve

3:00 pm, 5:00 pm,
7:00 pm (Español), &
9:15 pm

Thursday, Dec. 25
Christmas Day

6:15 am, 7:30 am, &
10:00 am

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

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sat Dec 20	FOR	REQUESTED BY
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
Mon Dec 22		
8:30 am	+ Thomas Marino	Joanne Marino Kottl
Tues Dec 23		
8:30 am	+ Dennis Lazzo	John & Prudence Olsen
Wed Dec 24		
8:30 am	St Theresa Parishioners	
3:00 pm	+ Alonso Gipa	Shirley Ellacer
5:00 pm	+ Donald Schreiner	Ruth Schreiner
7:00 pm Spanish	<i>Special Intention</i> Zachary & Daria Hungate	Zachary Hungate
9:15 pm	+ Mary Sheila Dillon	Colette Marini
Thurs Dec 25		
6:15 am	+ Anthony Maggi	St Theresa Ushers
7:30 am	<i>Special Intention</i> John Aleksiejczk	Diane Almond
10:00 am	+ Ellen DeBeliso	Mary Mignosa
Fri Dec 26		
8:30 am	+ Rodney Hannahs	Linda Hannahs
Sat Dec 27		
8:30 am	+ St Theresa Parishioners	
4:00 pm	+ Ron Ciampi	Stephen Pepper & JoAnn Van Winkle
6:00 pm (español)	+ Maria Teresa Caicedo	Nancy Garcia
Sun Dec 28		
7:30 am	+ Leopold & Mercedita Javelona	Shirley Ellacer
9:00 am	+ Joseph Doneth	Mary Doneth
11:00 am	+ Patricia Bruce	Jane & Don Pellegrino
5:00 pm	+ Dominador Ellacer	Shirley Ellacer



The Sanctuary Lamp is lit for
Diane Munoz
Dec 20-26, 2025
From: Diane Munoz



Date / Time	Event	Location
Mon. Dec. 22 6:30 pm	SIMBANG GABI MASS	Church
Mon. Dec. 22 7:15 pm	SIMBANG GABI FELLOWSHIP	Parish Hall
Thur. Dec. 25 11:00 am — 12:00 pm	CHRISTMAS DINNER	Parish Hall



Wednesday Dec. 24	Christmas Concert with Orchestra & Choir	8:30 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	6:15 am 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



Offertory	\$22,030.75
Maintenance	\$ 2,029.50
Soup Kitchen	\$ 7,841.50
Social Services	\$ 3,291.50
Thrift Store	\$ 9,522.52

FROM FATHER TOM

Three men died on Christmas day and found themselves at the Pearly Gates.

St. Peter met them and said, "Because it's Christmas day we have a special deal on entry into Heaven. If you have something on you that has to do with Christmas, we'll let you in."

The first man reached into a shirt pocket and took out a lighter, flicked it, held it up and said, "A Christmas candle?"

Peter chuckled and said, "OK, you can come in."

The next man reached into a pants pocket and took out a set of keys and shook them in the air and stated, "Jingle Bells?"

Peter paused, groaned, and said, "Get in before I change my mind."

The last man rummaged through his pants pockets; nothing. Next, he checked his shirt pockets: nothing again.

Finally, he searched his coat pockets, paused, thought for a moment, and then took out a pair of women's eyeglasses.

He looked at St. Peter and said, "They're Carol's?"

Ugh!

Christmas is a wonderful time of the year, but it also can be a time of stress and pressure. We face the challenge of finding the perfect gift. We torment ourselves deciding whether we are spending enough money. No one wants to be a cheapskate. This task can be exhausting. Gifts are fine and so much part of the season, but they are not the essence. Children love gifts and we love their joy, but hopefully we mature and appreciate the real pleasure of Christmas. It is not things but people. Family is so important even with all its imperfections. Hopefully, you can be with those whom you love. If not possible, then seek someone who needs your love and attention. Gratefully, we are serving a splendid Christmas dinner. Don't be alone for Christmas. Please come and join us.

For the first time since I have been here, I will be here for Christmas. I look forward to celebrating the Christmas day masses. I will be enjoying our Christmas meal that we are serving from 11-12. Guess what we are serving Ham! Don't be alone. Bring that special someone if you like. It is going to be a great day. I will be flying home for a quick visit with my siblings and extended family. I fly up the Sunday after Christmas and return early Wednesday morning.

May you have a blessed Christmas. Thank you for being that special gift to me.

Love and Blessings! Father Tom



Thank you to the Hispanic Community for the beautiful celebration of our Lady of Guadalupe.



DEL PADRE TOM

Tres hombres murieron el día de Navidad y se encontraron ante las Puertas del Cielo.

San Pedro los recibió y les dijo: "Como es Navidad, tenemos una oferta especial para entrar al Cielo. Si tienen algo que tenga que ver con la Navidad, los dejaremos entrar".

El primer hombre metió la mano en el bolsillo de su camisa, sacó un encendedor, lo encendió, lo levantó y dijo: "¿Una vela de Navidad?".

