

St. Therese Catholic Church

20115 North Tamiami Trail North Fort Myers, FL 33903

The Epiphany of the Lord \sim January 2, 2022

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 Phone 239-567-2315

Fax 239-567-2316

Web-Site www.sainttheresechurch.net 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.

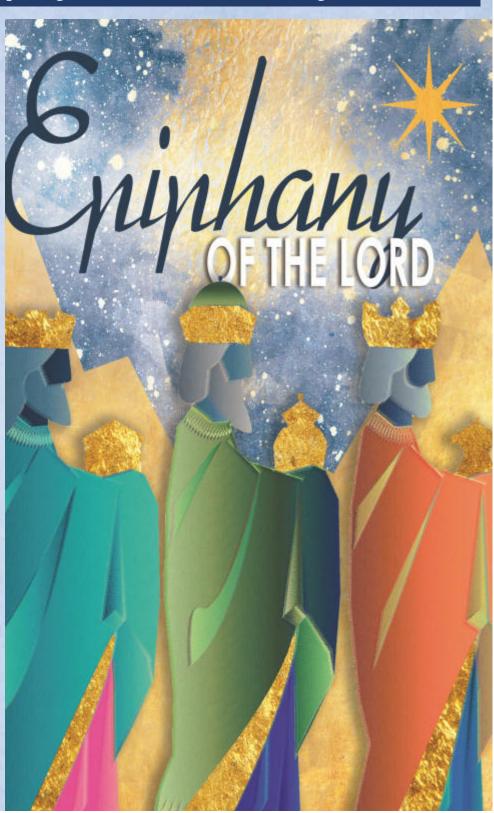
Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick Please call the parish office or upon request.

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

Fr. Jan Antonik Administrator Permanent Deacon Deacon Frank Barone Deacon Joe Hopgood Permanent Deacon Growth in Faith and Nelson Perez Communications Barbara Gallagher Parish Secretary Marge Wolf Music Director **Religious Education** Nelson Perez Maintenance Patrick Bannon

Ministries / Organizations

Altar Servers: Nelson Perez 567-2315 Arimatheans: Becky Harper 567-2315

Bereavement Coordinator:

Summer Allman 567-2315

Blanket Ministry: Parish Office 567-2315

Council of Catholic Women:

Shirley Spicer 567-2315

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Nancy Petrosinelli 567-2315

Food Pantry: Parish Office 567-2315

Fundraising: Parish Office 567-2315

Greeters/Ushers: Tom Donoghue 567-2315

Tom Fleming 567-2315

Gospel Forum: Nick Vitale 567-2315

Homebound Ministry:

Brenda Dolan 567-2315

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

St. Vincent de Paul:

Angela Austin 567-2315

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Parish Income

Weekend, December 19, 2021\$10,272.62One Year Ago\$11,514.00Christmas Day\$13,996.00One Year Ago\$10,972.00Weekend, December 26, 2021\$7,564.71One Year Ago\$7,899.50Fiscal Year to Date:\$285,200.57

Catholic Faith Appeal 2021

The 2021 Catholic Faith Appeal, was a most generous expression of the desire of St. Therese Parish to each out to all in need in our ten-county diocese! THANK YOU to all who made a gift to the 2021 Catholic Faith Appeal. Our parish assessment was again exceeded and all monies over \$176,000 will be returned to St. Therese Parish. THANK YOU for your great love and generosity!

Assessment:

\$176,000.00

Collected as 12/21:

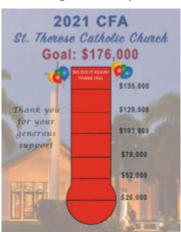
\$181,695.38

Pledged:

\$183,618.73

Parish Goal 104.33%

Parish Participation: **30.30%**



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.

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Life at St. Therese



WELCOME to all who have joined with the Faith Community at St. Therese Faith Family as we as we continue our celebration of Christmas on this Feast of The Epiphany of the Lord 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!

BLESSINGS IN 2022!

The entire staff at St. Therese Parish join in offering you and your family our prayer and wishes for a Blessed 2022! No one knows what 2022 will bring. However, with an openness to the Lord who is ever with us, we will live this new year with a great hope! 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!

