



#### 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

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#### FOOD PANTRY

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#### SOCIAL SERVICES

(352) 245-1359

M-F 9 am—1 pm

#### THRIFT SHOP

(352) 245-0650

M-Sa 9 am—2:30 pm

#### GIFT SHOP

Saturday &

Sunday (after weekend  
Masses)

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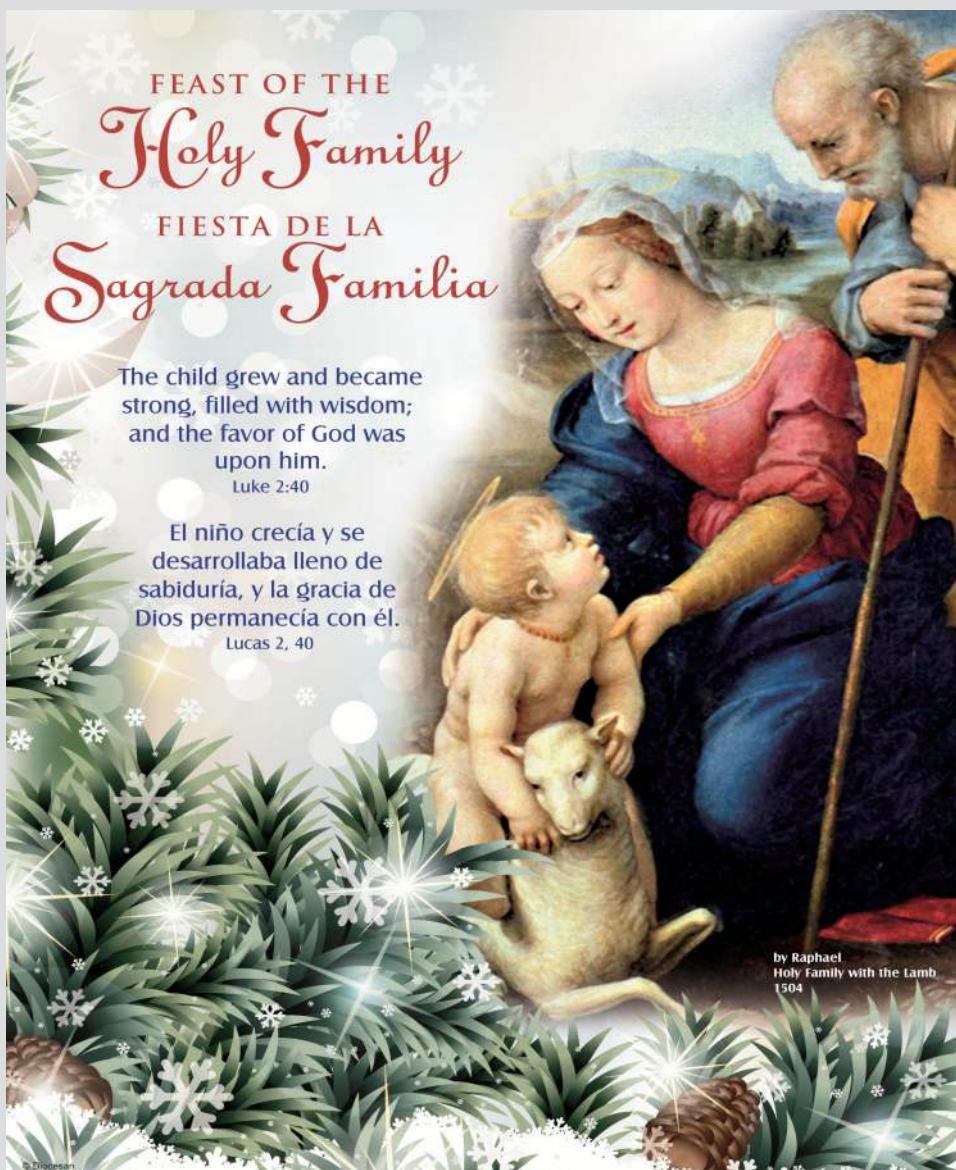
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#### Feast of The Holy Family

Dec 28, 2025



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



Sat Dec 27		
FOR		
REQUESTED BY		
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
Mon Dec 29		
8:30 am	+ David Reiter + Richard Yard	Jane Reiter Helen Yard
Tues Dec 30		
8:30 am	+ Lorraine Therrien	Janet Kirst
Wed Dec 31		
8:30 am	Special Intention Linda Stahl	Debbie Hardin
4:00 pm	Fr. Tom Connery	Staff & Volunteers
6:00 pm Spanish	St Theresa Parishioners	
Thurs Jan 1		
8:30 am	+ Carla Grenier	Paul Grenier
10:00 am	Special Intentions Marie & Caryl Pettijohn	Bethany Rivera
Fri Jan 2		
8:30 am	+ Dora S. Marcos Plaza	Lucy Bacca
Sat Jan 3		
8:30 am	St Theresa Parishioners	
4:00 pm	Deceased Members of KofC Counsel 8012 & Assembly 2068	Knights of Columbus
6:00 pm (español)	St Theresa Parishioners	
Sun Jan 4		
7:30 am	+ Members of Ellacer Family	Shirly Ellacer
9:00 am	+ Members of Javelona Family	Shirley Ellacer
11:00 am	+ Jacqueline DeGroff	Linda & James O'Brien
5:00 pm	St Theresa Parishioners	



