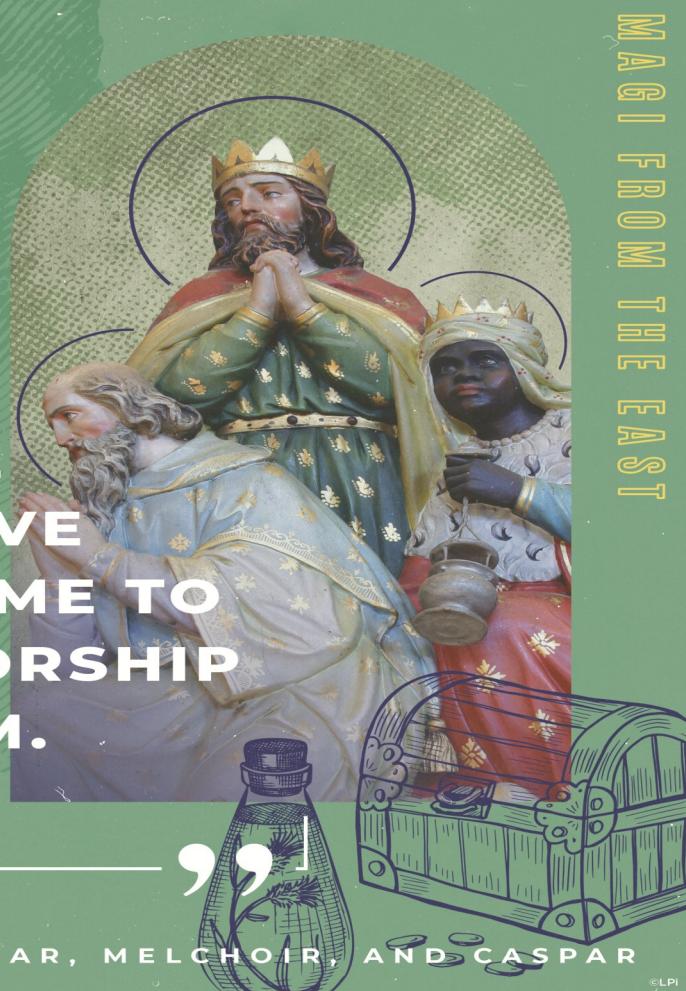




*St. Theresa of the
Child Jesus Church*
**2800 East Ramon Road, Palm
Springs, CA 92264**

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**WE
HAVE
COME TO
WORSHIP
HIM.**

- BATHASAR, MELCHOIR, AND CASPAR



MAGI FROM THE EAST

Mass Times:

Mon.-Fri.- 7:30am (Daily Mass)

Saturday

5:00 pm English

7:00 pm Spanish

Sunday

7:00 am English

8:30 am Spanish

10:30am English

12:30pm English

Monday—Friday

7:30 am English

Adoration—8:00am-3:00pm

Saturday Confessions—

3:30pm-4:30pm

Our Parish Mission Statement:

St. Theresa is a welcoming multicultural, diverse Roman Catholic community; aspiring to make God the center of our lives, striving to proclaim Jesus' message of Hope, Forgiveness, Love and Compassion to all.

Nuestra Misión Parroquial:

Santa Teresa es una Comunidad Católica Romana, con diversidad multicultural. Aspiramos a tener a Dios como centro de nuestras vidas. Proclamamos el mensaje de Jesús que es; Esperanza, Reconciliación, Amor y Compasión al Prójimo.

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Parish Website: www.sttheresaps.com

Office of Catechetical Ministries:

760-323-2669 Ex. 315

St. Theresa School: 760-327-4919

Rev. John Kavcak, M.S.C./ Pastor

Rev. David Foxen M.S.C. /Parochial Vicar

This parish is staffed by the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (M.S.C.)

For more information visit the M.S.C.

website: <http://www.misacor-usa.org>

PASTOR'S COLUMN:

Jesus Christ crosses the paths of the lives of many people who are not interested in Him. A little effort would have changed their lives; they would have found the King of Joy and Peace. This requires a willingness to look for Him, to move around, to ask without losing heart —like the Three Wise Men— to leave our comfort, our routine. It requires an effort to appreciate the immense value of finding Christ. If we do not find Him, we have not found anything in life, because only He is the Savior: finding Jesus is to find the Path that leads us to know the Truth that gives us Life. And without Him, nothing is worthwhile.

I take this opportunity to thank everyone who made our Christmas celebrations so wonderful. The various choirs, lectors and servers, the people who decorated the church and those who kept it clean; to all of you and those I didn't mention --- Thank you very much! I also want to thank everyone who sent food, cards and gifts to the rectory. These were very much appreciated by all of us. May the Lord shower his choicest blessings upon you and your families in the New Year.

