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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

ANOIDING (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

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Mon-Thurs 8 am-4 pm
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Daily 11 am-1 pm

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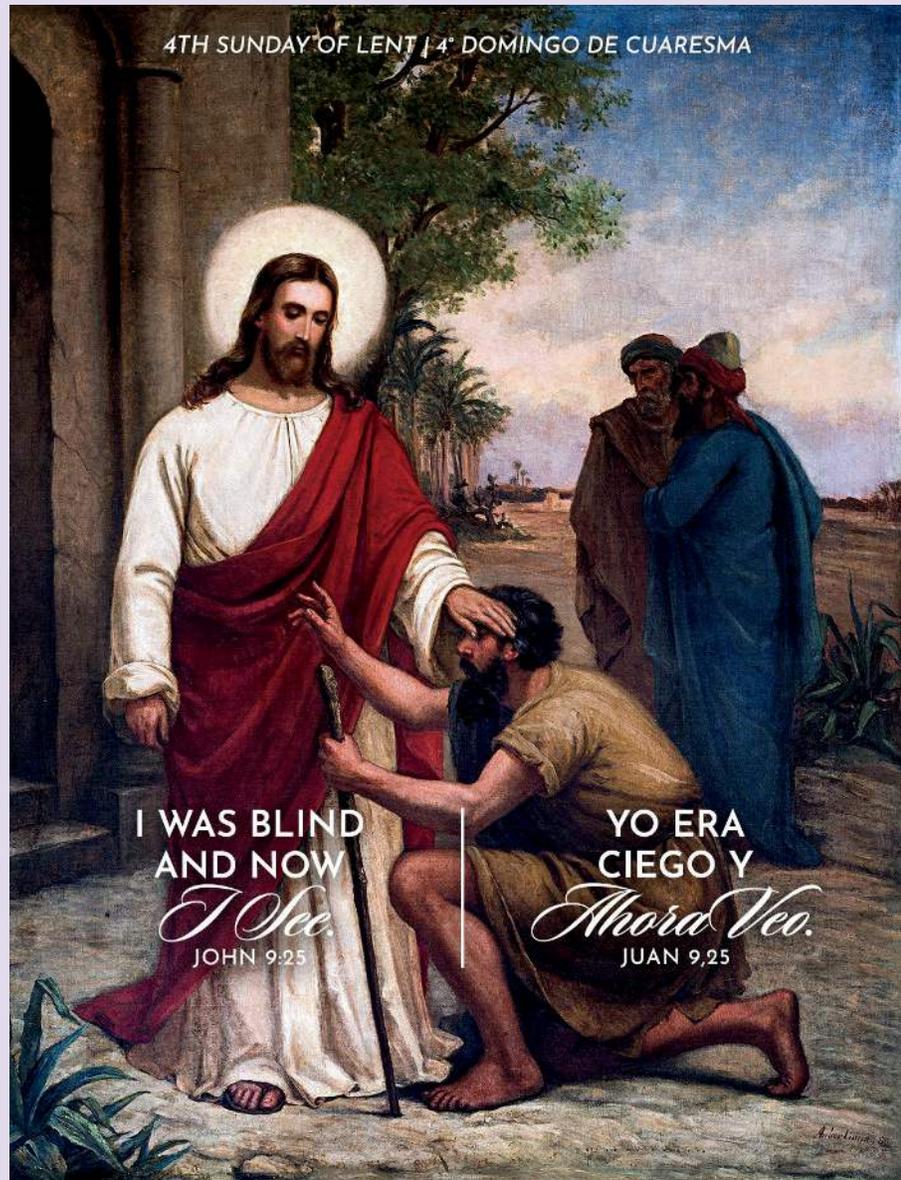
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after weekend masses

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2026



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

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass Intentions

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
MONDAY, MARCH 16		
8:30 am	† John Ward	by Pam Kaczanowski
TUESDAY, MARCH 17		
8:30 am	† Walter Palys	by Lynn McElwain
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18		
8:30 am	† James McQuillan	by Carole McQuillan
THURSDAY, MARCH 19		
8:30 am	† Katherine Costello	by Loretta Rogers
FRIDAY, MARCH 20		
8:30 am	† Giuseppe Mignosa	by Mary Mignosa
SATURDAY, MARCH 21		
8:30 am	† Donna Sisko	by Jack and Marie Lilley
4:00 pm	† Rose Acito	by Maria Hagan
6:00 pm (Español)	St. Theresa Parishioners	
SUNDAY, MARCH 22 - 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT		
7:30 am	† Alan Kaczanowski	by Pam Kaczanowski
9:00 am	† Ron McWilliams	by Annie McWilliams
11:00 am	† Krysinski Family	by Margaret Hennessy
5:00 pm	† Pauline and Frank Bonivich	By Paulette Gilbert

