

St. Theresa
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Welcome! ¡Bienvenidos!

11528 SE US Hwy 301, Belleview, Florida 34420
Phone: (352) 245-2458
Pastor: **Father Tom Connery** Assisting Priest: **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,***
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-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



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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7TH		
8:30 am	**† Jose Roque Ben Evidente**	Grace Evidente
4:00 pm	**† Deceased Members of K of C Counsel 8012 & Assembly 2068**	K of C Counsel 8012 & Assembly 2068
6:00 pm	**† William Piedrahita**	Maria Gallego
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8TH		
7:30 am	**† Carl Rylander, Jr.**	June & Carl Rylander
9:00 am	**† Thomas & Madeleine Yeoman**	Ethel Snyder
11:00 am	**St. Theresa Parishioners**	
5:00 pm	**† Michael Lison**	Margie Ippolito and Mary Abrams
MONDAY NOVEMBER 9TH		
8:30 am	**† Ron McWilliams**	Annie McWilliams
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 10TH		
8:30 am	**† Samantha Stanek**	Anonymous
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 11TH		
8:30 am	**† Gene Gorrell**	Dawn Gorrell
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 12TH		
8:30 am	**† Berlita Sermonia**	Grace Evidente
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 13TH		
8:30 am	**† Agustin and Josefina Herrera**	Grace Evidente
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14TH		
8:30 am	**Society of St. Theresa**	
4:00 pm	St. Theresa Parishioners	
6:00 pm	**† Gregorio and Edilma Gallego**	Maria Gallego
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15TH		
7:30 am	**† Chester Cetlinski**	Barbara Cetlinski
9:00 am	**† Matt & Irene Serwacki**	Betsy Goinski
11:00 am	**† Margaret Knapp**	Peter & Londa Knapp
5:00 pm	**† Mary Lace Guilfoil**	Joseph Brooks

Funeral for Lou Poulin
Tuesday, November 17, 2026 at 10:00am

Candle Intentions

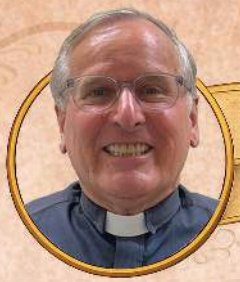
ADORATION CANDLE November 1st - 30th	**Karen Kaiser (Special Intention)**	Irene MacKenzie

Upcoming Events

DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Mon Nov 9 5:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Mon Nov 9 6:00 pm	MOST	Quad
Mon Nov 9 6:00 pm	Ladies Guild	Parish Hall
Mon Nov 9 6:00 pm	Prayer and Life Workshop Spanish Ministry	Youth House
Wed Nov 11 5:30 pm	Bell Choir	Sanctuary
Wed Nov 11 6:00 pm	ALPHA	Quad
Thurs Nov 12 6:00 pm	Spanish Legion of Mary	Youth House
Fri Nov 13 1:30 pm	Legion of Mary	Youth House
Fri Nov 13 6:30 pm	Spanish Ministry Meeting	Quad
Sat Nov 14 11:30 am	Advent Retreat Spanish Ministry	Parish Hall
Sun Nov 15 11:00 am	Baptism Prep Class	Library
Sun Nov 15 12:00 pm	OCIA	Quad
Mon Nov 16 5:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Mon Nov 16 6:00 pm	Prayer and Life Workshop Spanish Ministry	Youth House
Tues Nov 17 9:00 am	Lay Carmelite Community Meeting	Youth House
Wed Nov 18 5:30 pm	Bell Choir	Sanctuary
Thurs Nov 19 6:00 pm	Spanish Legion of Mary	Youth House
Thurs Nov 19 6:00 pm	ALPHA	Quad
Fri Nov 20 1:30 pm	Legions of Mary	Youth House
Fri Nov 20 7:00 pm	Spanish Ministry Movie Night	Parish Hall
Sat Nov 21 6:00 pm	Spanish Ministry Dinner	Parish Hall
Sun Nov 22 (following 7 and 9 am masses)	Ladies Guild Bake Sale	Parish Hall
Sun Nov 22 11:20 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
Sun Nov 22 12:00 am	OCIA	Quad

