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Thank you for your participation in the Collection that was taken up on Ash Wednesday. It benefitted the Church in Central & Eastern Europe. That collection, now in its 35th year, continues to help churches in nearly 30 countries recover from militantly atheistic, communist rule. (It includes ministry and relief efforts related to the war in Ukraine.)

Learn more: www.usccb.org/ccee

SAVE THE DATES!

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit

FEB 21 - FEB 26

**Basilica Shrine of St. Mary
"Upper Room"**

**Most days, 6PM -9PM and 8AM to
3PM on Sunday, FEB 22**

Need info?

mary.levesque.nc@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, May 3

**First Communion &
Crowning of Mary**

***[Volunteer to make Mary's floral
crown? Please contact the office.]***

Pro Life Resources

Need Help?

Lifeline Pregnancy Center - 910.392.0001

Abortionpillreversal.com

HOPEAFTERABORTION.ORG

Project Rachel - 1.888.456.4673

Struggling with Infertility? Popepaulvi.com

Natural Family Planning: www.usccb.org/NFP

www.dioceseofraleigh.org/human-life-and-dignity

Knights of Columbus

2026 Collegiate Scholarship

[sponsored by Cape Fear Deanery]

Visit:

KofC2017.org/scholarship

Lenten Soup Suppers

**Groups are invited to consider hosting the
Friday soup suppers/Meager Meals after
Stations. Contact the Parish Office for
your date! office@catholicwb.org**

MARCH 14 - 15

SECOND COLLECTION - ALL MASSES

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE

Our most vulnerable brothers and sisters are affected around the world. The poor need humanitarian assistance more than ever.

Every gift can help a child thrive, bring hope to a family and help rebuild a community.

www.crs.org/donate

Thank you for your generous support .

Start your Lent off right....!

Eucharistic Adoration

Come Let Us Adore Him

**Thursday Devotion, following the 12PM Mass
12:30PM until 4:30PM**

**Consider taking a weekly Holy Hour to spend
time with Jesus in prayer!
(It will be the best hour of your week.)
Adorers always needed Thursdays....**

*[Come anytime Thursday when you can spend a
few peaceful minutes, or a whole Holy Hour in
powerful silence.]*

All Welcome! Bring a friend!

Need a priest to visit you while in NOVANT- NHRMC?

You, your family, or your nurse must contact our Parish office or the Spiritual Care Dept. in the hospital . (There may be infection-control procedures in place.) *Scheduled surgery?* Contact the Parish Office *prior* to it in order to schedule a time for Anointing of the Sick by Father *before you are admitted.*

Any person wishing a low-gluten host must come to the *back-door* of the sacristy *early* and ask Father directly, well prior to the start of Mass. (So preparations may be made.)

SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

In 2026 Give Online Giving a Try!
Visit: www.catholicwb.org

Click on: "Giving"
Read the online data, then hit [click here](#).

Follow the instructions to set up an account and password. *Use the email address on file with your Parish enrollment.....* You can set up a recurring scheme, or do a one-time gift on the weekends you are away...

Interested in the Knights of Columbus, the largest fraternal organization in the world?

Contact: Frank Bio, frankbio2@gmail.com or <https://kofc12885.org/> - or any Knight for information on the St. Therese Council #12885 (Wrightsville Beach) and our principals of:

Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism!

Hooley Under the Bridge

Saturday, FEB 28

11:30AM - 6PM

721 Surry Street

**Music, dancing, food & beverages, plus:
meet-up with lots of our fellow parishioners!**

www.wilmingtonparade.com

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Confessions are heard on Saturdays from 4:00 PM - 4:45PM in the Reconciliation Room at the Church, and other times by appointment. (Additional time may be offered during Advent and Lent.)

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursday 12:30PM - 4:30PM (benediction)

Baptisms: Important information can be found on our website at www.catholicwb.org/sacraments as to how to get started. Baptisms for children are scheduled no more than 2 months in advance. Adults interested in becoming Catholic should inquire about the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA).

