



St. Theresa

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Welcome! ¡Bienvenidos!

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Pastor: **Father Tom Connery** Website: www.mystcc.org

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

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Mon-Sat 9 am-2:30 pm

GIFT SHOP

Sat & Sun
after weekend masses

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 26, 2026



THEY RECOGNIZE
HIS VOICE

ELLAS CONOCEN
SU VOZ

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

4^º DOMINGO DE PASCUA

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

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026

8:30 am † **Lorraine Therrien** by Janet Kirst

4:00 pm † **Dave Reiter** by Jane Reiter

6:00 pm † **St. Theresa Parishioners**

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026

7:30 am † **Jane Oelstrom** by Neil Oelstrom

9:00 am **Helen Yard** (Special Intention) by John Nowak

11:00 am † **Grayce Lovas** by Prudence & John Olsen

5:00 pm **Nicholas Frank** (Special Intention) by Elizabeth Nieves

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026

8:30 am **Alice Reiter** (Special Intention) by Jane Reiter

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026

8:30 am † **Joseph Juliano Sr.** by Bernadette Juliano

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2026

8:30 am **Silas Knapp** (Special Intention) by Peter & Londa Knapp

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2026

8:30 am † **Vita Montalto** by Loretta Montalto

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026

8:30 am **Robert Pfeiffer** (Special Intention) by Elizabeth Nieves

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026

8:30 am **Keith Byers** (Special Intention) by Elizabeth Nieves

4:00 pm † **Deceased Members of K of C Counsel 8012 & Assembly 2068** by K of C Counsel 8012 & Assembly 2068

6:00 pm † **St. Theresa Parishioners**

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

7:30 am † **Francesca and Salvatore Lucia** by June & Carl Rylander

9:00 am † **Louis Fossaceca** by Antoinette Fossaceca

11:00 am † **Robert & Jamie Lafontaine** by Roland & Sandra

Candle Intentions



Adoration Candle
† Timothy Perrier
by Rosemarie Perrier



Upcoming Events

| Date / Time | Event | Location |
|-------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Sun, April 26 10am - 4pm | Illumination Station | Class Quads & Youth House |
| Tues, April 28 4:30- 8pm | Pasta Faire Social Services fundraiser | Pasta Faire |
| Wed, April 29 2-4pm | Grief Share | Class Quads |
| Fri, May 1 6:30pm | Sacred Heart Mass | Church |
| Sat, May 2 8:30am - 5pm | First Communion Retreat | Various |
| Sun, May 3 9am | First Holy Communion | Church |
| Sun, May 3 11am - 12pm | Baptism Prep Class | Library |
| Thurs, May 7 5:30 - 8:30pm | ALPHA | Parish Hall |
| Sat, May 9 6pm | Spanish Ministry Dinner | Parish Hall |

Funeral Mass

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| Sat, May 23 10am | Greg Bassett |
| Sat, June 20 10am | Frances Ellen Rubenstein (Haggar) |

Please know...

April 26 is our **last 5:00pm** Sunday Mass until fall.

And **beginning Sunday, June 7**
the 7:30am Sunday Mass will move to **7:00am.**

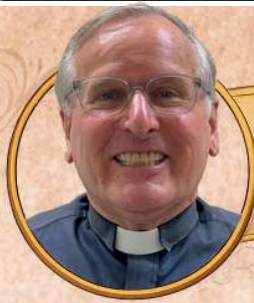
Please mark your calendars!



The Pope's Prayer Intention for April:

For Priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.



A Message from Fr. Tom

Un Mensaje de Padre Tom

Looking back over Lent, I was thinking about Lenten penance services. Not so much here but at the larger parishes. Blessed Trinity was the last one on our tour, the Monday before Easter. I have my usual spot to hear confessions; you can find me up by the choir section. I have been sitting there for the last eight years. I am a creature of habit. Hey, you have your favorite pew; I have my favorite confessional chair.

