



# 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  
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

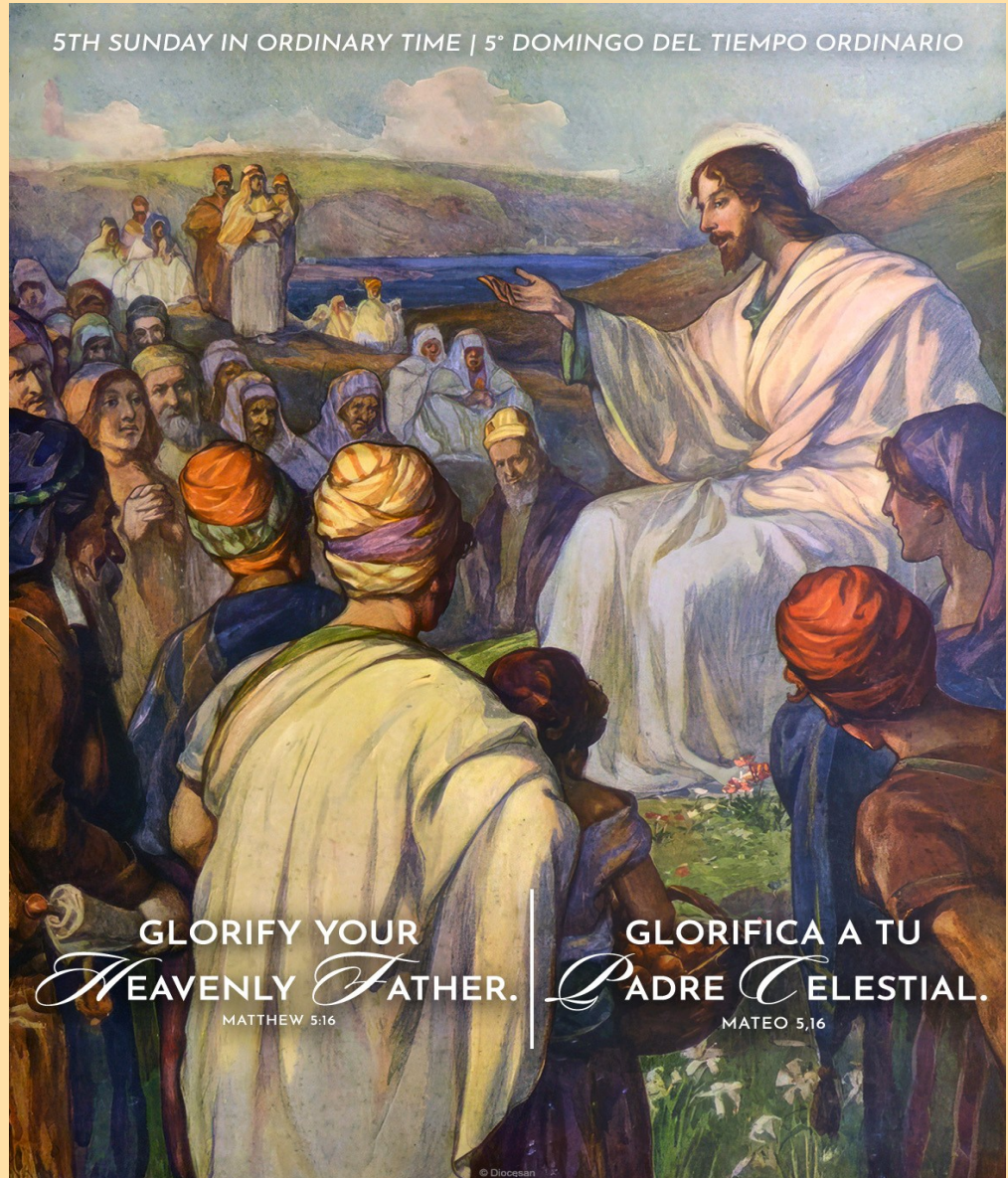
**SOCIAL SERVICES OFFICE**  
(352) 245-1359  
Mon-Fri 9 am-1pm