REMAINING GRATEFUL

We have always been awed by the way the St. Therese Parish Family celebrates Christmas! THANK YOU for the most beautiful expressions of love witnessed in our many gatherings of prayer. The Advent Season was a time of healing and joy... God's mercy was alive and visible! The Christmas Eve Concert, Prayers, and Carols, as presented by the St. Therese Parish Choir before Masses, drew those present into the Christmas Celebration of the Eucharist! Many families, young and not so young, heard the proclamation of the Birth of Jesus, Divine Love expressed in human form and living among us! At all our Christmas Mass Celebrations, there was genuine JOY - a joy deep within our being. Again, THANK YOU to all who were servants of God's love at the Masses, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Homebound Ministers, Sacristans, Lectors, Greeters/Ushers, Altar Servers, Choir Members! THANK YOU to all members of the Council of Catholic Women, Knights of Columbus, 50/50 Group, Parish Ministries, Volunteers helping preparing and decorating the Church for making the Christmas celebrations blessed and joyful! Let us carry that joy into and throughout 2022 and into all of life! We also express our deep gratitude to all who reached out to us with Christmas wishes along with assurances of prayer and blessings!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

THANK YOU to everyone who made a special offering to assist in the purchase of flowers that decorate our worship setting this Christmas Season. The funds which remained after the purchase of Christmas flowers will be used for the purchase of other liturgical uses during the year. W appreciate it our generosity!

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN WARM CLOTHING AND BLANKETS

The ladies of the St. Therese Council of Catholic Women are sponsoring a collection of Warm Clothing and Blankets for the Homeless and Indigent next weekend, January 8th and 9th. The clothing and blankets will be distributed to various agencies in the local community on January 11th. Please plan to support this project. Thank you in advance for your love and generosity.

SAVE THE DATE — ANNIVERSARY MASSES

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. The Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in two locations: 11:00 AM, Saturday, February 12th at St. Leo the Great Parish, 28290 Beaumont Road, Bonita Springs and 11:00 AM, February 19th at Epiphany Cathedral, 350 Tampa Avenue, Venice. Please contact Barbara Gallagher in the St. Therese Parish office to register. Please plan to attend these events.

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!



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 Melchoir, Balthasar, and Caspar, 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.

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN



The members of the Council of Catholic Women will be attending Mass as a group next Sunday, January 9th, at the 11:00 AM Mass. Meet at the main entrance

of the church prior to the beginning of Mass.

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!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALL SAINTS COUNCIL 8440



Membership Meeting Monday, Janaury 10th 7:00 PM in the Church

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





SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH - 5:00 PM AT ST. THERESE CHURCH (TENT)

Fried filet of fish, mac n cheese, green beans.
Dinner roll butter.

Tickets will be sold before and after every Mass.

Parish News



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!

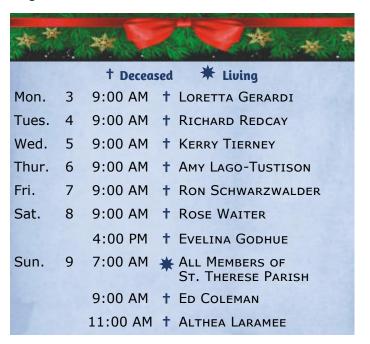


2022 SEMINARIAN OFFERING

This 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 and good 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 this 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.



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.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION **FOR JANUARY**

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

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!





Nicholas Andriotty, Beverly Bonner Sue-Omer Bourque, Buddy & Barbara Caputo Frances Copps, Becky Corcoran Lisa Creighton Bob & Helen DeMarco, Brian Dennison, Larry Dow Steve Drum, Sandra Dube, Terry Fenech Joanne Gluck, Bruce Hart, Adele Heft, Easton Irwin Deborah Jette, Brady Kellogg, Lloyd Kelsey Don Madison, Michael & Nicholas McPartland Suzanne O'Donnell, Alice Petersen, Greg Rapp Cathy Reye, Linda Rieck, Mary Ruby Lynn Sheehan, Darlene & Jim Shephard, Lula Shirk Alene Stuart, Bob Taylor, Ginlee Taylor Stephen Walsh, Demis & David Washburn Alisa, Gregory, Thomas Wieczorek

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 November 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 six months when assistance is needed. Envelopes are also available at the main entrance of the church. THANK YOU for your generosity!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2

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

Monday:

Monday after Epiphany 1 Jn 3: 22- 4: 6/ Ps 2: 7bc-8. 10-

12a/Mt 4: 12-17. 23-25

Tuesday: Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann

Seaton, Religious

1 Jn 4: 7-10/ Ps 72: 1-2. 3-4. 7-8/

Mk 6: 34-44

Wednesday: Memorial of Saint John Neumann,

Bishop

1 Jn 4: 11-18/ Ps 72: 1-2. 10. 12-13/

Mk 6: 45-52

1 Jn 4: 19-5: 4/ Ps 72: 1-2. 14 and Thursday:

15bc. 17/ Lk 4: 14-22

1 Jn 5: 5-13/ Ps 147: 12-13. 14-15. Friday:

19-20/Lk 5: 12-16

1 Jn 5: 14-21/ Ps 149: 1-2. 3-4. 5 Saturday:

and 6a and 9b/ Jn 3: 22-30

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Is 40: 1-5. 9-11/ Ps 104: 1b-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-28. 29-30 (1)/ Ti 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7/ Lk 3: 15-16. 21-22

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