



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,
Demonstrate radical hospitality, and
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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

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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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 17, 2026



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

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026

8:30 am	† Gonzalo Lebron by Francheska Vazquez
4:00 pm	† Don Stipanic by PJ Stipanic
6:00 pm	† Gonzalo Lebron by Francheska Vazquez

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026

7:30 am	† Steve Bairstow by Marie Bairstow
9:00 am	St. Theresa Parishioners
11:00 am	† Donald Pellegrino by Your friend, Teresa

MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026

8:30 am	† Ralph Sebexen by Dianne Almond
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TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026

8:30 am	† Sam Spiese by Nannette Halliwell
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026

8:30 am	† Giuseppe Mignosa by Mary Mignosa
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THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026

8:30 am	† Bob Howey by Arlene McKay
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FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2026

8:30 am	† Al Lee by Arlene McKay
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SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026

8:30 am	† Karen Kaiser by Dianne Almond
4:00 pm	† William Grafer by Gretchen & Kale
6:00 pm	St. Theresa Parishioners


SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026

7:30 am	† Paul A. Usrey by Dot Usrey
9:00 am	† Helen Nowak by John Nowak
11:00 am	† Erlinda M. Patricio by Teresita M. Patricio

Candle Intentions

ADORATION CANDLE May 1 thru 31	† Bruce MacKenzie by Irene MacKenzie
SANCTUARY CANDLE May 16 thru 22	† Florence Taft by Cheryl Tette

Upcoming Events

Date / Time	Event	Location
Sat, May 16 6pm	Spanish First Holy Communion	Church
Sun, May 17 12 noon	Welcome Home Luncheon	Parish Hall
Thurs, May 21 5:30-8:30pm	 Alpha	Parish Hall
Tues, May 26 9am	Carmelites	Quads
Thurs, May 28 10am	Corpus Christi Planning Committee Meeting	Quads
Thurs, May 28 5:30-8:30pm	 Alpha	Parish Hall
Fri, May 29 9am	Youth Altar Server Training	Church

Funeral Mass

Mon, May 18 10am	Tom Peebles
Sat, May 23 10am	Greg Bassett
Sat, June 20 10am	Frances Ellen Rubenstein (Haggan)

This weekend's Special Collection



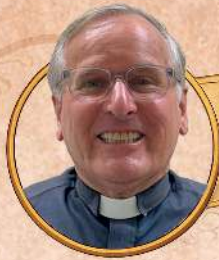
May 16 and 17

**A Message of Hope,
a Mission of Love**

Celebrating **Father Jim Torpey** and **Father Tom Connery**
on their **43rd Anniversary** of their Priestly Ordination!

Thank you, Father Jim and Father Tom, for the countless blessings you provide us.
Your priesthood has been a gift to many throughout the years and may it continue to bear much fruit.

"Over you I will appoint shepherds after my own heart, and they will direct you with knowledge and understanding." ~Jeremiah 3:15



A Message from Fr. Tom
Un Mensaje de Padre Tom

This is the full list of the best cities in the United States for nightlife, according to *Gambulls*:

1. New Orleans, Louisiana
2. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
3. Las Vegas, Nevada
4. Columbus, Ohio
5. Raleigh, North Carolina
6. Portland, Oregon
7. Denver, Colorado
8. Milwaukee, Wisconsin
9. Salt Lake City, Utah
10. Orlando, Florida

I know; you are just as shocked as I am that Belleview did not make the list. I demand a recall! This list had its own criteria: safety, the total number of bars per 100,000 people, the bars' closing time, the average drink cost, and the quality of music and other entertainment there.

I guess that eliminates us, but I still refuse to give in. I still believe that we have the best offerings. It may not be as flashy as other "nightclubs," but what it has can't be matched. It is very safe, peaceful, and never too crowded. The hours are fantastic, it never closes. The price is right: totally free. Above all, night after night, we have the best entertainment: *you get to spend quality time with Jesus.* Our Adoration Chapel!

I have not given up the dream and hope in having a 24-hour adoration chapel. Let's start by filling in one night at a time. Let's choose Wednesday night into Thursday. This is very possible. I am counting on the men to help us with the late hours. Greater the sacrifice, greater the blessing. We will need at least two per hour. Call the office and fill in a spot. We may not make *Gambulls'* list, but we will be on God's top ten.

Don't wait. Call the office. Who knows, we may have so many requests that we will have enough to fill in an additional night! God's blessings await you.