Anointing: Persons concerned about their health are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. (Hospital & nursing home patients should notify the Registration Department, the social worker, or Pastoral Care upon check-in.)

Marriage: Couples from St. Therese planning marriage are asked to contact the Parish Office *at least 6 months prior* to their proposed wedding date.

Confirmation: Adults seeking Confirmation should call the Parish Office.

Faith Formation, Confirmation, First Communion classes are held at *St. Mark*. Contact them too, if you can volunteer to help with the program.

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**St. Therese is a joyful and welcoming Catholic Parish,
united in Christ, promoting discipleship through community,
outreach and service.**

This Week	Stewardship		
<p>Saturday, February 21 - 2nd Collection this wknd: Blk & Indian Missions 7:30AM - Men's Group 4:00PM - Confession 5:00PM - Mass - Christopher Neal Harrington (D)</p> <p>Sunday, February 22 8:00AM - Mass - St Therese Parishioners 9:15AM - OCIA 10:30AM - Mass - Joyce Ostrander Fazekas (D)</p> <p>Monday, February 23 No Mass, nor activities noted</p> <p>Tuesday, February 24 11:30AM - Rosary 12:00PM - Mass - Bishop Herbert Bevard (D)</p> <p>Wednesday, February 25 10:30AM - Walking with Purpose 12:00PM - Mass - Deceased members of Sove family (D)</p> <p>Thursday, February 26 11:30AM - Rosary 12:00PM - Mass - Joseph N. Ricciardi (D) 12:30PM - Adoration 4:30PM - Benediction or Reposition 7:00PM - Deanery Lenten Penance Service</p> <p>Friday, February 27 [Abstinence from meat] 11:30AM - Rosary 12:00PM - Mass - Joseph J. DeMartis (D) 6:00PM - Stations of the Cross</p> <p>Saturday, February 28 7:30AM - Men's Group 4:00PM - Confession 5:00PM - Mass - Dennis Manning (D)</p> <p>Sunday, March 1 8:00AM - Mass - St Therese Parishioners 9:15AM - OCIA 10:30AM - Mass - Anna & Domenico Cortina (D)</p> <p>Monday, March 2 No Mass, nor activities noted</p> <p>Tuesday, March 3 11:30AM - Rosary 12:00PM - Mass - Ronald M. Stump (D)</p> <p>Wednesday, March 4 10:30AM - Walking with Purpose 12:00PM - Mass - Karen Housler (D)</p>	Offertory	Needed	Received
	January 2026	\$ 66,925.00	\$ 79,564.00
	February 8, 2026	\$16,731.25	\$ 19,485.85
	February 2026	\$ 66,925.00	\$ 38,974.85
	Consider online giving: visit www.catholicwb.org, Click on "Giving" and follow the prompts..... (Masses cancelled 1/31 -2/1 due to snow.)		
	<p>TODAY'S READINGS</p> <p>First Reading - God creates man from the dust of the earth. He then places him in a beautiful garden. There, amidst all else, there are two significant trees: the tree of life and the tree of knowledge of good & evil. Eventually, man succumbs to the devil's lure. (Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7)</p> <p>Psalm - Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. (Psalm 51:3-4,5-6,12-13,17.)</p> <p>Second Reading — St. Paul tells us that sin invaded the world through Adam. Death came as a consequence. However, the obedience of one man "the new Adam" - Jesus Christ - will save many. (Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12,17-19)</p> <p>Gospel — We hear of the dramatic stories of Jesus' temptations. They involve three of our own common ones. We are encouraged by Jesus' triumph and the fact that he never sinned. (Matthew 4: 1-11)</p>		
	This Week's Scripture Readings		
	<p>Monday Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 Mt 25:31-46</p> <p>Tuesday Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 Mt 6:7-15</p> <p>Wednesday Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32</p> <p>Thursday Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 Mt 7:7-12</p> <p>Friday Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 Mt 5:20-26</p> <p>Saturday Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5:43-48</p> <p>Sunday Gen 12:1-4a Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 2 Tm 1:8b-10 Mt 17:1-9</p>		
<p><u>Interested in joining St. Therese?</u> Please contact the Parish Office.</p>			
<p><u>First Sunday of Lent</u></p> <p><i>"The devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him."</i></p>			
This Week's Saints/Special Observances			
<p>Sunday: First Sunday of Lent</p> <p>Monday: Saint Polycarp</p> <p>Tuesday: Tuesday of the First Week of Lent</p> <p>Wednesday: Wednesday of the First Week of Lent</p> <p>Thursday: Thursday of the First Week of Lent</p> <p>Friday: Saint Gregory of Narek</p> <p>Saturday: Saturday of the First Week of Lent</p> <p>Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent</p>			
	<p>Please use care when parking in the handicap spaces and display a current blue placard in addition to the handicapped tag. (Other cars should not be parked so close as to render these spaces inaccessible.)</p>		

