

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH A BIG HEART

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245-0650 245-1359 245-2915

First Sunday of Lent March 1, 2009

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MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY MASSES

Monday through Friday:

8:30 a.m.

WEEKENDS

Saturday:

4:00 & 5:30 p.m.

Sunday:

7:30, 9:00 & 11:30 a.m.
Holy Day Vigil: 7:30 p.m.

Holy Day Masses:

8:30 a.m.

*12:00 Noon (except if
a Saturday)*



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SACRAMENTS

Baptisms and Confirmation: Please contact the Parish Office at 245-2458 for more information.

Marriage: Call the office at least 6 months prior to intended date.

Anointing of the Sick: Available at end of all weekend Masses.

Vocations: Call the office for more information and guidance.

Confessions: 3:00-3:45 p.m. on Saturday or contact the office for appointment.

Hospital and Homebound Communion: Call Parish Office.

SICK CALL and FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS
245-2458

Christians are called to live according to the Christian faith, no matter what trials they may have to endure because of it.

Tridentine (Latin) Mass: 2nd & 4th Sundays
6 PM - Queen of Peace



St. Theresa Catholic Church

Pastor: Fr. David Vivero

Retired Assoc: Fr. George Koerber

Deacon: Normand LaFleur

(Contact Deacon LaFleur regarding Annulments)

New Parishioners: Please register at Parish Office

Parish Office: (352) 245-2458

(Answering service during non-office times)

FAX: (352) 245-1521

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Julie McAllister x106

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Soup Kitchen- Mary Ann Gricar (352) 245-1359

Thrift Shop- Mary Ann Jones (352) 245-0650

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Penn Herbert

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St. Vincent DePaul Society (352) 245-2915

Tony Roberto and Tom Feenaghty

Catholic Charities Counseling (888) 658-2828

(Information and Referral Service)



**DAYLIGHT
SAVING
TIME
ENDS**

**SET CLOCKS AHEAD
NEXT SATURDAY NIGHT**

Parish Mission Statement



WE ARE COMMUNITY FOUNDED BY CHRIST HIMSELF, EMPOWERED BY HIS GIFT OF THE EUCHARIST. WE ARE COMMITTED TO GROW IN FAITH, HOPE, LOVE AND SERVICE TO ALL.

Parish Ministries

LITURGICAL FORMATION

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)

Fred @ 861-4397

Holy Hour/Adoration Assistants: Fred @ 861-4397

Altar Servers: Julie @ 245-5300 or Pastor @ 245-2458

Lectors: Kay @ 245-9098

Ushers: Kay @ 245-9098 or Pastor @ 245-2458

Choir: Kay @ 245-9098

FAITH FORMATION

Adult Discussion Group: Joan @ 307-7905

Catechists: Julie @ 245-5300

R.C.I.A.: Julie @ 245-5300 or Gloria @ 347-6149

Youth Ministry: Julie @ 245-5300

PASTORAL/ OUTREACH

Ministers to the Sick (MTS): Donna @ 687-1070

HIV/Aids: Jim @ 347-2172

Bereavement: Mary @ 259-0548

Respect Life: Barbara @ 245-5288

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Cursillo: Elena @ 245-7348 or 812-3125

Knights of Columbus: Dick @ 347-7717

Knights' Columbiettes: Polly @ 347-9378

Ladies Guild: Loretta @ 245-5437

Legion of Mary: Fred @ 861-4397

Ultreya: Elena @ 245-7348 or 812-3125

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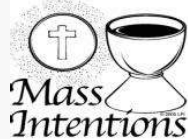
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MASS INTENTIONS NOTICE: Requests for Masses are made in the office for any date desired. However, to have the Mass intention to be reflected in the bulletin, the request needs to be made no later than two Thursdays prior to your desired Mass date.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2008

8:30 am **COMMUNION PRAYER SERVICE and Novena to Our Blessed Mother**
 4:00 pm **Louise K. Campbell (+)** by William Campbell
Matthew Clay Gricar (+) by Jerry & Mary Ann Gricar
 5:30 pm **Paul F. Bush (+)** by Mrs. M. Bush
Kenneth Concannon (+) by Lorkowski Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2009

