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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
Mon-Sat 8:30 am

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday
4:00 pm
6:00 pm (Spanish)

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
Call (352) 245-2458

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Mon-Thurs 8 am-4 pm
Friday 8 am-12 noon

SOUP KITCHEN
Daily 11 am-1 pm

FOOD PANTRY
Mon-Fri 9 am-12 noon

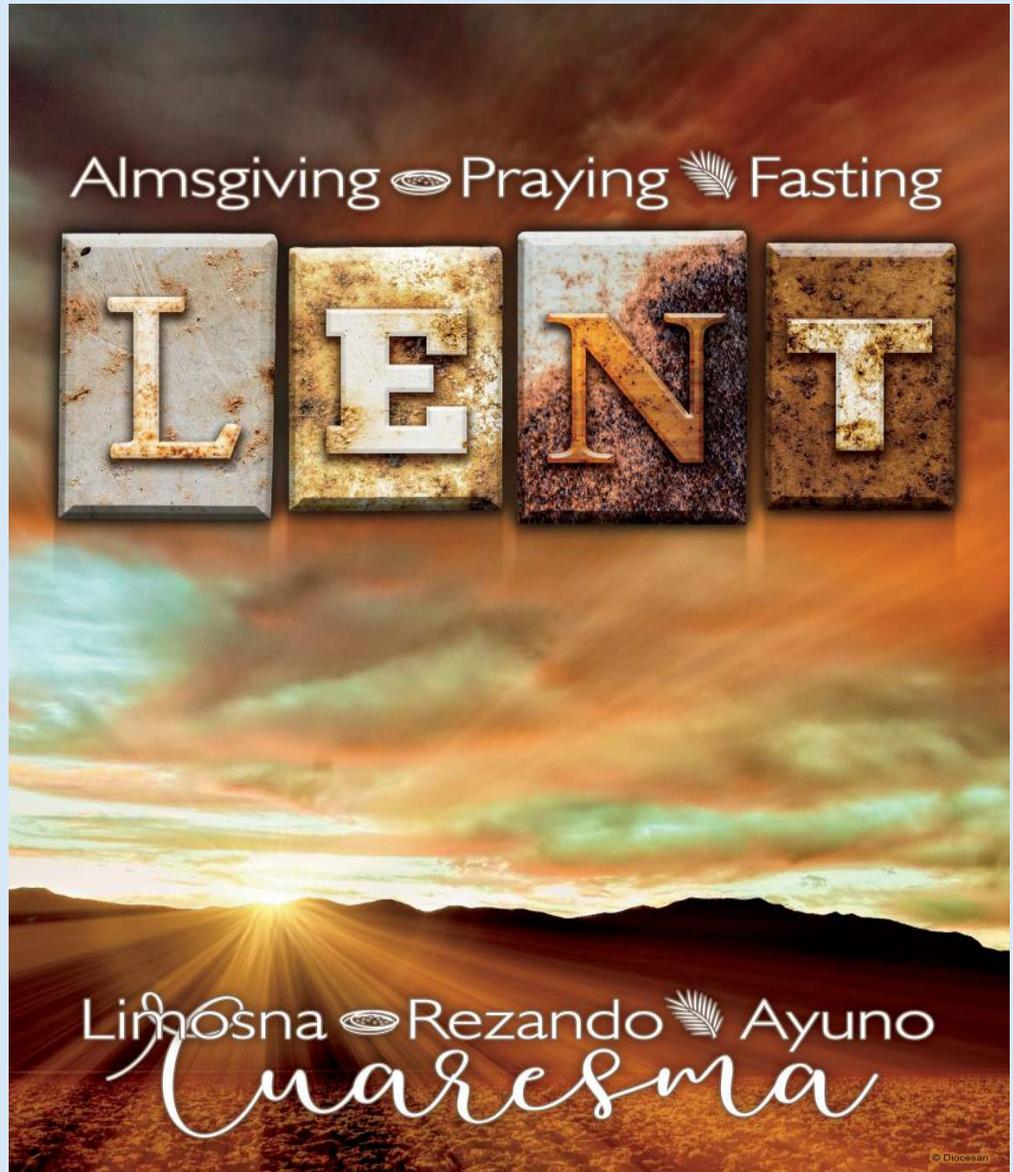
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(352) 245-1359
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GIFT SHOP
Sat & Sun
after weekend masses

