



St. Theresa

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Welcome! ¡Bienvenidos!

11528 SE US Hwy 301, Belleview, Florida 34420

Phone: (352) 245-2458

Pastor: **Father Tom Connery** Assisting Pastor: **Father Jim Torpey**

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,
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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

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Mon-Fri 9 am-1pm

Thrift Store

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Mon-Sat 9 am-2:30 pm

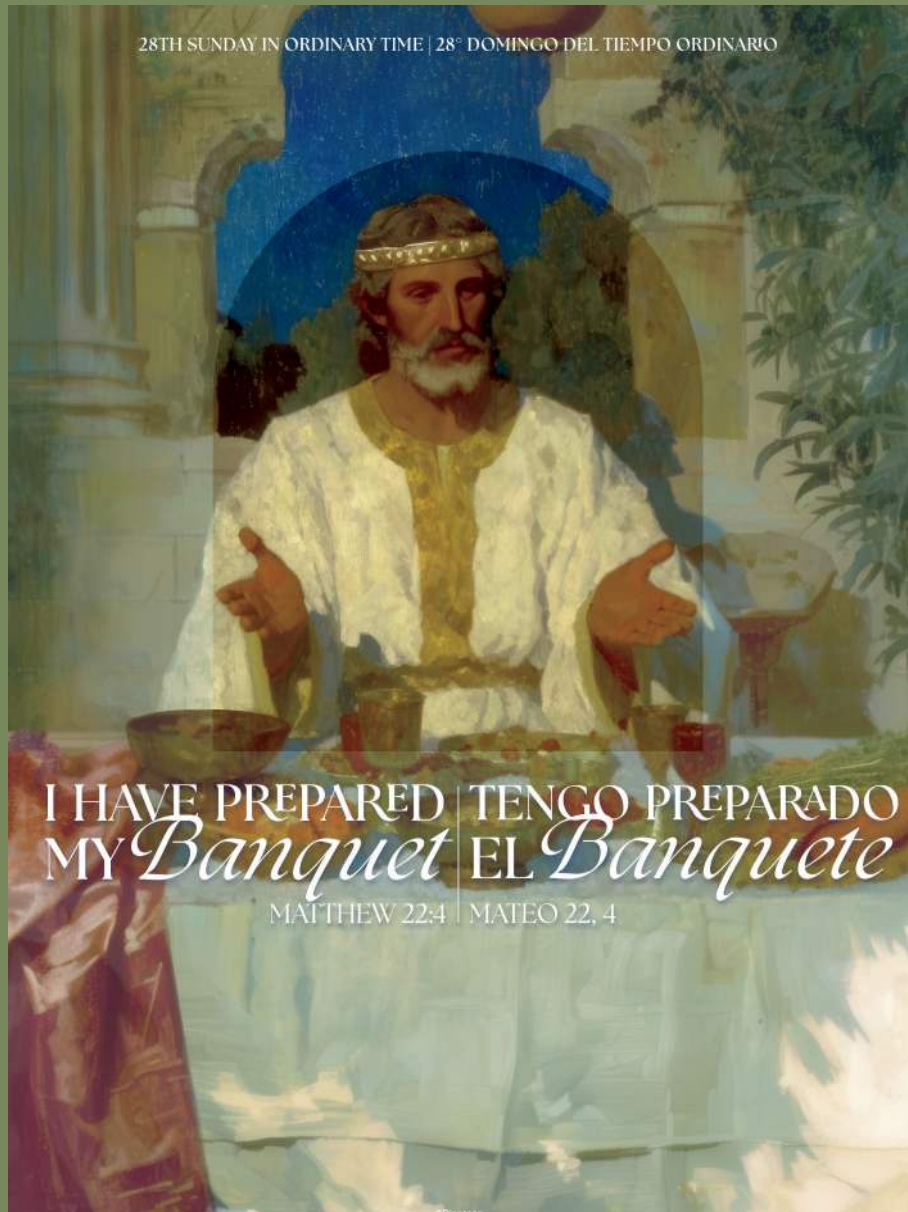
Thrift Store Donations

Mon-Fri 9 am-12 pm

Gift Shop

Sat & Sun

after weekend masses



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ST. THERESA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY OCTOBER 10 TH		
8:30 am	Society of St. Theresa	
4:00 pm	St. Theresa Parishioners	
6:00 pm	† J Trinidad Diaz	Juan Diaz
SUNDAY OCTOBER 11 TH		
7:30 am	† Matthew and Irene Serwacki	Kathy Serwacki
9:00 am	† Suzanne Newcomb	Deborah Armbrrecht
11:00 am	† Don Stipanich	PJ Stipanich
MONDAY OCTOBER 12 TH		
8:30 am	† Keith Sutphin, Sr.	Sal & Corinne Costanzo
TUESDAY OCTOBER 13 TH		
8:30 am	† Betty Jenkins	Ethel Snyder
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 14 TH		
8:30 am	Collette Yaroski (Special Intention)	Kathy Serwacki & Betsy Goinski
THURSDAY OCTOBER 15 TH		
8:30 am	† Matt & Irene Serwacki	Betsy Goinski
FRIDAY OCTOBER 16 TH		
8:30 am	† Donald Warmuth	Vicki Alvey & Loretta Montalto
SATURDAY OCTOBER 17 TH		
8:30 am	† Jose Baez	Dora Bermudez
4:00 pm	† Santina Costanzo	Sal & Corinne Costanzo
6:00 pm	St. Theresa Parishioners	
SUNDAY OCTOBER 18 TH		
7:30 am	† Betty Grafer	Gretchen & Kale Anderson
9:00 am	† Jarrett & Sarah Green	Maria Hagan
11:00 am	† Bob Dupras	The Dupras Family

St. Theresa Prayer Hotline