Please Pray for...

Rob Alford, Robert & Phyllis Anderson, Grace Anton, Jeanne Ashey, Bill Baker, Jr., Mark Bianco, Eileen Ballance, Tish Baker, Mary Barnhart, Paula Basso, Bill Batley, Connie Bergh, Doreen & Ed Bill, Nicole Birt, L. Black, Barbara Boggs, Ted Bost, Shealyn Breen, Chuck Brown, Silas Brown, Kaitlin Burns, Matthew Burns, Leonel Cardenez, Rob Carroll, Rocco Campagna, Grayson Carfagno, Jimmy Carl, Tina Carter, Kurt Christiansen, Sarah Cicuto, Caroline Ciocca, Carla Clark, Anne Cline, Philomena Comes, Mary Condra, Sally Lynn Costa, Scott Cowlin, Dale Cromartie, Brown Crosby, Darlene Currier, Shawn Dahm, Arnold "Bill" Daniels, N. Davy, Sutton Dennis, Jim Dvorak, Bob & Nancy Farris, Charlie P. Farris, Larry Ferrell, Joe Foley, Mary Galioto, Pete Galioto, John George, Larry George, Rev. Gene Grabowski, Beth Grady, Jacqueline Gurarino, Gerry Geist, Wyatt Gildersleeve, Thomas Giorgio, The Griffin Family, Esther Caeli Gripshover, Jacqueline Guarino, Bob Gustie, Elizabeth Hagan, Phyllis Ham, Craig Hoffman, Ryan Hogan, Dan Holt, Bob Horne, Clayton T. Housler, Donna Howard, Lenore Hulser, Ed Hyer, Rachel Jacobs, David Johnson, Noah Joseph, Laurie King, David Kmiec, Frank Kohn, Isabella Kolcun, Marie Korlacki, Mike Kranchalk, Kathy L., Rich Lalier, Kathleen LaMonica, Anna Langlois, Pamela LeBlanc, Cheryl Lee, Annie Lewis, Barrett Loomis, Aubrey Lueck, David Mabee, Jessica MacKay, Joyce Maguire, Joey Manett, Danny McComas, Elizabeth M. McConnell, Bill McCord, Holly McKittrick-Boyle, Anne Meister, Kristen Metkiff, Greg Meyers, Michele Milkiewicz, Janice Miller, Nicole Miller, Carmel Moffo-Hackert, Maureen Molnar, Emma Montpetit, Patricia Moore, Toni Meunier, Nicole Miller, Mary Murray, Terry Noe, Nick Onufrak, Gregory O'Toole, Chris P., Erin Pascarosa, Lauren Peterson, Debbi Pollock, Peter Pruim, Marylee Reaume, Amanda Reda, Alexa Reid, Omaira Reid, Marissa Rhyne, Kathleen Rice, Gunther Rohland, Judy Ross, Sonya Row, Brooke Russell, Mary Sanza, Charlie Sarracino, Cheryl Schmitter, Joanie Scott, Steve Scott, Carol Schultz, David Scullin, Baylee Sharp, Diane Sheedy, Gerald Sheehan, Lou Skrapits, Melanie Smith, Susan Snell - Callanen, Don Sonne, Stella Spratt, Karen Soteco, Nora Stamper, Alison Stone, Archie Stone, Cynthia Sullivan, Shawn & Margaret Sweeney, Martha, & Sean Swyney, Ashley, Brian, & Clara Stamper, Mary Teller, Mary Ann Thacker, David Thompson, Joanela Townsend, Janet Trowell, Hailey Tucker, Donna Tumolo, Ben Van Pilsun, Larry Vacek, Stan Vaughn, Nota Violagis, Laura Von, Kennedy Walker, Melinda & Dale Walker, Elaine Ward, Stephen Weber, Mary Ellen Wegrzyn, Nancy Weicht, Kim Williams, Phil Williams, TJ Wilson
[Please notify the parish office with additions or deletions.]