First Sunday of Lent

Feb 22, 2026



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

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH



SAT, Feb 21	FOR	REQUESTED BY
8:30 am	<i>Special Intention:</i> ANNABELLE ACEVEDO	Elizabeth Nieves
4:00 pm	+ CAROL HARRIS	Barbara & Frank Angelino
6:00 pm (Español)	<i>Special Intention:</i> MARIBEL PAGAN	Larry Arroyo
SUN, Feb 22	FOR	REQUESTED BY
7:30 am	ST. THERESA PARISHIONERS	
9:00 am	+ TOMMY LEE JORDAN	Dawn Tripp
11:00 am	+ ANTHONY MAGGI	The 11am Sunday Mass Ushers
5:00 pm	+ PATRICK ROCHE	Marian Roche
MON, Feb 23	FOR	REQUESTED BY
8:30 am	+ PAUL BRADBURY	Angeline Bradbury
TUES, Feb 24	FOR	REQUESTED BY
8:30 am	<i>Special Intention:</i> LYDIA ACEVEDO	Elizabeth Nieves
WED, Feb 25	FOR	REQUESTED BY
8:30 am	<i>Special Intention:</i> SYLVIA NIEVES	Elizabeth Nieves
THUR, Feb 26	FOR	REQUESTED BY
8:30 am	<i>Special Intention (marriage off):</i> ZACHARY & DARIA HUNGATE	Zachary Hungate
FRI, Feb 27	FOR	REQUESTED BY
8:30 am	+ FRED FINGERLIN	Jean Beard
SAT, Feb 28	FOR	REQUESTED BY
8:30 am	ST. THERESA PARISHIONERS	
4:00 pm	+ RON CIAMPI	Anthony & Mary Beth DeRose
6:00 pm (Español)	+ YONI BIANO	Elizabeth Nuñez
SUN, Mar 1	FOR	REQUESTED BY
7:30 am	+ LOIS CHASE	Sal & Corinne Costanzo
9:00 am	+ JOSEPH DONETH	Mary Doneth
11:00 am	ST. THERESA PARISHIONERS	
5:00 pm	ST. THERESA PARISHIONERS	

Date / Time	Event	Location
Lenten FRIDAYS 9am & 4pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	Church
Lenten FRIDAYS 7pm	VIA CRUCIS EN ENSPANOL / SPANISH STATIONS OF THE CROSS	Church
Lenten FRIDAYS 4-6pm	FISH FRY	Parish Hall
Lenten SATURDAYS 3pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	Church
Feb 21 & 22 after masses	KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RECRUITMENT	Outside Church
Sun, Feb 22 1pm	VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND (2ND OF 7)	Parish Hall
Mon, Feb 23 12:30-2pm	PASSION OF CHRIST (1ST OF 3-PART SERIES)	Parish Hall
Mon, Feb 23 6pm	M.O.S.T. (MEN OF ST. THERESA)	Parish Hall
Sat, Feb 28 5pm	MARCIA WHEATLEY'S RETIREMENT CELEBRATION	Parish Hall
Sun, Mar 1 22 1pm	VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND (3RD OF 7)	Parish Hall
Tues, Mar 3 6pm	SPANISH ROSARY MASS WITH JESUS & MARY	Church
Wed, Mar 4 1pm	HIS PASSION TO HIS ASCENSION PRESENTATION	Parish Hall
Fri, Mar 6 6:30pm	SACRED HEART OF JESUS MASS (NOVENA @ 6:15PM)	Church
Fri, Mar 6 7pm	VIA CRUCIS EN ENSPANOL / SPANISH STATIONS OF THE CROSS	Don Bosco Park
Sat, Mar 7 by appt only	FREEDOM DENTAL CLINIC (352) 421-5510	Parish Hall



We did it! Thanks to many of our parishioners, we completed reading the whole bible in our church commemorating our 10th Anniversary. **We filled the atmosphere with God's holy word. Thank you!**

FUNERAL SCHEDULE

Fri, Feb 20	10am viewing 11am mass	Donald Pellegrino
Sat. Feb 21	10:00am	Patrick Gollinger
Tues, Feb 24	10:00am	John Rossi



