



# St. Theresa

CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Welcome! ¡Bienvenidos!

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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,  
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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**  
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**SOUP KITCHEN**  
Daily 11 am-1 pm

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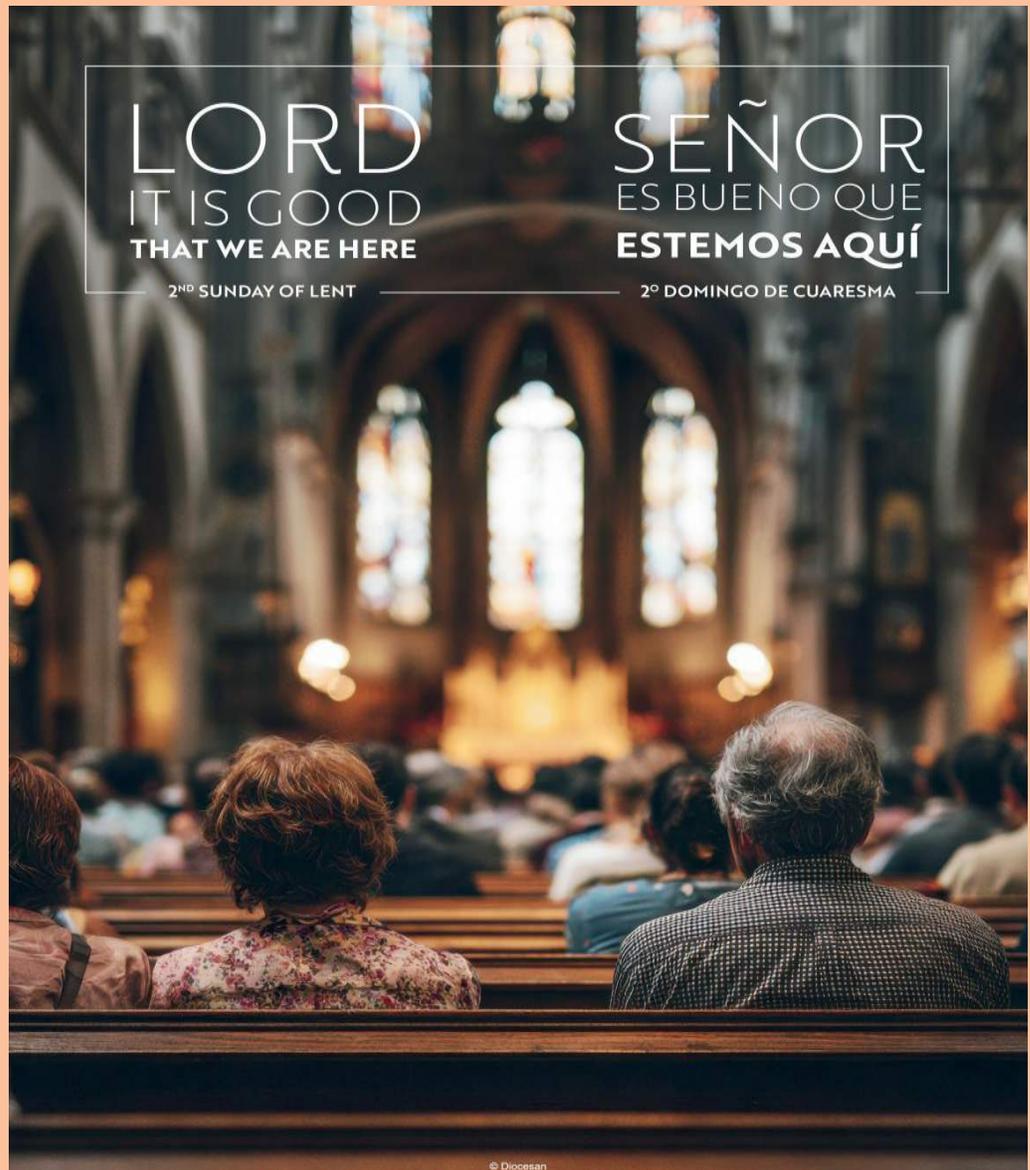
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**THRIFT STORE**  
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**GIFT SHOP**  
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after weekend masses

