



St. Therese Catholic Church

20115 North Tamiami Trail
North Fort Myers, FL 33903

Feast of the Holy Family ~ December 26, 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: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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E-mail info@sainttheresechurch.net

Location

Two Miles North of Del Prado Blvd.

Extension on N. Tamiami Trail.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office for
Registration.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 9:30 AM

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.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Please call the parish office or upon
request.

Rosary 8:00 AM Monday ~ Saturday

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

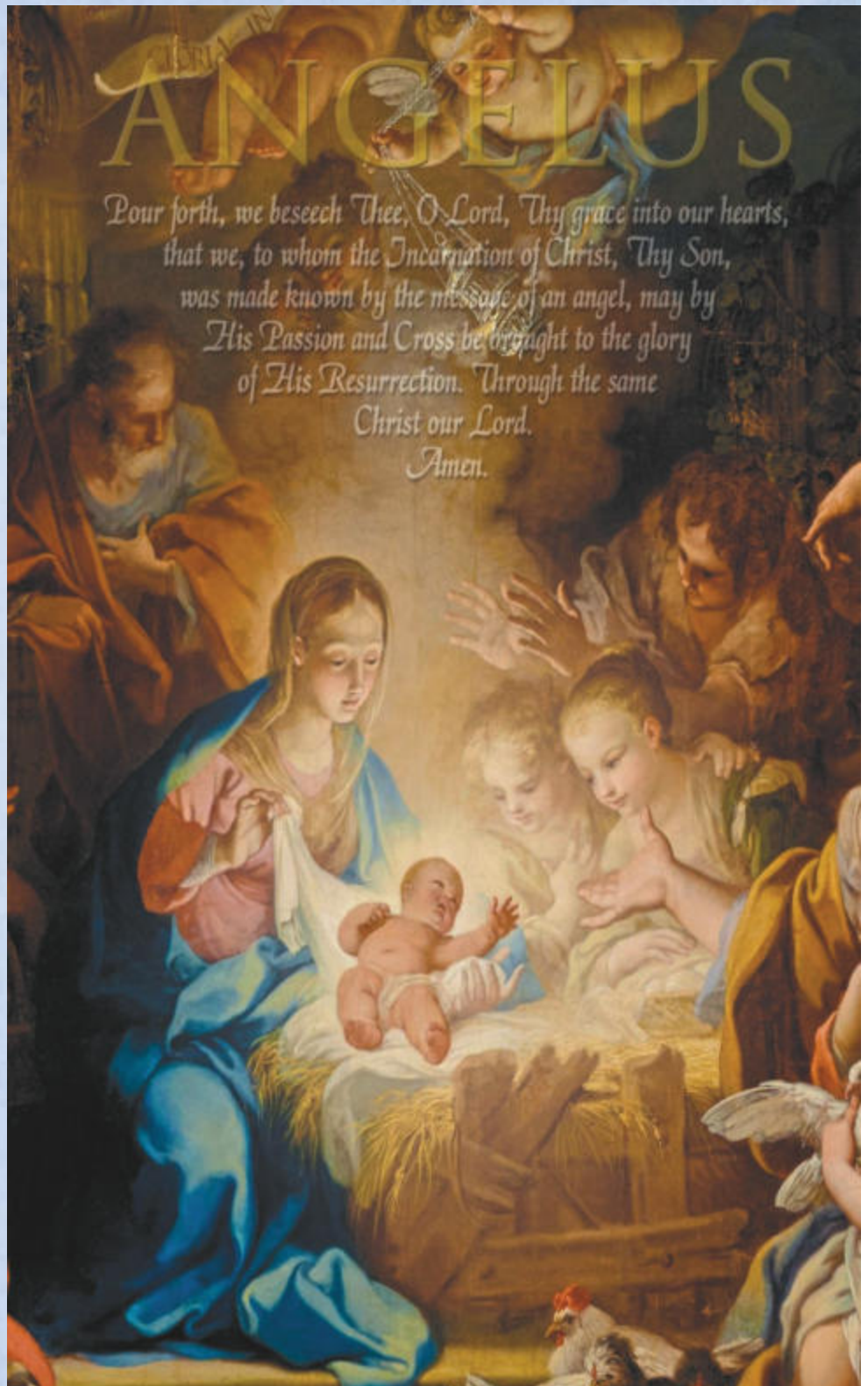
Wednesday after the 9:00 AM Mass.

