



St. Theresa
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Welcome! ¡Bienvenidos!

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Pastor: **Father Tom Connery** Website: www.mystccc.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

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-12:30 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
Thrift Store Donations
Mon-Fri 9 am-12 pm
Gift Shop
Sat & Sun
after weekend masses



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
25º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

THE *Last*
WILL BE
First, AND
THE FIRST
WILL BE LAST.

MATTHEW 20:16

LOS *Últimos*
SERÁN LOS
Primeros, Y
LOS PRIMEROS,
LOS ÚLTIMOS.

MATEO 20, 16

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ST. THERESA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19TH

8:30 am	† Dominador Ellacer	Shirley Ellacer
4:00 pm	† Matthew and Irene Serwacki	Kathy Serwacki
6:00 pm	Felix Reyes (Special Intention)	Sara Gonzalez

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH

7:30 am	St. Theresa Parishioners	
9:00 am	† Josie Tarantola	Lillian Chimenti
11:00 am	† George T. Geiger	Mary Rudolf-Helvaty

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 21ST

8:30 am	† Jose Ginart	Diana Cordova
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TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 22ND

8:30 am	Rita Baker (Special Intention)	Marcia & Tom Wheatley
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WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 23RD

8:30 am	† Joseph Doneth	Mary Doneth
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THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH

8:30 am	Xavier White (Special Intention)	Audrey Merkel
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FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25TH

8:30 am	† Gilbert Mendoza	Ruth Schreiner
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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26TH

8:30 am	† Nancy Keller	Ann Niehaus
4:00 pm	† Herbert Thomas	Peggy Thomas
6:00 pm	† Felicita Torres Jimenez	Larry Arroyo Torres

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH

7:30 am	† Leonard Callen	Beverly Callen
9:00 am	St. Theresa Parishioners	
11:00 am	† Janet Moore	Mary and Joe Helvaty

Candle Intentions

ADORATION CANDLE September 1 st - 30 th	† Fr. Frank Zammit	Mrs. Daniel MacKenzie
SANCTUARY CANDLE September 19 th - 25 th	† Mike Lison	Jerry & Carmen Corr

Upcoming Events

DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Sun Sept 20 11:20 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
Sun Sept 20 12:00 pm	OCIA	Quad
Mon Sept 21 5:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Church
Tues Sept 22 9:00 am	Carmelites Meeting	Quad
Wed Sept 23 5:30 pm	Bell Rehearsal	Church
Wed Sept 23 6:00 pm	ALPHA 	Quad
Thur Sept 24 6:00 pm	Spanish Legion of Mary	Youth House
Fri Sept 25 1:30 pm	Legions of Mary	Youth House
Sat Sept 26 4:00 pm	Spanish Knights of Columbus	Library
Sun Sept 27 8:00am-1:00pm	Blood Mobile	Church
Sun Sept 27 12:00 pm	OCIA	Quad
Mon Sept 28 5:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Church
Mon Sept 28 6:00 pm	M.O.S.T.	Parish Hall
Wed Sept 30 5:30 pm	Bell Rehearsal	Church
Wed Sept 30 6:00 pm	ALPHA 	Quad
Thur Oct 1 6:00 pm	Spanish Legion of Mary	Youth House
Fri Oct 2 1:30 pm	Legions of Mary	Youth House
Fri Oct 2 6:00 pm	Blessing of the Animals	Church
Fri Oct 2 6:30 pm	Sacred Heart Mass and Ministry	Parish Hall
Sun Oct 4 12:00 pm	International Food & Fall Festival	Field behind Parish Hall
Sun Oct 4 12:00 pm	OCIA	Quad



The Pope's Prayer Intention For September: *Care of Water*

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.



A Message from Fr. Tom

Un Mensaje de Padre Tom

Reflection on aging by the actor Richard Gere

Every stage of life brings its own gift. And growing older is not a defeat.

It is a privilege. Because not everyone gets to see their gray hair. Not everyone gets to watch their children grow. Not everyone gets the chance to greet another spring. Not everyone wakes up in the morning and can simply say: "I am still here."

Too often, we fight against time. We hide wrinkles. We feel ashamed of age. We compare ourselves to old photographs. We try to look as if the years have not touched us. But maybe the real victory is not in still looking young on the outside. It is in not growing old on the inside.

Keeping curiosity.

Not losing tenderness.

Still being amazed.

Laughing sincerely.

Loving without fear.

Being grateful for simple things.

Seeing beauty even in quiet days.

Because the secret is not to look young. The secret is to have a soul that is alive. Until the very last day. Then every year stops feeling like a loss. And becomes a gift. Do not be afraid of age. Be afraid of passing through life without ever truly feeling it. Because growing older does not mean fading away. Sometimes it means finally beginning to shine from within.

*Love and Blessings,
Father Tom*

Reflexión sobre el envejecimiento del actor Richard Gere

Cada etapa de la vida trae consigo su propio regalo. Y envejecer no es una derrota.