Upcoming Events

Date / Time	Event	Location
Lenten FRIDAYS 9am & 4pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	Church
Lenten FRIDAYS 4-6pm	LENTEN FISH FRY-DAY	Parish Hall
Lenten SATURDAYS 3pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	Church
Lenten SATURDAYS 7pm	SPANISH STATIONS OF THE CROSS	Church
Sun, Mar 15 1pm	VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND (4TH OF 7)	Parish Hall
Thur, Mar 19 6pm	SPANISH LEGION OF MARY	Youth House
Fri, Mar 20 1:30pm	LEGION OF MARY	Youth House
Sat, Mar 21 10am	OCIA REHEARSAL	Quad
Sat, Mar 21 4pm	SPANISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Quad
Sun, Mar 22 1pm	VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND (5TH OF 7)	Parish Hall
Mon, Mar 23 12:30pm	PASSION OF THE CHRIST BIBLE STUDY	Parish Hall
Mon, Mar 23 6pm	MEN OF ST THERESA (MOST)	Parish Hall
Wed, Mar 25 6pm	LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE	Church

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.



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

FUNERAL SCHEDULE

Sat, Mar 21	10am	James "Jim" Evans
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FROM FATHER TOM

Two Paddies were working for the city public works department. One would dig a hole and the other would follow behind him and fill the hole in. They worked up one side of the street, then down the other, then moved on to the next street, working furiously all day without rest, one man digging a hole, the other filling it in again. An onlooker was amazed at their hard work, but couldn't understand what they were doing. So he asked the hole digger, "I'm impressed by the effort you two are putting in to your work, but I don't get it – why do you dig a hole, only to have your partner follow behind and fill it up again?" The hole digger wiped his brow and sighed, "Well, I suppose it probably looks odd because we're normally a three-person team. But today the lad who plants the trees called in sick."

An Irish priest is driving down to New York and gets stopped for speeding in Connecticut. The state trooper smells alcohol on the priest's breath and then sees an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car. He says, "Sir, have you been drinking?"

"Just water," says the priest.

The trooper says, "Then why do I smell wine?"

The priest looks at the bottle and says, "Good Lord! He's done it again!"

Gallagher opened the morning newspaper and was dumbfounded to read in the obituary column that he had died. He quickly phoned his best friend Finney.

"Did you see the paper?" asked Gallagher. "They say I died!!"

"Yes, I saw it!" replied Finney. "Where are ye callin' from?"

Father Murphy walks into a pub in Donegal, and says to the first man he meets, "Do you want to go to heaven?"

The man said, "I do Father."

The priest said, "Then stand over there against the wall." Then the priest asked the second man, "Do you want to go to heaven?"

"Certainly, Father," was the man's reply.

"Then stand over there against the wall," said the priest. Then Father Murphy walked up to O'Toole and said, "Do you want to go to heaven?"

O'Toole said, "No, I don't Father.

The priest said, "I don't believe this. You mean to tell me that when you die you don't want to go to heaven?"

O'Toole said, "Oh, when I die, yes. I thought you were getting a group together to go on a trip right now."

Happy Saint Paddy's Day. God bless the dedicated self-sacrificing Irish missionaries who brought the faith to so many countries.

*Love and Blessings,
Fr 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.

This weekend, St. Theresa 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 and reveal Christ's love to those who are in desperate need. Learn more at:

www.usccb.org/catholic-relief

DEL PADRE TOM

Dos irlandeses trabajaban para el departamento de obras públicas de la ciudad. Uno cavaba un hoyo y el otro lo seguía por detrás rellenándolo. Trabajaron a lo largo de un lado de la calle, luego por el otro, y después pasaron a la siguiente calle, trabajando furiosamente todo el día sin descanso: uno cavando un hoyo, el otro volviéndolo a rellenar. Un transeúnte quedó asombrado por su laboriosidad, pero no lograba entender qué estaban haciendo. Así que le preguntó al que cavaba: "Me impresiona el esfuerzo que ustedes dos ponen en su trabajo, pero no lo entiendo — ¿por qué cavas un hoyo solo para que tu compañero venga detrás a rellenarlo?" El cavador se secó la frente y suspiró: "Bueno, supongo que probablemente parece raro porque normalmente somos un equipo de tres personas. Pero hoy el muchacho que planta los árboles llamó para decir que estaba enfermo."

