St. Therese Catholic Church

20115 North Tamiami Trail
North Fort Myers, FL 33903

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 24, 2021

Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 7:00; 9:00 & 11:00 AM
(November ~ April)
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM (May ~ October)

Daily Mass:
9:00 AM Monday ~ Saturday
Holy Days: As Announced

Parish Office Hours
Monday ~ Friday: 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Phone 239-567-2315
Fax 239-567-2316
Web-Site www.saintttheresechurch.net
E-mail info@saintttheresechurch.net

Location
Two Miles North of Del Prado Blvd. Extension on N. Tamiami Trail.

SUNDAY MASS DISPENSATION EXTENDED INTO 2021

CELEBRATION OF MASS (SEE PAGE 2)

JOIN US IN PRAYER FOR DAILY MASS AT www.saintttheresechurch.net

ALL MAJOR ACTIVITIES AND PARISH EVENTS REMAIN SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday: 9:30 AM and 3:00 PM

Sacrament of Matrimony
This sacrament requires a time of preparation. Please contact the Parish Office at least six months before the wedding date.

Rosary 8:00 AM Monday ~ Saturday

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday after the 9:00 AM Mass.

TV Mass for the Homebound
Sundays 10:30-11:00 AM FOX4 (WFTX)
or view the Mass on Diocesan website
http://dioceseofvenice.org

THANK YOU for allowing your generosity to be an expression of your gratitude!

Parish Staff

Administrator	Fr. Jan Antonik
Assisting Priest	Fr. Tom Heck
Permanent Deacon	Deacon Frank Barone
Growth in Faith and Communications	Nelson Perez
Parish Secretary	Barbara Gallagher
Music Director	Marge Wolf
Bookkeeper	Tamara Naranjo
Religious Education	Nelson Perez
Maintenance	James Shephard

Ministries / Organizations

Altar Servers: Nelson Perez 567-2315

Arimatheans: Marge & Bob Grgic 567-1306

Bereavement Coordinators:
Summer & Joseph Allman 567-2315

Blanket Ministry: Parish Office 567-2315

Council of Catholic Women:
Shirley Spicer 565-2177

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:
Nancy Petrosinelli 731-7339

Food Pantry: Parish Office 567-2315

Fundraising: Parish Office 567-2315

Greeters/Ushers: Tom Donoghue 560-9752
Tom Fleming 941-276-0264

Gospel Forum: Nick Vitale 349-2281

Homebound Ministry:
Brenda Dolan 731-7494

Knights of Columbus:
Bill Judge 978-345-8988

Lectors: Joline Lambert 413-519-7684

Music: Marge Wolf 910-2868

Rosary Makers: Parish Office 567-2315

Sacristan: Joe Landry 839-1208

Sunday Scripture Reflection:
Deacon Frank Barone 567-2315

St. Vincent de Paul:
Angela Austin 369-1231

Parish Income

Weekend of January 17, 2021	$9,246.00
One Year Ago	$16,854.15
Fiscal Year to Date:	$316,893.50

THANK YOU to all who give so generously!

Catholic Faith Appeal 2020

The 2020 Catholic Faith Appeal, was a most generous expression of the desire of St. Therese Parish to reach out to all in need in our ten-county diocese! THANK YOU to all who made a gift to the 2020 Catholic Faith Appeal. Our parish assessment was again exceeded and all monies over $191,000 will be returned to St. Therese Parish. Thank you for your great generosity.

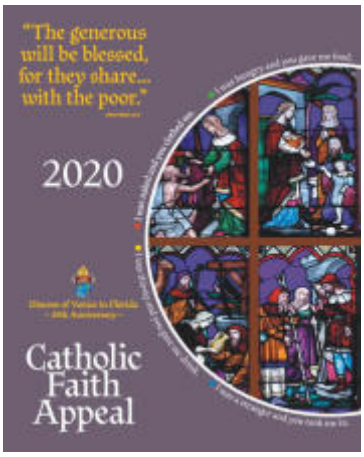
Assessment:
$191,000.00

Collected as 1/7:
$200,220.03

Parish Goal (Pledged):
104.84%

Parish Participation:
33.54%

Pledged:
$200,248.66



Keeping Yourself and Others Healthy

Life at St. Therese

WELCOME to all who have joined with the Faith Community at St. Therese Faith Family as we begin the Third Week of Ordinary Time. A special welcome is extended to all who are visiting from the area or those who have joined with family at this time of the year.