Es un privilegio. Porque no todos llegan a ver sus propias canas. No todos llegan a ver crecer a sus hijos. No todos tienen la oportunidad de recibir otra primavera. No todos se despiertan por la mañana y pueden decir simplemente: "Sigo aquí".

Con demasiada frecuencia, luchamos contra el tiempo. Ocultamos las arrugas. Nos avergonzamos de la edad. Nos comparamos con fotografías antiguas. Intentamos aparentar que los años no nos han tocado. Pero tal vez la verdadera victoria no resida en seguir pareciendo jóvenes por fuera, sino en no envejecer por dentro.

Mantener la curiosidad.

No perder la ternura.

Seguir maravillándose.

Reír con sinceridad.

Amar sin miedo.

Agradecer las cosas sencillas.

Ver la belleza incluso en los días tranquilos.

Porque el secreto no es parecer joven. El secreto es tener un alma viva. Hasta el último día. Entonces, cada año deja de sentirse como una pérdida y se convierte en un regalo. No temas a la edad. Teme pasar por la vida sin sentirla realmente. Porque envejecer no significa desvanecerse; a veces significa empezar, por fin, a brillar desde el interior.

*Con amor y bendiciones,
Padre Tom*

Friday night Fire!

Join us for enthusiastic praise and worship:
Eucharistic Adoration Friday, Oct 23 @ 6 o'clock.
We will gather in the church for prayer then will gather
in the hall for some pizza. Please RSVP 352 245-2458.
Come and experience the presence of the Lord!

2nd Annual INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL

Passport Tickets: \$10

**When: Sunday Oct 4th
12-4pm**
**Where: St Theresa's
Church - Field behind
Parish Hall**

WHAT TO EXPECT:

-  Eat Food samples from 15 different countries
-  Hear Music from different parts of the world
-  Witness an International Flag Parade
-  A chance to win cash if you participate in a 50/50 drawing

EMHC Formation Workshop

Interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister?
Join us: Sat, Oct 10 2026 @ 9:00am-12:30pm
St Theresa Hall

Refreshments will be served



Those who fulfill this ministry are to be:

- fully registered, active member of St Theresa
- at least 15 years old
- no impediment to receiving Holy Communion or participate in the Sacramental life

Bereavement Ministry Needs Volunteers

Bereavement Ministers
provide emotional and
spiritual support while
helping prepare for a
loved one's funeral
service.

If you are interested in
volunteering, please call
the Parish Office.



Hey Men,
I am inviting you to come and join other men
and grow in our faith. We meet on the second
and fourth Monday at 6 pm. It begins with a light
dinner. If attending, please call the Parish Office
and reserve your spot for M.O.S.T.

Father Tom

WHY WATCH FOOTBALL ALONE?

Join us on Sunday for the game.
We open our hall to our guests who have no access to TV.
We need some help, serving the food, socializing, and clean up.
Twice a month, 1pm-4pm.

Are You Ready
for
some
Football

Call the office if you would like to
help in this ministry.

Donations always welcome!

- soda (small cans)
- dominoes gift card
- snacks



**COME
DAY**

Respite Care

Our Respite Care Ministry is up and running.
The Ministers are willing to sit with your loved ones while
you take a well needed break. If you, or someone you
know, can use this ministry, please call Marian (352)
259-8385 or the Parish Office (352) 245-2458

We are also looking for volunteers to serve in this
ministry. For more information, please call the Parish
Office (352) 245-2458

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

*"Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes
and daily food. If one of you says to them, 'Go in
peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing
about their physical needs, what good is it?"*
- James 2:15-16

Please help those that need it the most. Consider
giving to the food pantry with either food or
monetary donations.

We are not receiving the same
government support. Our Food Pantry is
in need of the following:

- Spaghetti Sauce
- Chef Boyardee
- Canned Chicken, Tuna, Beef,
Sausage, Salmon (Pop up tabs)
- Peanut Butter and Nuts
- Water and Gatorade

The Food Van is parked outside during all weekend masses.
The Food Cart is in the church narthex.
The Food Pantry is open Mon-Fri 9 am - 12 noon.

Perpetual Adoration

Find REST at the Adoration Chapel!

We encourage individuals and families to commit one hour each week. Hours need to be filled:

Mondays: 4am, 7am, 11pm-2am

Tuesdays: 11pm-2am

Wednesdays: 12-2am

Thursdays: 11pm-3am

Fridays: 10pm-2am, 12 noon

Saturdays: 9pm-3am, 7pm

Sundays: 10pm-5am, 7pm

Substitutes are also needed for hours already filled.

Call Nancy at (941) 518-2194

Helping beyond our borders

The situation in Cuba remains critical. Please bring any of these items to the Parish Office before Mon Sept 28

- powdered milk
- hot chocolate packets
- unflavored/flavored gelatin
- fried red beans
- rice
- summer sausage
- dry soup packets
- packets of tuna &/or chicken
- sazón seasoning
- dried eggs (Amazon)
- macaroni and cheese
- wholewheat pasta
- oatmeal packets
- bags of wrapped candy
- insect repellent pump
- bath soap bars
- toothpaste



Please no canned items! Thank you for your donations.