**THRIFT STORE**  
(352) 245-0650  
Mon-Sat 9 am-2:30 pm

**GIFT SHOP**  
Sat & Sun  
after weekend masses

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Feb 8, 2026**



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

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH



SAT, Feb 7	FOR	REQUESTED BY
8:30 am	+ Norman Boroch	Mary Jane Coss
4:00 pm	Deceased Members of K of C Counsel 8012 &	Knights of Columbus
6:00 pm (Español)	St. Theresa Parishioners	
SUN, Feb 8	FOR	REQUESTED BY
7:30 am	+ Bill Thompson <i>Special Intention:</i> Boy Scouts of America	Florence Thompson Chris Standish
9:00 am	<i>Special Intention:</i> Maria & Joe Hagan	Bethany Rivera
11:00 am	+ Claire Sardisco	Margaret Ippolito & Michael Lison
5:00 pm	St. Theresa Parishioners	
MON, Feb 9	FOR	REQUESTED BY
8:30 am	+ Joseph Pugliese	Prudence & John Olsen
TUES, Feb 10	FOR	REQUESTED BY
8:30 am	+ Glenn Anderson	Joan Meyrick
WED, Feb 11	FOR	REQUESTED BY
8:30 am	+ Joseph Juliano, Jr.	Bernadette Juliano
THURS, Feb 12	FOR	REQUESTED BY
8:30 am	+ Joan Drago	Joanne Marino Kotti
FRI, Feb 13	FOR	REQUESTED BY
8:30 am	+ Elizabeth Gessler	John Gessler
SAT, Feb 14	FOR	REQUESTED BY
8:30 am	Society of St. Theresa	
4:00 pm	+ Father Patrick Sheehan	Barbara & Frank Angelino
6:00 pm (Español)	+William Piedrahita	Maria Gallego
SUN, Feb 15	FOR	REQUESTED BY
7:30 am	<i>Special Intention:</i> Bernice Manzella	Alice Youtsey
9:00 am	St. Theresa Parishioners	Bethany Rivera
11:00 am	Ladies Guild Anniversary	Ladies Guild Annie McWilliams
5:00 pm	+ Leonard Lawson	Ann Lawson


Date / Time	Event	Location
Sat, Feb 7	CONFIRMATION RETREAT	Church & Parish Hall
Sun. Feb 8 6:00 pm	SUPERBOWL WATCH PARTY	Parish Hall
Feb 9-13 10am-6pm	BIBLE IN A YEAR	Church
Tues. Feb 9 6:00 pm	LADIES GUILD	Parish Hall
Tues. Feb. 9 6:00 pm	M.O.S.T. (MEN OF ST. THERESA)	Quads
Thurs, Feb 12 6:45 pm	ULTREYA	Parish Hall
Fri, Feb 13 10 am-1 pm	MOBILE HEALTH UNIT	Social Services
Fri, Feb 13 7:00 pm	CONFIRMATION MASS	Church
Sat, Feb 14 6:00 pm	SPANISH MINISTRY DINNER	Parish Hall
Sun, Feb 15 12 noon	SWEETHEART LUNCH	Parish Hall
Sun, Feb 15	BAPTISM PREP CLASS	Library
Feb 21 & 22	KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RECRUITMENT	Outside Church

To celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our church, we have been reading the entire Bible in church from Feb 2-6 and Feb 9-13 from 10:00 am – 6:00 pm. **Please stop by the office and sign up to read a chapter or two!**



Mon. Feb 17	10:00 am	James Best
Sat. Feb 21	10:00 am	Patrick Gollinger





The Sanctuary Lamp is lit for  
**+ Bill Thompson**  
**February 7-13, 2026**  
 From: Florence Thompson

**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.

### FROM FATHER TOM

Just recently Catherine O’Hara passed away. I remember her best from her role in Home Alone. Before her passing she was approached by an interviewer, “You have been in so many legendary roles. After all is said and done, which role would you most like to be remembered for?”

Her answer, “Mother of my children.”

What a beautiful response. I am sure he was not expecting that one. Catherine O’Hara did not let the bright lights of Hollywood to blind her to what really matters.

This is RJ’s last weekend with us. I want to thank him for providing such wonderful music for us over these last four years. One of his best accomplishments is the Sunday evening 5 o’clock mass. Unfortunately, it is the least attended mass. Our goal was to offer an upbeat style of music so that Catholics would not have to go to a non-denominational church to find such music. RJ and his team accomplished that and then some. I confidently put our 5 o’clock music band in the top three in our diocese.