Waiting for my next penitent, a woman struggles up the steps to begin her confession. As she climbs up, I whisper to her, "You should have gone to another priest." I offer that advice to save her from the effort (there are quite a few priests on level ground). Hoping to convince her, I inform her that "I am not a good confessor." I don't know how one determines that, but as I look at the other priests, they seem to be in deeper conversation. I suppose that they are offering life-changing advice. Me, I just whisper, "Say one Our Father...and maybe throw in a Hail Mary." Just as she is about to sit down, she replies "I wanted to go to confession with you." Me? Who knew.

You don't have to be the best. I still think my fellow priests are better confessors. Sitting still for a length of time challenges me. Yet, to this one woman, I was her preference. We sometimes refrain from volunteering because we believe that there are many others better than ourselves, so we don't offer our services. We don't join choir, lector, or serve in other capacities because we fall short of our imaginary qualification. No doubt others will be better, but maybe just maybe, God has you in mind to affect this one, particular person.

Don't get caught up in your qualifications. One of the most important qualifications is availability. Availability is the best ability. Go where God leads you. Someone out there needs you.

*Love and Blessings,
Father Tom*

Al reflexionar sobre la Cuaresma, pensaba en los servicios penitenciales propios de este tiempo. No tanto aquí, en nuestra parroquia, sino en las parroquias más grandes. *Blessed Trinity* fue la última parada de nuestro recorrido, el lunes anterior a la Pascua. Tengo mi sitio habitual para escuchar confesiones; pueden encontrarme arriba, cerca de la sección del coro. Llevo sentado allí los últimos ocho años. Soy un hombre de costumbres. Oigan, ustedes tienen su banco favorito; yo tengo mi silla de confesor favorita.

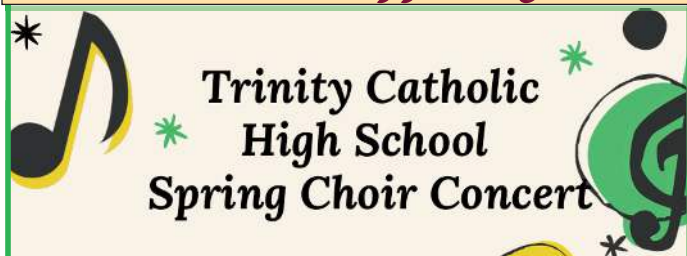
Mientras espero a mi siguiente penitente, una mujer sube con dificultad los escalones para comenzar su confesión. A medida que asciende, le susurro: «Debería haber ido con otro sacerdote». Le ofrezco ese consejo para ahorrarle el esfuerzo (hay bastantes sacerdotes en la zona llana). Con la esperanza de convencerla, le advierto: «No soy un buen confesor». No sé muy bien cómo se determina eso, pero al observar a los otros sacerdotes, parece que mantienen conversaciones mucho más profundas. Supongo que ellos están ofreciendo consejos capaces de cambiar vidas. Yo, por mi parte, solo susurro: «Rece un Padrenuestro... y tal vez añada un Avemaría». Justo cuando ella está a punto de sentarse, me responde: «Yo quería confesarme con usted». ¿Conmigo? ¡Quién lo hubiera dicho!

No hace falta ser el mejor. Sigo pensando que mis hermanos sacerdotes son mejores confesores. Permanecer sentado e inmóvil durante un tiempo prolongado supone un desafío para mí. Y, sin embargo, para esta mujer en particular, yo era su elección preferida. A veces nos abstenemos de ofrecernos voluntarios porque creemos que hay muchos otros mejores que nosotros, y por eso no ofrecemos nuestros servicios. No nos unimos al coro, ni ejercemos de lectores, ni servimos en otras funciones, porque sentimos que no damos la talla según nuestros propios criterios imaginarios. Sin duda habrá otros que lo hagan mejor, pero tal vez —solo tal vez— Dios te tiene a ti en mente para influir en esa persona concreta.

