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## **Holy Week Special Collections**

[Tuesday, 10:30AM Chrism Mass (Raleigh); *No Mass here* on "Spy" Wednesday ]  
Holy Thursday: "For the Poor"  
Good Friday: "Holy Land Shrines"  
Easter (Second Collection all Masses): "Priests' Welfare & Retirement"

### **Fr. Thomas Price Catholic High School**

The high school located in the Tileston building at the Basilica Shrine of St. Mary has officially launched! Applications for admission for the 2026-2027 school year are *now being accepted*. For more information or to apply, please visit:

**[www.ftpchs.org](http://www.ftpchs.org)**

### **Knights of Columbus**

2026 Collegiate Scholarship  
[*sponsored by Cape Fear Deanery*]

Visit:

**[KofC2017.org/scholarship](http://KofC2017.org/scholarship)**

### **Lenten Soup Suppers**

Groups are invited to consider hosting the Friday soup suppers/Meager Meals following Stations.

Contact the Parish Office for your date!

**[office@catholicwb.org](mailto:office@catholicwb.org)**

[Fri, 3/13 *IS* hosted by the Whaley Family!]

### **SAVE THE DATES!**

***Sunday, May 3***

**First Communion, 10:30 &  
Crowning of Mary follows**

***Sunday, May 24***

**Confirmation, 10:30 *here*  
(St Mark's celebration: 05-30-26)**

### **Pro Life Resources**

#### **Need Help?**

*Lifeline Pregnancy Center* - 910.392.0001

**[Abortionpillreversal.com](http://Abortionpillreversal.com)**

**[HOPEAFTERABORTION.ORG](http://HOPEAFTERABORTION.ORG)**

*Project Rachel* - 1.888.456.4673

Struggling with Infertility? **[Popepaulvi.com](http://Popepaulvi.com)**

*Natural Family Planning*: **[www.usccb.org/NFP](http://www.usccb.org/NFP)**

**[www.dioceseofraleigh.org/human-life-and-dignity](http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org/human-life-and-dignity)**

**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](http://www.crs.org/donate)**

***Thank you for your generous support.***

*Continue your Lenten disciplines....!*

## ***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](http://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...

BAA donation? Use:

[dioceseofraleigh.org/bishops-annual-appeal/bishops-annual-appeal-donate-online](http://dioceseofraleigh.org/bishops-annual-appeal/bishops-annual-appeal-donate-online)

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

**Contact: Frank Bio, [frankbio2@gmail.com](mailto: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!***

## **St Patrick's Day Parade**

**March 14, 2026**

**11AM**

**[www.wilmingtonparade.com](http://www.wilmingtonparade.com)**

**[Sponsor, enter a float, or march!]**

## **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 penance services.)

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

**Baptisms:** Important information can be found on our website at [www.catholicwb.org/sacraments](http://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.