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





A Message from Fr. Tom
Un Mensaje de Padre Tom

As the coals from our barbecue burned down, our hosts passed out marshmallows and long roasting forks. Just then, two fire trucks roared by, sirens blaring, lights flashing. They stopped at a house right down the block. All twelve of us raced out of the back yard, down the street, where we found the owners of the blazing house standing by helplessly.

They glared at us with looks of disgust. Suddenly, we realized why.....
We were all still holding our roasting forks with marshmallows on them.

We can be so careless. We all have been hurt and we all have hurt others carelessly and unintentionally. Sometimes those hurts can last a lifetime. We know what that feels like. Can we give others a pass of mercy? Can we refrain from reading into the act. Don't emotionally charge the situation. Don't pretend that you know the other's intention. You are not a mind reader. Give the benefit of the doubt. Move on. Don't linger on past hurts. Delete phrases like "I can't believe what he/she did to me?" or "He or she knew what they were doing." Many times they don't. Isn't that what Jesus said while dying on the cross, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do"(Luke 23:34). For your peace of mind, think the best of others. Often the anger is not worth the energy. There are much better ways to spend your time and that energy. Be kind.

Love and Blessings,
Father Tom

Mientras las brasas de nuestra barbacoa se consumían, nuestros anfitriones repartieron malvaviscos y largos tenedores para asarlos. En ese preciso instante, dos camiones de bomberos pasaron a toda velocidad, con las sirenas a todo volumen y las luces parpadeando. Se detuvieron frente a una casa, justo al final de la calle. Los doce salimos corriendo del patio trasero, bajamos por la calle y encontramos a los dueños de la casa en llamas, observando la escena con total impotencia.

Nos miraron con gesto de repugnancia. De repente, comprendimos por qué... Todos seguíamos sosteniendo nuestros tenedores con los malvaviscos ensartados.

A veces podemos ser muy descuidados. Todos hemos sufrido heridas y, a su vez, hemos herido a otros de manera descuidada e involuntaria. En ocasiones, esas heridas pueden durar toda la vida. Sabemos bien lo que eso significa. ¿Podemos ofrecer a los demás un gesto de misericordia? ¿Podemos evitar hacer interpretaciones sobre sus actos? No cargues la situación de emociones negativas. No pretendas saber cuáles eran las intenciones de la otra persona; no puedes leer la mente. Concede el beneficio de la duda. Sigue adelante. No te quedes anclado en el dolor del pasado. Elimina frases como: "¡No puedo creer lo que me hizo!" o "Él (o ella) sabía perfectamente lo que hacía". Muchas veces, en realidad, no lo saben. ¿Acaso no fue eso lo que dijo Jesús mientras moría en la cruz: "Padre, perdónalos, porque no saben lo que hacen" (Lucas 23:34)? Por tu propia tranquilidad, piensa siempre lo mejor de los demás. A menudo, el enfado no merece el gasto de energía que conlleva. Existen formas mucho mejores de emplear tu tiempo y tu energía. Sé amable.

Con amor y bendiciones,
Padre Tom

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The Present is a Gift

We all can relate to hurt. Life is full of disappointments and suffering. Things aren't meant to always go our way, otherwise how and what would we learn? It's been said "the learning process continues until you die" or as I like to say "…until the Lord takes us home."

In 1995, I was gifted Spencer Johnson's book "The Precious Present," a powerful reminder that moments matter. Many of you may have read Matthew Kelly's "Holy Moments" published in 2022. Again, a strong call to bring our faith into those moments.