No te obsesiones con tus propias cualificaciones. Una de las cualidades más importantes es la disponibilidad. La disponibilidad es la mejor de las capacidades. Ve a donde Dios te guíe. Alguien, allá afuera, te necesita.

*Con amor y bendiciones,
Padre Tom*

What's Happening



**Trinity Catholic
High School
Spring Choir Concert**

**Monday, May 4th
5pm**

St. Theresa Catholic Church

All are welcome!



Discover More To Life

Many of us have asked ourselves the question, "Is there more to life than this?" We are busy with family and friends, work and recreation, and attend church. But there still seems something is missing. An empty space. A void. A hunger.

Alpha is a place to join with other people who are asking similar questions, exploring the meaning of life and faith. Join us for dinner, a short video, group discussion, and together discover that There *IS* More To Life.

Come and See ... at ALPHA

**Thursday, May 7, 5:30 p.m.
St. Theresa Parish Hall**

For information, contact Blair Learn
(609) 513-4320 or BlairW.Learn@verizon.net

Register by calling the Parish Office



**GIFTS OF
THE SPIRIT**



Father Jim will share:

- Scripture
- The Fruit of the Spirit
- Practical ways to live each gift

**Monday, May 11th
10:30am to Noon
Parish Hall**

Bring your Catholic Bible and
notebook

Please register by calling
the Parish Office

All Are Welcome

Reach out to others!

Ongoing prayer life!

Sunday worship!

Engage in a Small Group!

Serve and Share!



**Eucharistic
Mission of Love**

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
5323 E CR 462, Wildwood, FL 34785

Friday, May 15 or Saturday, May 16

— Choose either day to attend —

Register Online: svdpcc.eventbrite.com

Questions:

Agenda available at sumtercatholic.org (Parish News) Peter Birkhead | (713) 819-1980 | peterbirkhead@gmail.com

Join us for a day of reflection centered on
Jesus truly present in the Blessed

- ✚ Holy Mass
- ✚ Eucharistic Adoration
- ✚ Inspiring Talks
- ✚ Prayer & Fellowship
- ✚ Complimentary Lunch & Refreshments

Featured Speaker: **Steve Lovison**

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through devotion and reparation.



Our Parish Life

*Blessings on Baby Dylan!
Baptized April 18, 2026
Praise God!*



Perpetual Adoration

Thank you to those who are responding to this call!
We encourage individuals and families to commit one hour each week. The following hours need to be filled:
Mondays: 8am, 7pm-3am
Tuesdays: 8pm, 10pm-2am
Wednesdays: 6am, 10pm-3am
Thursdays: 6am, 6pm, 10pm-3am
Fridays: 9pm-2am
Saturdays: 8am, 7pm-3am
Sundays: 7am, 5pm, 6pm, 10pm-5am
We also need substitutes for hours already filled.
Please consider spending an hour with the Lord.
Call Nancy at (941) 518-2194

“Cleanliness is next to Godliness.”



*If you have a knack for keeping things tidy and clean, please join the **Cleaning Angels** on **Thursdays** at 9:30am. Together, we clean the church in just **2 hours!***



Call Marie at (352) 812-4752.



Special thanks to Jim Lasichak and the Knights of Columbus for hosting another successful Fish Fry during our Lenten Season!

And thanks to our parishioners and your hearty appetites, we raised **\$3653** benefiting our Youth Ministry!



“The Home of Saint Theresa” is comprised of 422 plaques (1”x3”) used to memorialize deceased loved ones, honor family and friends, or to display a favorite Bible verse. Located opposite “The Tree of Life” in the church, **The Ladies Guild** invites you to purchase a plaque. All proceeds go towards beautifying our campus.



Each plaque has three lines with a maximum of 18 characters per line: **Silver \$250 / Bronze \$200**

For more information or to purchase a plaque, stop by the Parish Office.

Roses from Heaven Gift Shop

Need to pick up a gift for someone? Do you need some “retail therapy”? Or, perhaps, would just like to “window shop”?

