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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.

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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

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
Mon-Thurs 8 am-4 pm
Friday 8 am-12 noon

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Daily 11 am-1 pm

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GIFT SHOP
Sat & Sun
after weekend masses

Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026

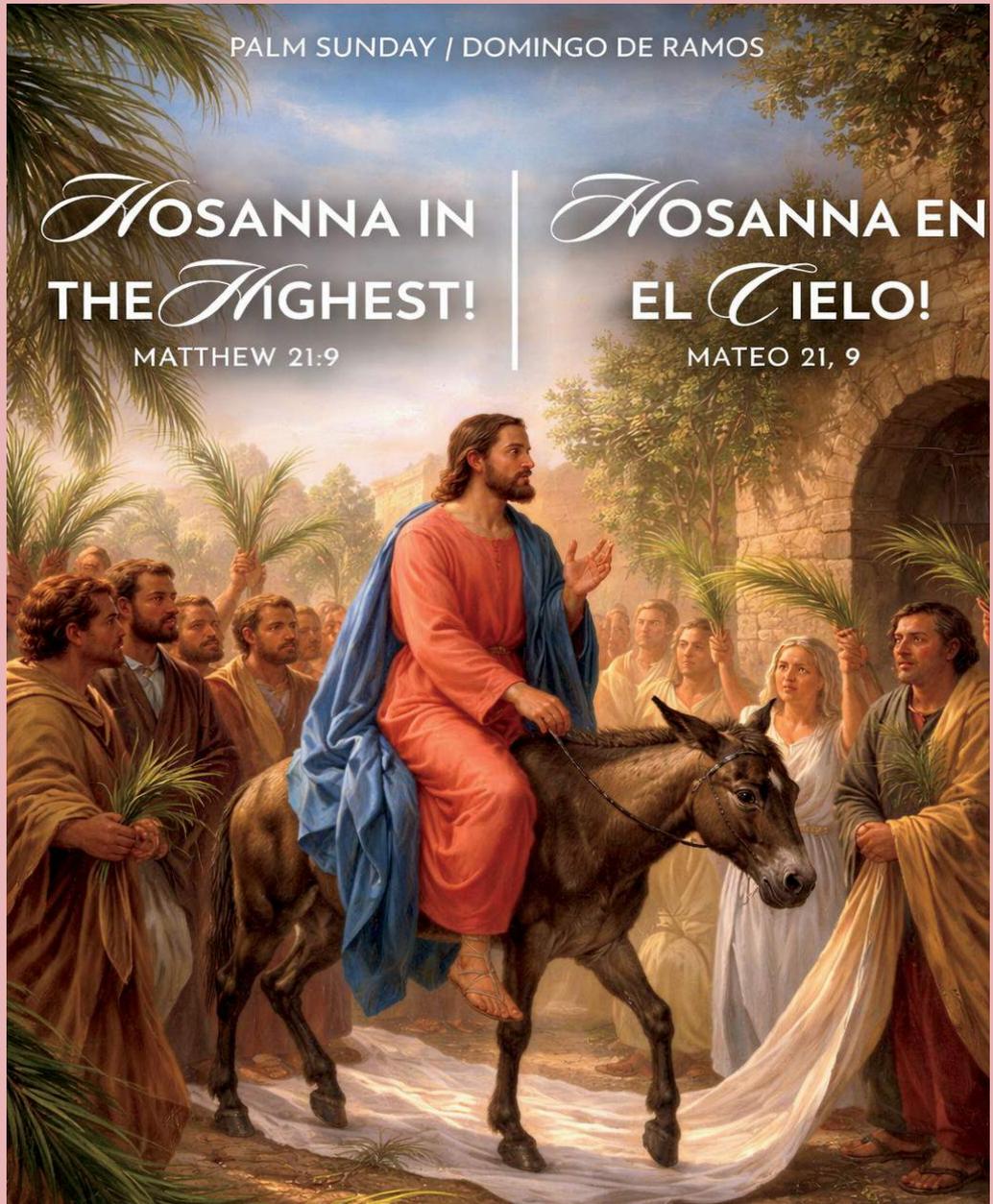
PALM SUNDAY / DOMINGO DE RAMOS

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THE HIGHEST!

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MOSANNA EN
EL CIELO!

