

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH A BIG HEART

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

February 17, 2008



And as he was yet speaking, behold a bright cloud overshadowed them.

And lo, a voice out of the cloud, saying: This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased: hear ye him.

MT 17:5



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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)

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 after all 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

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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Kay Roberts

Religious Education and Youth (352) 245-5300

Julie McAllister x106

Maintenance and Repair (352) 245-2458

Tom Swarbrick

Social Services-Donna Krause (352) 245-1359

Soup Kitchen (352) 245-1359

Thrift Shop (352) 245-0650

Mary Ann Jones

Website and Bulletin (352) 861-4397

Penn Herbert

Parish Hall Coordinator (352) 245-7689

Karen French

St. Vincent DePaul Society (352) 245-2915

Tom Mulloy

Catholic Charities Counseling (888) 658-2828

(Information and Referral Service)

Be merciful,
O Lord,
For we have
sinned



An Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because I dread the loss of heaven, and the pains of hell; but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.

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

Bible Study: Lois @ 245-2255

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 @ 751-1758

Prison Ministry: Fred & Arlene @ 347-6708

Respect Life: Jim @ 347-2172

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Cursillo: Elena @ 245-7348 or 812-3125

Knights of Columbus: Ron @ 288-2901

Knights' Columbiettes: Karen @ 245-7689

Ladies Guild: Karen @ 245-7689

Legion of Mary: Fred @ 861-4397

Ultreya: Elena @ 245-7348 or 812-3125

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Mass Intentions

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 20088:30 am **COMMUNION PRAYER SERVICE**4:00 pm **Ed Barry (+)** by Helen Kirkham**Francis & Lottie Baranek (+)** by Jane & Dave Reiter**Francis Reiter (+)** by Jane & Dave Reiter5:30 pm **Robert Twist (+)** by Frances Twist**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2008**7:30 am **Well-Being of Parish Family**9:00 am **Chuck Gruzca (+)** by E & V Gruzca**Charles & Juanita O'Neill (+)** by Mary Ellen Guard11:30 am **Robert Twist (+)** by Frances Twist**Barney Guzzo (+)** by Anna Distefano**Ed Barry (+)** by Bill & Barbara Ruthven**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2008**8:30 am **Lt. Col. Arnie Laidig, Jr. (+)** by Marilyn Egerman**Sara Santanello (+)** by the Family**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2008**8:30 am **Jack Boerstler (+)** by Anna Boerstler**Holy Souls in Purgatory** by Pat & George Ezzo**Spec. Intention of Adriaan & Jeremy Hernandez** by

Pat & George Ezzo

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 20088:30 **Stan Zelasko (+)** by Jan & Gene Stehura**Spec. Intention of Fabiola Botero** by Nubia Duque**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2008**8:30 am **Joseph Potoniec (+)** by Potoniec Children**James Fitzgerald (+)** by Bob & Kay Fitzgerald & Family**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2008**8:30 am **Spec. Intention of Mary Comunale** by

St. Theresa Ladies Guild

Spec. Intention of M/M George Ezzo by Pat & George Ezzo**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2008**8:30 am **COMMUNION PRAYER SERVICE**4:00 pm **Loretta Vogt (+)** by Vogt Family**Ed Barry (+)** by Helen Kirkham**Mary Magee (+)** by Ralph & Mary Lee Magee**Theresa Soucy (+)** by James & Phyllis O'Rourke**Richard Noe (+)** by Harry & Doris Callen5:30 pm **Ann Teti (+)** by Fred & Penn Herbert**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2008**7:30 am **Anna Lagos (+)** by Thomas Lagos9:00 am **Well-Being of Parish Family**11:30 am **Barney Guzzo (+)** by Anna Distefano**Virginia Pistarelli (+)** by Ron & Loretta Ciampi**Second Sunday of Lent****February 17, 2008**

“And he was transfigured before them. And his face did shine as the sun: and his garments became white as snow.

-Matthew 17: 1-9

**THE JOURNEY OF TRANSFIGURATION**

“We used to be such good friends. How is it that you’ve moved so far away?” one man asked another. Perhaps,” the other replied, “you have moved away by standing still.” This exchange very well could have happened between Peter and Jesus, had Peter been allowed to erect tents to stay on the mount of the Transfiguration. He nearly succumbed to the temptation to stay in a place of wonder and light. But Jesus knew the hard truth: we are on a continual journey when we are walking the paths of God’s will. It is not good for us to stay in one place on our faith journey. Equally unhealthy is staying put in times of joy and wonder to avoid life’s difficulties, or to wallow in our trials and temptations and fail to be companions for our sisters and brothers who are also suffering—or celebrating! The pilgrim Church is required to do one thing on its Lenten journey: to walk continually with Christ as his Body born of water and the Spirit, seeking God’s will, helping the reign of God to be known on earth, being led to the end of our journey, transfigured for all time into the company of heaven.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

Psalm — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

Gospel — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Matthew 17:1-9).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;

Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

Fleeting Moments

Have you experienced God's fleeting moment of Transfiguration in your life?