If you are praying with us from home, please join us online at www.saintheresechurch.net for the celebration of the Eucharist with Bishop Frank J. Dewane.

THANK YOU AND SAVE IMPORTANT DATES

CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL 2021

Having concluded a very successful 2020 Catholic Faith Appeal, the 2021 Appeal begins. This week those who have previously contributed to the CFA will be receiving a letter from Bishop Dewane as well as a 2021 CFA Brochure and an envelope in which to make a gift or pledge. The parish assessment for 2021 at St. Therese is **$176,000**. Brochures and offering envelopes will be available at St. Therese Church for those who did not receive the mailing. Blessed by the goodness of God, all are called to express the generosity of our God in our action and care for others.

The 2020 Catholic Faith Appeal has concluded. **THANK YOU** to all who gave so generously in response to the needs of the Diocese of Venice. The St. Therese Parish assessment was $191,000 and we far exceeded it!! Together, we did it again! The dollars by which St. Therese Parish exceeded the $191,000 assessment will be returned to the parish and will NOT be assessed in any future appeal. As in many prior years, the percentage of parish members participating in the appeal was among the highest in the Diocese of Venice!! Once again, we THANK YOU for your love and great generosity to the Catholic Faith Appeal!

PARISH CONTRIBUTION RECORD

A 2020 Parish Contribution Record is available to all registered members of St. Therese Parish. You may either call the office and request a copy of your record be sent to you or stop by the office and obtain a copy. Records of contributions are kept only for those who are registered and either use the parish support envelopes or those who make their contributions online. THANK YOU for your generosity for the sake of your Faith Family at St. Therese Parish!

SAVE THE DATE — ANNIVERSARY MASSES

All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their honor to be celebrated in two locations. This year, considering the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, each location will have two Masses to allow for appropriate social distancing. The Masses are 10:00 AM and Noon on February 6th at Epiphany Cathedral, 350 Tampa Ave. W., Venice, and 10:00 AM and Noon, March 6th at St. Leo the Great Parish, 28290 Beaumont Road, Bonita Springs. Please contact Barbara in the St. Therese Parish office to register. Please reserve seats at least one week before the Mass you wish to attend.

SAVE THE DATE — MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CONFERENCES

Mark your calendars for the 2021 Men's and Women's Conferences which will be held at Bishop Verot Catholic High School, 5598 Sunrise Drive, Fort Myers. The Men's Conference will be 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM Saturday, February 20th, and the Women's Conference will be held 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM Saturday, March 13th. Stay tuned for registration details! Please contact the Office of Evangelization with any questions at evangelization@dioceseofvenice.org or 941-484-9543.

Mass Worship Aid — Scripture Readings

Reading 1 *Jonah 3:1-5, 10*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jonah

The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying: "Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and announce to it the message that I will tell you." So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh, according to the LORD'S bidding. Now Nineveh was an enormously large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began his journey through the city, and had gone but a single day's walk announcing, "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed, "when the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm *25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9*

R. Teach me, O Lord. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths,
Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my savior. ***R.***

Remember that your compassion, O LORD,
and your love are from of old.
In your kindness remember me,
because of your goodness, O LORD. ***R.***

Good and upright is the LORD;
thus he shows sinners the way.
He guides the humble to justice
and teaches the humble his way. ***R.***

Reading 2 *1 Corinthians 7:29-31*

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out. From now on, let those having wives act as not having them, those weeping as not weeping, those rejoicing as not rejoicing, those buying as not owning, those using the world as not using it fully. For the world in its present form is passing away.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel *Mark 1:14-20*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Mass Worship Aid — Music

Gathering Song
Sing A New Song

Refrain: Sing a new song unto the Lord;
let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
singing alleluia.

Shout with gladness! Dance for joy!
O come before the Lord.
And play for him on glad tambourines,
and let your trumpet sound. *Refrain*

Rise, O children, from your sleep;
your Savior now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy,
and filled your soul with song. *Refrain*

Glad my soul for I have seen
the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised.
I know my Savior lives. *Refrain*

Glory to God Mass of the Renewal

Refrain: Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of goodwill.

Presentation of Gifts Song
We Are Many Parts

Refrain: We are many parts, we are all one body,
and the gifts we have we are given to share.
May the Spirit of love make us one indeed;
one, the love that we share; one, our hope in
despair, one, the cross that we bear.

God of all, we look to you,
we would be your servants true,
let us be your love to all the world.

So my pain is pain for you,
in your joy is my joy, too;
all is brought together in the Lord.