Our prayers for the repose of the souls of
Donald Pellegrino
Patrick Gollinger
John Rossi
REST IN PEACE

FROM FATHER TOM

I messed up. Thank the Lord for the kindness and goodness of our ministry leaders. They made sure that Marcia's retirement would not go without proper recognition. Anyone who's had to work with me for eight years deserves a parade down the Canon of Heroes in NYC. Marcia has worn many hats here at St. Theresa. She quietly accomplished many wonderful projects. Our once new Social Service/Soup Kitchen is a shining example. Many of you may not know it, but it wasn't a one and done deal. We had problems with it from the day it went up. Fixed one problem and another arose. It was a headache and a cause for major frustration. Luckily Marcia does not have my impatient personality and was able to remain calm and collective and get to the solution.

Where would we be without our screens? I love them. I depend on them. Thanks to Marcia they have become a vital force for the good of our church. But Marcia is much more than projects. To know Marcia is to know her gentle and friendly ways. She was always approachable and ready with a smile. She personified our mission forming disciples who radiate the love and joy of the Lord.

As I look back over the years what I most appreciate about Marcia is this: she always had my back. She was always supportive and protective. She had my best interest at heart. There were some tough days and Marcia never wavered. I knew I could trust her.

May she enjoy her well-deserved retirement as she gets to spend time with her husband, Tom. She promises not to be a stranger. Moses, my dog, will be happy to hear that.

So please join us on Saturday, Feb 28th following the 4pm mass. Call the office to RSVP to make sure we have enough food.

Love and Blessings! Father Tom

P.S.—This weekend I am at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Fr. Kenny asked me to give a parish mission. Please keep me and the parishioners in prayer. Thank you. I will miss you.

Lenten Practice of the Week

Each week, we will look at Catholic practices that seem to be forgotten.

What ever happened to...

...bowing your head at the name of Jesus? It was a standard practice of respect and devotion to bow our heads when we heard the name *Jesus*. This week and beyond, let's pay special attention to His Holy Name.

Lenten Rules for Fasting and Abstinence

The Church requires all Catholics from ages 18-59 years old to fast (one full meal, two smaller ones) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, which are also days to abstain from meat. All Catholics age 14+ must abstain from meat on all Fridays of Lent.

- **Fasting** (Ash Wednesday & Good Friday): only one full meal, and two smaller meals that do not equal a full meal. No snacking between meals is allowed.
- **Abstinence** (all Fridays of Lent and Ash Wednesday): no meat is allowed (BTW, chicken is a meat). Fish and seafood is OK.
- **Age obligations:**
 - Fasting: ages 18-59 yrs old
 - Abstinence: ages 14+ yrs old
- **Exceptions:** chronic health conditions (e.g., diabetes), pregnant, and/or nursing.

DEL PADRE TOM

Cometí un error. Gracias a Dios por la bondad de los líderes de nuestro ministerio. Se aseguraron de que la jubilación de Marcia no pasara sin el debido reconocimiento. Cualquiera que haya trabajado conmigo durante ocho años merece un desfile en el Canon de los Héroes de Nueva York. Marcia ha desempeñado muchas funciones aquí en Santa Teresa. Silenciosamente, logró muchos proyectos maravillosos. Nuestro antiguo Comedor Social/ Servicio Social es un ejemplo brillante. Muchos de ustedes quizás no lo sepan, pero no fue algo puntual. Tuvimos problemas desde el primer día. Solucionábamos un problema y surgía otro. Fue un dolor de cabeza y una gran frustración. Por suerte, Marcia no tiene mi impaciencia y pudo mantener la calma, la cohesión y llegar a la solución.

¿Dónde estaríamos sin nuestras pantallas? Las amo. Dependo de ellas. Gracias a Marcia, se han convertido en una fuerza vital para el bien de nuestra iglesia. Pero Marcia es mucho más que proyectos. Conocer a Marcia es conocer su amabilidad y amabilidad. Siempre fue accesible y siempre con una sonrisa. Ella personificó nuestra misión de formar discípulos que irradian el amor y la alegría del Señor.

Al recordar los años transcurridos, lo que más aprecio de Marcia es esto: siempre me apoyó. Siempre me apoyó y me protegió. Siempre se preocupaba por mí. Hubo días difíciles, pero Marcia nunca flaqueó. Sabía que podía confiar en ella.