Second Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2026



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

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH

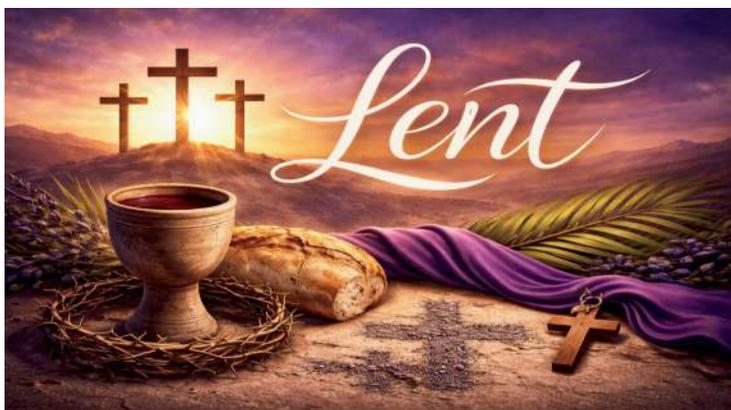


SAT, Feb 28	FOR	REQUESTED BY
8:30 am	ST. THERESA PARISHIONERS	
4:00 pm	+ RON CIAMPI	Anthony & Mary Beth DeRose
6:00 pm (Español)	+ YONI BIANO	Elizabeth Nuñez
SUN, Mar 1	FOR	REQUESTED BY
7:30 am	+ LOIS CHASE	Sal & Corinne Costanzo
9:00 am	+ JOSEPH DONETH	Mary Doneth
11:00 am	ST. THERESA PARISHIONERS	
5:00 pm	ST. THERESA PARISHIONERS	
MON, Mar 2	FOR	REQUESTED BY
8:30 am	+ JOSEPH JULIANO, SR.	Bernadette Juliano
TUES, Mar 3	FOR	REQUESTED BY
8:30 am	+ MERLE RALSTON	Gretchen & Kale Anderson
WED, Mar 4	FOR	REQUESTED BY
8:30 am	+ JOSEPH DONETH	Mary Doneth
THUR, Mar 5	FOR	REQUESTED BY
8:30 am	+ JOHN D. ROSSI	Dorothy Von Brook
FRI, Mar 6	FOR	REQUESTED BY
8:30 am	ST. THERESA PARISHIONERS	
SAT, Mar 7	FOR	REQUESTED BY
8:30 am	+ RANDALL HOWARD	Susan Adamcik
4:00 pm	DECEASED MEMBERS OF KOC COUNCIL 8012 & ASSEMBLY 2068	
6:00 pm (Español)	ST. THERESA PARISHIONERS	
SUN, Mar 8	FOR	REQUESTED BY
7:30 am	+ THOMAS MYERS	Doris Myers
9:00 am	+ ANGELA SANFILIPPO	Giovanna & Mike Aquilino
11:00 am	+ DOLORES MARIE ABBOTT	Marie Bills-Busson
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	Mar 6 @ Don Bosco Park
Lenten FRIDAYS 4-6pm	FISH FRY	Parish Hall
Lenten SATURDAYS 3pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	Church
Sat, Feb 28 5pm	MARCIA WHEATLEY'S RETIREMENT CELEBRATION	Parish Hall
Sun, Mar 1 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 2pm	HIS PASSION TO HIS ASCENSION PRESENTATION	Parish Hall
Fri, Mar 6 6:30pm	SACRED HEART OF JESUS MASS (NOVENA @ 6:15PM)	Church
Sat, Mar 7 by appt only	FREEDOM DENTAL CLINIC (352) 421-5510	Parish Hall
Sun, Mar 8 1pm	VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND (4TH OF 7)	Parish Hall
Mon, Mar 9 12:30pm	PASSION OF CHRIST (2ND OF 3-PART SERIES)	Parish Hall
Mon, Mar 9 6pm	LADIES GUILD	Parish Hall



**DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**  
 1st Friday of each month.  
 Novena at 6:15 pm.  
 Mass at 6:30 pm.



