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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,
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

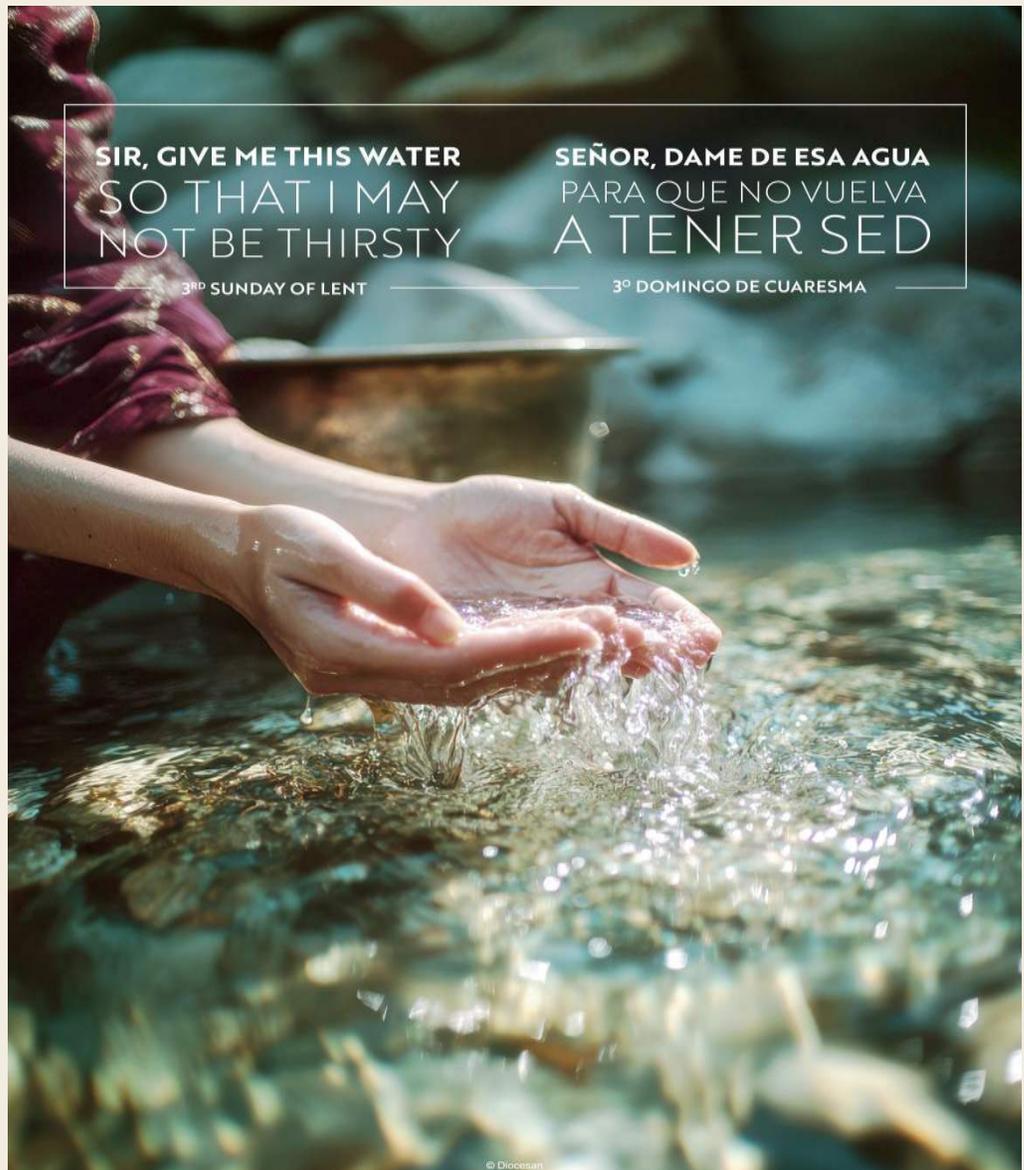
SOCIAL SERVICES OFFICE
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THRIFT STORE
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GIFT SHOP
Sat & Sun
after weekend masses