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
Permanent Deacon	Deacon Frank Barone
Permanent Deacon	Deacon Joe Hopgood
Growth in Faith and Communications	Nelson Perez
Parish Secretary	Barbara Gallagher
Music Director	Marge Wolf
Religious Education	Nelson Perez
Maintenance	James Shephard

Ministries / Organizations

Altar Servers:	Nelson Perez	567-2315
Arimatheans:	Becky Harper	567-2315
Bereavement Coordinator:	Summer Allman	567-2315
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Knights of Columbus:	John VonDer Vellen	567-2315
Lectors:	Joline Lambert	567-2315
Music:	Marge Wolf	567-2315
Rosary Makers:	Parish Office	567-2315
Sacristan:	Joe Landry	567-2315
Sunday Scripture Reflection:	Deacon Frank Barone	567-2315
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Parish Income

Because of the pre-Christmas deadline for submitting this bulletin to the printer, the income report for December 19 will be included in the January 2nd bulletin.

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 2021 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 12/13:
\$175,154.53

Pledged:
\$178,163.73

Parish Goal
101.23%

Parish Participation:
29.97%



Fingerprint and Safe Environment

The Diocese of Venice requires that all employees and those volunteers who work with children and/or vulnerable adults be fingerprinted and trained in Safe Environment prior to beginning employment or volunteering. For more information, contact Nelson Perez visit the Diocesan website www.dioceseofvenice.org. A report must be made immediately to the Florida Department of Children and Families of any sexual abuse. The Abuse Hotline number is 1-800-962-2873. A report must also be made to the Victim Assistance Coordinator of the Diocese of Venice, Susan Benton at 941-416-6114.

Life at St. Therese



WELCOME to all who have joined with the Faith Community at St. Therese Faith Family as we as we gather in prayer to celebrate the Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. 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.

To those who will be traveling this week, enjoy you time away with family and friends!

A CHRISTMAS INVITATION AND WELCOME

Have you extended your Christmas invitation to someone you know who is Catholic but not presently attending Mass? Remember, even if a person fails to respond positively, we have still invited... and that invitation may ring for a long time in that persons' heart and mind. As we celebrate Christmas and enter 2022, the challenge remains and increases... let us set our hearts on creating an even greater atmosphere of WELCOME at St. Therese Church. From the time we set foot out of our car and step into the church, a most important opportunity is presented. Look around and greet others, especially if it is someone we do not know. Although the ushers serve as greeters at the main entrance of St. Therese, we need everyone to be a greeter in the parking lot areas!

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASSES

January 1, **The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**, is not a *holyday of obligation* for Catholics this year. Mass at St. Therese will be on Saturday, January 1st at 9:00 AM. Mass times for the **Feast of The Epiphany of the Lord** will be on Saturday, January 1st at 4:00 PM and on Sunday, January 2nd at 7:00 AM; 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM.

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

The entire staff wishes the St. Therese Family a safe and Blessed Christmas Season! May each of us gift one another with the presence of Christ – unwrap the love of God with your acts of loving care today and every day. Be blessed with the Gift of Christmas. We look forward to praying with you at the Christmas Season Masses.

A NEW YEAR

The final days of 2021 are upon us and we are about to begin the new year of 2022! As we look to a new beginning, we offer a few thoughts to ponder... "What do I want to leave behind and what do I want to carry forward?" "How can I truly make 2022 a NEW YEAR?" We are the ones who will determine just how "new" the next fifty-two weeks will be!! A new year gives us the opportunity to multiply the good that has been blessing us and to walk away from that which has dampened our joy. Decide today what will be left behind and what we will begin anew. Goodness will come our way if we open ourselves to it. That same goodness will become a gift we give if we decide to grant it freely, without any demands. Today is a good time to thank God for all which has blessed us over the last twelve months while at the same time to be readied for the blessings of a NEW YEAR! The entire Parish Staff wishes everyone a most blessed new year of 2022!