**LENTEN FISH FRY- DAY**  
 4pm - 6pm  
 Parish Hall  
 Fried Fish—\$10  
 Fried Shrimp—\$12  
 CASH ONLY

Comes with French fries, coleslaw and fellowship.  
 All proceeds go to our youth ministry.

## FROM FATHER TOM



We celebrate birthdays once a month. At our last celebration, one of our parishioners, Sandy, made lasagna for us. Did I say *lasagna*? It was out of this world. The best. It was a feast! I started off with a nice big chunk. I like the corner piece, and better yet if it is slightly burnt. I took care of that with ease. I went back for seconds. Why not? There was plenty. I made quick work of that one as well. I was still hungry. I mean, it is not every day you get to enjoy homemade lasagna. I scanned the table; they were still working on their first piece. If I move discreetly, maybe I can slip by and grab a third piece. I made my move and snatched the other corner. I slid back into my chair. Made it. Not quite. Faye looked up and commented, “Boy, you certainly have a healthy appetite!” Not in the least embarrassed, I agreed, “Always have.” You might wonder, weren’t you embarrassed? Do you not have any shame? Nope. I heard my mom’s voice. I recalled the conversations we would have when I had similar dining experiences. When I told her how much I ate, she didn’t chastise me. She praised me. “Good, that makes me happy to hear that you are eating well.” And of course, I wanted to make my mom happy. If I told her I won the jackpot lottery, it would not have come close to the enthusiastic affirmation I get when I eat. It pays to have an Italian mom.

We all hear voices. They may not be audible (hope not), but we hear voices. Temptations are those voices. The temptation to gossip, to visit those dangerous websites, to skip Mass. There is also the voice that nudges us to help, volunteer, and be generous. The voice that whispers that we should pray more, read our Bible, or say the rosary. Those voices deserve our attention. And unlike the lasagna, they are fat free.

This Lent, we want to tune in and listen to the good voice. We want to ignore those temptations. We know better. We just get careless. This Lent, stay in tune to those positive messages. As Lent is a time of fasting, I promise not to eat so much unless Sandy bakes another lasagna. Then all bets are off.

*Love and Blessings! Father Tom*

## Lenten Practice of the Week

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

***What ever happened to...***

***...saying a prayer when we heard a siren from an emergency vehicle or when we drove by an accident?*** Let’s bring that back. Let’s pray for those needing help and for the healing hands and hearts of first responders.

### Lenten Guidelines for a Fruitful Season

Lent is a time of prayer, sacrifice, and renewal. The Church gives us clear practices to help guide these forty days.

#### Prayer:

Commit to daily prayer. Attend Mass faithfully. Consider adding a weekday Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, or praying the Rosary regularly. Spend time in silence listening for God’s voice.

#### Almsgiving:

Lent calls us to generosity. Support those in need through charitable giving, acts of service, or quiet assistance to someone who is struggling.

#### Remember:

Lent is not about perfection. It is about returning to the Lord with sincerity and trust.

## DEL PADRE TOM



Celebramos los cumpleaños una vez al mes. En nuestra última celebración, una de nuestras feligresas, Sandy, nos preparó lasaña. ¿Dije lasaña? Estaba fuera de este mundo. La mejor. ¡Fue un banquete! Comencé con un buen trozo grande. Me gusta la pieza de la esquina, y mejor aún si está ligeramente tostada. Me encargué de eso con facilidad. Volví por una segunda porción. ¿Por qué no? Había de sobra. También terminé esa rápidamente. Todavía tenía hambre. No todos los días se disfruta de una lasaña casera. Miré la mesa; todavía estaban trabajando en su primera porción. Si me movía con discreción, tal vez podría pasar y tomar una tercera. Hice mi movimiento y tomé la otra esquina. Me deslicé de nuevo a mi silla. Lo logré. No del todo. Faye levantó la vista y comentó: “Vaya, ciertamente tienes muy buen apetito.” Sin el menor rastro de vergüenza, respondí: “Siempre lo he tenido.” Quizás se pregunten, ¿no te dio vergüenza? ¿No tienes pudor? No. Escuché la voz de mi mamá. Recordé las conversaciones que teníamos cuando yo tenía experiencias similares al comer. Cuando le contaba cuánto había comido, no me reprendía. Me elogiaba. “Bien, eso me alegra mucho saber que estás comiendo bien.” Y por supuesto yo quería hacer feliz a mi mamá. Si le hubiera dicho que gané la lotería mayor, no se habría comparado con la entusiasta afirmación que recibía cuando comía. Vale la pena tener una mamá italiana.