Third Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2026



SIR, GIVE ME THIS WATER
SO THAT I MAY
NOT BE THIRSTY

SEÑOR, DAME DE ESA AGUA
PARA QUE NO VUELVA
A TENER SED

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

3^º DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

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

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass Intentions

Upcoming Events

SATURDAY, MARCH 7		
8:30 am	† Randall Howard	by Susan Adamcik
4:00 pm	Deceased Members of K of C Counsel 8012 & Assembly	
6:00 pm (Español)	St. Theresa Parishioners	
SUNDAY, MARCH 8 - 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT		
7:30 am	† Thomas Myers	by Doris Myers
9:00 am	† Angela Sanfilippo	by Giovanna & Mike Aquilino
11:00 am	† Dolores Marie Abbott	by Marie Bills-Busson
5:00 pm	St. Theresa Parishioners	
MONDAY, MARCH 9		
8:30 am	† Ron Ciampi	by The Ciampi Family
TUESDAY, MARCH 10		
8:30 am	† Leonard Callen	by Beverly Callen
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11		
8:30 am	† Mary and Joseph Brogan	by Paulette Gilbert
THURSDAY, MARCH 12		
8:30 am	† James Lipa	by St. Theresa Catholic Church
FRIDAY, MARCH 13		
8:30 am	† Jim Nenno	by Jack and Marie Lilley
SATURDAY, MARCH 14		
8:30 am	Society of St. Theresa	
4:00 pm	† Brian & Peter Tenefrancia	by Bob & Maureen Tenefrancia
6:00 pm (Español)	St. Theresa Parishioners	
SUNDAY, MARCH 15 - 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT		
7:30 am	† Loretta Hendershot	by Gordon & Donna Marquardt
9:00 am	† Donald Pellegrino	by The Millard Family
11:00 am	† Ed Kelly	by Joan Kelly
5:00 pm	† Bernard Gilbert	by Paulette Gilbert

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 13 @ Don Bosco Park
Lenten FRIDAYS 4-6pm	FISH FRY	Parish Hall
Lenten SATURDAYS 3pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	Church
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
Mon, Mar 9 6pm	M.O.S.T (MEN OF ST THERESA)	Church/ Quad
Thu, Mar 12 6pm		Parish Hall
Fri, Mar 13 1:30pm	LEGION OF MARY GROUP	Youth House

LENTEN FISH FRY-DAY
 4pm - 6pm in the Parish Hall

Fried Fish—\$10
 Fried Shrimp—\$12
CASH ONLY



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



Our prayers for the repose
 of the soul of:
Gary Woods
 REST IN PEACE



An **Adoration Candle** is lit for
 † **WALTER LOTZ**
 Month of March 2026
 From: Kathy Lotz



Our **Sanctuary Candle** is lit for
 † **SARA EMANUEL**
 March 7-13, 2026
 From: Joe Passarella



*A clean heart create for me, O God;
give me back the joy of your salvation (Psalm 51).*

February 26, 2026

My Beloved Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord! I am grateful to God for your faithfulness as I remember you constantly in my prayers, night and day. St. Paul reminds each one of us to stir into flame the gift of God! For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power, love, and self-control.

Today is my 75th birthday, and according to Canon 401 §1, I wrote a letter to our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, offering my retirement. I have served you, God's holy people, as bishop of the Diocese of Orlando since December 2010, and as auxiliary in Miami since 2005. I pray rejoicing to God for my priestly ministry since the Sacrament of Holy Orders was conferred upon me in 1983, and I ask always for His blessing to lead His people that the bond of heaven flourish upon this earth.

Even though I have sent my letter to our Holy Father as prescribed by Canon Law, the appointment of a successor may take time. In the Province of Miami, there are two other bishops last year who submitted their letters of retirement, and they also await word from the Holy See.

