



St. Therese Catholic Church

20115 North Tamiami Trail
North Fort Myers, FL 33903

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 23, 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>



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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	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 of January 16, 2022	\$8,693.00
One Year Ago	\$9,246.00
Fiscal Year to Date:	\$326,770.01

THANK YOU to all who give so generously!

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 1/17:
\$189,053.73

Pledged:
\$190,448.73

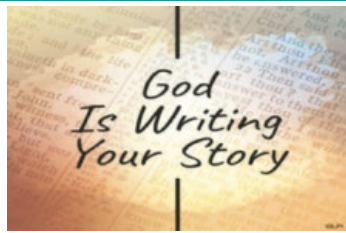
Parish Goal
108.21%

Parish Participation:
30.81%



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.



WELCOME to all who have joined with the Faith Community at St. Therese Faith Family as we gather together to pray and to 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. To those who will be traveling this week, enjoy you time away with family and friends!

LIVING THE LITURGY

People can easily lose a sense of the sacred and transcendent. When we lose a sense of God's special presence, we need to be brought back. Ezra brought people back to the word of God and they realized what they were missing. Jesus proclaims God's word in the synagogue with true conviction and tells those gathered that he is the fulfillment of all that Isaiah taught. Even though people get lost, distracted, discouraged, and often journey down the wrong path, God's timeless law remains. When we allow ourselves to truly hear God's word and act on it, that living word slowly, over time, changes us. It has the power to soften and mold us, creating within us a joyful spirit. We realize the truth in what God speaks and become open to God's love. Gradually and gently God leads us back where we belong. We discover again the sacred character of life and the wonder of God's power. It is no wonder that Luke addresses his remarks to Theophilus. It is a name that means "beloved of God," a name that can be used by anyone who desires friendship with God.

CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL 2021

The 2021 Catholic Faith Appeal is concluding. **THANK YOU** to all who gave so generously in response to the needs of the Diocese of Venice. The St. Therese Parish assessment was \$176,000 and we exceeded it!! Together, we did it again! A special THANK YOU to the Knights of Columbus, All Saints Council 8440 and to the St. Therese Council of Catholic Women for their great generosity to the CFA.

The dollars by which St. Therese Parish exceeded the \$176,000 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!! Within the next few weeks, the 2022 Catholic Faith Appeal will be introduced. Once again, THANK YOU for your love and great generosity to the 2020 Catholic Faith Appeal!

BLUE MASS

St. Therese Parish is hosting a Blue Mass to honor the dedication, sacrifices and service of all active, retired, and deceased law enforcement, firefighters, first responders, paramedics, and EMS personnel. This special Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, February 20th at 11:00 AM. A reception will follow. We are extending this invitation and welcome all those who serve in this capacity in our area, regardless of their faith or denomination. Please share the news with others!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



Altar Linen Ministry
Carefully cleaning and ironing altar linens at St. Therese Church
 Rotating Schedule

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Barbara Gallagher in the office at (239) 567-2315 or e-mail at barbara.gallagher@sainttheresechurch.net



Food Pantry Ministry
Looking for volunteers to make food deliveries to All Souls Food Pantry
 Wednesday - Rotating Schedule

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WEEKLY GATHERINGS

From Grief to Healing, a gathering for those suffering from any loss, meets on Fridays, from 9:45 – 11:30 AM, in the conference room.

Gospel Forum, a gathering of men who explore the Scripture readings for the following Sunday, meets on Wednesdays, beginning this Wednesday, from 10:15-11:15 AM in the conference room. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

Parish Choir, led by Marge Wolf, meets on Tuesdays, from 3:00 – 4:30 PM, Church.

Prayer for Life, public prayer for a greater respect for all human life takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 – 12:00 Noon at Planned Parenthood (Commerce Park Dr. & Metro Parkway). Meet at St. Therese after the 9:00 AM Mass to carpool.

Rosary Makers meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, 9:30 – 10:30 AM.

Sunday Scripture Reflection, led by Deacon Frank Barone, meets on Tuesdays, from 9:45 – 10:45 AM, conference room.

NEW TO ST. THERESE PARISH



Make a commitment to pray with and to join in the spiritual journey of those who gather at St. Therese Church by taking time to register. If you have recently moved into our area or have been here for a long time,

but have not registered in the parish, please do. Making oneself known also makes it possible for others to minister to us when the need arises. Join with St. Therese Parish by returning a completed registration form (found at the main entrance of the church) or by coming to the parish office.