(24/7) - (352) 496-1569



Candle Intentions

ADORATION CANDLE October 1 st - 31 st	† Ginny Kaiser	Richard Kaiser
SANCTUARY CANDLE October 10 th - 16 th	† John Storm	Barbara Cetlinski

Upcoming Events

DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Sun Oct 11 11:00 am	Baptism Prep Class	Library
Sun Oct 11 12:00 pm	OCIA	Quad
Mon Oct 12 5:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Church
Mon Oct 12 6:00 pm	MOST	Quad
Mon Oct 12 6:00 pm	Ladies Guild Meeting	Parish Hall
Mon Oct 12 6:00 pm	Prayer of Life Workshop (Spanish Ministry)	Youth House
Wed Oct 14 5:30 pm	Bell Rehearsal	Church
Wed Oct 14 6:00 pm	ALPHA	Quad
Thur Oct 15 6:00 pm	Spanish Legion of Mary	Youth House
Fri Oct 16 1:30 pm	Legion of Mary	Youth House
Fri Oct 16 7:00 pm	Spanish Ministry Meeting	Parish Hall
Sat Oct 17 6:00 pm	Spanish Ministry Dinner	Parish Hall
Sun Oct 18 11:20 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
Sun Oct 18 12:00 pm	OCIA	Quad
Mon Oct 19 5:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Church
Mon Oct 19 6:00 pm	Prayer & Life Workshop (Spanish Ministry)	Youth House
Wed Oct 21 5:30 pm	Bell Choir	Church
Wed Oct 21 6:00 pm	ALPHA	Quad
Thur Oct 22 6:00 pm	Spanish Legion of Mary	Youth House
Fri Oct 23 1:30 pm	Legions of Mary	Youth House
Fri Oct 23 7:00 pm	Friday Night Fire	Parish Hall
Sat Oct 24 9:00 am	Parish Ministry Leadership Meeting	Parish Hall

The Pope's Prayer Intention

For October:

Mental Health Ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.





A Message from Fr. Tom

Un Mensaje de Padre Tom

In this Respect life Month of October, I want to share a column by the Catholic Evangelist Chris Stefanick:

Her dad had been an OB-GYN. He had performed abortions. In an interview with her own community's magazine, she recounted a drive home from a hike with her dad, her senior year of high school.