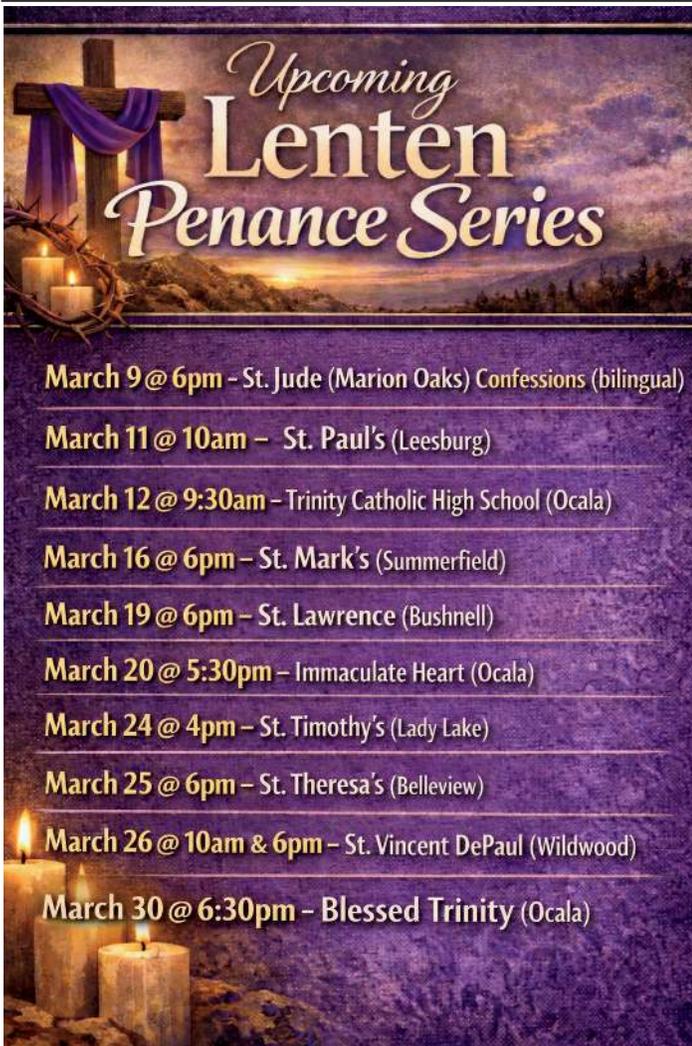
Some of you may not be aware of these rubrics, nor care about them, for your whole relationship with God is not dependent upon a member of the clergy. Some of you regret the idea of change or question how the next bishop will lead as a shepherd. When Jesus walked the earth, He prayed for the people He served; He often went into prayer before or after serving the people within His public ministry. Jesus asks us to pray for one another unceasingly. This is what I would ask of each one of you. Pray for one another. Pray for me, God's humble servant, as I pray for you. Pray for our Holy Father as he discerns who will be appointed the next bishop of the Diocese of Orlando. Do not ponder what the next bishop can do for you; rather, ponder how you can serve God and assist the bishop and all clergy in their ministry. None of us are present on this earth to only get something from someone. We are invited, through the Sacrament of Baptism, and our partaking in receiving Jesus the Eucharist, to serve one another; not to expect to be served.

Pope Leo XIV tells us that we are living images of the Lord. We are to be with one another through a unity that overcomes distances with a compassionate love. Christ leads us to become neighbor, equal to, or indeed lesser than others. Our holiness springs from the conviction that Christ can only be truly received by giving oneself generously to one's brothers and sisters.

Echoing this spirit, I suggest that we 'carry on,' not as we are, but as we are to be, growing in holiness.

Each one has been chosen, called, and sent as servants of the faith. During this season of Lent, as we prepare our heart to suffer the Cross with Jesus, may we come to know the gift of healing through His forgiveness that we are given eternal life. Through prayer, word and deed, may we forgive one another that His love flourishes the land. May a clean heart be the path of our pilgrimage to heaven.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend John Noonan
Bishop of Orlando



Upcoming
**Lenten
Penance Series**

March 9 @ 6pm - St. Jude (Marion Oaks) Confessions (bilingual)
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 @ 6:30pm - Blessed Trinity (Ocala)



*Reveal
Christ's
Love*

**CATHOLIC RELIEF
SERVICES COLLECTION**

MARCH 14-15, 2026
Helping the vulnerable here and around the world

Give generously in your parish or online

Next weekend, St. Theresa Parish will take up a collection for Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need.

Learn more about the collection at:

www.usccb.org/catholic-relief



Lenten Practice of the Week

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

What ever happened to...

...saying grace before meals? It can be a quick blessing to thank the Lord for the food and fellowship or "*Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive, from Thy bounty, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*" Let's continue doing that – whether at home or at a restaurant.

Fifteen Seconds That Changed the Table



A young family sat down at a crowded restaurant after a long day. The kids were restless. The parents were tired. When the food arrived, the father quietly said, "Let's say Grace."

Little hands folded. Heads bowed. "Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts..." It lasted less than fifteen seconds, but something shifted. The noise faded. The tension lifted. The meal became more than food. It became gratitude.

