

St. Therese Catholic Church

20115 North Tamiami Trail North Fort Myers, FL 33903

First Sunday of Lent ~ February 21, 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

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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.sainttheresechurch.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

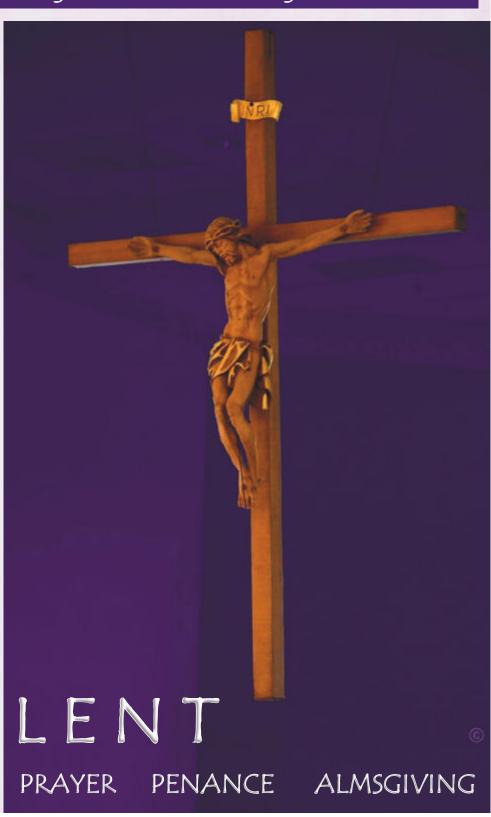
This sacrament requires a time of preparation. Please contact the Parish Office at least six months before the wedding date.

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



Parish Staff

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

Ministries / Organizations

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Summer & Joseph Allman 567-2315

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Council of Catholic Women:

Shirley Spicer 565-2177

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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 February 14, 2021 \$10,684.00 One Year Ago \$16,184.38

Fiscal Year to Date: \$367,979.17

THANK YOU to all who give so generously!

Catholic Faith Appeal 2021

The 2021 CFA is a continuing expression of St. Therese Parish's desire to reach out to all in need in our ten county diocese! THANK YOU to all who have made a pledge and/or gift to the Catholic Faith Appeal. If you have not yet made your pledge or gift to the 2020 appeal, please do so soon. Please use one of the envelopes available at all entrances of the church. THANK YOU!

Assessment:

\$176,000.00

Collected as 2/11: **\$11,187.00**

Pledged: **\$22,577.00**

Parish Goal 12.83%

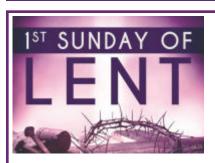
Parish Participation: **5.37%**



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WELCOME to all who have joined with the Faith Community at St. Therese Faith Family as we gather in prayer to begin the First Week of the Lenten Season. 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.sainttheresechurch.net for the celebration of the Eucharist with Bishop Frank J. Dewane.

LENT IS A SPECIAL TIME OF PRAYER

Lent is a gift! It waits to be opened and to come alive for every one of us. Last Wednesday we received ashes as a reminder of our need to bring about change in our lives. That does not suggest that our past has been horrible and that we need to shape up! The change to which we are called is to build upon the goodness God has given us... to open our hearts and lives to all that is presented from a loving and compassionate Creator. As we begin the first full week of Lent, I again invite everyone to make it a Lent of your lifetime... characterized with pray, reflection and action.

During Lent, weekday morning Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM and everyone is encouraged to be a participant. Stations of the Cross along with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction will be at 2:00 PM on the Tuesdays of Lent: February 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Saturday mornings after the 9:00 AM Mass and at 3:00 PM; Friday, March 26, from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, and Saturday, March 27, after the 9:00 AM Mass to Noon. The forty-day journey to Holy Week and Easter is also a prime time to grow in our personal prayer. For those who wish to pray before the Blessed Sacrament... the Church is available from 7:00 AM each weekday until 3:00 PM.

A Lenten booklet entitled "Growing in Friendship with Christ," reflections written by Pope Francis, Fr. Henry Nouwen and St. Mother Teresa, is available this weekend in the narthex (\$1.00 donation). In this booklet, we will learn how to see, value and act in the world as Jesus does, which will lead us inevitably to the cross as it does Jesus. Each reflection is connected to a relevant quote from Scripture and ends with a brief prayer. Please take one and enjoy these daily Lenten reflections. You can also join and receive daily Lenten reflections in your mailbox by Matthew Kelly at Best Lent Ever | Dynamic Catholic and by Dr. Tim Gray at FORMED Lenten Reflections.

We can make this Lent a most meaningful time of growth in the Lord while deepening our relationship with others. Let us live an alive Lent!





Mass Worship Aid — Scripture Readings

Reading 1

Genesis 9:8-15

A reading from the Book of Genesis

God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth." God added: "This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love, to those who keep your covenant. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

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.

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 he teaches the humble his way. **R.**

Reading 2

1 Peter 3:18-22

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter

Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit.

In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Mark 1:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. 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."

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 Led by The Spirit

Led by the Spirit of our God,
we go to fast and pray.
With Christ into the wilderness;
we join His paschal way.
"Rend not your garments, rend your hearts.
Turn back your lives to me."
Thus says our kind and gracious God,
whose reign is liberty.