MATEO 21, 9



ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH

<i>Mass Intentions</i>	
SATURDAY, MARCH 28	
8:30 am	† Gene Dever by Ginny Dever
4:00 pm	† Brian & Peter Tenefrancia by Bob & Maureen Tenefrancia
6:00 pm	† Rodrigo Castano by Luz Castano
PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29	
7:30 am	St. Theresa Parishioners
9:00 am	† Deita Smith by Loretta Rogers
11:00 am	† Esmeria Melo & Louis deMelo by Helen deMelo
5:00 pm	† Earl Maurice Barnett by Denisse Henriquez
MONDAY, MARCH 30	
8:30 am	† Maria Pertonia Batista Diaz by Winyfer Lora
TUESDAY, MARCH 31	
8:30 am	† Clemente Aristides Diaz by Winyfer Lora
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1	
8:30 am	† Marygrace Plano by The Plano Family
HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2	
6:00 pm	† Francis Baranek by Jane Reiter
HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4	
6:00 pm	Vigil Mass - The Newly Baptized (Special Intention)
EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5	
6:15 am	† Kevin Mahoney by Father Tom Connery
7:30 am	† Mary Mosko by Mary Jane Czyznik
9:00 am	† Rose Acito by Maria Hagan
11:00 am	† Donald Schreiner by Ruth Schreiner
1:00 pm	St. Theresa Parishioners (Special Intention)
5:00 pm	Father Tom Connery by the Parish Office Staff

<i>Upcoming Events</i>		
Date / Time	Event	Location
Lenten Saturdays	STATIONS OF THE CROSS 9am and 4pm	Church
Lenten Saturdays	STATIONS OF THE CROSS (SPANISH) 7pm	Church
March 29 12:00 pm	RCIA / OCIA	Quad
March 29 1:00 pm	Virtual Pilgrimage to the Holy Land	Parish Hall
March 31 6:00 pm	Movie: Passion of the Christ	Parish Hall
April 2 1:00 pm	Movie: Passion of the Christ	Parish Hall
April 3 Good Friday 11:30 am - 6:00 pm	Good Friday Fish Fry	Parish Hall
April 5 after 9am Mass	Easter Egg Hunt	Field

<i>Candle Intentions</i>	
	Adoration Candle † Walter Lotz by Kathy Lotz
	Sanctuary Candle † Mark Marini by Colette Marini



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.




HOLY WEEK — SCHEDULE —

+ HOLY THURSDAY +

8:30am + Morning Prayer
5:00pm-5:45pm + Confessions
6:00pm + Mass of the Lord's Supper (Bilingual)
7:30pm-9:00pm + Adoration in Hall

+ GOOD FRIDAY +

8:30am + Morning Prayer
9:00am + Stations of the Cross
12:00 + Stations at Lake Lillian
2:00pm-2:45pm + Confession
2:30pm + Divine Mercy Chant
3:00pm + Good Friday Service Lord's Passion
5:30pm + Confessions
5:30pm + Teens present the Living Stations
7:00pm + Spanish Service

+ HOLY SATURDAY +

8:30am + Morning prayer
9:00am + Confessions
11:30am + Blessing of Easter Basket
6pm + Easter Vigil (Bilingual)

+ EASTER SUNDAY +

6:15am + Sunrise Mass
Mass Times
7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am,
1:00pm (Spanish)
5:00pm

No Morning Mass: Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Saturday
Adoration Chapel closed from 5pm Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday 5am



A Message from Fr. Tom

Weekly Letter to the Parish

Rose Kennedy, a devout Catholic, would gather her nine children and recount the events of Holy Week. She would begin with Palm Sunday, telling how Jesus rode a donkey into Jerusalem, and conclude with Easter Sunday. When she finished, she asked if anyone had any questions. Little Bobby Kennedy said, "Yeah, what happened to the donkey?"

Now that is a question only a child would ask. As curious as we may be, we can't let ourselves get sidetracked from what really matters. Holy Week is the most special time of the year. We celebrate the three major events in the life of Jesus — Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and of course Easter. It is the heart of our faith. Don't get sidetracked by things that don't really matter.

On Holy Thursday, Jesus gives us His Body and Blood. Two thousand years later, we still celebrate that sacred meal at every Mass. On Good Friday, Jesus reveals how much He loved us by dying on the cross for us. Please don't treat Good Friday as any other Friday. It is a time to be more reflective and prayerful. If you can, join us for the 3:00 pm service or the Stations of the Cross. Take time to pray. Open your Bible and read the Passion of our Lord. Watch only appropriate shows on television.