Un sacerdote irlandés va conduciendo hacia Nueva York y lo detienen por exceso de velocidad en Connecticut. El agente estatal huele alcohol en el aliento del sacerdote y luego ve una botella de vino vacía en el suelo del coche.

Le dice: "Señor, ¿ha estado bebiendo?"

"Solo agua," dice el sacerdote.

El agente responde: "Entonces, ¿por qué huelo vino?"

El sacerdote mira la botella y dice: "¡Santo Dios! ¡Lo ha vuelto a hacer!"

Gallagher abrió el periódico de la mañana y quedó atónito al leer en la columna de obituarios que había muerto. Rápidamente llamó a su mejor amigo Finney.

"¿Viste el periódico?" preguntó Gallagher. "¡Dicen que morí!"

"¡Sí, lo vi!" respondió Finney. "¿Desde dónde estás llamando?"

El Padre Murphy entra a un pub en Donegal y le dice al primer hombre que encuentra: "¿Quieres ir al cielo?"
El hombre dijo: "Sí, Padre."
El sacerdote dijo: "Entonces ponte allí contra la pared." Luego el sacerdote le preguntó al segundo hombre: "¿Quieres ir al cielo?"
"Por supuesto, Padre," respondió el hombre. "Entonces ponte allí contra la pared," dijo el sacerdote.
Luego el Padre Murphy se acercó a O'Toole y le dijo: "¿Quieres ir al cielo?" O'Toole dijo: "No, Padre, no quiero."
El sacerdote dijo: "No puedo creerlo. ¿Me estás diciendo que cuando mueras no quieres ir al cielo?"
O'Toole dijo: "Ah, cuando me muera, sí. Pensé que estabas organizando un grupo para hacer un viaje ahora mismo."

Feliz Día de San Patricio. Que Dios bendiga a los dedicados y abnegados misioneros irlandeses que llevaron la fe a tantos países. Con cariño, el Padre Tom

¡Amor y bendiciones! Padre Tom

Lenten Practice of the Week

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

Remember when...

...we passed a cemetery or saw a hearse drive by, and we offered up a prayer? It is good practice, for one day it may be us who need that special grace.

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!

Monday, March 23rd

12:30-2pm

Parish Hall

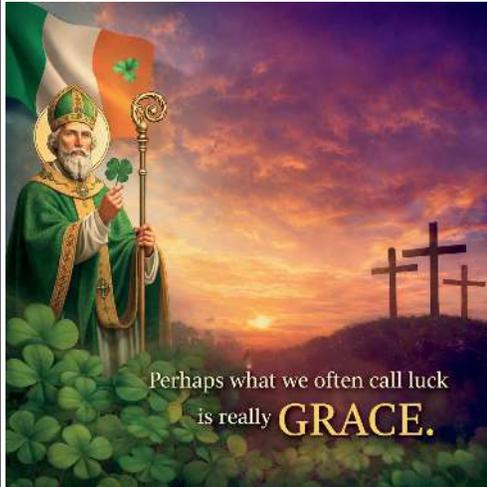
To reserve your seat, please call the Parish Office.



Online Giving

For your convenience, **DONATIONS** using your credit or debit card can be made online via our website at www.mystcc.org. If you already donate online on a regular basis, please call the Parish Office to stop the envelopes!

No Such Luck



Growing up in New York City, I had many Irish friends, and I never knew an Irish family that wasn't Catholic. March meant St. Patrick's Day – the parade, green shamrocks, fun leprechaun hats, pub-hopping, and boisterous laughter. It was festive and joyful.

Yet beneath the celebration is the story of Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, who was actually born in Scotland and taken to Ireland as a slave. Through prayer and deep trust in God, he found freedom and later returned to Ireland as a missionary, bringing the Gospel to the people who once enslaved him. St. Patrick used the three-leaf shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity – the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And the phrase "luck of the Irish," which originated as a term of belittlement, seems misplaced and ironic when we consider a significant part of Irish heritage is their faith.

Now well past my youth, March is considered the season of Lent. And since I've joined St Theresa's, immersed in an environment that fosters observance and practice, I have come to cherish this sacred season even more. It may even be my favorite.

Lent gives us time. ...time to focus on our faith, to strengthen our resolve, to recommit ourselves as children of God, disciples of Christ, as a Light. Lent invites us to reflect on Jesus' forty days in the desert when he was tempted by the devil. His example challenges me to do better, to be better. It reminds me that every word, every action, every choice carries purpose and consequence. When our intent is aligned with Him, all glory is His. There are plenty days I am disappointed with my imperfections and my tendency to choose my ways over His. Yet even there, I am grateful. Because I know He is loving me through my failures and growing me through my trials.