7:30 am **Salvatore LaScala, Sr.** by Sal & Corinne Costanzo
 9:00 am **Well-Being of Parish Family**
 11:30 am **Rael Chester (+)** by Ann Costello
Dan Igoe (+) by Nancy Igoe
Brian McGill (+) by Nancy Igoe

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2009

8:30 am **Teddy Rivet (+)** by Family
Camilla Corvino (+) by Carla & Mary LaMorgese

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2009

8:30 am **Ann Slowick (+)** by Florence Kurgan
 7:00 pm Penance Service

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2009

8:30 am **Mercedes Marrero (+)** by Harriet E. Scicchitano

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2009

8:30 am **Joseph Doherty (+)** by Martha Fabiolo
Lillian Kennedy (+) by James Kennedy

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2009

8:30 am **Mary Schneider (+)** by Chaz, MaryLou, Dennis & Tim St. Cyr
Bauer & Trudell Family by Theresa Trudell
Larry Latimer (+) by Sophie Latimer
Joseph Ferrick (+) by Sophie Latimer
Monthly Memorial Mass

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2008

8:30 am **COMMUNION PRAYER SERVICE and Novena to Our Blessed Mother**
 4:00 pm **Gordon Clark (+)** by Lillian Clark
 5:30 pm **Richard Roberto (+)** by Gerald & Linnea Qualter
Helena Mateuszczyk (+) by Irene & Ray Dlugoborski



**First Sunday of Lent
 March 1, 2009**

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths.
 -- Psalm 25:4

PEOPLE OF THE COVENANT

If there is one word that stands out in today's readings, it is "covenant." God's faithfulness and goodness serve as examples to us of how to live. Genesis tells the story of Noah and of God's covenant not only with all people, but with all of nature. Never will the cleansing waters of the flood bring their destructive power to all the earth again. The sign, the reminder to both God and nature, is the rainbow in the heavens.



The psalm reminds us of this compassion of God, and begs God to remember us, not because of our goodness, but because of God's goodness and fidelity to the promise. God shows us how to be good, not by decree, but by example.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- I will set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth (Genesis 9:8-15).



Psalm -- Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

Second Reading -- The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

Gospel -- Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him (Mark 1:12-15)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

** A daily guide for our lives **

- Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
- Friday:** Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48
- Sunday:** Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

OUR
PARISH LENTEN
RETREAT



Theme: "Taking up
the Cross -
The Road to Conversion."

Feb. 28 & Mar. 1 Weekend:
Fr. Patrick Quinn will speak
at all Weekend Masses

Mar. 2 (Mon) Sessions start
after 8:30 am Mass and 7 pm (Repeat)

Mar. 3 (Tues) Session after morning Mass;
Penance Service at 7 pm.

Mar. 4 (Wed) Session after morning Mass;
last session at 7 pm.

Fr. J. Patrick Quinn, TOR,
Pastoral Administrator of
San Pedro Center.



Fr. Patrick entered the TOR Franciscans in 1975 and was ordained a priest in 1984. After ordination he completed an S.T.L. in Spirituality from the Gregorian University and worked in the spiritual formation department of the St. Paul Seminary in St. Paul, MN. He returned to studies in 1989, receiving a diploma in French from the *Institut Catholique*, Paris, and then a Doctorate in Systematic Theology from the Gregorian University. From 1995 until his arrival at San Pedro he taught at the St. Paul Seminary School of Divinity of the University of St. Thomas, which prepares both seminarians and the laity for ministry in the Church. In addition to his administrative duties, Fr. Patrick teaches the Foundations of Spirituality Course and leads retreats at San Pedro. He also teaches and preaches at parishes throughout the Diocese. Along with Dr. Carol Stanton he co-directs the Lay Ministry Formation Program for the diocese.

Mass Celebrants
For MARCH

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. - Fr. David 5:30 p.m. - Fr. David
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. - Fr. David 9:00 a.m. - Fr. George
11:30 a.m. - Fr. George

Daily Masses: 8:30 a.m. - Fr. David
(All Schedules depend on Priest availability.)




