



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

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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FOOD PANTRY

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THRIFT SHOP

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M-Sa 9 am—2:30 pm

GIFT SHOP

Saturday &
Sunday (after weekend
Masses)

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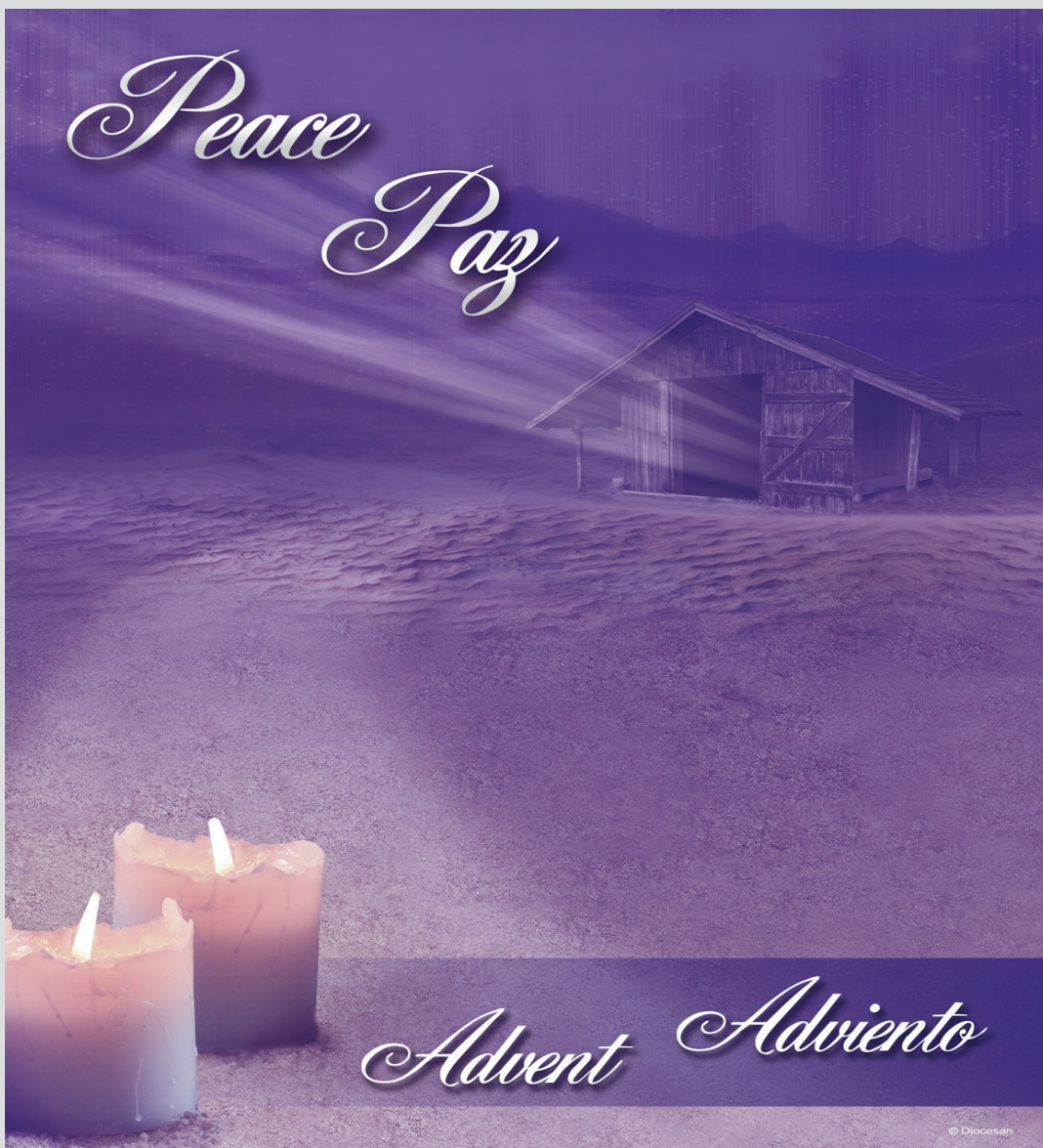
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***The mission of St. Theresa is to form disciples who
radiate the love and joy of the Lord.***