Que disfrute de su merecida jubilación y pueda pasar tiempo con su esposo, Tom. Promete no ser una extraña. A Moisés, mi perro, le alegrará saberlo.

Así que, por favor, acompáñenos el sábado 28 de febrero después de la misa de las 4 p. m. Llame a la oficina para confirmar su asistencia y asegurarnos de que tengamos suficiente comida.

¡Amor y bendiciones! Padre Tom

Además, este fin de semana estaré en la iglesia de San Vicente de Paúl. El Padre Kenny me pidió que diera una misión parroquial. Por favor, tengan a los feligreses y a mí presentes en sus oraciones. Gracias. Los extrañaré.

Our **Food Pantry** shelves have gone scarce. We are in need of the following:

- Canned tuna
- Canned chicken
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Chef Boyardee
- Canned Soup (pop-top)
- Fruit cups
- Nutritional bars
- Small bottled water

Please bring food items to the Food Van parked outside during all weekend masses. Donations can also be placed in the Food Cart in the church narthex or dropped off at the Food Pantry M-F 9am to 12n.

Thank you for your continued support!



Our new **Laundry Ministry** helps our guests with the cost of washing and drying their clothes. **This simple act of care can make a big difference in someone's week!**

Please drop quarters or dollar bills in the offertory baskets, place in an envelope earmarked "Laundry Ministry," or bring to Social Services M-F 9am to 1pm. All donations go towards laundry cycles for those in need. We also need volunteers to meet our guests at the Spin City Laundromat in Bellevue from 10am-Noon on Tuesday's to assist.

Please contact Social Services for more information, 352-245-1359.

Nuestras estanterías de la despensa de alimentos están escaseando.

Necesitamos lo siguiente:

- atún enlatado
- pollo enlatado
- manteca de cacao
- gelatina
- Chef Boyardee
- Sopa enlatada
- Tazas de fruta
- barras nutricionales
- agua embotellada pequeña

Por favor, traigan alimentos al camión de alimentos estacionado afuera durante todas las misas de fin de semana. Las donaciones también pueden depositarse en el carrito de alimentos en el nártex de la iglesia o entregarse en la despensa de alimentos de lunes a viernes de 9:00am a 12:00pm.

¡Gracias por su continuo apoyo!

Baptism Blessings!

Heavenly Father, surround these children with your love, protect them from evil, and receive them into the family of your church. Amen.



Baby Jasmine



Baby Samarie

Retirement Tribute for Marcia Wheatley

Please join us in thanking Marcia Wheatley, former Operations & Communications Manager, on her retirement from St. Theresa.



Reception — Saturday, February 28
Parish Hall • 5:00 p.m.
(following 4:00 p.m. Mass)

RSVP by February 25

Parish Office • laura@mystcc.org • 352-245-2458



The Passion of Christ

Father Jim is offering a 3-part bible study to explore the Gospel from the writers' perspective!

Bring your bible and notepad!

Mondays: Feb 23, March 9 & 23

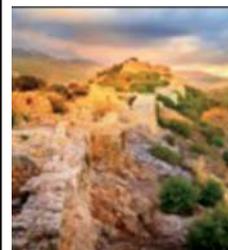
12:30-2pm

Parish Hall

To reserve your seat, please call the Parish Office.

Virtual Pilgrimage of the Holy Land, Israel: Come Walk with The Holy Family for Extraordinary Grace

This journey through Israel is enriched with passages from Holy Scripture and uplifting songs to inspire the heart and spirit. This pilgrimage will meet for an hour once a week and will explore our Catholic origin within the historical context of the Earth and heritage of Israel.



The 7-week journey starts on Sat, Feb 14 from 3:30-4:30pm, then every Sunday from 1-2pm Feb 22-March 29 in the Parish Hall. Call the Parish Office to reserve your seat.