I found myself asking if he had ever performed abortions. He answered, "Yes." I swallowed hard. "How many?" "At least a dozen in residency..." he answered. "Something happened, though, that made me stop. After performing an abortion one day, I went out to tell the sister of the patient that the surgery was over. Before I could walk away, the sister asked me, "Was it alive?" I didn't know how to respond to her... That was the last abortion I ever performed."

He went on to practice in rural Maine and delivered more than 2,500 babies before he retired.

But grappling with an uncomfortable truth didn't just change how he practiced medicine. It's what ultimately drew him from being a self-described agnostic to the Catholic Church.

Sr. Mariae became a Sister of Life—a BOOMING religious community devoted especially to helping pregnant women in need. But she's not the only one. Her big Sister — Mother Mary Concepta — joined as well and is the Superior General of the Community.

Their father died on December 28, 2012...the Feast of the Holy Innocents. Sister didn't see that as God settling a score. She told me, "I think the aborted children and the Holy Innocents welcomed him into heaven." I have no doubt that they did just that.

I invite you to pray for those who may have had an abortion, may they experience our Lord's healing touch. Pray for those who may be considering an abortion, may they be open to the precious gift of life.

*Love and Blessings,
Father Tom*

En este mes de octubre, dedicado al respeto por la vida, quiero compartir una columna del evangelizador católico Chris Stefanick:

Su padre era obstetra y ginecólogo. Había realizado abortos. En una entrevista para la revista de su propia comunidad, ella relató un viaje en coche de regreso a casa tras una excursión con su padre, cuando ella cursaba el último año de secundaria.

Me encontré preguntándole si alguna vez había realizado abortos. Él respondió: "Sí". Tragó saliva con dificultad. "¿Cuántos?" "Al menos una docena durante la residencia..."", contestó. "Sin embargo, sucedió algo que me hizo parar. Un día, tras realizar un aborto, salí a decirle a la hermana de la paciente que la cirugía había terminado. Antes de que pudiera alejarme, la hermana me preguntó: "¿Estaba vivo?". No supe qué responderle... Ese fue el último aborto que realicé".

Más tarde ejerció la medicina en una zona rural de Maine y trajo al mundo a más de 2500 bebés antes de jubilarse.

Pero aquel enfrentamiento con una verdad incómoda no solo cambió su forma de ejercer la medicina; fue lo que, en última instancia, lo llevó a pasar de definirse como agnóstico a unirse a la Iglesia Católica.

La hermana Mariae se convirtió en una «Hermana de la Vida» (Sisters of Life), una comunidad religiosa en pleno auge dedicada especialmente a ayudar a mujeres embarazadas necesitadas. Pero ella no es la única; su hermana mayor, la Madre Mary Concepta, también se unió a la comunidad y es su Superiora General.

Su padre falleció el 28 de diciembre de 2012... el día de la fiesta de los Santos Inocentes. La hermana no vio aquello como si Dios estuviera ajustando cuentas. Me dijo: «Creo que los niños abortados y los Santos Inocentes le dieron la bienvenida al cielo». No me cabe duda de que así fue.

Los invito a rezar por aquellas personas que hayan pasado por un aborto, para que experimenten el toque sanador de nuestro Señor. Recen también por quienes estén considerando abortar, para que se abran al precioso don de la vida.

*Con amor y bendiciones,
Padre Tom*

National Cremation Placement Day - October 17

The Catholic Church teaches that cremated remains should be treated with the same dignity and reverence as the body and placed in a sacred location.

If you have the cremated remains of a loved one in your home and have not yet made permanent arrangements, we encourage you to prayerfully consider placing them in consecrated ground. For information about cremation burial please contact Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Cemetery - (352)306-0123 / www.catholiccemeteriescfl.org.

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

GAME
DAY

Thrift Store Needs Volunteers

The Thrift Store needs additional volunteers.

To volunteer, call the Parish Office.