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

Second Sunday of Advent

Dec 7, 2025



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

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sat Dec 6	FOR	REQUESTED BY
8:30 am	St Theresa Parishioners	
4:00 pm	+ Deceased members of K of C Counsel 8012 & Assembly 2068	Knights of Columbus
6:00 pm (español)	+ Maria—Lourdes Perez	Rose Morales
Sun Dec 7		
7:30 am	+ David Reiter	Jane Reiter
9:00 am	St. Theresa Parishioners	
11:00 am	+ Linda McSorley	Joan Kelly & Mary Rudolf Helvaty
5:00 pm	St. Theresa Parishioners	
Mon Dec 8		
8:30 am	+ Joe Guerreiro + Melany Guerreiro + Tanya Brown	Paula Brown & Maria Guerreiro
12:00 pm	St. Theresa Parishioners	
6:00 pm	St. Theresa Parishioners	
Tues Dec 9		
8:30 am	+ Lottie Baranek	Jane Reiter
Wed Dec 10		
8:30 am	+ Dan Alvey	The Alvey Family
Thurs Dec 11		
8:30 am	+ Gaspar Jr. Rivera	Carmen DeJesus
Fri Dec 12		
8:30 am	+ Celinna & William Triano	Lucy Bacca
Sat Dec 13		
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

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.



Date / Time	Event	Location
Sat Dec 6 & Sun Dec 7	LADIES GUILD ANNUAL POINSETTIA SALE	Outside the Church
Mon Dec 8 See times below	FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	Church
Mon Dec 8 6:00 pm	LADIES GUILD	Parish Hall
Mon Dec 8 6:00 pm	M.O.S.T. MEETINGS	Quad
Tues Dec 9 2:00 pm	JESUS: HIS YOUTH TO HIS MINISTRY YEARS	Parish Hall



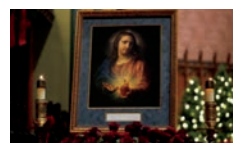
HOLY DAY MASSES

Monday, December 8th

8:30 am, 12:00 pm, 6:00 pm (Bilingual)



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



Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon

The Knights of Columbus has confirmed that the **Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon** will be visiting St. Theresa from Dec 16th through Dec 22nd! The Icon will be placed in the church and will be available 24 hours per day for adoration in the church.

FROM FATHER TOM

I just celebrated my birthday. The big 71! It was a wonderful day. All birthdays are special, but some are more special than others. My brother Charlie and my soon to be 15 year old niece Molly joined me. I had a great time, but having Molly made it even better for me. Birthdays can be a bit peculiar. I am never quite sure how to celebrate it. You wake up conscious that it is your special day. On your birthday you wake up feeling privileged. This is my day. I get to do what I want. I get to eat what I choose. As it was my day off, I get to spend the day as I decide. This was not the case for this birthday. I wanted to make sure that my niece had a good time. My birthday took a back seat. I didn't want her to come all the way down to Florida and not have a great time. My focus shifted. The question was what does Molly want to do. Where and what does she like to eat. That one was a bit more challenging, she and my brother are vegans. It doesn't sound fun to me.

She chose horse back riding. My brother went galloping as well. In respect to my back, I sat that one out. Then we went bowling. I had not bowled in years. Never much of a bowler, I struggled my first game. I did manage to bowl a respectable (for me) 143 the second game. By my next birthday, I am shooting for 175. We went out for dinner. Molly chose Italian. No problem there. I had a delicious stromboli, first time in years. Drove up to Queen of Peace to introduce them to Father O'Doherty, but unfortunately, he was out. Finally we went swimming. I wanted her to be able to brag to her siblings that she went swimming. Isn't that Florida in November?

It was a great day. Thanks to them, it took my mind off my birthday. It reminded me of the great truth-It is not about you. The other truth is this- making others happy leads to your contentment as well. That is how life works. We particularly enjoy that spirit as we begin to get ready for Christmas. Make that season last a lifetime. Put others first. Life is not about you!

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!



TITHES & OFFERINGS

GIVE UNTO THE LORD

WEEK ENDING November 30, 2025

Offertory	\$13,896.50
Maintenance	\$ 1,882.50
Soup Kitchen	\$13,361.50
Social Services	\$ 3,218.50
Thrift Store	\$ 9,716.10

DEL PADRE TOM

Acabo de celebrar mi cumpleaños. ¡El gran 71! Fue un día maravilloso. Todos los cumpleaños son especiales, pero algunos son más especiales que otros. Mi hermano Charlie y mi sobrina Molly, que pronto cumplirá 15 años, se unieron a mí. Me lo pasé muy bien, pero tener a Molly lo hizo aún mejor para mí. Los cumpleaños pueden ser un poco peculiares. Nunca estoy muy seguro de cómo celebrarlo. Te despiertas consciente de que es tu día especial. En tu cumpleaños te despiertas sintiéndote privilegiado. Este es mi día. Puedo hacer lo que quiera. Puedo comer lo que elija. Como era mi día libre, puedo pasar el día como decida. Este no fue el caso para este cumpleaños. Quería asegurarme de que mi sobrina lo pasara bien. Mi cumpleaños pasó a un segundo plano. No quería que viniera hasta Florida y no lo pasara bien. Mi enfoque cambió. La pregunta era qué quiere hacer Molly. ¿Dónde y qué le gusta comer? Esa fue un poco más difícil; ella y mi hermano son veganos. No me parece divertido.