JESUS: HIS PASSION TO HIS ASCENSION

THIS PRESENTATION WILL ALLOW YOU TO WALK THE PLACES OF JESUS' FINAL DAYS, HIS RESURRECTION AND HIS ASCENSION



PRESENTED BY JACK NETTIS

WED, MARCH 4, 2025

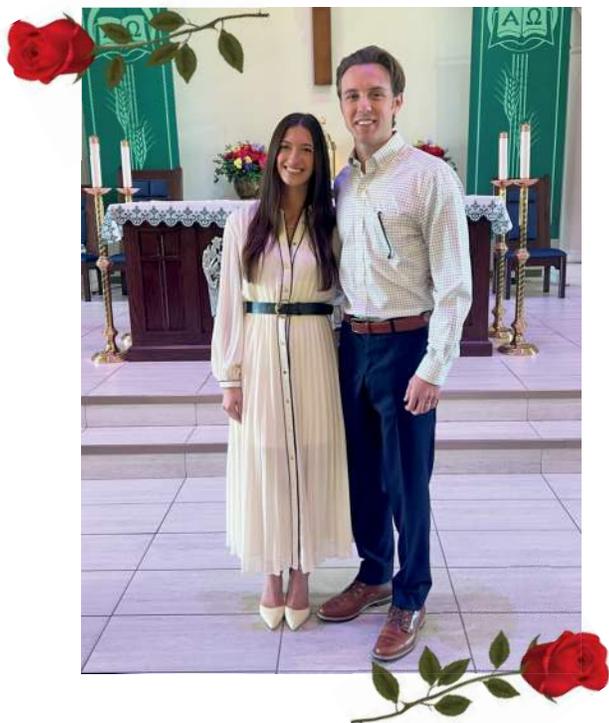
2-4PM

ST. THERESA SOCIAL HALL



*Wedding Blessings for
Rozina and John!*

May the Lord strengthen and fortify your union, and may your love together reflect the love of Christ for His Church. Amen.



In partnership with United Way, we are pleased to bring back Vita to help with your **free tax preparation**. VITA is on-site at the Parish Hall every Tuesday until April 14. **By appointment only.** Go online to the website at www.UHMC.org/VITA and click on **Book an Appointment**.



**St. Theresa Catholic Church
Wednesday, February 25**

10:30 AM - 1:00 PM

All donors receive*:

- **\$20 eGift Card**
- **Long-sleeved T-shirt**
- **Wellness Checkup** including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

*one per donor



Once again, St. Theresa will be hosting the **FreeD.O.M. Dental Clinic** on **Sat, March 7th** starting at 7am. To schedule an appointment, call 352-421-5510.

Volunteers needed to provide handheld, home-made baked goods for breakfast, dessert for lunch, and snacks throughout the day for the dentists and students providing services. Please bring items to the Parish Office on Friday, March 6th from 8a-12n.

We also need volunteers for various areas throughout the day. Please call Social Services for additional information. 352-245-1359

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We ask our parishioners and guests to reciprocate the support by patronizing our bulletin sponsors who recognize the value of connecting with our church family.

Please call **Jenny Lusk** from **Diocesan** (our bulletin publisher) to fill your space and for more information. Jenny can be reached at 913-205-6387 or JLusk@Diocesan.com. **Thank you!**

TITHES & OFFERINGS <small>GIVE UNTO THE LORD</small>	
WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 2026	
Offertory	\$11,983.50
Project Growth/New Parish Hall	\$ 2,737.50
Soup Kitchen	\$ 2,936.50
Social Services	\$ 1,061.50
Thrift Store	\$ 9,577.75



Welcome to our New Parishioners

Doris "Dottie" Edmiston

Marty and April Fayette

Bill and Barb Wendell



Our Catholic Appeal

THANK YOU for helping St. Theresa reach and exceed our 2025 goal!

St. Theresa's Catholic Appeal Goal is **\$175,239**

All parishes and missions within the Diocese participates in this initiative to come together and support the various ministries that impacts lives throughout our Catholic Church Community.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Your Gift Makes a Difference.

Our Catholic Appeal supports the Corporal Works of Mercy.

2024-2025 OCA Diocese Statistics

- 186,408 people helped with food assistance
- 10,795 households received case management through the family stability program
- \$782,419 was distributed for rent, utility, and mortgage financial assistance and 890 residents were assisted with affordable housing
- 4,392 no-cost medical and dental appointments provided

Please pray over what you can pledge or donate for OCA this year. **Thank you!**



"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!"

Weston Cunningham
 Mark Czyznik
 Joan DeRosa
 Jimmy Evans
 Colleen Furnia
 Rosemarie Gurick
 Tom Jones
 Marge Kenney
 Deanette LaClair

Matthew Lyons
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