May God remember your every offering; graciously accept your holocaust,
Grant what is in your heart, and fulfill your every plan. Psalm 20: 4-5

GENTLE THOUGHTS:

Do you know why it is hard to be happy?
Because we refuse to let go of the things that make us sad.

One of the hardest decisions you will ever have to make in life is choosing whether to walk away or try harder.

Some people are old at 18, and some are young at 90... time is a concept that humans created!

"It is better to walk alone than with a crowd going in the wrong direction!" ... Diane Grant

Visit our website to sign up to
Online Giving and get started.
<https://osvhub.com/st-theresa-ps/funds>

November Contribution

11/1/25- \$11,715.50
11/8/25- \$12,361.10
11/15/25-\$12,012.50
11/22/25-\$11,614.00
11/29/25-\$11,057.00

Total = \$58,760.10

On-Line Giving
\$7,025.00

School Tuition Assistance
\$3,470.00

Thanksgiving
\$3,355.50

All Soul's Day
\$203.00

DDF- \$4,089

Poinsettia Sale- \$1,505.00

Hug-a-Baby- \$1,328.00

Flowers & Env.- \$2,960.50

Diocesan Development Fund (DDF2025)**Goal: 54,900**

We are \$7,432.00 away from meeting our diocesan goal of \$54,900. We will have second collection the 29th and 30th for the DDF, Many Thanks. To those that have pledged and donated, let's surpass our goal! Any donation after our goal stays in the parish for the parish building & grounds needs our deadline is December 30th.

How to support the DDF:

Make Pledge: Use a DDF envelope and send it to the Diocese or drop it into the collection basket at Mass (card, cash, or check) Make a Donation: Indicate on the check or envelop "DDF2025" Online Donation: visit our website and make a donation under the DDF 2025 tab.

Percent of Goal: 25 %

As of: July 31, 2025

Scan QR Code to give



**Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday, January 3

5:00pm

Rosalie Hilger +
John Cherry +

7:00pm-Español

Henry Casares +

Sunday, January 4

7:00am

Philip Austria +
Mr. & Mrs. Lourdes Abella +

8:30am- Espanol

Francisco Morales +

10:30am

Rory Putman +
Sony & Abner Silverio S/
(Birthdays)
Johnny & Josie Imus- S/I
DFS Company- S/I

12:30pm

Jean Williams +
Melquiades Cuevas +
Napoleon Chiu +

Monday, January 5

For our Parish Community

Tuesday, January 6

Sony & Abner Silverio S/I
(Birthdays)
Krispina Embestro +

Wednesday, January 7

Gilbert Lopez +

Thursday, January 8

Marina Herrera S/I-Birthday

Friday, January 9

DFS Company -S/I

**We pray for the sick and for those who care for them:
Oremos por las personas enfermas y por las personas que cuidan de ellos:**

John Salerno, Bryan Dinnoo, Chuck Stone,
Catherine Dinnoo, Carolyn O'Linn, Alissa Dinnoo,
Norma Cardova Chanman, Ynez Romo, Robin Dinnoo,
Roger Newallo, Norbert Chanman, Laurie Mikolaycik,
Christopher Navo, Nicolette Rusanberg,
Nancy Holmes, Joyce Norvell, Keila David, Fernando Azael Serna,
Aisling O'Connor, Ira Amon, Marie Irwin
Agustin Oros, Yadira Molina, Richard Martanivick, Carmen Brown,
Palmore Family, Leann Alvarez, Doug DeSale, Cam (Tommy's Son)
Mahesh Sewnarain, Jose Alex Gonzalez, Carol Patney,
Joseph Ibanez, Monica Newallo, Lloyd Forbes, Tony Chanman,
Anilaine Gamba, Mary Ann Andrews, Joe Godinez, Karen Gunst,
Carol Zachik, Mark MyBrick, Mario Pocasangce, Angela Brown,
Remy Ruesenberg, Tiffany Moretti, Ken Zachik,
Manuel & Sony Silverio, Esperanza Asejo, Henry McShane,
Joseph Piscopo, Emma, Melinda Jennings & Family,
Jackie Peters, Florence, Linda Francis,
Angelito Rayos, John Paschal, Christina Ettedgui, Ernesto Cuabo,
Sheila Sparling, Lisa Jarecki, Dennis Cook, Reggie Montoya,
Butch Skillman, Val & Christopher, Luz Maria Matha,
Joseph Godinez, Jerome Godinez, Lucille Godinez, John Griffiths III
Marc Motzer, Ray, Kaiden Dinnoo, Terry Moretti,
Ava Grace Golden, Ernie Mullins, Jaime Guzman,
Roman Hernandez, Rae Wenzel, Pat Malon, Kathy Kuniej Cooper,
Cristina Alverdiz, Maria Cruz Cardenas, David Landeros,
Jay Bednar, Becky Benedict, Dennis Cook, Susie Hoff, Selena Perez,
Steven Pilgrim, Bob Blum, Pat Quinn, Daniel Chavez