Todos escuchamos voces. Puede que no sean audibles (eso espero), pero las escuchamos. Las tentaciones son esas voces: la tentación de chismear, de visitar sitios web peligrosos, de faltar a Misa. También está la voz que nos impulsa a ayudar, a ofrecer nuestro servicio y a ser generosos. La voz que susurra que debemos orar más, leer la Biblia o rezar el rosario. Esas voces merecen nuestra atención. Y a diferencia de la lasaña, no tienen calorías.

Esta Cuaresma queremos sintonizar y escuchar la voz buena. Queremos ignorar esas tentaciones. Sabemos lo que está bien. Solo nos descuidamos. Esta Cuaresma manténganse atentos a esos mensajes positivos. Como la Cuaresma es un tiempo de ayuno, prometo no comer tanto... a menos que Sandy prepare otra lasaña. Entonces, todo queda cancelado.

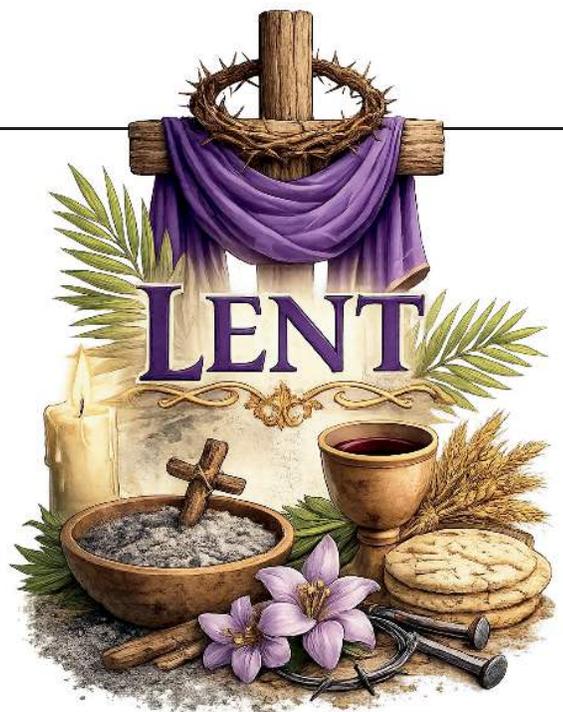
*¡Amor y bendiciones! Padre Tom*

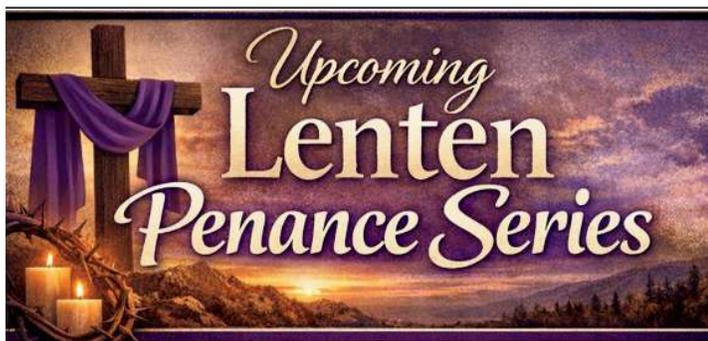
### The Pope's Prayer Intention for March:



#### For disarmament and peace

*Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.*





*Upcoming*  
**Lenten Penance Series**

**March 11 @ 10am – St. Paul’s (Leesburg)**  
**March 12 @ 9:30am – Trinity Catholic High School (Ocala)**  
**March 16 @ 6pm – St. Mark’s (Summerfield)**  
**March 19 @ 6pm – St. Lawrence (Bushnell)**  
**March 20 @ 5:30pm – Immaculate Heart (Ocala)**  
**March 24 @ 4pm – St. Timothy’s (Lady Lake)**  
**March 25 @ 6pm – St. Theresa’s (Bellevue)**  
**March 26 @ 10am & 6pm – St. Vincent DePaul (Wildwood)**  
**March 30 @ 10am & 6:30pm – Blessed Trinity (Ocala)**



You are invited to find a place in St Theresa’s Adoration Chapel. Adorers are needed for the following times.