We are all hurt, struggling, forsaken, broken. There isn't anyone who isn't; there isn't anyone who doesn't know what "hard" is. It isn't our place to measure the weight of anyone's cross but our own; the Lord knows they are all EQUALLY heavy. But our faith calls us to **choose Joy**. And when we do, we can feel His peace. It's not easy. But that's when we can lean on each other. …in those moments…in every encounter, as much as possible.

When we recognize the precious present is the only reality that matters, we can melt away the hurt with a hug that reassures, with a conversation that comforts, or simply a smile of acknowledgement. Strangers become familiar, boundaries vanish, and peace or joy (or both!) is shared. We are no longer alone.

We are all carrying the weight of the world on our shoulders. Let's make moments matter and fully appreciate the precious present.

Am I welcoming or watchful?
Am I inspiring or intimidating?
Do I build bridges or barriers?
Am I glorifying God or me?

"Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I say: Rejoice! Let your kindness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but present your needs to God in prayer and petition, with thanksgiving." ~Philippians 4:4-6

Your sister in Christ,
Faye Leilanie Peraza
Parish Administrator

El presente es un regalo

Todos sabemos lo que es el dolor. La vida está llena de decepciones y sufrimientos. Las cosas no siempre tienen que salir como queremos; de lo contrario, ¿cómo y qué aprenderíamos? Se suele decir que "el proceso de aprendizaje continúa hasta la muerte", o como a mí me gusta decir: "...hasta que el Señor nos llame a casa".

En 1995, recibí como regalo el libro de Spencer Johnson *El presente precioso* (*The Precious Present*), un recordatorio poderoso de que los momentos importan. Muchos de ustedes quizás hayan leído *Momentos sagrados* (*Holy Moments*), de Matthew Kelly, publicado en 2022; otra llamada contundente a integrar nuestra fe en esos momentos.

Todos estamos heridos, atravesando dificultades, sintiéndonos abandonados o quebrantados. No hay nadie que no lo esté; no hay nadie que no sepa lo que significa que algo sea "difícil". No nos corresponde a nosotros medir el peso de la cruz de los demás, solo la nuestra; el Señor sabe que todas son IGUAL DE pesadas. Pero nuestra fe nos invita a **elegir la alegría**. Y, al hacerlo, podemos experimentar Su paz. No es fácil, pero es precisamente ahí donde podemos apoyarnos unos a otros... en esos momentos... en cada encuentro, siempre que sea posible.

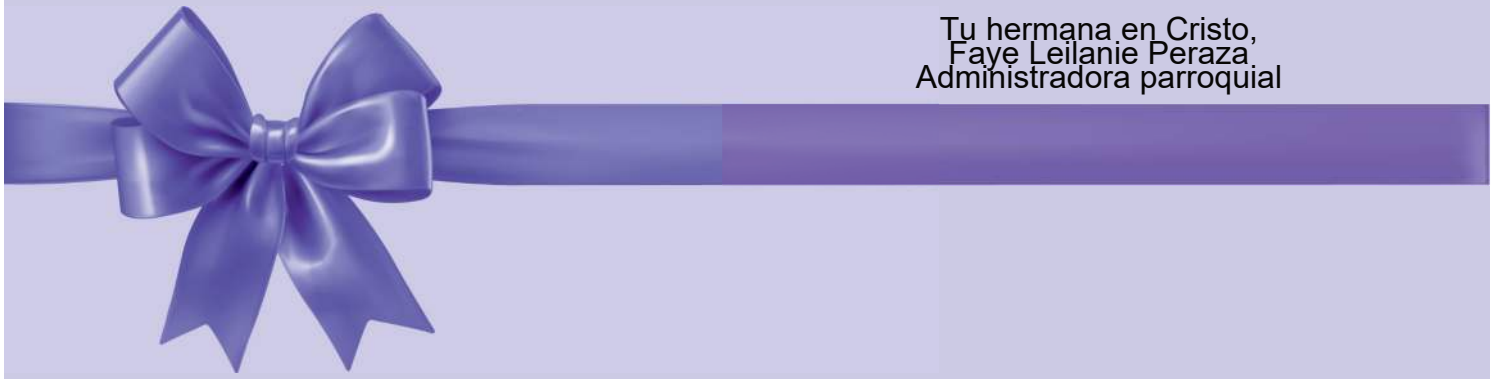
Cuando comprendemos que el «presente precioso» es la única realidad que importa, podemos disipar el dolor mediante un abrazo que brinda seguridad, una conversación que reconforta o, simplemente, una sonrisa de reconocimiento. Los desconocidos se vuelven cercanos, las barreras se desvanecen y se comparte la paz o la alegría (¡o ambas!). Ya no estamos solos.