*"Let us not grow tired of prayer. Confidence works miracles."*

## Upcoming EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Date / Time	Event	Location
Fri. Jan. 2 6:30 pm	DEVOTION TO SACRED HEART OF JESUS MASS	Church
Wed. Jan. 7 2:00 pm	GRIEF SHARE	Quads
Mon. Jan 12 6:00 pm	LADIES GUILD	Parish Hall
Mon. Jan 12 6:00 pm	M.O.S.T.—MEN OF ST THERESA	Quads



*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  
*Family of Moreno Pelaez*  
Dec 27, 2025 -Jan. 2, 2026  
From: Betty Pelaez



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**FROM FATHER TOM**

I came across this funny story.

"My kindergarten-aged daughter suddenly announced just before school that she needed to take a clean tee shirt to class. She told us the teacher was going to iron an anti-drug message on it. My wife frantically swept through my daughter's room, finding nothing usable but one tee shirt that already had something printed on one side. She sent it off to school with my daughter.

That afternoon, my daughter returned and happily showed off her shirt.

On one side it said, "Families are Forever."

And on the other... "Be Smart, Don't Start."

Families! You love them but they can drive you crazy! I am going up to see my family this Sunday. It is a great time as today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. I will leave after the morning masses and return Wednesday on the 6 am flight. We promise each other that we will come together for Christmas and in the summer. This visit will be a quick two day stay. Monday, God willing, a group of us will have a bowling competition. Since I went bowling on my birthday, I got the bug. Tuesday all of us with the extended family will gather at my brother's for pizza and goodies. There will be about forty of us. Should be fun. I just hope it is not too cold!

I don't want to give the wrong impression. We do have those challenging moments with each other. People disagree, misunderstandings happen, feelings get hurt. We're human. We promised though not to let those get in the way. Forgive and move on. No holding on to past hurts. My mom and dad would want it this way. It is not always easy, but it is well worth the effort.

May you have continued Christmas blessings! We all may not have our families or be as close as we would like to be, but know that you are family here at St. Theresa. Lets pray for each other. I just hope that I don't hurt my back bowling.

*Love and Blessings! Father Tom*



**Mark your calendars.** Start off the New Year on the right foot-attend our parish mission! Father Michael Ackerman from the diocese of Pittsburgh will be our preacher. Mission begins with the weekend January 17-18th. Mission talks from Monday-Wednesday at 6:30pm.

Fr. Michael was ordained to the priesthood in 2014. He grew up in Aspinwall and attended St. Scholastica Grade School, North Catholic High School, and Duquesne University where he obtained

a BA in History and M.S.Ed. in Education. He was a High School teacher prior to entering the seminary. Fr. Mike attended St. Paul's Seminary in Crafton and Theological College at the Catholic University of America where he obtained an S.T.B. in Theology and a Master of Divinity degree. Fr. Mike enjoys golfing, bowling, playing piano, reading, and prayer (of course).

Father Michael is the current Pastor of Resurrection Parish in Pittsburgh, PA and is also the co-Chaplain to the students at Seton-LaSalle High School where he works with students, faculty and staff to build a strong relationship with Christ.

Come and hear this young and dynamic priest.

**DEL PADRE TOM**

Me encontré con esta divertida historia.

"Mi hija, que está en preescolar, anunció de repente, justo antes de ir a la escuela, que necesitaba llevar una camiseta limpia a clase. Nos dijo que la maestra le iba a planchar un mensaje antidrogas. Mi esposa buscó frenéticamente en la habitación de mi hija, sin encontrar nada útil excepto una camiseta que ya tenía algo impreso en un lado. Se la envió a la escuela con mi hija.

Esa tarde, mi hija regresó y mostró su camiseta con orgullo.

En un lado decía: "Las familias son para siempre".

Y en el otro... "Sé inteligente, no empieces".

¡Las familias! Las amamos, pero a veces nos vuelven locos. Voy a visitar a mi familia este domingo. Es un buen momento, ya que hoy celebramos la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia. Saldré después de las misas de la mañana y regresaré el miércoles en el vuelo de las 6 de la mañana. Nos prometemos reunirnos para Navidad y en verano. Esta visita será una estancia corta de dos días. El lunes, si Dios quiere, un grupo de nosotros participará en una competencia de bolos. Desde que fui a jugar a los bolos en mi cumpleaños, me entró la afición. El martes, toda la familia extendida nos reuniremos en casa de mi hermano para comer pizza y otras delicias. Seremos unas cuarenta personas. Será divertido. ¡Solo espero que no haga demasiado frío!