Love and Blessings,
Father Tom

P.S. - Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. I have a request. What if, during the Gospel *Alleluia* we were to raise our hands during the *Alleluia*? I know it may be a stretch for some, but it would be great for Pentecost. If you are not comfortable and rather not, I understand; but for those who can, *thank you.*

Esta es la lista completa de las mejores ciudades de los Estados Unidos para la vida nocturna, según *Gambulls*:

1. Nueva Orleans, Luisiana
2. Pittsburgh, Pensilvania
3. Las Vegas, Nevada
4. Columbus, Ohio
5. Raleigh, Carolina del Norte
6. Portland, Oregón
7. Denver, Colorado
8. Milwaukee, Wisconsin
9. Salt Lake City, Utah
10. Orlando, Florida

Lo sé; usted está tan sorprendido como yo de que Belleview no haya entrado en la lista. ¡Exijo una revisión! Esta lista se basó en sus propios criterios: seguridad, el número total de bares por cada 100.000 habitantes, la hora de cierre de los bares, el costo promedio de las bebidas y la calidad de la música y otros entretenimientos disponibles.

Supongo que eso nos deja fuera, pero aun así me niego a rendirme. Sigo creyendo que nosotros tenemos la mejor oferta. Puede que no sea tan ostentosa como la de otros "clubes nocturnos", pero lo que ofrece es inigualable. Es un lugar muy seguro, apacible y nunca está demasiado abarrotado. El horario es fantástico: ¡nunca cierra! El precio es justo: totalmente gratuito. Y, por encima de todo, noche tras noche, contamos con el mejor entretenimiento: la oportunidad de pasar un tiempo de calidad con Jesús. ¡Nuestra Capilla de Adoración!

No he renunciado al sueño ni a la esperanza de tener una capilla de adoración perpetua (las 24 horas). Comencemos cubriendo una noche a la vez. Elijamos la noche del miércoles al jueves. Esto es totalmente posible. Cuento con los hombres para que nos ayuden a cubrir las horas de la madrugada. Cuanto mayor sea el sacrificio, mayor será la bendición. Necesitaremos al menos a dos personas por hora. Llamen a la oficina y reserven un horario. Tal vez no entremos en la lista de *Gambulls*, pero estaremos en el *top ten* de Dios.

No espere más. Llame a la oficina. ¡Quién sabe! Tal vez recibamos tantas solicitudes que logremos reunir a las personas suficientes para cubrir una noche adicional. Las bendiciones de Dios le esperan.

Con amor y bendiciones,
Padre Tom

P.D - El próximo domingo es Domingo de Pentecostés. Tengo una petición: ¿qué tal si, durante el Aleluya del Evangelio, levantamos las manos al cielo? Sé que para algunos esto podría resultar un poco inusual, pero sería un gesto maravilloso para celebrar Pentecostés. Si no se siente cómodo o prefiere no hacerlo, lo entiendo perfectamente; pero a aquellos que puedan y quieran hacerlo, les doy las gracias de antemano.

What's Happening

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEEDS YOU



We are offering Vacation Bible School from July 27-31 (3y-10y) and Aug 3-7 (11y-17y) and need volunteers! If you'd like to make lunch, donate snacks, and/or help out in the daily activities, please stop by or call the Parish Office.



Our **Photo Gallery** on our parish website (www.mystcc.org) has been updated with recent pictures. You can find them on our main page under *What's Happening* or under *About Us* > *Photo Gallery*. We enjoy reliving moments through photos!



M.O.S.T (Men of St. Theresa) Group

We meet at 6:00 pm on the **2nd** Monday of the month in the Quad (classrooms) and on the **4th** Monday in the Parish Hall. New members are welcome.

Call the Parish Office to RSVP.



St. Thérèse Lay Carmelite Community

The Lay Carmelite Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary are lay people responding to the call of God to live in His presence by following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, living according to the examples of our Blessed Mother and the Carmelite Saints.

Join us on the **4th Tuesday** of each month at **9:00am** in the Quads. If you are interested in finding our more about the Lay Carmelite Community, please stop by or call the Parish Office.

A **Grief Share** Group began on **Wednesday, May 6** at 2:00 pm. *You can join at any time.*

When a loved one dies, it can feel like you are all alone and that few people understand how painful and isolating this can be.



At **Grief Share**, you can find a safe, comforting place where you can talk with others about your grief. You'll find support, direction, and guidance on how you can make it through your grief.

For more information, contact **Deacon Dan Pallo** at **630-453-7521** or deacondan2007@gmail.com. Also visit the Grief Share website at griefshare.org to get more information and register. We hope you'll come and join us.

Come join us for the **Eucharistic Procession for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi** on **Sunday, June 2**



at 12:15pm at **Lake Lillian**. This liturgical solemnity honors the Eucharist, reminding all to recognize that it is the True Presence: the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ.

In the Eucharistic Procession, the missionary aspect of the Eucharist is emphasized; not only gazing upon our Eucharistic Lord, we walk with Him, experiencing what the disciples did 2000 years ago, proclaiming the Good News to the world as they walked with Jesus.

By this public witness of faith, we invite people in the community to encounter the Risen Lord present in the Eucharistic Host. For those who participate, it is an opportunity to not only proclaim their faith, but also to grow in their faith—an invitation to Jesus Himself to be a part of our daily lives.