A special shout out to all those who made our **International Food Festival a big hit**. A special thanks to our Hispanic community who worked so hard setting up and then taking it down. They also with great pride shared their delicious food. Did I mention the music? We had a great band playing. They added such life, vitality, and joy. No wonder people got up and danced. Thanks to all who helped. It was hard work, but worth it. Thanks to all who supported and enjoyed the great food and fellowship.

God willing, Monday, I will be giving a retreat day to the staff at the Marian shrine in Stony Point, N.Y. Hopefully I will spend a few days on retreat myself. I come back on Friday.

Bless you all & Love, Fr. Tom

Youth Ministry for High Schoolers has started! Sundays 3:00 - 4:30 pm in the Youth House



Adventure of Love

Women's Vocational Discernment Group

Who: College-Age Young Ladies

When: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays

from 6-7:30PM (before KnightFire)

Where: @Catholic Campus Ministry at UCF

Northview Building
3925 Lockwood Blvd #1051
Oviedo, FL 32765

What: snacks, discernment, discussions, deep questions

Ladies...please
let us know
you are coming!



Questions? Contact Sr. Gianna Grace, SCTJM:
srgiannagrace@orlandodiocese.org



OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

Un agradecimiento especial a todos los que hicieron de nuestro **Festival Internacional de Comida un gran éxito**. Un agradecimiento particular a nuestra comunidad hispana, que trabajó arduamente tanto en el montaje como en el desmontaje del evento. También compartieron con gran orgullo su deliciosa comida. ¿Mencioné la música? Contamos con una excelente banda que aportó vida, vitalidad y alegría; no es de extrañar que la gente se animara a bailar. Gracias a todos los que colaboraron; fue un trabajo arduo, pero valió la pena. Gracias a quienes apoyaron y disfrutaron de la excelente comida y de la convivencia.

Si Dios quiere, el lunes impartiré una jornada de retiro para el personal en el santuario mariano de Stony Point, Nueva York. Espero poder dedicar también unos días a mi propio retiro. Regresaré el viernes.

Que Dios los bendiga a todos. Con cariño, P. Tom.

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. Hours need to be filled:

Monday: 11pm-3am, 7am

Tuesday: 11pm-2am

Wednesday: 12am-2am

Thursday: 11pm-3am

Friday: 10pm-2am, 2pm

Saturday: 9pm-3am, 6pm, 7pm

Sunday: 10pm-5am, 7pm

Substitutes are also needed for hours already filled.

Call Nancy at (941) 518-2194

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!

JOYFUL AGAIN!

Retreat for Widows and Widowers

San Pedro Spiritual Center

Winter Park, FL

October 31-November 1, 2026

For Widows and Widowers 6 Months or more after the passing of their spouse

For more info, see our Website: joyfulagain.org
Or call Rita Bostwick: 352-239-2523



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.



Starting Sunday, Nov 8, the 5:00pm mass will be available again.

Undivided Hearts: at the Heart

Orlando Diocese

Women's Vocational Discernment Retreat

"In every age there have been men and women who, obedient to the Father's call and to the prompting of the Spirit, have chosen this special way of following Christ, in order to devote themselves to him with an *'undivided heart'* (cf. 1 Cor. 7:34)."

-Vita Consecrata, 1

REGISTER
HERE!



October 31, 2026

9AM - 8PM

(sign-up deadline: October 27)

**ONE-DAY DISCERNMENT RETREAT
OPEN TO YOUNG WOMEN
AGES 16-35**



questions...? please contact

Sr. Gianna Grace, SCTJM

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Mass Intentions

Our 2026 Mass Intention calendar is almost full. As we prepare for the 2027 Mass schedule, please be advised that St. Theresa's church as in the past will be limiting Mass intentions requests to 8 intentions per household (5 daily and 3 weekend) for the 2027 calendar year. This limit allows us to provide more parishioners with the opportunity to have Masses offered for their loved ones and special intentions. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we strive to serve our parish community fairly and prayerfully.