No quiero dar una impresión equivocada. También tenemos momentos difíciles entre nosotros. La gente discrepa, surgen malentendidos, los sentimientos se hieren. Somos humanos. Sin embargo, nos prometimos no dejar que eso se interpusiera. Perdonar y seguir adelante. No aferrarse a las heridas del pasado. Mis padres lo querían así. No siempre es fácil, pero vale la pena el esfuerzo.

¡Que sigan recibiendo bendiciones navideñas! Puede que no todos tengamos a nuestras familias cerca o tan unidas como quisiéramos, pero sepán que aquí en Santa Teresa somos una familia. Oremos los unos por los otros. Solo espero no lastimarme la espalda jugando a los bolos.

*¡Amor y bendiciones! Padre Tom*



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

**Why Adore?**

Monday: 7pm-3am; 8am  
Thursday: 10pm-3am; 6am

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



### 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



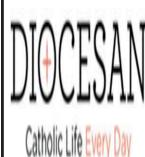
A **Grief Share** Group will begin again at 2:00 pm on **Wednesday, January 7, 2026** at St. Theresa's.

When a loved one dies, it can feel like you are all alone and that few people understand how painful and isolating this can be. At **Grief Share**, you can find a safe, comforting place where you can talk with others about your grief. You'll find support, direction and guidance on how you can make it through your grief.

For more information call **Deacon Dan Pallo** at **352-391-9338** or email to [deacondan2007@gmail.com](mailto:deacondan2007@gmail.com). Also visit the Grief Share website at [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org) to get more information and register. Come and join us.

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# ULTREYA

#### **Attention all Cursillistas!**

Join us for our first Ultreya of the New Year on January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 PM in the parish hall. We will discuss the piety leg of the tripod through a Divine Mercy activity.



"In partnership with United Way, we are pleased to bring back Vita to help with your free tax preparation. Starting on January 20, Vita will be at the Parish Hall every Tuesday until April 14. **By appointment only.**" Go on-line to the website at: [UWMC.ORG/VITA](http://UWMC.ORG/VITA) and click on **Book an Appointment**.



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!

#### NAME TAG / GROCERY SUNDAY

JANUARY 4, 2026

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**.

#### PARISH CLOSINGS

St Theresa's Soup Kitchen will be open everyday from 11 am to 1 pm.

St Theresa's Office, Food Pantry , and Social Services will be closed starting at noon on Wed. Dec. 31 and reopening on Monday Jan. 5th.

The Thrift Store will be closed Wed. Dec. 31 and reopen on Sat. Jan. 3.



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

#### 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.



**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 volunteer.

**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.

# prayer requests

Irene Adamcik  
Paul Almond  
Glenn Anderson  
Ruth Bertinetti  
Joan Block  
Loretta Ciampi  
Lily Chimenti  
Marc Czyznik  
Bob Delaney  
Eric Dushane  
Jim Evans  
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Patty Grant  
Rosemary Gurick  
Tom Jones  
Carol Kaiser

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Dave Lindeman  
Mary Lippincott  
Matthew Lyons  
Greg McGregor  
Annie McWilliams  
Coley Mister  
Peggie Munson  
Tom Peeples  
Mary Pennendorf  
Joanie Phillips

Maria Romero  
Isabel Smith  
Maggie Villa  
Mary Villa  
Fr. David Vivero  
Sheri Wade  
Angline Walker  
Robert Walker  
Stephen Zammet

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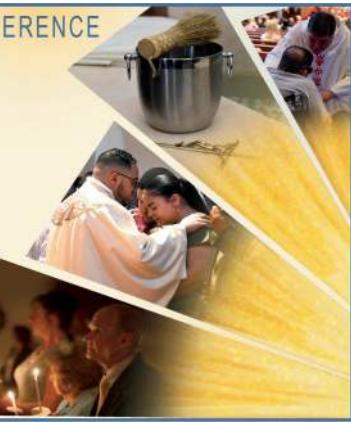
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**OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL—2025**  
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*Thank you to all who helped St Theresa reach Our Catholic Appeal goal!*



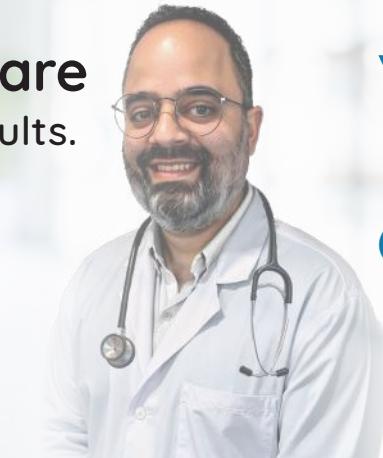
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