Leave a Legacy of Faith at St. Theresa

Have you prayerfully considered how you can continue supporting your spiritual home through a lasting gift? Including St. Theresa in your will or estate plans is a meaningful way to strengthen the future of our parish and help ensure that our church remains a place of worship, service, and community for all who call this parish home.

Our parishioners should have received information by mail about simple ways to make a legacy gift that helps ensure our parish remains a place of worship, service, and community for years to come.

If you would like to get started today, please visit <https://cfocf.org/pgsttheresa/>



Leader Needed for Ministry to the Sick & Homebound



Lay Ministry to the Sick and Homebound is a way for the Church to bring Christ's love, presence, and comfort to those who are unable to attend Mass due to illness, aging, or other challenges. Through this ministry, trained lay ministers visit the sick, offering prayer, companionship, and the Eucharist, helping them stay connected to their faith and parish community.

St Theresa Catholic Church needs a new MTS Lead.
If interested, please call the Parish Office.



Lost and Found

Have you lost something on the church grounds? We might have it at the Parish Office! Stop by or call.



DONATE BLOOD

St. Theresa Catholic Church
Sunday, September 27
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

All donors receive*:

- **\$20 eGift Card**
- **Cancer Awareness T-shirt**
- **Wellness Checkup** including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

Fact: Small Act. Big Impact.



Appointments are encouraged, please **scan the QR code** or visit oneblood.org/donate-now and use sponsor code 37378.

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Thrift Store Cashiers Needed

The Thrift Store needs additional volunteers to work the cash register. To volunteer, call the Parish Office.



Please continue your support with this ministry

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

Looking for a rewarding opportunity to volunteer? Join the Cleaning Angels.
We can really use your help. We clean after Mass each Thursday (approximately 9:15) for about 1 ½ to 2 hours. Call Marie at the office, 352-245-2458, if you have any questions or want to volunteer.

Join Our Children's Choir!

September 20th, 2026
Rehearsal at 11:20am
in the music room.
Ages up to 15 welcome!

Small Group Sign Up - WHY???



Because Jesus said so (Heb 10:25)
Because we're built for community (1 Thes 5:11)
Because we learn in rows (pews in church), but we grow in circles (small groups)
Because iron sharpens iron (Prv 27:11)



Because the more YOU develop relationships in group, the better idea YOU will have of your own spiritual giftedness.

How awesome is that?!?!?



Small faith sharing groups meet on a continuous basis, both on campus and in homes, day and evenings.
We would love to have you join us!
Call the office to find a spot convenient for you.



PRAYER LINE OPEN

We are blessed at our church to have a dedicated phone line just for prayer requests. The prayer line is always available for calls - and is now available via text message. Someone will answer and be ready to pray with compassion and love.

24/7 Call or Text (352) 496-1569



TITHES & OFFERINGS

GIVE UNTO THE LORD

As of September 14, 2026

Offertory	\$ 14,214.50
Project Growth (Maintenance)	\$ 1,767.50
Soup Kitchen	\$ 2,440.50
Social Services	\$ 1,174.50
Thrift Store	\$ 7,839.10

Soup Kitchen Hours

Starting October 1st, the Soup Kitchen hours will be from 11:00-12:30 pm, 365 days a year. For more information or to donate, contact the Soup Kitchen at (352) 245-1359.

Roses from Heaven
Gift Shop
Looking for a gift or something to help in your prayer life or to help show your faith?
Open: Saturday 3:30-5:30 and Sunday 8:30-12:30
(If you find during the week you need something, call the office at 352-245-2458 to schedule a time.)

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	Sandy Lindeman
Rita Baker	Matthew Lyons
Christine Bogus	Margaret Mary Maitiski
Mary Jane Coss	Kim Markey
Weston Cunningham	Peggie Munson
Marc Czyznik	Rob Orr
Ron Czyznik	Beth Pearce
Karen Driscoll	Louis Poulin
Judy Egizio	Candy Reichle
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Rosemarie Gurick	Loretta Rogers
Margaret Hennessy	Rose Ross
Elaine Izzo	David Shimanek
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Tom Jones	Virginia Strachen
Val Jones	Sandra Sutter
Evan Lewis Family	Mike Trotta
Marge Kenney	Joe Urban
Chuck Klunien	Arlene Villa
Alvin Lacefield	Father David Vivero
Sandra LaFontaine	Stephen Zammatt

Welcome to our New Parishioners

- Elaine and Guillermo Peralta, their children, Sofia and Guillermo ("Memo")
- Edward Iby
- George and Lene Bartczak
- Paul and Thresia Avirappatt



Our Catholic Appeal

Thank you for your generous support of the 2026 Appeal.



Our Catholic Appeal



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

We have collected **\$168,637** and **\$181,936** pledged!

We are just **\$6,602** away from our goal!

Participation Percentage: 25.1%

Thank you to 346 families who have responded to our appeal. 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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