Easter Sunday — join us for our glorious celebration.

Please keep the Church in prayer. On Holy Saturday we celebrate 24 baptisms. May they be great witnesses to the faith. Pray for our visitors, that they may experience the presence of Jesus. Be patient and gracious. Pray for me, that I may preach well.

May you be open to the Lord's blessings this week. Make it a good one. Make it a holy one. Then we can celebrate with great joy the new life we celebrate on Easter.

*Love and Blessings,
Fr Tom*

P.S. What should I do with my blessed palms?

According to the Code of Canon Law, blessed items are not to be discarded in a trash can, but treated with respect (cf. Canon #1171). At Mass, these palm branches were set apart by a blessing from the priest and made into a "sacramental" — an object meant to draw us closer to the celebration of the seven sacraments. Throwing them in the trash ignores their sacred purpose and treats them like any other object we no longer need. Burn them or bury them.



Un Mensaje de Padre Tom

Carta Semanal para la Parroquia

Rosa Kennedy, una devota católica, reunía a sus nueve hijos para contarles los eventos de la Semana Santa. Comenzaba con el Domingo de Ramos, relatando cómo Jesús entró a Jerusalén montado en un burro, y concluía con el Domingo de Pascua. Al terminar, preguntaba si alguien tenía alguna pregunta. El pequeño Bobby Kennedy dijo: "Sí, ¿qué pasó con el burro?"

Esa es una pregunta que solo un niño haría. Por curiosos que seamos, no podemos permitir que nos distraigan de lo que realmente importa. La Semana Santa es el tiempo más especial del año. Celebramos los tres eventos más importantes en la vida de Jesús — el Jueves Santo, el Viernes Santo y, por supuesto, la Pascua. Es el corazón de nuestra fe. No te distraigas con cosas que realmente no importan.

El Jueves Santo, Jesús nos da Su Cuerpo y Su Sangre. Dos mil años después, seguimos celebrando esa sagrada comida en cada Misa. El Viernes Santo, Jesús nos revela cuánto nos amó muriendo en la cruz por nosotros. Por favor, no trates el Viernes Santo como cualquier otro viernes. Es un tiempo para ser más reflexivos y contemplativos. Si puedes, acompáñanos al servicio de las 3:00 pm o al Vía Crucis. Tómate un tiempo para orar. Abre tu Biblia y lee la Pasión de Nuestro Señor. Ve solo programas apropiados en televisión.

El Domingo de Pascua — acompáñanos en nuestra gloriosa celebración.

Por favor, mantengan a la Iglesia en oración. El Sábado Santo celebramos 24 bautismos. Que sean grandes testigos de la fe. Ora por nuestros visitantes, para que puedan experimentar la presencia de Jesús. Sé paciente y generoso. Ora por mí, para que pueda predicar bien.

Que estés abierto a las bendiciones del Señor esta semana.
Que sea una buena semana. Que sea una semana santa.
Así podremos celebrar con gran alegría la nueva vida que celebramos en la Pascua.

*Amor y bendiciones!
Padre Tom*

P.D. ¿Qué debo hacer con mis palmas bendecidas?

Según el Código de Derecho Canónico, los objetos bendecidos no deben desecharse en un basurero, sino tratarse con respeto (cf. Canon #1171). En la Misa, estas ramas de palma fueron consagradas mediante la bendición del sacerdote y se convirtieron en un "sacramental" — un objeto destinado a acercarnos a la celebración de los siete sacramentos. Tirarlas a la basura ignora su propósito sagrado y las trata como cualquier otro objeto que ya no necesitamos. Quémalas o entiérralas.