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Advent and Christmas Season



THANK YOU to all who participated in the Angel Tree Project sponsored by Catholic Charities to benefit poor families of the North Fort Myers and Fort Myers areas. The gifts you provided will make a difference in the lives of many children. Your generosity is truly a reflection of the Lord who lives in and through us. **THANK YOU** for your great participation and generosity!

20 + C + M + B + 22
CHALKING THE DOOR

As a way of celebrating Epiphany and the New Year, gather family at the main entrance to your home and ask God's blessing on your dwelling and on all who live or visit there. The traditional blessing uses a piece of chalk to mark the following inscription at the top of the main doorway: **20 + C + M + B + 22**.

The "20" is the beginning two numbers of the new year, the four + symbolize crosses which are a sign of blessing, the three letters, "C," "M," and "B" stand for the Magi Caspar, Melchoir, and Balthasar, or the three Latin words, "*Christus Mansionem Benedicat*," which means, "May Christ bless this home," and the "22" stands for the last two numbers of the calendar year. Once the doorway is marked, pray a prayer of blessing together.

A BLESSING FOR YOUR HOME

*Lord God of heaven and earth,
 You revealed Your only begotten Son
 to every nation by the guidance of a star.
 Bless this home and all who live here.
 Fill us with the light of Christ that our love
 for one another and our concern
 for all others may reflect Your love.
 Be my shelter, Lord, when I am at home,
 my companion when I am away,
 and my welcome guest when I return.
 And at last receive me into the dwelling place
 you have prepared for me in your Father's house,
 where you live forever and ever.
 Amen.*



CHRISTMAS SEASON MASSES

Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God - Saturday, January 1st
9:00 AM

Feast of the Epiphany
Saturday, January 1st
4:00 PM

Sunday, January 2nd
7:00 AM; 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

2022 PARISH CALENDARS

The 2022 Parish Calendars are available in the main entrance of the church. Please take a calendar with you today. *THANK YOU to Ellsworth Heating and Cooling who are the sponsors of the calendar. We are very grateful for your support and generosity!*



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORPORATE COMMUNION MASS



Saturday, January 8th
4:00 PM Mass
Please wear your shirt!

We welcome all of our brothers knights and their families to attend. A Corporate Communion Mass is a special Mass for the Knights of Columbus Council members to gather together as one with their families and friends and share the Eucharist together in both fraternity and unity.

Together, refreshed in Christ, they continue their mission of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

Join us! All visitors Knights from other Councils are always welcome!

Parish News



CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

An Invitation to Anyone who has been away from the Church

**Were you raised Catholic but do not come or seldom come to church anymore?
Are you a Catholic who now feels separated from the Church?
Would you like to know more about the Church as it is today?
Would you like to feel at home in the Catholic Church again?**

St. Therese Parish will offer a six-week series entitled "Catholics Returning Home," beginning Wednesday, January 12th from 2:00—3:00 PM in the Church. The sessions are led by lay parishioners in a non-threatening format, and are offered for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church.

If you know someone who has left the Church, invite them to join us. Please contact Nelson Perez at nelson.perez@sainttheresechurch.net or call (239) 567-2315 ext. 104 for more information.

Rediscover the truth, wonder and mystery of the Catholic Faith!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CASINO UNDER THE STARS

Save the Date

Friday, March 18, 2022

**5:00 PM Fish Fry Dinner for Purchase
6:30-8:30 PM Gaming & Prize Drawing**

Admission: \$35 advance or \$40 night of event
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2022 SEMINARIAN OFFERING

Next weekend a special offering is being taken to support the cost of educating and forming men in the priesthood. The Diocese of Venice is blessed with many generous and dedicated priests who have followed the call of Christ to serve in His name. Your support of the Annual Seminary Collection continues to be crucial for a proper formation environment and education of our future priests.


This collection ensures that we continue to have good priests to serve you and your family. It supports the Church's mission of cultivating and fostering priestly vocations, as well as supporting the next generation of Diocesan priests. Funds are needed to assist our future priests with tuition, room and board, health care, transportation, and other expenses. Your gift to the Seminarian Collection helps offset these costs.

THANK YOU to all for making an offering next weekend. If you do not have a special envelope for this offering, please use any white envelope and note "2022 Seminarian Collection" on it. God bless you and your family for the support of our seminarians.