I believe if you were to ask RJ the same question posed to Catherine O’Hara, he would offer a similar answer emphatically, “Father of my children”. RJ loves his children. He lives for his children. I ask your prayers for RJ. I know I have disappointed him, but I hold him in high regard. I trust that God will lead and guide him. RJ is a man of great faith.

We thank you, RJ. Please don’t be a stranger. May the Lord surround you and your children in His loving arms.

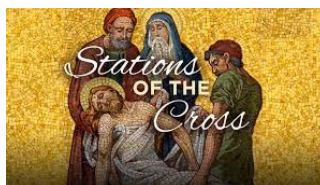
*Love and Blessings! Father Tom*



#### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

<u>Mass with Ashes:</u>	<u>Prayer Service with</u>
8:30am	<u>Ashes:</u>
10:30am	3:00pm
12 noon	5:00pm at Lake Lillian
6pm Bilingual	

Starting Feb 20th, we will have **Stations of the Cross** at the following times:



- ◆ Fridays: 9am and 4pm  
7pm (Spanish)
- ◆ Saturdays: 3pm

#### Vía Crucis en Español

- ◆ 20 y 27 de Febrero en la iglesia
- ◆ 6 de Marzo en el Parque Don Bosco (junto a la tienda de segunda mano)
- ◆ 13, 20 y 27 de Marzo en la iglesia

Todos los dias a las 7 de la tarde



**Sign Up For A Small Group Today!**

Don't wait. Don't hesitate. Take the step to grow in faith & fellowship. Contact Kristina at [Kristina@mystec.org](mailto:Kristina@mystec.org) or call the office!

Join us for **Ultreya** on **February 12<sup>th</sup>** at the **Parish Hall** at **6:45PM**.



Rich LaCorte will be the witness speaker.

## DEL PADRE TOM

Hace poco falleció Catherine O'Hara. La recuerdo principalmente por su papel en Solo En Casa. Antes de su fallecimiento, un entrevistador le preguntó: "Ha interpretado tantos papeles legendarios. Después de todo, ¿por qué papel le gustaría ser recordada?"

Su respuesta fue: "Madre de mis hijos".

¡Qué respuesta tan hermosa! Estoy seguro de que no se lo esperaba. Catherine O'Hara no permitió que el brillo de Hollywood la cegara ante lo que realmente importa.

Este es el último fin de semana de RJ con nosotros. Quiero agradecerle por brindarnos una música tan maravillosa durante estos últimos cuatro años. Uno de sus mayores logros es la misa de las 5 de la tarde del domingo. Desafortunadamente, es la misa con menor asistencia. Nuestro objetivo era ofrecer un estilo de música alegre para que los católicos no tuvieran que ir a una iglesia no confesional para encontrar ese tipo de música. RJ y su equipo lo lograron con creces. Con toda confianza, sitúo a nuestra banda de música de la misa de las 5 de la tarde entre las tres mejores de nuestra diócesis.

Creo que si le hicieran a RJ la misma pregunta que a Catherine O'Hara, daría una respuesta similar con énfasis: "Padre de mis hijos". RJ ama a sus hijos. Vive para sus hijos. Les pido que recen por RJ. Sé que lo he decepcionado, pero lo aprecio mucho. Confío en que Dios lo guiará. RJ es un hombre de gran fe.

Gracias, RJ. No dejes de visitarnos. Que el Señor te rodee a ti y a tus hijos con sus brazos amorosos.

*¡Amor y bendiciones! Padre Tom*

### St. Theresa's Annual Anniversary Mass and Luncheon

Hosted by the Ladies Guild, Sunday February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Married couples, who will be celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary or beyond during 2026, are invited to attend the 11:00 Mass on Feb 15<sup>th</sup> to be recognized and blessed. A luncheon will be served following the Mass in the Parish Hall. Please sign-up by Monday, Feb 9<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Office. When you call, please give the first and last names of each couple. If you would like your wedding photo to be displayed at the luncheon, please write your name and phone number on the back, and bring to the Parish Office by Wednesday, Feb 11<sup>th</sup>.