Other Opportunities to Give....

Feb 18	The Church in Eastern Europe
Feb 21-22	Black & Indian Missions
Mar 14-15	Catholic Relief Services
Apr 4-5	Priests' Welfare & Retirement

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vocations@raldioc.org

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Black & Indian Missions

**This weekend's Second Collection
All Masses, FEB 21 - 22**

Started in 1884, this collection embodies the Church's concern for evangelizing Black and Native American peoples in the U.S. The funds are distributed as grants supporting and strengthening evangelization programs.

www.blackandindianmission.org

Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites

Find out about St. Therese of Lisieux, St. John of the Cross, St. Teresa of Avila and the way you may be called to a life of prayer as a layperson.

Contact: christine.vayo@gmail.com or theresabogue@yahoo.com

Pray the Rosary!

Many gifts are attributed to those who faithfully pray the rosary, including: receipt of signal graces & armor against Hell, destruction of vice, decrease of sin, defeat of heresies, and more! Pray *before* daily Masses at 11:30AM. in the church....!

All Welcome! Join Us! (Especially during Lent.)

Altar Flowers

Want to donate flowers in 2026 "in Memory of" or "in Honor of" a special event, like an anniversary? Contact the Parish Office!

[No flowers *during* Lent, except for MAR 14-15, Laetare Sunday weekend.....]

Lenten disciplines...

- Fasting (strengthen spirit and self-control)
- Almsgiving (increase justice toward neighbor)
- Prayer (pursue a life lived in God's grace)

Food Pantry News

"...Cast me not out from your presence....."

YOU can help the poor and the working poor (over 300 families) in our community in a variety of ways:

Make a monetary donation. Write a check to **St. Joseph's Food Pantry**, and mail to:
1303 US Hwy 17, Burgaw NC 28425

Make a food donation of non-perishable items when you come to church. Soups, stews, canned-meats or fish are welcomed, as are canned vegetables or fruit, instant mashed potatoes, pasta products, cereal, baking mixes, powdered milk, canned/evaporated milk, etc.

[Please make sure donated items have not exceeded their expiration dates.]

Volunteer to drive donations from St. Therese to the pantry on Mondays. **Contact Jane Yemma at 910-547-4243 to get onto the schedule.** (Arrive there between 9:30AM and 10:15AM.)

Volunteer AT the pantry: unload food, collect food from resource partners, or work directly with clients - on Wednesday or Thursday. Contact Kevin Gannon if you can help at 732-861-6600.

***If you are a compassionate person with some time on your hands, come join us!
The rewards are life-changing.....***

Kathy Zechello

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 BE OUR PROTECTION AGAINST THE MALICE AND SNARES OF THE DEVIL. MAY GOD REBUKE HIM WE HUMBLY PRAY AND DO THOU, O' PRINCE OF THE HEAVENLY HOST, BY THE POWER OF GOD, THRUST INTO HELL SATAN AND ALL EVIL SPIRITS WHO WANDER THROUGH THE WORLD FOR THE RUIN OF SOULS. AMEN.
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