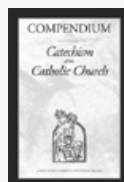
February 15, 2009 \$ 8,178.35
Project Growth \$ 1,937.30

February 22, 2009 \$ 8,497.30
Project Growth \$ 1,633.91

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election; Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending	
Monday:	Orthodox Lent begins	
Tuesday:	St. Katharine Drexel	
Wednesday:	St. Casimir	
Friday:	First Friday; World Day of Prayer; Abstinence	
Saturday:	St. Perpetua and St. Felicity; First Saturday	



Compendium Corner

297. Why is there a sacrament of Reconciliation after Baptism?

Since the new life of grace received in Baptism does not abolish the weakness of human nature nor the inclination to sin (that is, *concupiscence*), Christ instituted this sacrament for the conversion of the baptized who have been separated from him by sin.

299. Do the baptized have need of conversion?

The call of Christ to conversion continues to resound in the lives of the baptized. Conversion is a continuing obligation for the whole Church. She is holy but includes sinners in her midst.

From the *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*, p. 87.

Ocala 40 Days For Life Campaign WHY 40 DAYS?



Throughout all of Biblical history, the number 40 is used by God to represent a period of testing or judgment (referring to *the length of time necessary to accomplish some major part of God's plan* in his dealings with various portions of mankind). The 40 days of rain in the days of the flood were the judgments of God. The 40 day periods of fasting, testing, and communing with God that were faced by Moses and Jesus were a form of God's judgments. The forty years that the Israelites spent in the wilderness were also the judgments of God. Various leaders in Israel who reigned for 40 year periods were put there BY God according to His Will and Judgments. Egypt was left desolate for 40 years because of God's judgments. These we recall name *but a few* of the most well-known 40-day events in Scripture.

Consider this: God has been consistent in repeatedly dispensing His merciful judgments. There is no reason to believe He doesn't continue to do so. And He does seem to favor the number 40 for this purpose. Whether in days or years, this number has been proven to relate to a time of testing or judgment.

In the year 2009, we usually think in terms of *36 years* since the *Roe vs. Wade* decision of 1973. Yet, beginning 40 years ago, from 1969 to 1973, the liberalizing of abortion rules ignited the social changes that led to legalized abortion. 40 years ago! It is quite possible that a time of temptation and trial for 40 years is just about up! God's people have had 40 years to resist the temptations and to turn back the acceptance of abortion as an evil in our land. We not only haven't done it, but we are on the precipice of going into even deeper darkness, considering current legislative possibilities.

Could it be that the *40 Days For Life* initiative is evidence of God's merciful love trying to give His people a way out of the disaster of this monstrous sin? Does it take a *40 Days For Life* movement to turn us back and to repent of 40 years of killing?

Doing nothing is not the answer. *40 Days For Life* is a prayerful way for us to repent of our sins and for our disrespect for Life and to ask God to heal us and our country.

A.M.D.G.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT

THE 2008-2009 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM: Registration is an ongoing process. There are Religious Education registration forms in the vestibule of the church. **REMINDER: FOR ALL NEW REGISTRATIONS A BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE IS REQUIRED FOR EACH CHILD REGISTERED.**



THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

R.C.I.A. – THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about becoming Catholic or just has questions about the Catholic faith, please call the Religious Education Office for more information. There is a team of eager Catechists ready to answer the call!

PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION for young people in 9th grade or up and adults who need to be confirmed. The time for preparation is also a time for a renewal of understanding of the Sacrament for the whole parish. The first session will be held on March 4th beginning at 7PM in the church for opening prayer. The teens and adults will then move to age appropriate sessions and end at 9PM. A Confirmation Retreat will be held on March 21st at Our Lady of the Springs in Ocala. Please call the Religious Education Office if you have any questions.

PRESENTATION OF THE STATION OF THE CROSS- You are invited to celebrate this way to pray during Lent with the Pre K-High School youth. A live presentation and pictures created by the young people depicting the meaning of the Stations will be presented on Sunday March 8th 10:15-11:15 am in the Quad. All are welcome.

PREPARATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION- Sacramental Preparation for First Holy Communion will begin on Wednesday, March 11th, at 6PM in the church with opening prayer. The young people, teens and adults will then move to age appropriate sessions and end at 8PM. Please call the Religious Education Office if you have any questions.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MTS Morning of Reflection
 "Reflection on the Lord's Prayer"
 Presented by Donna D'Ambrosio
 At: St. Timothy's
Corrected Date: March 13, 2009
 Time: 9am - 12pm
 Meets 2 hrs. of education requirement.