If you are interested in adoring in the chapel, please contact the parish office. (352) 245-2458



Monday 7pm-3am, 8am, 10am  
 Tuesday 10pm-2am  
 Wednesday 10pm-3am, 6am  
 Thursday 10pm-3am, 6am  
 Friday 9pm-2am  
 Saturday 7pm-3am  
 Sunday 10pm-5am,  
 7am, 5pm, 6 pm

**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: March 9th & 23rd  
 12:30-2pm  
 Parish Hall

To reserve your seat, please call the Parish Office.  
 frjimt.stjudes@gmail.com



**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**



For the health and consideration of our parishioners with allergies, please try to refrain from using perfume / cologne and other scented products while attending services. At this time, the left side of the church (across from the Choir area) is designated a “No Fragrance Area”. Thank you for your compassion and consideration.

**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 is underway every Sunday from 1pm - 2pm through March 29th in the Parish Hall. Call the Parish Office to reserve your seat.



**Our next NAME TAG / GROCERY SUNDAY is on MARCH 8th**

Get to know your fellow parishioners! If you have a name tag from any group you belong to, please wear it.

Also, please bring donations to the church for our **Food Pantry**.

Tired of writing your name on a sticker? Why not order your own name tag?



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!**

Nuestras estanterías de la despensa de alimentos están escaseando.

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

**Necesitamos lo siguiente:**

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!**

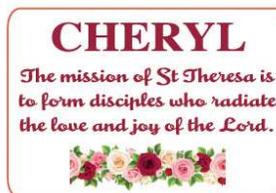
**HELLO! My Name is...**

We are pleased to share that all parishioners can now purchase their own name badge! Badges are \$6 or \$7 plus shipping, or no charge via the Pick-Up Box located in The Villages. There are two options to choose from:

**Oval: \$6**



**Rectangle: \$7**



To order your badge, go to [alsbadges.com](http://alsbadges.com) or scan this QR code. Be sure to indicate which badge you are ordering!



Our new **Laundry Ministry** helps our guests with the cost of washing and drying their clothes. Please drop quarters or dollar bills in the offertory baskets, place in an envelope earmarked **"Laundry Ministry."**

All donations go towards laundry cycles for those in need. We also need volunteers to meet our guests at the Spin City Laundromat in Belleview from 10am-Noon on Tuesday's to assist. Please contact Social Services for more information, (352) 245-1359.



Offertory	\$16,437.50
Project Growth/new Parish Hall	\$ 2,110.50
Soup Kitchen	\$ 2,539.50
Social Services	\$ 1,726.50
Thrift Store	\$ 10,072.10



# Welcome to our New Parishioners



# Our Catholic Appeal

**Gloria Wyninger**

As Bishop John Noonan explains, Our Catholic Appeal is hope for the future. The gifts of the faithful help ensure the Diocese of Orlando can care for our properties, support seminarians and retired priests, fund outreach programs, and continue vital ministries and programs across the diocese such as:

- Spiritual support to countless Catholic tourists in Orlando
- Faith formation for children, families and adults
- Fiscal management of parishes and schools
- Proper care of church and school facilities
- Collective buying power for insurance and employee benefits making them more affordable
- Administrative services for hiring and professional development of diocesan employees

Looking ahead, our 2026 goal has been set at \$175,239 and we are hopeful that with your continued support, we can reach it. Your generosity makes a difference in the lives of many, and we are incredibly grateful for your commitment to the church's mission.

**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!”**

Jesse Benoit  
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 Joan DeRosa  
 Jimmy Evans  
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 Rosemarie Gurick  
 Tom Jones  
 Marge Kenney

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 Father David Vivero  
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