The ever-present reality of the "*Temptation of Jesus*" presented last week is now in contrast with a "*Fleeting Experience of God's Glory*" revealed in the Transfiguration.

The question is realistic.

Which one should I give up?

How long will these precious moments with God last?

I could be wrong, but I **think the answer depends on one's ability to think** . . . unless we cease to live like rational beings. I saw a movie entitled "I am a Legend" by Will Smith last month. I have to admit the plot, while a bit disturbing, was realistic because it portrays how humans, after being infected by a virus, could quickly be transformed into "Beasts" who could no longer live in the light of the day but prefer to be in darkness. They have ceased to be human beings.

Every week in Lent can bring us to a closer experience with God if that is what we want. Significant to this experience is the Transfiguration which takes place on a mountain top, a high place where God loves to reveal Himself, where people worship and get close to God. Here mountains become mediators between heaven and earth.

But all this could be just a fleeting moment for us to experience, unless we think, contemplate and take time to make use of the blessings that this season of Lent brings to us. It could be over before we realize

Fr. David Vivero



Queen of Peace Catholic Church presents: Maximilian: Saint of Auschwitz
Live drama performed by Leonardo Defilippis—TUES. FEB. 19 AT 3:00 PM in the church; N/C

Mass Celebrants for FEBRUARY

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. - Fr. David 5:30 p.m. - Fr. George

Sunday: 7:30 a.m. - Fr. David 9:00 a.m. - Fr. David
11:30 a.m. - Fr. Shine

Monday & Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. - Fr. George

Tues./Thurs./Fri.: 8:30 a.m. - Fr. David

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent; Penitential Rite for Candidates for Full Communion
Monday: Presidents' Day
Thursday: St. Peter Damian
Friday: The Chair of St. Peter; Washington's Birthday; Abstinence
Saturday: St. Polycarp



Sacrificial Giving

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February 9/10, 2008 \$ 8,770.35

Project Growth \$ 1,637.00



The latest figures for Our Catholic Appeal, 2008 indicate total pledges of \$65,267.

TERRIFIC!! Thank you.
God will certainly respond to your generosity.

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What St. Theresa's means to us and why we love THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH A BIG HEART:

Parishioners who are warm and friendly.
A small community that cares.

A staff of dedicated individuals and volunteers who serve the community in helping others, Donna in Social Services, Julie in Religious Education and youth programs which we must employ for future growth of the Church.

Father David, Father George, Father Shine who give us direction and understanding of God along with a little levity to keep us in line.

A home where we can go and pray with the support of priests who are dedicated disciples of God and Jesus, and who teach us the ways of the Lord.

Jack and Kay Harward

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPARATED & DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUPS:

Blessed Trinity/Ocala has a group when there are at least 6 people registered. Contact Glenn at 288-8824 or Barbara at 629-8092.

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY: Thurs., Feb. 14, 1-2:30 PM, Rm. 8. Study Question: Name a time in your life when you were asked to leave a place of familiarity for a new, unknown place. What parallels can you draw between that experience and your own journey of faith?

FELLOWSHIP DINNERS! LENTEN

FISH FRYS will continue every Friday during Lent from 4:00 -7:00 PM in the Parish Hall . Adults \$7.00 Children \$3.00.



THURSDAY NITE BINGO— Doors open 3:00 PM; Games from 5:00 to 10:00 PM. Held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1/2 mile south of St. Theresa's.

40th ANIVERSARY POSTER CONTEST— The theme is: 2008 The Year of Evangelization, Celebrating 40 Years of Faith . . . Alive in Christ. All 'Artists' Invited (professional, amateur, student); art entries will be divided into 4 age categories. Entries must be original art and submitted on 8 1/2" x 11" paper and received by March 1, 2008. All entries submitted will become the property of the Diocese of Orlando and will be on display at the first-ever Festival of Faith, May 8-10, 2008 at the Orange County Convention Center, South Concourse. The winning entry will be placed into a time capsule and buried on the actual anniversary date of June 18, 2008. Send entries to: Diocese of Orlando 40th Anniversary Poster Contest, 50 East Robinson Street, Orlando, FL 32801.

MTS (Ministers to the Sick) TRAINING CLASS:

Feb. 23 from 8:30—4:30 PM at Blessed Trinity Church, Ocala. \$10. cost. Contact Donna @ 245-1359.

TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL will host its 1st Winter Festival and Carnival on the school campus: Thursday and Friday 2/21 & 2/22 from 5-11 PM; Saturday, 2/23 from 11 AM—11 PM; Sunday 2/24 from 11 AM—9 PM. "Pre-Event Sales" discounted tickets available at website: www.trinitycatholic.org. Call Trinity's Development Office at 622-9025, ext. 1118.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

"A Divided Heart is the Heart of the Problem"

PARISH MISSION
Sat. Feb. 16—Wed. Feb. 20
7:30 p.m. & 8:30 a.m. (repeat)
Fr. Melvin A. Shorter, CP
A Passionist Priest

Reconciliation Service:
Tuesday, Feb. 19—7:30 pm.
Fr. Melvin A. Shorter, CP
A Passionist Priest



EVERY FRIDAY
during Lent
3:00 PM
and
7:00 PM

TRANSFORMED IN RESISTING TEMPTATION

The words “disciple” and “discipline” are very close relatives. People in various walks of life know that our personal transformations frequently happen only when we encounter times of trial. Those in recovery know that ongoing encounters with temptations are sources of growth and strength. And so it is for us as faithful disciples renewing our lives through Lenten disciplines. We need to turn aside from the allure of the temptations of self-centeredness, greed, and unhealthy appetites as we increase the presence of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in our lives. Daily, most of us confront a “demon,” an illness in body, mind, or spirit, whether in ourselves or in the world. With Christ, we are called upon to confront its presence in ourselves or others, and like Christ, find our true and lasting transformation by growing in obedience to the Father’s will. By God’s grace, we will one day come to live in the everlasting glory of the Resurrection that we also share.

The Chair of St. Peter, Apostle—Friday, Feb. 22

There is only one feast on the calendar for a thing, rather than a person or mystery. It’s for a chair, Peter’s chair in fact. Since the ancient sign of a teacher is the chair (“disciple” means one who sits at the feet of a teacher), Peter’s chair has long been treasured.



It would be wonderful to be left something in a Will from a family member we did not know we had. Every one of us at this church has been left just that: we were left this wonderful little church of St. Theresa. She was built

almost 60 years ago and has grown into the church community that we love so much today, with it’s soup kitchen, thrift shop, and children’s programs, to name but a few ministries.

It is now up to us, brothers and sisters, to continue this work. We are now in need of a larger church. We need to build a new St. Theresa, not only for ourselves, but also for all the members of our Family to come. Father George always begins Mass by saying, “Let us begin as Family.” It is only now that I truly understand that we are Family; we are the Family of God.

Lilieth Brooks

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT**2007-2008 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*

This is an ongoing process for:
Catechumens-Non-Baptized persons wishing to join or to learn about the Catholic Church.
Converts – Baptized Protestants who wish to join or to learn about the Catholic Church.
Catholics seeking Confirmation.
Catholics seeking Faith Enrichment.

If you or someone you know is interested in information regarding RCIA: Call the Office at 245-5300.

For the following notices, if you have further questions or concerns, please call 245-5300.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION - “In the Unity of Faith”. The final session on Confirmation will be on Thursday, Feb. 21 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Quad.



MANY THANKS for your generosity in support of the youth of our parish in the Souperbowl of Caring weekend. We collected \$ 2,008.00. The monies were donated to St. Theresa’s soup kitchen/food pantry. May God bless you for your generosity.

YA2—Youth and Young Adult component to the Capital Campaign is sponsoring a “FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL.” Bring your lawn chairs, a potluck dish, your tennis shoes and the whole family for an “old-fashioned” family picnic. We’ll provide the games, the drinks, & the paper goods. Sunday, Feb. 24 from 12:30-2:30 on the grounds behind the Religious Education building. We’ll have lunch, prayer, games and a short presentation on YA2. Please call Julie for more info. at 245-5300 ext.106 or email sttheresare@cfl.rr.com. Hope to see you there!

HIGH SCHOOL LENTEN RETREAT

Attention all 9th-12th graders. Save the date. St. Theresa’s will host an overnight retreat for high school youth on Friday, Feb. 29-March 1, 2008. This is a Lenten retreat for youth in 9th through 12th grades. This retreat is being planned by the youth ministers in the Northern Deanery. More details to follow.



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Fr. George Paulie Lozano Leo Dubuc
Joe Latona Margaret Blair Theresa Olive
Richard Gustafson Nancy Armitage Ruth Stanley
Andrew Caudill Bob & Marge Wilson Joyce Landry
Roland Vonisinski Tom Mascaro Paul Bush

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.

There are many prayerful and penitential things that we can do for LENT, but have we ever considered trying not to complain—about our kids, our spouse, our boss, our neighbor, our enemy, the weather? It won't cost us anything; not even time. It's just a matter of switching off a negative thought.