All you seekers great and small,
seek the greatest gift of all;
if you love, then you will know the Lord.

Mass of the Renewal

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

Amen, amen, amen.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world
have mercy, have mercy on us…
grant us, grant us peace.

Communion Song
As Christ Is For Us

In the bread we share with the hungry,
in the help we give to the poor,
in the kindness we show to the stranger
we find Christ the open door.

Refrain: So we rise with him each morning,
and we work, as work we must,
to be Christ for others as Christ is for us,
to be Christ for others as Christ is for us.

May the bread we share give us courage
to restore the earth in this time.
For the sake of our children's descendants
let us honor God's ancient design. *Refrain*

May the bread we share keep us mindful
and the fruit of the vine make us one.
Let the whole human fam'ly together
heed the cry of our island home. *Refrain*

Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle,
be our protection against the wickedness and
snares of the devil. May God rebuke him,
we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the
heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into
Hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl
about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

Pope Leo XIII (1810-1903)

Sending Forth Song
Drawn By His Word

Drawn by his word, Jesus' apostles
followed their Lord on his way,
opened their hearts, pondered his message,
shared in his life, day by day.
He filled their hearts with his love,
making them heralds of a new world.

Drawn by a dream, Jesus' apostles
shone in their words and their deeds:
healing the sick, strength'ning the weary,
comforting folks in their need.
Christ filled their hearts with his love,
making them heralds of a new world.

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Breaking Bread — 2021 Liturgical Year

Please remember to take your Worship Aid/Bulletin with you after Mass, as we are not using them for the next Mass. Thank You!

Mass Intentions

† Deceased ✸ Living

Mon.	25	9:00 AM	†	Audrey Brosnan
Tues.	26	9:00 AM	†	Ken Faust
Wed.	27	9:00 AM		Greater Respect For All Human Life
Thur.	28	9:00 AM	†	Cyndi Ferro Abbott and Family
Fri.	29	9:00 AM	✸	Fr. Jan Antonik
Sat.	30	9:00 AM	†	Robert Schmidt
		4:00 PM	†	Ernest, Josephine, Canio and Raymond Toglia
Sun.	31	7:00 AM	†	Charles Gallagher
		9:00 AM	†	Frank DeRosso
		11:00 AM	✸	All Members of St. Therese Parish

OUR LOVE AND PRAYER

We pray for Albert "Al" J. Wolf, Sr. (husband of Marge), Music Director of St. Therese Parish who has entered eternal life. May Al be embraced by a loving and caring God. May Marge and the Wolf Family along with friends know the love and care of the St. Therese Parish Community as they discover and begin to experience a new relationship with one so loved. The Funeral Mass for Al will be on Thursday, February 4th, at 11:00 AM at St. Therese Church.

CARING FOR THE POOR

The St. Vincent de Paul Society looks to us, especially during this COVID-19 time, for financial support so that they may reach out to the poor and needy of our community in our name. THANK YOU to all who make contributions through St. Therese Parish. When issuing a check, please make it payable to *St. Vincent de Paul Society*. Please contact Barbara, our parish Secretary at (239) 567-2315 if you have questions.

Prayer Request

Frank Adamske, Leane Atchison, Ken Belsan
Lino Caldera, Louella Cashin, Judith Cirillo
Ruth Connell, Lisa Creighton, Pauline Dalrymple
Martha Davis, Bob & Helen DeMarco, Ellen Ebben
Bob Franz, Bon Fraser, Joseph Gertzen
Teresa Gertzen, Joanne Gluck, Bob Harris
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Charlene Wood, Betty Woyt

If you wish to have the name of a relative or friend added to our prayer list for six weeks, please contact the parish office, 239-567-2315

TRAFFIC OFFERING

From December through April, various law enforcement agencies assist worshipers at St. Therese Parish as they seek both egress and entrance to Highway 41. This service comes at an annual cost of nearly $17,000! To offset this expenditure, a TRAFFIC envelope is included in the box of parish envelopes during the months when assistance is needed. Envelopes are also available at the main entrance of the church.

Readings For The Week Of January 24

Sunday:	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20
Monday:	Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday:	Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a. 10; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	Saint Angela Merici, Virgin Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday:	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

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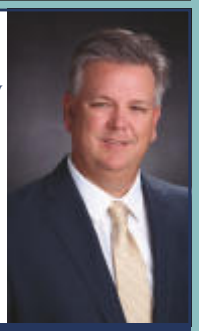

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