Pedro se rió entre dientes y dijo: "Está bien, puedes entrar".

El siguiente hombre metió la mano en el bolsillo de su pantalón, sacó un manojo de llaves, las agitó en el aire y dijo: "¿Cascabeles?".

Pedro hizo una pausa, gimió y dijo: "Entra antes de que cambie de opinión".

El último hombre rebuscó en los bolsillos de su pantalón; nada. Luego, revisó los bolsillos de su camisa: nada de nuevo. Finalmente, buscó en los bolsillos de su abrigo, hizo una pausa, pensó por un momento y luego sacó unas gafas de mujer.

Miró a San Pedro y dijo: "¿Son de Carol?".

¡Uf!

La Navidad es una época maravillosa del año, pero también puede ser una época de estrés y presión. Nos enfrentamos al desafío de encontrar el regalo perfecto. Nos atormentamos decidiendo si estamos gastando suficiente dinero. Nadie quiere ser tacaño. Esta tarea puede ser agotadora. Los regalos están bien y son parte importante de la temporada, pero no son la esencia. A los niños les encantan los regalos y a nosotros nos encanta su alegría, pero con suerte maduramos y apreciamos el verdadero placer de la Navidad. No son las cosas, sino las personas. La familia es muy importante, incluso con todas sus imperfecciones. Ojalá puedan estar con sus seres queridos. Si no es posible, busquen a alguien que necesite su amor y atención. Con gratitud, serviremos una espléndida cena de Navidad. No se queden solos en Navidad. Por favor, vengan a acompañarnos.

Por primera vez desde que estoy aquí, estaré aquí para Navidad. Espero con ansias celebrar las misas de Navidad. Disfrutaré de nuestra cena de Navidad que serviremos de 11 a 12. ¡Adivinen qué serviremos! ¡Jamón! No se queden solos. Traigan a esa persona especial si lo desean. Será un gran día. Volaré a casa para una visita rápida con mis hermanos y mi familia extendida. Viajo en avión el domingo después de Navidad y regreso el miércoles por la mañana.

Que tengas una Navidad llena de bendiciones. Gracias por ser un regalo tan especial para mí.

¡Amor y bendiciones! Padre Tom



The Social Service Department would like to thank Cary Spain and Debbie Woodrow for organizing the children's Christmas party with all their 20 plus helpers, to RJ and his carolers. To Father Tom for entertaining the kids and to Annie McWilliams and the entire Ladies' Guild for their donations and stuffing the stockings for Santa to give out.

Thank you to all groups, The Leeward Air Ranch, The Village Wood Workers, individuals who brought in extra gifts and all our parishioners for your generosity to our Christmas program. With your assistance we were able to help 176 children have a Merry Christmas. With the extra gifts we were able to help the families

that came in the days after the party.

Thanks to Charlyn Kelleher, Debra Gomes, Diana Taliencio and Kerry Pelis along with all our Social Service Volunteers. As well as all the men from the Knight of Columbus who helped with the moving and distributing of the gifts.

The Staff of Social Services thank you from our hearts and wish you all a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Holy New Year.

Mike Travaglini-Director of Social Services



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



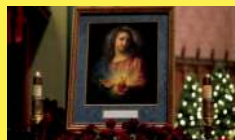
Thrift Store

- o Cashiers
- o Sorters



Mon. 12/22	10:00 am	Blessed Trinity
	6:30 pm	Blessed Trinity
Tue. 12/23	4:00 pm	St. Timothy

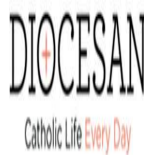
Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon



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 ON-LY. 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.



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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	Maria Romero
Paul Almond	Kathy Kelly	Isabel Smith
Glenn Anderson	Marge Kenney	Maggie Villa
Ruth Bertinetti	Joanne Kissler	Mary Villa
Joan Block	Deanette LaClair	Fr. David Vivero
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Bob Delaney	Greg McGregor	Stephen Zammet
Eric Dushane	Annie McWilliams	
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Rosemary Gurick	Mary Penndorf	
Tom Jones	Joanie Phillips	
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.



Our prayers for the
repose of the souls of

ANTHONY MAGGI
JANE OELSTROM

REST IN PEACE



PARISH CLOSINGS

St Theresa's Soup Kitchen will be open every day from 11 am to 1 pm with the exception of the short hour (11 am to noon) on Christmas Day.

St Theresa's Office, Food Pantry, and Social Services will be closed starting at noon Tues. Dec. 23 and will reopen on Mon. Dec. 29 before closing again on noon on Wed. Dec. 31 and reopening on Monday Jan. 5th.

The Thrift Store will be closed starting Tues. Dec. 23 and will reopen on Sat. Dec. 27 and will close again Wed. Dec. 31 and reopen on Sat. Jan. 3.




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- Working for peace and an end to conflicts
- Promoting human life
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- 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: ourcatholicappeal.org

Our Catholic Appeal

OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL—2025

OCA Goal for 2025	<u>\$160,379.55</u>
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