Led by the Spirit,
we confront temptation face to face,
And know full well we must rely
on God's redeeming grace.
On bread alone we cannot live,
but nourished by the Word.
We seek the will of God to do:
this is our drink and food.

Penitential Rite Mass of Renewal

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lenten Acclamation Mass of Glory

Praise and honor to you, O Lord Jesus Christ!

Presentation of Gifts Song Only This I want

Refrain: Only this I want: but to know the Lord, and to bear his cross, so to wear the crown he wore.

All but this is loss, worthless refuse to me, for to gain the Lord is to gain all I need.

Refrain

I will run the race; I will fight the good fight So to win the prize of the kingdom of my Lord Refrain

Let your heart be glad, always glad in the Lord, so to shine like stars in the darkness of the night.

Refrain

Mass of Glory

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

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

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

Communion Song Pan de Vida

Refrain: Pan de Vida, cuerpo del Señor, cup of blessing, blood of Christ the Lord.
At this table the last shall be first.
Poder es servir, porque Dios es amor.

We are the dwelling of God, fragile and wounded and weak.
We are the body of Christ, called to be the compassion of God. *Refrain*

You call me Teacher and Lord;
I, who have washed your feet.
So you must do as I do,
so the greatest must become the least. *Refrain*

There is no Jew or Greek; there is no slave or free; there is no woman or man; only heirs of the promise of God. *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 Bless Be the Lord

Refrain:

Blest be the Lord, blest be the Lord, the God of mercy, the God who saves. I shall not fear the dark of night, nor the arrow that flies by day.

He will release me from the nets of all my foes. He will protect me from their wicked hands. Beneath the shadow of his wings I will rejoice to find a dwelling place secure. *Refrain*

Although a thousand strong have fallen at my side, I'll not be shaken with the Lord at hand. His faithful love is all the armor that I need to wage my battle with my foe. *Refrain*

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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!

FIRST WEEK OF LENT

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Mon.	22	9:00 AM	†	MARY LYNCH
Tues.	23	9:00 AM	+	ROBERT SCHMIDT
Wed.	24	9:00 AM	†	DANIEL BIRCHOK
Thur.	25	9:00 AM		GREATER RESPECT FOR ALL HUMAN LIFE
Fri.	26	9:00 AM	†	CHARLES SPRINGER
Sat.	27	9:00 AM	†	Rose O'Brien
		4:00 PM	†	Joseph, Catherine, Joe Kenneth & John Jaick
Sun.	28	7:00 AM	†	Anne Giltenan
		9:00 AM	*	ALL MEMBERS OF ST. THERESE PARISH
		11:00 AM	+	Ronald Carroll & Barbara Dedual

OUR LOVE AND PRAYER



We pray for Michael Kelly (husband of Maggie), of St. Therese Parish who has entered eternal life. May Michael be embraced by a loving and caring God. May Maggie and the Kelly

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 Michael will be this Friday, February 26th at 11:00 AM at St. Therese Church.



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You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000 volunteers!

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- 107 abortion centers closed

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

- Vigil location: Public right-of-way outside (name of abortion center and street address, any pertinent info)
- . Vigil hours: (i.e., 7 am to 7 pm daily)
- Local contact: (name, phone, email information for local leaders / coordinators)
- Learn more ... get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below!

40daysforlife.com/Fort Myers

Prayer List

Frank Adamske, Deacon Frank Barone Jolene Bonene, Louis Broglie, Lino Caldera Louella Cashin, Robert Chiatello, Judith Cirillo, Jacqueline Conlan Pauline Dalrymple, Martha Davis Ellen Ebben, Bon Fraser, Bryan Gavarza Joseph Gertzen, Teresa Gertzen, Joanne Gluck Howard Gross, Bob Harris, Adele Heft Coral Hoskins, Easton Irwin, Richard Jung Roger Jung, Brady Kellogg, Lloyd Kelsey Joline Lambert, Don Madison, Matthew Mowery Michael & Nicholas McPartland, Kathie Needham Neil Orr, Barbara Peet, Peter Smith, Ray Streeter Deborah Ann Taylor, Ginlee Taylor, Dorothy Vowles Alisa & Gregory & Thomas Wieczorek, Pat Williams Alexandra Winters, Charlene Wood, Bill Zoeller 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

SCAMS HAPPENING PLEASE BE CAREFUL

We are aware that parishioners are receiving text messages and e-mails on behalf of Fr. Jan Antonik asking them for a favor or to buy gift cards. Please note that this is just not the case.... IT IS A SCAM! Please use extreme caution with e-mails, attachments, phone call, links, and login information. Please do not respond to requests for wiring money, buying gift cards, sharing personal or financial information, or similar requests. Any caller who wants a gift card as payment for any reason whatsoever, is trying to SCAM YOU! Please be SCAM SMART!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent

Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Pt

3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

Monday: Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter the

Apostle

1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt

16:13-19

Tuesday: Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17,

18-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;

Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-

2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a,

7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;

Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116: 10, 15, 16-17, 18-19; Rom 8:31b-

34; Mk 9:2-10





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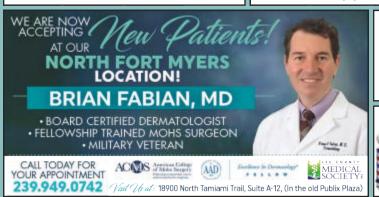
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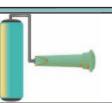






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