As they were leaving, an elderly woman stopped them. With tears in her eyes she said, "I haven't seen a family say Grace in public in years. Thank you."

Grace before meals is a simple pause in a rushing world. It reminds us that food is a gift, the table is fellowship, and every bite comes from God.

HAVE A LIFE CHANGING LENT!

- Just 15 minutes can affect millions of lives
- The Divine Mercy Chaplet is a Spiritual Work of Mercy
- **Jesus told St. Faustina, "At the hour of their death I defend as my own glory every soul that will say this chaplet; or when others say it for a dying person, the pardon is the same."**
-St. Faustina Diary 811
Quote and picture used with permission from the Marion Fathers of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- When you offer your Divine Mercy Chaplet for whoever is dying, God is defending their souls as His own glory!

PLEASE MAKE THIS SPIRITUAL ACT OF MERCY PART OF YOUR LENT!

Jesus, I trust in You!

The Ladies Guild would like to invite all high school seniors who are parishioners at St. Theresa's to apply for a \$1,000 scholarship to a college or trade school. Applicants must attend Mass on a regular basis and be active within parish ministries. Applications may be picked up in the Parish Office. Deadline to apply is April 24, 2026.



El Gremio de Damas invita a todas las estudiantes de último año de secundaria que son feligresas de Santa Teresa a solicitar una beca de \$1,000 para la universidad o escuela vocacional. Las solicitantes deben asistir a misa regularmente y participar activamente en los ministerios parroquiales. Las solicitudes se pueden recoger en la Oficina Parroquial. La fecha límite para solicitar es el 24 de abril de 2026.

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,

Virtual Pilgrimage of the Holy Land, Israel:

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.

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



Food Pantry Update

We are in need of the following:
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.

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

Thank you for your continued support!

Easter Egg Basket Drive



Bring filled Easter baskets and bags of wrapped chocolates to the Parish Office for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4th.

LAUNDRY MINISTRY

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 marked "Laundry Ministry:"

Donations can also be dropped off at the Social Service Office weekdays 9am – 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 Belleview from 10am–Noon on Tuesday's to assist.

Please contact Social Services for more information.



Flocknote is a communication tool that allows St Theresa to quickly and easily reach our parishioners and the members of our ministries and groups. Flocknote can reach everyone at St. Theresa in a moment's notice through:

•Text messages •Email •Phone calls (for members who don't have email or a smartphone). Sign up at the Welcome Desk at weekend Masses or go to our website at mystcc.org for detailed instructions



SUPPORT THE GLOBAL WHEELCHAIR MISSION!
MARCH 14 & 15



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Visit Our Table After Mass
— Outside the Church —

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¡APOYE LA MISIÓN GLOBAL DE SILLA DE RUEDAS!
14 Y 15 DE MARZO

¡OFREZCA EL REGALO DE MOVILIDAD!

Visite Nuestra Mesa
Después de Misa Afuera de la Iglesia

TITHES & OFFERINGS
GIVE UNTO THE LORD

WEEK ENDING MARCH 2, 2026

Offertory	\$15,250.50
Project Growth	\$ 2,812.50
Soup Kitchen	\$ 2,695.50
Social Services	\$ 1,894.50
Thrift Store	\$ 10,432.69



Welcome to our New Parishioners

- Ann and her daughter, Renee Woods
- Mark and Rhonda Madden
- Bobby and Patricia Quesenberry
- Jennie Rivera-Cintron (and her children)
- Mary and Joseph Zambri
- Paulette Gilbert



“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
 Weston Cunningham
 Mark Czyznik
 Joan DeRosa
 Jimmy Evans
 Colleen Furnia
 Rosemarie Gurick
 Margaret Hennessy
 Tom Jones
 Marge Kenney

Deanette LaClair
 Matthew Lyons
 Kim Markey
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 Father David Vivero
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Our Catholic Appeal

Your Gift Makes a Difference

Catholic Charities of Central Florida works to protect all human life from conception to natural death through every ministry. The Culture of Life Office seeks to transform and build a society where every human being is valued and protected.

- Pro-life pregnancy services
- Walking with Moms in Need
- Post-abortion healing and reconciliation
- Care for the elderly, sick and dying
- Care for prisoners and victims of violent crime



Not everyone can give the same size gift, but everyone can make the same size sacrifice.

Pray and Donate at ourcatholicappeal.org



Our Catholic Appeal

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