EASTER SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

6:15am Sunrise Mass
(bring your own chair)

9:00am, 11:00am, 1:00pm (Spanish), 5:00pm
Prefer to sit outside? Watch on the outdoor screen
(a minister will bring you Communion)

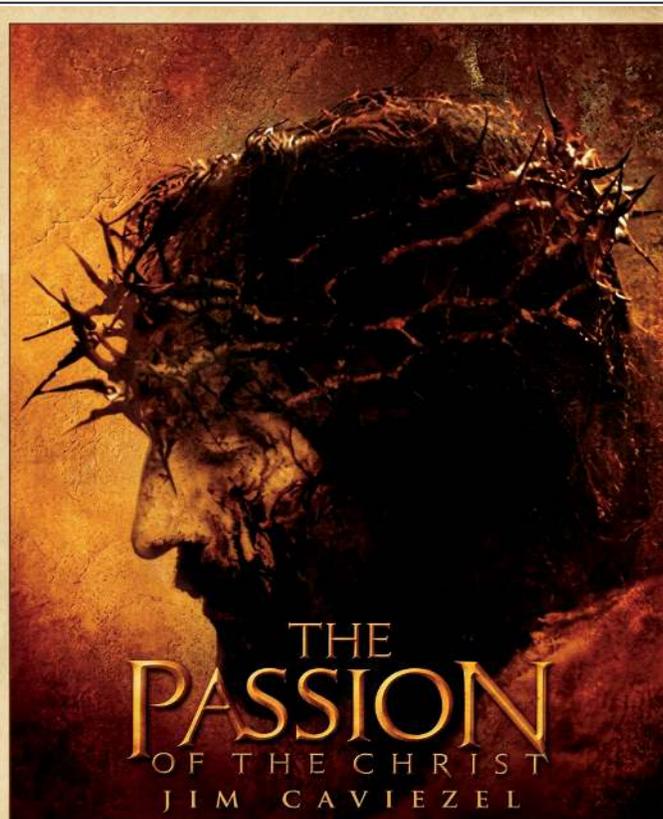
During Mass:

Easter Bonnet Parade at 9am & 11am
(wear your bonnet and prance down the aisle)

Bring fresh flowers to decorate the outdoor cross

Following the 9am Mass:

- Dance Your Shoes Off
(bring a new pair of shoes, leave them in front of the church)
- Fr Tom says: *"If I can, you can!"*
- Egg Hunt
- Photo with the Easter Bunny
- Tim's Train Ride
- Games, food & drinks



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



EASTER EGG HUNT

Next Sunday - April 5th
(after 9am Mass)



Lenten Practice of the Week

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

Remember when...

...we remained until the final blessing? I know parking is a hassle. ...and getting out of the lot can be more so. But the "early bird" does not last forever. Having just received Holy Communion, we should spend those sacred moments talking to Jesus. That is where the blessing happens.



SAVE THE DATE

PICNIC
10th ANNIVERSARY

PLEASE RSVP
Call Parish Office
(352) 245-2458

Sunday, April 19th | 12:00 PM Don Bosco Park
Fun, Food & Fellowship to Celebrate 10 Wonderful Years

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.

- Protein Shakes
- Canned Soup (pop-top)
- Canned meat all types
- Nutritional bars
- Electrolyte Drinks
- Small bottled water

Thank you for your continued support!

VOLUNTEER NEEDED ASAP

Pickup drivers are needed to leave from the Church and travel to two Publix locations (Bellevue & Villages) to load/unload the van with donated breads, sweets and produce. This is a substitute role needed once per week.

THANK YOU!



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Donations may also be dropped off at the Social Services Office, weekdays 9am - 1pm.

Please contact Social Services for more information:
(352) 245-1359

TITHES & OFFERINGS	
WEEK ENDING MARCH 22, 2026	
Offertory	\$ 15,098.50
Project Growth (Maintenance)	\$ 2,498.50
Soup Kitchen	\$ 19,929.25
Social Services	\$ 14,551.25
Thrift Store	\$ 9,512.12



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
Marc Czynnik
Colleen Furnia
Rosemarie Gurick
Margaret Hennessy
Tom Jones
Marge Kenney
Mary Jane Coss
Deanette LaClair

Matthew Lyons
Kim Markey
Tom Mizerek
Peggie Munson
Tom Peebles
Rose Ross
Arlene Villa
Father David Vivero
Kathy & Randy Winker
Stephen Zammett

Welcome to our New Parishioners

- Debra Briggs
- Adelina and Christopher Smith
- Mary and Richard Ferguso
- Timothy Kunz



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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

Our 2026 Catholic Appeal Goal is **\$175,239**. Since our launch, we've received donations or pledges totaling **\$109,942** from 220 families (15.9%). Thank you to all who have donated and pledged. We still have a ways to go. Please continue to pray on it. No donation is too small or too large.



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