Todos cargamos con el peso del mundo sobre nuestros hombros. Hagamos que los momentos cuenten y valoremos plenamente este presente precioso.

¿Soy acogedor o me muestro a la defensiva?
¿Inspiro a los demás o los intimido?
¿Construyo puentes o levanto barreras?
¿Glorifico a Dios o me glorifico a mí mismo?

"Alégrense siempre en el Señor. Insisto: ¡alégrense! Que su bondad sea conocida por todos. El Señor está cerca. No se inquieten por nada; más bien, presenten sus necesidades a Dios en oración y súplica, acompañadas de acción de gracias". ~Filipenses 4:4-6

Tu hermana en Cristo,
Faye Leilanie Peraza
Administradora parroquial



Perpetual Adoration

Find REST at the Adoration Chapel!
Retreat; **E**nter in the presence of Christ; **S**anctify this time with Him and for Him; **T**rust 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, 2pm
Thursday: 11pm-3am
Friday: 6pm, 9pm-2am
Saturday: 9pm-3am, 6pm, 7pm
Sunday: 10pm-5am, 7pm

Substitutes are also needed for hours already filled.
Call Nancy at (941) 518-2194



Much love and blessings to Jackie and John on your wedding day October 31st!

As we are drawing closer to Thanksgiving, in lieu of Turkeys we would prefer Gift Cards. Turkeys take up so much room in the freezer, but a gift card can slip into a desk. Plus, the homeless can use gift cards but not so much a turkey.

Please consider donating a gift card, $15 is perfect.

Please have the amount of the gift card with the gift card. (Publix, Walmart, Dollar Tree, Dollar General, and Roses)

We are always looking for:
plastic jars of pasta sauce
boxes of spaghetti
1lb-2lb bags of rice
Pop top cans of tuna and chicken
Gatorade
small cans of nuts
BOGO specials

Additionally the Soup Kitchen desperately needs **reusable shopping bags!**
Please consider picking some up when you checkout at stores and donating.

Thank you to those who have already generously donated!

Helping beyond our borders

The situation in Cuba remains critical. Please bring any of these items to the Parish Office before Mon Nov 20th.

- powdered milk
- hot chocolate packets
- unflavored/flavored gelatin
- fried red beans
- rice
- summer sausage
- dry soup packets
- packets of tuna &/or chicken
- sazon 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.

For the health and consideration of our parishioners with allergies, please try to refrain from using perfume / cologne and other scented products while attending church services. At this time, the left side of the church (across from the Choir area) is designated a "No Fragrance Area."



Thrift Store Needs Volunteers

The Thrift Store needs additional volunteers.
To volunteer, call the Parish Office.



Roses from Heaven Gift Shop
Open Sat 3:30-5:30 and Sun 8:30-12:30

Christmas Giving Tree 2026

St. Theresa Christmas Giving Trees will be in the church vestibule on **Saturday, November 7th, and Sunday, November 8th**. Gifts must be **unwrapped and put in a bag or box with the Angel Tag inside**. Please include any Gift Receipts. Please bring your gifts to the Social Services Office Monday - Friday, 9 am - 12 pm. Gifts must be turned in no later than Friday, December 4th. On behalf of Father Tom and the Social Services staff, we thank you for your generous support.