	† Deceased	★ Living
Mon. 27	9:00 AM † KENNETH BELSAN	
Tues. 28	9:00 AM † MAUREEN RILEY	
Wed. 29	9:00 AM † JOSEPH FESTA	
Thur. 30	9:00 AM † ELIZABETH LUMINIELLO	
Fri. 31	9:00 AM † CHARLES, JAMES AND VIVIAN GALLAGHER	
Sat. 1	9:00 AM † JOSE ENRIQUEZ	
	4:00 PM † TOGLIA, COELLA, JAICK AND HESLIN FAMILY	
Sun. 2	7:00 AM ★ ALL MEMBERS OF ST. THERESE PARISH	
	9:00 AM † CINDY FARLEY	
	11:00 AM † JOE ALLMAN	

Bread and Wine



The bread and wine on December 26th is given in memory of Stanley Wiczorek for his birthday!

THOSE WHO ARE HUNGRY

For many of us, there was an abundance of food at our Thanksgiving gatherings. The same will likely be true for Christmas. May we all be reminded of those who have little to eat. The Food Pantry is in special need of non-perishable food at this time of the year.

Let's share some of ours. Please bring your food donations and place them in the benches at the main entrance of the church... no glass containers, breads or frozen foods. THANK YOU to those who give so faithfully.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURES

The Parish Office will be closed on December 27th and 31st. The doors of the church will be secured following the 9:00 AM Mass.



Prayer REQUEST

Frank Adamske, Corelee Anderson
 Nicholas Andriotty, Helen Barrett, Beverly Bonner
 Sue-Omer Bourque, Kay & Lino Caldera
 Buddy & Barbara Caputo, Roseann Colannino
 Christine Conley, Frances Copps, Becky Corcoran
 Lisa Creighton, Pauline Dalrymple, Martha Davis
 Bob & Helen DeMarco, Brian Dennison, Larry Dow
 Steve Drum, Charlie Erff, Terry Fenech, Bob Fraser
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 Brady Kellogg, Lloyd Kelsey, Don Madison
 Michael & Nicholas McPartland, Francisco Miyares
 Kathie Needham, Barbara Nolan, Suzanne O'Donnell
 Neil Orr, Jayne Pellegrino, Alice Petersen
 Greg Rapp, Cathy Reye, Linda Rieck, Pat Roberts
 Mary Ruby, Lynn Sheehan, Darlene Shephard
 Jim Shephard, Shirley Spicer, Alene Stuart
 Andrea Sucharda, Margaret & Stephen Tarantole
 Bob Taylor, Ginlee Taylor, Stephen Walsh
 Demis & David Washburn
 Alisa, Gregory, Thomas Wiczorek

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



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26

Sunday:	Feast of the Holy Family 1 Sm 1: 20-22. 24-28 or Sir 3: 2-6. 12-14/ Ps 84: 2-3. 5-6. 9-10/ 1 Jn 3: 1-2. 21-24 or Col 3: 12-21 or Col 3: 12-17/ Lk 2: 41-52
Monday:	Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist 1 Jn 1: 1-4/ Ps 97: 1-2. 5-6. 11-12/ Jn 20: 1a and 2-8
Tuesday:	Feast of Holy Innocents, Martyrs 1 Jn 1: 5-2: 2/ Ps 124: 2-3. 4-5. 7b-8/Mt 2: 13-18
Wednesday:	The Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas 1 Jn 2: 3-11/ Ps 96: 1-2a. 2b-3. 5b-6/Lk 2: 22-35
Thursday:	The Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas 1 Jn 2: 12-17/ Ps 96: 7-8a. 8b-9. 10/ Lk 2: 36-40
Friday:	The Seventh Day of the Octave of Christmas 1 Jn 2: 18-21/ Ps 96: 1-2. 11-12. 13/ Jn 1: 1-18
Saturday:	Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, The Mother of God Nm 6: 22-27/ Ps 67: 2-3. 5. 6. 8 (2a)/ Gal 4: 4-7/ Lk 2: 16-21
Sunday:	The Epiphany of the Lord Is 60: 1-6/ Ps 72: 1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13/ Eph 3: 2-3a. 5-6/ Mt 2: 1-12

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