Ella eligió montar a caballo. Mi hermano también fue a galopar. Por mi espalda, no participé. Luego fuimos a jugar a los bolos. Hacía años que no jugaba. Nunca fui un gran jugador de bolos, así que tuve dificultades en mi primer juego. Conseguí un respetable (para mí) 143 en el segundo juego. Para mi próximo cumpleaños, voy a conseguir 175. Salimos a cenar. Molly eligió comida italiana. No hubo problema. Comí un delicioso stromboli, por primera vez en años. Fui a Queen of Peace para presentarles al Padre O'Doherty, pero por desgracia, no estaba. Finalmente fuimos a nadar. Quería que pudiera presumir ante sus hermanos de que había ido a nadar. ¿No es Florida en noviembre?

Fue un día maravilloso. Gracias a ellos, me distrajerón de mi cumpleaños. Me recordaron la gran verdad: no se trata de ti. La otra verdad es esta: hacer felices a los demás también te trae satisfacción. Así es la vida. Disfrutamos especialmente de ese espíritu al prepararnos para la Navidad. Haz que esta temporada dure toda la vida. Prioriza a los demás. ¡La vida no se trata de ti!

¡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



Blessings on Sonny!



Felicidades Ashlin bautizado.



Felicidades Darian bautizado.

Precious Moments

Over 30 years ago, an aunt came from Vancouver to visit my mom (her cousin). I'd never met her before and, frankly, only saw her once more when I visited Vancouver with friends in the late 90's. I recall her being quite accomplished in her seasoned career (at the time, she had just retired as an executive). It didn't seem odd how quickly she connected with Jorge and I (not yet married). Our conversation was about a great many things and it carried the three of us into the late hours of the night. I recall how time, nor age, bore any relevance to the various topics we spoke on. We relished in her wisdom and I recall we were grateful for her company. From all that we discussed, I will never forget when she said "material things will weigh you down". As young adults, that was a remarkable statement, yet fleeting. It wasn't until years later that I recognized her words were more a caution than an opinion.

I've carried those words of wisdom throughout my life. I don't think she knows the impact it has had on our outlook and many decisions we - as individuals and together - have made. She was never wrong, my Auntie Edna. How interesting that a price can be placed on practically any tangible thing, yet what matters and has the most *value* is ironically priceless and often is that which we carry in our hearts, mind, and spirit. How amazingly precious that which can't be seen or touched.

Once again, I remembered Auntie Edna's wise counsel. After finding colorful cake icing on a dress I'd just worn, I found myself bothered by the stains it caused - AND that I obviously was not careful! As I pulled out toothbrush and dish soap, my attempts to recall how the stains got there brought a chuckle as I remembered... How trivial the dress! It was *how* the icing landed on my dress that mattered. And I reflected on the moments I shared with others *when* those stains got there. Remembering the *how* placed *value* on the stains, then *value* on my efforts to remove them. Whether I was going to be successful in removing them no longer mattered. If they remained, I'd simply have a memorable moment to share if someone noticed and cared to ask.

After a small attempt to scrub them off, the stains were gone. But the memory and reflection remained. There's more value in that than any price paid for the dress.

May the Spirit of Christmas remind us of all His treasures found in the moments we share with each other. ...no matter the season.

"No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth." ~ Matthew 6:24

Your sister in Christ, Faye Leilanie Peraza, Operations Manager



The Sanctuary Lamp is lit for
† **David Reiter**
Dec 6-12, 2025
From: Jane Reiter

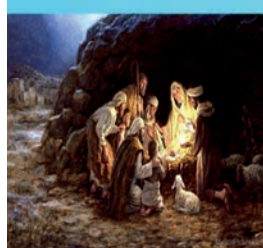


Love to Bake?

Looking for talented bakers to provide cookies for the Social Services Children's Christmas

Party on December 13th.