Small groups are a great way to deepen your faith journey and get to know others in our community, and Advent is the perfect time to step out and try something new. **Please visit the welcome desk or call the office to sign up.** Groups meet both on campus and in people's homes; we accommodate your schedule! We begin the week before Thanksgiving and end the week before Christmas. We look forward to hearing from you!



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.



Looking to volunteer?

Join the Cleaning Angels.

We can really use your help! We clean after Mass Thursdays (~9:15) for about 1-2 hours. Call Marie at the office, 352-245-2458, if you have any questions or want to volunteer.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

GIVE UNTO THE LORD

As of November 2, 2026

Offertory	$ 29,580.69
Project Growth (Maintenance)	$ 4,077.29
Soup Kitchen	$ 3,913.73
Social Services	$ 5,012.29
Thrift Store	$ 10,802.75

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



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DINING & DONATING

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Tuesday November 10th – 4:30pm-8pm
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Donation percentage excludes tax & tip. Valid at this restaurant during specified hours. Must present flyer in order to receive credit for purchase. Flyers are not to be distributed in the restaurant or within the perimeter of parking lot.

Pro-Life Corner

The Pro-Life Committee is once again in action to collect money to support local Pregnancy Centers. These facilities provide counseling, baby supplies, and shelter to local expectant mothers in need. **Beginning Oct 31, Baby Bottles will be available in the Narthex.** Please take one, fill it with your loose change, cash, or a personal check (made out to St Theresa with "Pro Life" written in the memo line). **Please return bottles to St. Theresa on November 28/29.**

JOIN THE PRO LIFE COMMITTEE. WE NEED YOU!!!
If you are interested in the Church's Pro Life activities - please join us and bring your experiences, and new ideas! For more information call:
Pat Pratt - Committee Chair
(386)566-8654 patriciapratt4@icloud.com

"You are called to stand up for life! To respect and defend the mys-tery of life always and everywhere, including the lives of unborn babies, giving real help and encouragement to mothers in difficult situations. You are called to work and pray against abortion." - St. John Paul II

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
Rita Baker
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Weston Cunningham
Marc Czyznik
Ron Czyznik
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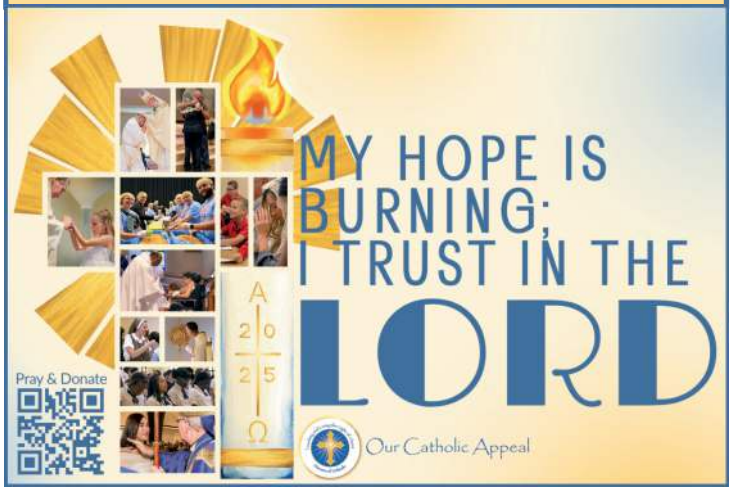
Welcome to our New Parishioners

- Kevin Ura and Carolyn Caliri

Thank you for your generous support of the 2026 Appeal.

We Did It!

We have reached AND exceeded our Catholic Appeal goal by ***$13,189***! 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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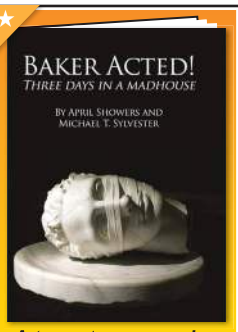
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