### Joyful Again, Orlando! Retreat

For Widows and Widowers  
Feb 28 to Mar 1, 2026  
San Pedro Retreat Center

This retreat is especially designed to help the widowed (6 months or more) to find hope & joy again. Space is limited – register early. Call Debra at 609-902-9760 or Rita at 352-239-2523 for more information.

### Misa y almuerzo anual de aniversario de la Parroquia Santa Teresa

Las parejas que celebrarán su 25.º, 30.º, 35.º, 40.º, 45.º o 50.º aniversario de bodas, o más, durante 2026, están invitadas a asistir a la misa de las 11:00 a. m. el 15 de febrero para recibir una bendición especial. Después de la misa, se servirá un almuerzo en el salón parroquial. Inscribáse antes del lunes 9 de Febrero en la oficina parroquial o llamen al 352-245-2458. Al llamar, por favor, proporcionen el nombre y apellido de cada cónyuge. Si desean que su foto de bodas se exhiba durante el almuerzo, escriban su nombre y número de teléfono al dorso de la foto y entréguelenla en la oficina parroquial antes del miércoles 11 de Febrero.

### Starting Fri, Feb 20, join us every Lenten Friday

for our delicious **Fish Fry!** Cod with French fries and coleslaw for just a mere \$10. Help fund our youth for their summer retreat. Soft drinks and dessert at extra charge.



## Love Worth Celebrating

Valentine's Day is traditionally known for celebrating the love couples share with each other. Many don't know the story of Saint Valentine, who sacrificed his life so that young people can get married during a time in Rome when it was illegal. Rather, we honor his life with pink heart-shaped cards in matching envelopes, flowers, candy, and teddy bears to express devotion for a significant other. The holiday has grown so customary that even someone happily single might have a brief dose of FOMO.

All the more reason to pause and consider: *what exactly are we celebrating on this day?*

Of course, the love we share with our significant other is worthy celebration. And certainly, our immediate family members too (I've sent plenty valentines to my mom and grandma, and I've gotten plenty from my boys over the years).

However, above all, isn't it our Lord's love that transcends all? Isn't it through Him and from knowing our Lord's love that we are able to love others?

I remember when I was little girl, I gave Valentines cards to ALL my classmates. And I remember making handcrafted valentines with my sons for them to give to ALL their classmates. Now, *that's* love. ...our Lord's love that we all know so deeply in our hearts – the love He asked we give to each other.

And that Love is always worth celebrating. So, *Happy Valentine's Day!*

*"Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."*  
-Matthew 18:3

*Your sister in Christ,  
Faye Leilanie Peraza, Operations Manager*

### Virtual Pilgrimage of the Holy Land, Israel: Come Walk with The Holy Family for Extraordinary Grace



This photographic journey through Israel is enriched with passages from Holy Scripture and accompanied by uplifting songs to inspire the heart and spirit. This pilgrimage will meet for an hour once a week and will explore our Catholic origin with-

in the historical context of the Earth and heritage of Israel. **The 7-week journey starts on Sat, Feb 14 from 3:30-4:30pm, then every Sunday from 1-2pm Feb 22-March 29 in the Parish Hall. Call the Parish Office to reserve your seat.**



Joanne and Jack Nettis celebrated their **50th wedding anniversary** on January 31st.

To commemorate their Golden Anniversary, Father Tom renewed their vows at the 4pm Mass and offered them continued blessings of love.

**Congratulations,  
Joanne and Jack!**

### Confession: Ask Me Anything Thursday, February 26, 6-7:30 PM

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church, King of Kings (Bldg 5)  
St. John the Evangelist Room

Get all your questions about confession answered during this "Ask Me Anything" with Blessed Trinity's Father Patrick Sheedy. This is part of Theology on Tap, a monthly series for fellowship and contemplation. A gluten-free meal will be served. Children 10 and under can attend for free.

Space is limited

Scan to learn more and RSVP.