Our Parish Life

Perpetual Adoration

Find REST at the Adoration Chapel!

Retreat; Enter in the presence of Christ; Sanctify this time with Him and for Him; Trust in His guidance.

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, 12-3am
- Thursdays: 6am, 6pm, 10pm-3am
- Fridays: 4pm, 9pm-2am
- Saturdays: 10am, 7pm-3am
- Sundays: 7am, 6pm, 7pm, 10pm-5am

We also need substitutes for hours already filled. Please consider spending an hour with the Lord. Call Nancy at (941) 518-2194



*Blessings upon Baby Lydía
baptized May 10, 2026*



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Reach out to others!

Ongoing prayer life!

Sunday worship!

Engage in a Small Group!

Serve and Share!



Stewardship Opportunities / Oportunidades de Servicio

The gift of your time and talent would be greatly appreciated! Below is a list of stewardship opportunities that can be mutually enriching for our faith community and your spiritual journey.

Please stop by the Parish Office or call 352-245-2458 if you are interested in volunteering.

Church / Iglesia

- Altar servers / Acólitos (Monaguillos)
- Church Cleaners
- Screen team / Equipo de proyección
- Ushers / Ujieres

Circle of Love – ministers to families who have lost loved ones.

- Funeral luncheons
- Sunday coffee hour

Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion / Ministros de la Sagrada Comunión

- Ministers to the sick and homebound / Ministros para los enfermos y personas impedidas
- Eucharistic Ministers / Ministros de la Eucaristía

¡Agradeceríamos enormemente el regalo de su tiempo y talento! A continuación, encontrará una lista de oportunidades de servicio que pueden resultar mutuamente enriquecedoras tanto para nuestra comunidad de fe como para su propio camino espiritual.

Por favor, acérquese a la Oficina Parroquial o llame al 352-245-2458 si está interesado en ser voluntario.

Food Pantry/Soup Kitchen / Despensa de alimentos/Comedor Social

- Soup kitchen servers / Servidores del comedor social
- Food Pantry stockers / Encargados de la despensa
- Unloaders Encargados de descarga

Thrift Store / Tienda de Segunda Mano

- Cashiers / Cajeros
- Sorters / Clasificadores

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Our Social Services

Our Food Pantry is in need of the following:

- Sweet tea (gallon jugs)
- Protein Shakes
- Canned meat all types
- Canned Soup
- Nutritional bars
- Electrolyte Drinks
- 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!



Thank you, St. Theresa Parishioners! Your support in May was fantastic!

The situation in Cuba remains critical: no fuel, long power outages, lack of food and medicine. While we can no longer travel there, we have found a reasonable shipping option that enables us to continue providing support. We are collecting for our June shipment the following items:



Please bring items to the Parish Office thru Fri, June 5.

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

With thanks, your friends at **Mission Circle Inc.**



“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.

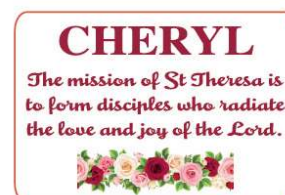
HELLO! My Name is...

We are pleased to share that all parishioners can purchase their own name badge! These can replace the stickers we have traditionally used on **Name Badge Sundays**. Feel free to wear them every Sunday and anytime you are on parish grounds. Knowing each other’s first names builds connection and relationships.

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 or scan this QR code. Be sure to indicate which badge you are ordering!

TITHES & OFFERINGS

GIVE UNTO THE LORD

As of May 11, 2026

Offertory	\$ 15,107.50
Project Growth (Maintenance)	\$ 1,905.50
Soup Kitchen	\$ 4,528.50
Social Services	\$ 5,508.50
Thrift Store	\$ 9,126.50



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 | Sandra LaFontaine |
| Paul Antonelli | Matthew Lyons |
| Christine Bogus | Kim Markey |
| Mary Jane Coss | MaryAnn Miller |
| Weston Cunningham | Tom Mizerek |
| Marc Czyznik | Peggie Munson |
| Ron Czyznik | Beth Pearce |
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Our Catholic Appeal

Your Gift Makes a Difference

Our Catholic Appeal helps promote, support and educate about the Church's pastoral needs and concerns for the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life within culturally diverse communities across Central Florida.

2024-2025 Statistics



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

Welcome to our New Parishioners

- Claude & Michelle Sand
- Kathleen Walter

Our 2026 Catholic Appeal Goal is **\$175,239**.

We have collected **\$120,179** of \$151,002 pledged!
 Still Need: **\$55,060**
 Participation Percentage: 20.2%

Thank you to 279 families who have responded to our appeal. We still have a ways to go!

Please continue to pray on how you can help; there is no donation too small. Help us and our diocese continue to spread our Catholic faith to God's family throughout the world.

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