Is there such a thing as luck? I'd like to believe that the smile that comes at just the right time is not luck. That the paths that cross in meaningful ways are not random. That the encouragement we receive when we most need it is not accidental. Perhaps what we often call luck is really grace, a moment of clarity. Perhaps it is serendipity guided by God's loving hand. Perhaps it is simply *blessing*.

No such luck is needed to be a blessing. May this Lenten season help us see God's hand not in chance, but in *purpose* — and may we strive each day to be a blessing to others.

Your sister in Christ,
Faye Leilanie Peraza
Operations Manager



ADORATION CANDLE



Available for one month from the first to the end of the month and can be lit for a deceased loved one or special intention. Suggested donation: **\$30.**

SANCTUARY LAMP



Available for one week beginning on Saturday through Friday. It can be lit for a deceased loved one or special intention. Suggested donation: **\$20.**

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.

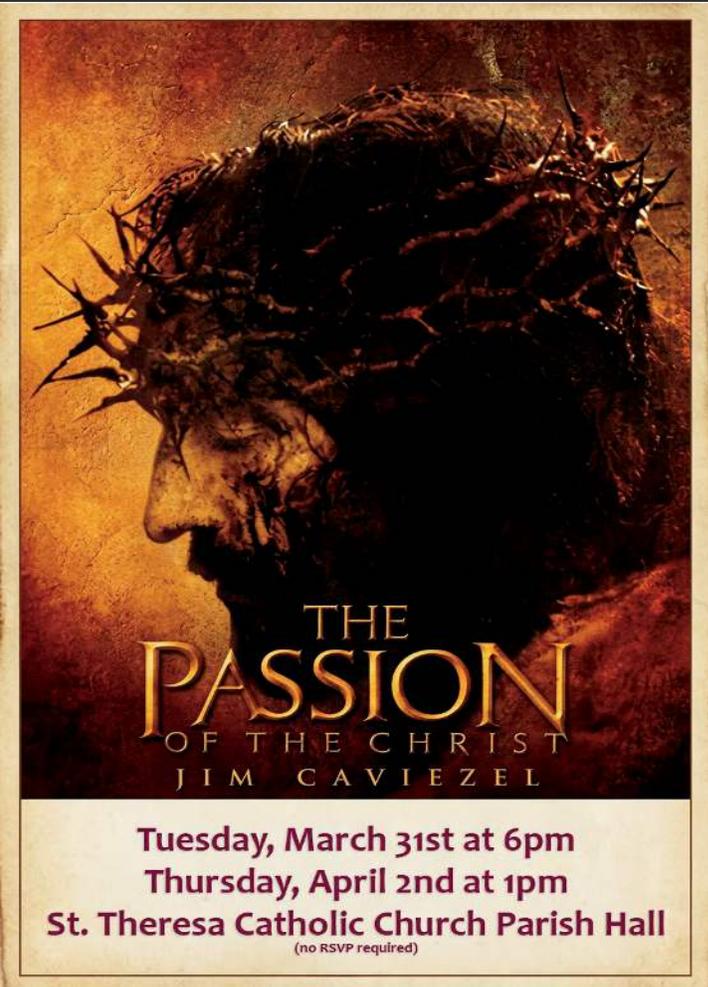
LAUNDRY MINISTRY

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 Bellevue from 10am–Noon on Tuesday's to assist.* Please contact Social Services for more information.



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

THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST
 JIM CAVIEZEL

Tuesday, March 31st at 6pm
Thursday, April 2nd at 1pm
St. Theresa Catholic Church Parish Hall
(no RSVP required)

Mel Gibson's acclaimed film portrays the **Passion of Jesus** as told in the Gospels.

This powerful and realistic depiction reminds us of the suffering our Lord endured and the sacrifice He made for the salvation of all mankind.



TITHES & OFFERINGS	
<small>GIVE UNTO THE LORD</small>	
WEEK ENDING MARCH 9, 2026	
Offertory	\$21,585.70
Project Growth (Maintenance)	\$ 2,630.50
Soup Kitchen	\$ 3,557.50
Social Services	\$ 2,978.50
Thrift Store	\$ 10,456.75



Prayer Requests

“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!”

Chuck Andrews
Weston Cunningham
Mark Czynnik
Joan DeRosa
Jimmy Evans
Colleen Furnia
Rosemarie Gurick
Margaret Hennessy
Tom Jones
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