Questions? Contact Shelby Kearns at 361-449-6896



The **Mobile Health Bus** will be parked by **Social Services** on **Fri, Feb 13** from **10am-1pm**. Services offered:

El autobús de salud móvil estará estacionado junto a las oficinas de Servicios Sociales el viernes 13 de febrero, de 10:00 a 13:00. Servicios ofrecidos:



- Immunizations/ Vacunas
- Health screenings/ Exámenes de salud
- Education/Educación
- STI and HIV testing/ Pruebas de ITS y VIH

## Un Amor Que Merece Ser Celebrado

El Día de San Valentín se conoce tradicionalmente por celebrar el amor que comparten las parejas. Muchos desconocen la historia de San Valentín, quien sacrificó su vida para que los jóvenes pudieran casarse en una época en Roma en la que estaba prohibido. En cambio, honramos su vida con tarjetas rosas en forma de corazón con sobres a juego, flores, dulces y ositos de peluche para expresar nuestro cariño a nuestra pareja. Esta festividad se ha vuelto tan popular que incluso una persona soltera y feliz puede sentir un breve momento de "miedo a perderse algo" (FOMO).

Por eso, vale la pena detenerse a pensar: *¿qué celebramos exactamente en este día?*

Por supuesto, el amor que compartimos con nuestra pareja es digno de celebración. Y ciertamente, también el de nuestros familiares más cercanos (he enviado muchas tarjetas de San Valentín a mi madre y a mi abuela, y he recibido muchas de mis hijos a lo largo de los años).

Sin embargo, sobre todo, ¿no es el amor de nuestro Señor el que lo trasciende todo? ¿No es a través de Él y del conocimiento de su amor que somos capaces de amar a los demás?

Recuerdo que cuando era niña, les daba tarjetas de San Valentín a TODOS mis compañeros de clase. Y recuerdo haber hecho tarjetas de San Valentín a mano con mis hijos para que se las dieran a TODOS sus compañeros. Eso sí que es amor... el amor de nuestro Señor que todos conocemos tan profundamente en nuestros corazones, el amor que Él nos pidió que nos diéramos unos a otros.

Y ese amor siempre merece ser celebrado. ¡Feliz Día de San Valentín!

*"De cierto les digo que, a menos que cambien y se vuelvan como niños, no entrarán en el reino de los cielos."* - Mateo 18:3

*Tu hermana en Cristo,  
Faye Leilanie Peraza, Gerente de Operaciones*




Our next **NAME TAG / GROCERY SUNDAY** is on MARCH 8th

Get to know your fellow parishioners! If you have a name tag from any

group you belong to, please wear it.

Also, please bring donations to the church for our **Food Pantry**.

Tired of writing your name on a sticker? Why not order your own name tag? 

### HELLO! My Name is...

We are pleased to share that all parishioners can now purchase their own name badge! 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](http://alsbadges.com) or simply scan the QR code below. Be sure to indicate which badge you are ordering!



<b>TITHES &amp; OFFERINGS</b> <small>GIVE UNTO THE LORD</small>	
WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 2, 2026	
Offertory	\$15,548.70
Project Growth	\$ 2,130.50
Soup Kitchen	\$ 1,362.50
Social Services	\$ 1,824.50
Thrift Store	\$10,176.50

### Online Giving

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

Welcome to our  
New Parishioners

<i>Ralph "Skip" and Louise Archibald</i>
<i>Antoinette "Toni" Antonelli</i>
<i>Mary Ann Due</i>
<i>Laura and Joseph Kimpel</i>

*"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!"*



Weston Cunningham	Deanette LaClair
Mark Czyznik	Matthew Lyons
Joan DeRosa	Kim Markey
Jimmy Evans	Peggie Munson
Colleen Furnia	Karen Pollo
Rosemarie Gurick	Rose Ross
Tom Jones	Arlene Villa
Marge Kenney	Fr David Vivero
Mary Kate Knight	Annie McWilliams
	Stephen Zammett



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

**The kickoff for the 2026 Catholic Appeal will be February 14/15, 2026.**

The 2026 campaign for Our Catholic Appeal (OCA) begins the weekend of Feb 14/15. All parishes and missions within the Diocese participate in this initiative to come together and support the various ministries that impacts lives throughout our Catholic Church Community. **Thanks to all of you, we reached (and slightly exceeded) our 2025 goal!**

As we prepare for the upcoming 2026 launch, please pray over what you can pledge or donate for OCA this year. Pledges can be one-time donations or paid over the year. Everyone's financial situation is different, but please know that all contributions count and are greatly appreciated. All pledges are confidential.

**Thank you!**