Please drop them off at the Parish office sometime between Monday, December 8th, and Friday, December 12th before Noon.



JESUS: HIS YOUTH TO HIS MINISTRY YEARS

THIS PRESENTATION WILL EXPLAIN THE PLACES YOU READ ABOUT IN THE BIBLE AND PUT YOU IN THOSE ACTUAL PLACES

PRESENTED BY: JACK NETTIS

DECEMBER 9, 2025

FROM 2-4 PM

ST. THERESA SOCIAL HALL

PLEASE CALL THE FRONT OFFICE TO REGISTER

Momentos Preciados

Hace más de 30 años, una tía vino de Vancouver a visitar a mi madre (su prima). Nunca la había conocido y, francamente, solo la volví a ver una vez cuando visité Vancouver con amigos a finales de los 90. Recuerdo que era una persona muy exitosa en su dilatada carrera (en aquel entonces, acababa de jubilarse como ejecutiva). No me extrañó la rapidez con la que conectó con Jorge y conmigo (aún solteros). Nuestra conversación giró en torno a muchísimos temas y nos atrapó a los tres hasta altas horas de la noche. Recuerdo cómo el tiempo, o la edad, no tenían relevancia en los diversos temas que tratamos. Disfrutamos de su sabiduría y recuerdo que estábamos agradecidos por su compañía. De todo lo que hablamos, nunca olvidaré cuando dijo: «Las cosas materiales te agobian». De jóvenes, fue una afirmación notable, aunque fugaz. No fue hasta años después que me di cuenta de que sus palabras eran más una advertencia que una opinión.

He llevado consigo esas sabias palabras a lo largo de mi vida. No creo que ella sepa el impacto que ha tenido en nuestra perspectiva y en muchas decisiones que, como individuos y juntos, hemos tomado. Mi tía Edna nunca se equivocaba. Qué interesante que se le pueda poner precio a prácticamente cualquier cosa tangible, pero lo que importa y tiene más valor es irónicamente inestimable y, a menudo, es lo que llevamos en el corazón, la mente y el espíritu. Qué increíblemente precioso es aquello que no se puede ver ni tocar.

Una vez más, recordé el sabio consejo de la tía Edna. Después de encontrar glaseado de pastel de colores en un vestido que acababa de usar, me sentí molesta por las manchas que causó, ¡y que obviamente no tuve cuidado! Mientras sacaba el cepillo de dientes y el jabón de platos, mis intentos de recordar cómo llegaron las manchas allí me hicieron reír al recordar... ¡Qué trivial el vestido! Fue cómo cayó el glaseado en mi vestido lo que importó. Y reflexioné sobre los momentos que compartí con los demás cuando esas manchas llegaron allí. Recordando cómo valoraba las manchas, y luego valoraba mis esfuerzos por eliminarlas. Ya no importaba si tenía éxito o no. Si permanecían, simplemente tendría un momento memorable para compartir si alguien se daba cuenta y preguntaba.

Después de un pequeño intento de restregarlas, las manchas desaparecieron. Pero el recuerdo y la reflexión permanecieron. Hay más valor en eso que cualquier precio pagado por el vestido.

Que el Espíritu de la Navidad nos recuerde todos sus tesoros que encontramos en los momentos que compartimos... sin importar la temporada.

“Nadie puede servir a dos señores; porque un esclavo odiará a uno y amará al otro, o se apegará a uno y menospreciará al otro. No se puede servir a Dios y a las riquezas.” ~ Mateo 6:24

Su hermana en Cristo, Faye Leilanie Peraza, Gerente de Operaciones



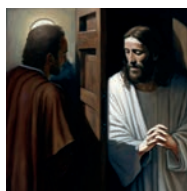
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Catholic Faith.*



*Happy Sweet
Sixteen,
Angelica!*



Tue. 12/2	9:30 am	Trinity Catholic High School
Wed. 12/3	6:00 pm	St Lawrence, Bushell
Wed. 12/10	9:30 am	St Paul, Leesburg
Thur. 12/11	7:00 pm	Lady of the Springs
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
Mon. 12/22	10:00 am	Blessed Trinity
	6:30 pm	
Tue. 12/23	4:00 pm	St. Timothy



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.



Welcome to our New Parishioners

Randal (Randy) & Lesea (Letsy) Noller

Terry & Kathleen Weigel

prayer requests

Irene Adamcik
Paul Almond
Ruth Bertinetti
Joan Block
Lily Chimenti
Marc Czyznik
Bob Delaney
Eric Dushane
Jim Evans
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