PARISH CONTRIBUTION RECORD

A 2021 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!

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN



The Council of Catholic Women will be selling tickets for their "Valentine's Basket" after Masses. They will sell the tickets at all weekend masses until February 13th at which time the winning ticket will be drawn after the 11:00 AM Mass.



The ladies will also be selling raffle tickets for a Relief Icon of the Holy Family by Paolo Schiraldi sponsored by the Venice Diocese Council of Catholic Women to raise funds to support two priest appreciation dinners in the Fall. The winning ticket will be drawn on April 23rd at the VDCCW Annual Convention at Our Lady of Grace in Avon Park, FL.

Thank you in advance for your participation, support and great generosity.

DIOCESAN 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 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 parish office to register.

Save the Date

St. Therese Parish Mission

MARCH 21-23, 2022 - 6:00 PM

FR. JORDAN TURANO, OP

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 is offering a six-week series entitled "Catholics Returning Home," at 2:00 PM in the Church (January 12th to February 16th). 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. 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!

\$15 Fish Fry

Plan to join us!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH
5:00 PM - \$15.00
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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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RSVP and sponsorships
 239-567-2315 or
greggully@gmail.com



† Deceased ★ Living

Mon. 24 9:00 AM † JOE LYNCH

Tues. 25 9:00 AM † KENNETH BELSAN ON HIS 1ST ANNIVERSARY

Wed. 26 9:00 AM † AUDREY BROSNAN

Thur. 27 9:00 AM † KEN FAUST

Fri. 28 9:00 AM † ROSE WAITER

Sat. 29 9:00 AM † LINDA POWELL

4:00 PM † BRYTANI MARIE CAIPA

Sun. 30 7:00 AM † PETER POSTER

9:00 AM ★ ALL MEMBERS OF ST. THERESE PARISH

11:00 AM † KENNETH BELSAN

PRAYERS FOR ETERNAL LIFE

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.



†Richard "Dick" Alfred Zach

We pray for Richard Zach (husband of Rosemary) of St. Therese Parish who has entered eternal life. May Dick be embraced by a loving and caring God. May Rosemary and the Zach 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. A Funeral Mass for Dick will be this Monday, January 24th at 11:00 AM at St. Therese Church.

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!



Prayer
REQUEST

*Nicholas Andriotty, Helen Barrett
Sue-Omer Bourque, Kay & Lino Caldera
Juliette Campbell, Buddy & Barbara Caputo
Frances Copps, Becky Corcoran, Martha Davis
Bob & Helen DeMarco, Brian Dennison, Steve Drum
Sandra Dube, Charlie Erff, Terry Fenech, Bob Fraser
Bryan Gavarza, Joanne Gluck, Bruce Hart
Bob Harris, Adele Heft, Easton Irwin, Brady Kellogg
Lloyd Kelsey, Don Madison, Sean & Sue McMahon
Kathie Needham, Michael & Nicholas McPartland
Neil Orr, Jayne Pellegrino, Alice Petersen
Greg Rapp, Cathy Reye, Mary Ruby
Bob & Michele Sebastian, Darlene & Jim Shephard
Lula Shirk, Alene Stuart, Bob Taylor
Ginlee Taylor, Richard Thomas, 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

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23

- Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Neh 8:2-4 5-6 8-10/Ps 19:8 9 10 15/
1 Cor 12:12-30/ Lk 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21
- Monday: Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales,
Bishop and Doctor
2 Sm 5: 1-7, 10/ Ps 89: 20, 21-22,
25-26 Mk 3: 22-30
- Tuesday: Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul,
Apostle
Acts 22: 3-16 or Acts 9: 1-22/ Ps
117: 1bc, 2/ Mk 16: 15-18
- Wednesday: 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 4: 1-20
- Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/ Ps 132:1-2, 3-
5, 11, 12, 13-14/ Mk 4:21-25
- Friday: Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas,
Priest and Doctor
2 Sm 11: 1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/ Ps 51:
3-4, 5-6a, 6b-7, 10-11/Mk 4: 26-34
- Saturday: 2 Sm 12: 1-7a, 10-17/ Ps 51: 12-13,
14-15, 16-17/ Mk 4: 35-41
- Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6,
15-17/1 Cor 12:31 13:13/Lk 4:21-30



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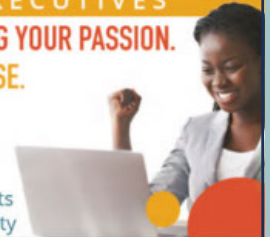
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