Our Gift Shop has a wonderful selection of unique and thoughtful gifts to celebrate the Sacraments, a birthday, an anniversary, or “just because.”

Gift Shop Hours: Saturdays 3:30-5:30pm and Sundays 8:30am-12:30pm

Our **Parish Finance Council**, chaired by Tom Mizerek, will be starting its new two-year membership cycle in May. We have two seats available. **If you have a finance background and would be interested in joining the council,** please email faye@mystcc.org. Thank you!

Our Social Services



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Tuesday April 28th - 4:30pm - 8:00pm
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Sponsor a Meal "In Lieu of Flowers" to honor Your Loved One's

- * Passing
- * Special birthday
- * Milestone anniversary
- * Other significant event

Our daily Soup Kitchen meal is a *simple act of kindness done with great love.* Your "In Lieu of Flowers" sponsorship feeds the needy while honoring your loved one! Your family *and* your loved one will be personally recognized on the "In Lieu of Flowers" easel on the day of your celebration.

To learn more and to sponsor a meal, please contact Rosemary Werner at (352) 433-1850 or Eric at (352) 245-1359. You can also stop by the Soup Kitchen to complete a form.

Our Food Pantry is in need of the following:

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

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 Mon-Fri 9am to 12noon.

Thank you for your continued support!

Our Laundry Ministry help guests cover the cost of washing and drying their clothes.

Drop quarters and dollar bills in the offertory baskets in an envelope marked "Laundry Ministry"

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

Please contact Social Services for more information:

(352) 245-1359

Helping beyond our borders

The situation in Cuba is critical: no fuel, long power outages, lack of food and medicine. **Mission Circle Inc.** can no longer travel there to bring supplies, however, we have found a reasonably priced shipping option. **We are asking for your help by bringing any of the food items to the Parish Office thru May 2/3:**

- powdered milk
- hot chocolate packets
- Unflavored/flavored gelatin
- Dried red beans
- rice
- Summer sausage
- dry soup packets
- packets of tuna &/or chicken
- Sazón seasoning
- dried eggs (Amazon)
- ramen noodles
- macaroni and cheese
- wholewheat pasta
- oatmeal packets
- bags of wrapped candy
- Insect repellent pump
- bath soap bars
- toothpaste

TITHES & OFFERINGS

GIVE UNTO THE LORD

As of April 20, 2026

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|------------------------------|--------------|
| Offertory | \$ 16,597.50 |
| Project Growth (Maintenance) | \$ 2,604.50 |
| Soup Kitchen | \$ 31,975.50 |
| Social Services | \$ 2,626.49 |
| Thrift Store | \$ 8,687.75 |



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!"

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| Chuck Andrews | Matthew Lyons |
| Christine Bogus | Kim Markey |
| Mary Jane Coss | MaryAnn Miller |
| Weston Cunningham | Tom Mizerek |
| Marc Czynik | Peggie Munson |
| Colleen Furnia | Beth Pearce |
| Alex Gratz | Tom Peeples |
| Ken & Diana Grimes | Loretta Rogers |
| Rosemarie Gurick | Rose Ross |
| Margaret Hennessy | Father David Vivero |
| Tom Jones | Stephen Zammett |
| Marge Kenney | |

Welcome to our New Parishioners

- Margaret Mary McCurdy
- José Rubio, Esmeralda Hernandez & their children, Leilani and Lorelei Rubio



Our Catholic Appeal

Your Gift Makes a Difference

Our Catholic Appeal supports Sacramental Preparation Ministry. The sacraments are efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us. The sacramental preparation process helps an individual become more open to God's action through the sacrament, understand the unique signs present in its celebration, and bear its fruit in the world.

2024-2025 Statistics

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| 4,478 Baptized | 4,685 Students confirmed | 957 Couples married |
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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.**

We have collected **\$105,739** of \$134,887 pledged!
Still Need: **\$69,500**
Participation Percentage: 19.1%

Thank you to all who have given generously!

Please continue to pray on how you can help with this parish-wide collective effort.

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