The Mass Intention calendar will be available Monday, **October 26, 2026** in the Parish Office. Please stop in to schedule your mass intention(s) for a deceased loved one or for a special intention. Our office hours are 8:00am-4:00pm M-Th and 8:00am - 12noon on Friday.

The following Mass Intentions are available:

Daily Mass Intentions - the individual mass will be dedicated to your loved one. Suggested donation is \$10.00

Adoration Candle (displayed in our Adoration Chapel) - available for 1 month (from the 1st thru end of the month). Suggested donation is \$30.00

Sanctuary Candle (displayed on the altar in our Sanctuary) - available for 1 week (Saturday thru Friday). Suggested donation is \$20.00

Society of St. Theresa - one year of masses. On the second Saturday of the month at 8:30am, our mass is dedicated to the Society of St. Theresa. Names will not be read at mass but a list of names will be placed at the altar. Suggested Donation is \$10.00

Help Wanted - Parish Maintenance Supervisor

30 hours a week - groundskeeper, oversight of repairs, and ongoing preservation of property

If interested, please call Parish Office.

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.

Thank you for your generosity!
Special Collection for

**Priest Retirements & Care
Raised: \$818.00**

TITHES & OFFERINGS

GIVE UNTO THE LORD

As of October 5, 2026

Offertory	\$ 17,365.15
Project Growth (Maintenance)	\$ 2,632.79
Soup Kitchen	\$ 4,490.23
Social Services	\$ 1,016.79
Thrift Store	\$ 8,813.00

Please continue your support with this ministry
Our Laundry Ministry helps 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

Faith Formation



& Youth Ministry



**Aides and
Subs needed!**



Call the Parish Office to volunteer.

Interested in Bringing Millions of Monicas to Our Parish?

Several mothers in our parish are interested in starting a Millions of Monicas prayer group, a beautiful ministry inspired by the perseverance of Saint Monica. Before we can begin, we are looking for a few additional mothers to serve as co-leaders and help establish the ministry.

Millions of Monicas is not a support group or discussion group. It is a dedicated hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, uniting mothers in hopeful, faithful prayer for the return of their children who are in need of God's mercy and a return to the practice of their Catholic faith.

If you would be interested in helping launch this ministry as a co-leader, please contact:
Mary Lou at (216) 262-6393 or mlrooy@icloud.com

"Nothing is far from God." — St. Monica

Ladies Guild Welcomes You

The St. Theresa Ladies Guild acts through its members to support, empower, and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership, and service. We meet the second Monday of each month, from September through May, at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall.



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	Margaret Mary Maitski
Rita Baker	Kim Markey
Christine Bogus	Peggie Munson
Mary Jane Coss	Rob Orr
Weston Cunningham	Beth Pearce
Marc Czyznik	Louis Poulin
Ron Czyznik	Candy Reichle
Maryann DeRoche	Al & Patsy Richson
Karen Driscoll	Loretta Rogers
Judy Egizio	Maria Romero
Ken & Diana Grimes	Rose Ross
Rosemarie Gurick	David Shimanek
Margaret Hennessy	Jeff Smallwood
Elaine Izzo	Virginia Strachen
Glen Jaffray	Sandra Sutter
Val Jones	Mike Trotta
Evan Lewis Family	Joe Urban
Marge Kenney	Arlene Villa
Chuck Klueh	Father David Vivero
Alvin Lacefield	Stephen Zammett
Sandra LaFontaine	
Sandy Lindeman	
Matthew Lyons	

Welcome to our New Parishioners

- Philip and Carmel Boulanger
- Kyler, Isabella, and Kennedy Smith
- Sallyanne and Mike Kinder

PRAY

Monday - Saturday 7:50AM
Saturday 3:15PM
Sunday 6:50AM + 10:15AM

Spanish: Saturday 5:15PM

**THE ROSARY
WITH US
MONTH OF THE
ROSARY**

Thank you for your generous support of the 2026 Appeal.

We Did It!

We have reached AND exceeded our Catholic Appeal goal of \$175,239. We could not have done it without your prayers, support, and generosity. Our heartfelt thanks goes out to all of you!

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