## **PARISH STAFF**

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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><u>[Check around for Lenten Deanery Penance Services thru 3/19....]</u>  <u>Saturday, March 7</u>            7:30AM - Men's Group            [10AM - 4PM, Parish Hall in use]            4:00PM - Confession            5:00PM - Mass - Susan &amp; Ellis Burns (D)            [Spring ahead clocks at bedtime ]</p> <p><u>Sunday, March 8 - Daylight Savings Begins</u>            8:00AM - Mass - St Therese Parishioners            9:15AM - OCIA            10:30AM - Mass - Francis Pinkston (D)</p> <p><u>Monday, March 9</u>            No Mass, nor activities noted</p> <p><u>Tuesday, March 10</u>            11:30AM - Rosary            12:00PM - Mass - Palma &amp; Michael Cortina (D)</p> <p><u>Wednesday, March 11</u>            10:30AM - Walking with Purpose            11:30AM - Rosary            12:00PM - Mass - James St. Ledger (D)</p> <p><u>Thursday, March 12</u>            11:30AM - Rosary            12:00PM - Mass - Cecelia Sebik (D)            12:30PM - Adoration            4:30PM - Benediction or Reposition</p> <p><u>Friday, March 13 [Abstinence from meat]</u>            11:30AM - Rosary            12:00PM - Mass - St Therese Parishioners            6:00PM - Stations of the Cross [w/Soup Supper following]</p> <p><u>Saturday, March 14</u>            7:30AM - Men's Group            4:00PM - Confession            5:00PM - Mass - St Therese Parishioners</p> <p><u>Sunday, March 15</u>            8:00AM - Mass - Angelo Cassanelli (D)            9:15AM - OCIA            10:30AM - Mass - Miriam Marlar (D)</p> <p><u>Monday, March 16</u>            No Mass, nor activities noted</p> <p><u>Tuesday, March 17 - St Patrick's Day</u>            11:30AM - Rosary            12:00PM - Mass - Patrick Sweeney (D)</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th style="background-color: #ffff00;">Offertory</th> <th style="background-color: #ffff00;">Needed</th> <th style="background-color: #ffff00;">Received</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="background-color: #ffff00;">February 15, 2026</td> <td style="background-color: #ffff00;">\$16,731.25</td> <td style="background-color: #ffff00;">\$ 21,243.85</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #ffff00;">February 22, 2026</td> <td style="background-color: #ffff00;">\$16,731.25</td> <td style="background-color: #ffff00;">\$20,646.16</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="background-color: #ffff00;">February 2026</td> <td style="background-color: #ffff00;">\$ 66,925.00</td> <td style="background-color: #ffff00;">\$ 80,861.33</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Offertory	Needed	Received	February 15, 2026	\$16,731.25	\$ 21,243.85	February 22, 2026	\$16,731.25	\$20,646.16	February 2026	\$ 66,925.00	\$ 80,861.33		
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	<p><b>Consider online giving: visit <a href="http://www.catholicwb.org">www.catholicwb.org</a>, Click on "Giving" and follow the prompts..... (Masses cancelled 1/31 -2/1 due to snow.)</b></p>														
	<p><b>TODAY'S READINGS</b>  <b>First Reading</b> - For the third time, the Israelites gripe about their discomforts since leaving Egypt, and blame Moses The rock of Horeb that pours out water is according to St. Paul a sign of Christ's giving us the living water of baptism. (Exodus 17:3-7)  <b>Psalm</b> - If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Psalm 95:1-2,6-7,8-9.)  <b>Second Reading</b> — Justified people are endowed with virtues, and so they are able to become more Christ-like through suffering. (Romans 5:1-2,5-8)  <b>Gospel</b> — Centuries of hate between Jews and Samaritans is the background of this famous episode. Jesus breaks tradition to speak to the woman about His identity and the Good News of salvation. (John 4: 5-42)</p>														
	<p><b>This Week's Scripture Readings</b></p>														
	<p><b>Monday</b> 2 Kgs 5:1-15b Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 Lk 4:24-30  <b>Tuesday</b> Dn 3:25, 34-43 Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 Mt 18:21-35  <b>Wednesday</b> Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Mt 5:17-19  <b>Thursday</b> Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Lk 11:14-23  <b>Friday</b> Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 Mk 12:28-34  <b>Saturday</b> Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab Lk 18:9-14  <b>Sunday</b> 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38</p>														
<p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>Interested in joining St. Therese?</b></u>            Please contact the Parish Office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Third Sunday of Lent</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>"..we know this is truly the savior of the world....."</i></p>															
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>This Week's Saints/Special Observances</b></p> <p><b>Sunday:</b> Third Sunday of Lent  <b>Monday:</b> Saint Frances of Rome  <b>Tuesday:</b> Tuesday of the 3rd Week of Lent  <b>Wednesday:</b> Wednesday of the 3rd Week of Lent  <b>Thursday:</b> Thursday of the 3rd Week of Lent  <b>Friday:</b> Friday of the Third Week of Lent  <b>Saturday:</b> Saturday of the Third Week of Lent  <b>Sunday:</b> Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare)</p>															
	<p style="text-align: center;">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, Walt Flippin, Joe Foley, Gemma Ford, Mary Galieto, Pete Galieto, John George, Larry George, Rev. Gene Grabowski, Beth Grady, Jacqueline Guarino, Gerry Geist, Wyatt Gildersleeve, Thomas Giorgio, The Griffin Family, Esther Caeli Gripshover, Jacqueline Guarino, Bob Gustie, Elizabeth Hagan, Phyllis Ham, Craig Hoffman, Ryan Hogan, 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, 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 Pruiem, 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, Joanelle 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

**Thank you for your generosity!**

Office of Vocations  
Discernment Retreats  
[Ncpriest.org/events](http://Ncpriest.org/events)

*MAR 20 Holy HR - UNCW, 7PM*  
*MAR 21 Retreat - UNCW - 9AM*  
[vocations@raldioc.org](mailto:vocations@raldioc.org)

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[If you are interested in placing an ad to help defray the cost of producing our church bulletin - please contact: [kzechello@jppc.net](mailto:kzechello@jppc.net) and refer to Bulletin #727 ] The last few spots are available.....

Want to view bulletin online when out of town?

**Rice Bowl and Easter Flower offering envelopes accepted throughout the Lenten Season**

### Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Raleigh Cape Fear Office

**Needs new or gently-used baby items to re-stock their supplies.**

**Drop off: Tuesday - Friday 9AM to Noon  
4280 US 421 #110**

**Or call for pick up: 910-251-8130**

### 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](mailto:christine.vayo@gmail.com)  
Carmelite Mass 4/18 at St. Mark - 10am

### 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....."In Memory of Florence Perkins and Dorothy Beck." ]

### Lenten disciplines...

- Fasting (strengthen spirit /self-control)
- Almsgiving (increase care of neighbor)
- Prayer (pursue a life lived in God's grace)

## Food Pantry News

**"...you are sharing the fruits of their work....."**

**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 (hams for Easter) 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.....***

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*Wishing you, our parish family, spiritual protection throughout the upcoming week - The Reimel Family*



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