**IRISH DINNER**

St. Theresa will be having an
 Irish Dinner on March 15 at
 1 pm. in the Parish Hall.
 \$10.00 per person

Children under 5 free
 Corned Beef & Cabbage
 Potatoes & Carrots
 Drink & Dessert
 Entertainment
 Tickets sold in the office
 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

SUN. 3/1 8-11 Knights of Columbus Breakfast
 10:15 RCIA Rite of Election
LENTE MISSION (all Masses)
 Coffee & Donuts after Masses
 Spring Raffles tickets go on sale

MON. 3/2 **8:30 am & 7 pm: LENTE MISSION;**
 refreshments following in Parish Hall

TUES. 3/3 1 pm Ladies Guild meeting in Parish Hall
 7 pm K of C Officers meeting
**8:30 am & 7 pm: LENTE MISSION
 & PENANCE SERVICE;** refreshments
 following in Parish Hall

WED. 3/4 7 pm Confirmation Class
8:30 am & 7 pm: LENTE MISSION;
 refreshments following in Parish Hall

THURS. 3/5 9:00 am Bereavement Group
 7 pm Choir Practice

FRI. 3/6 1:15 pm Legion of Mary Mtg.
 3-6 pm Holy Hour/Eucharistic Adoration
 3 pm and 7 pm Stations of the Cross
 4-7 pm Fish Fry

SAT. 3/7 3-3:45 pm Confessions
SET CLOCKS AHEAD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY
FRIDAYS, Feb.27-Apr.10,
4:00-7:00 pm



Meatless dish for Land-Lovers
 \$7.00 per person
 Children under 5 free

Tickets sold at the door (Parish Hall)
 or in the Parish Office from 9-4 pm.

(The "Fish Fry" group is in need of help for
 serving and would also appreciate your donations
 of desserts (brownies, cupcakes, cookies) to add
 to your meal. You can bring them to the hall at
 4pm any of the next 6 Fridays. Thanks for your
 generosity! Contact Marilyn Kaster at 624-1900.)

Spring Raffle Tickets

On Feb. 28 and Mar. 1st we will be distributing
 the spring raffle tickets. Please pick them up
 before or after church on Sat. night or in the
 hall on Sunday. There are 7 tickets for \$5.00
 and the prizes are 1st \$500., 2nd \$300 and 3rd
 place \$100. The winning tickets will be drawn
 on Easter Sunday, April 12th, at 1pm in the hall.

"CALLING ALL CELL PHONES"

Are you wondering what to do with your OLD—
 unusable cell phones? We have a home for them.
 Please bring them to St. Theresa's Thrift Shop,
 Mon. thru Sat. from 9am - 2:30 pm. All proceeds
 will benefit St. Theresa's Social Service.

Ladies Guild "**First Annual Fashion Show
 and Luncheon**" will showcase fashions from
 St. Theresa Thrift Shop. To be held March 17
 at 12:30 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall.
 Advance tickets only can be purchased by calling
 Loretta at 235-5437 or visit the Thrift Shop.
 Proceeds will go to the new church fund.

Join us.... ....
 after all Sunday Masses.



**Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (LAOH)
Our Lady Queen of Ireland, Division 1
is having an Irish Party**

Want to have some fun & help support
some wonderful charities (incl. St. Theresa's). Come join us!

DATE: Thursday, 3/12/09
TIME: 6:30 PM to 10:00 PM
PLACE: Paradise Center in The Villages
COST: \$25.00 per person
MUSIC: by "Terry Connolly"
The Spinner of Songs

To purchase your ticket please contact:
Doris White, Missions & Charities @ 352-259-4732 or
dorisw4459@thevillages.net

Claire Burns Hada Almeida Barbara Machovoe
Betty Flynn Warren Filkins Estelle Zegaren
Mary Mulert Kathryn Soth Norma Gorski
Marie Sturgill Bob & Marge Wilson
Helen Whitcomb Roy Chase Jim Mahon
Teresa DesRosiers Shannon Henry Leo Dubuc
Gloria Landon Barbara Dolloff Fr. George

Pray for . . . the Sick of Our Parish

*Father, hear our prayers for the sick members of our
community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical
suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. We ask
this through the Lord Jesus Who healed those who believed. Amen.*