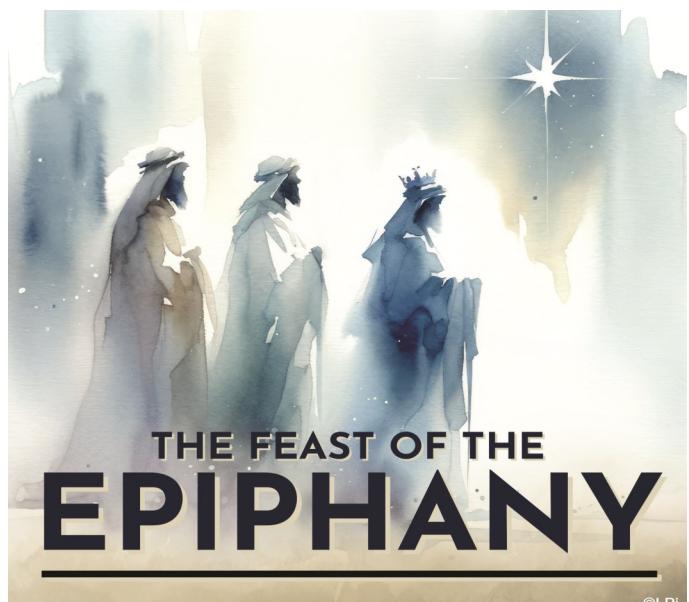
(Names will be kept for 3 months. Please contact the
Parish Office to remove a name from the list/

Los nombres permanecerán por 3 meses. Por favor
de contactar a la Oficina Parroquial para remover un
nombre de la lista.)



Readings for the week of January 4, 2026

Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday:	1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 /Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/



Thank you! To all the volunteers who helped with making the Church look beautiful for Christmas!! Your support is truly appreciated. We couldn't do it without you all.

Many Blessings for your kindness, time & talents!!

PRAYER FOR EPIPHANY

Dear Jesus, as You led the Three Kings to You by the light of a star, please draw us ever closer to You by the light of Faith. Help us to desire You as ardently as they did. Give us the grace to overcome all the obstacles that keep us far from You. May we, like them, have something to give You when we appear before You. Amen

THE HOLY STAR

O Father, may that holy star
Grow every year more bright
And send its glorious beams afar
To fill the world with light.

—William Cullen Bryant

**IT IS WITH
THE SMALLEST
BRUSHES THAT
THE ARTIST
PAINTS THE
BEST
PAINTINGS.**

—St. André Bessette

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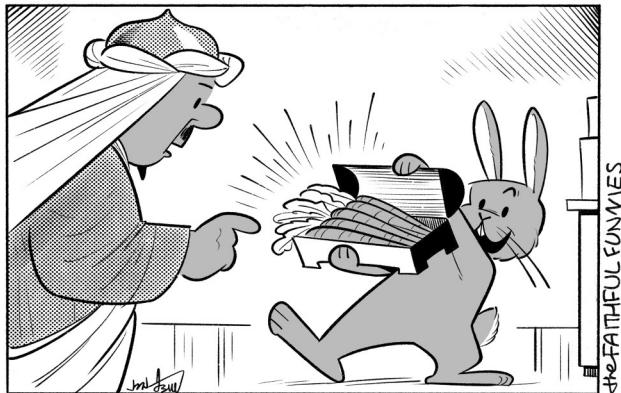
LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The journey of the Magi reflects how treacherous our Christian life on earth can be. Always, evil works against us — Satan lays traps. He sows confusion. May we, like the Magi, recognize the will of God as our guiding star.



Bricks for the Meditation Garden are selling fast! You can order one or more online (best) or by mailing an order form to the office. Extra order forms are available there. If you are giving one as a Christmas gift, postcards notifying the recipient of the gift will be available in the office soon. You can pick one up and mail it to the lucky person. If you haven't purchased a brick, please consider doing so. The proceeds will help with the restoration of our beloved Church. A 4x8" brick costs \$100 and an 8x8" brick costs \$200. The 135 Ministry greatly appreciates your participation!

"I thought you said this was a chest of gold?"



"Yes! It's 14 carrots!"



FUN FACT!
The Magi offered Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Gold was a gift recognizing Jesus' Kingship, even as a humble baby.

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GOOD GRIEF MINISTRY

Dates for meetings:

(1:30pm in the Youth Room on the east side of the Church)

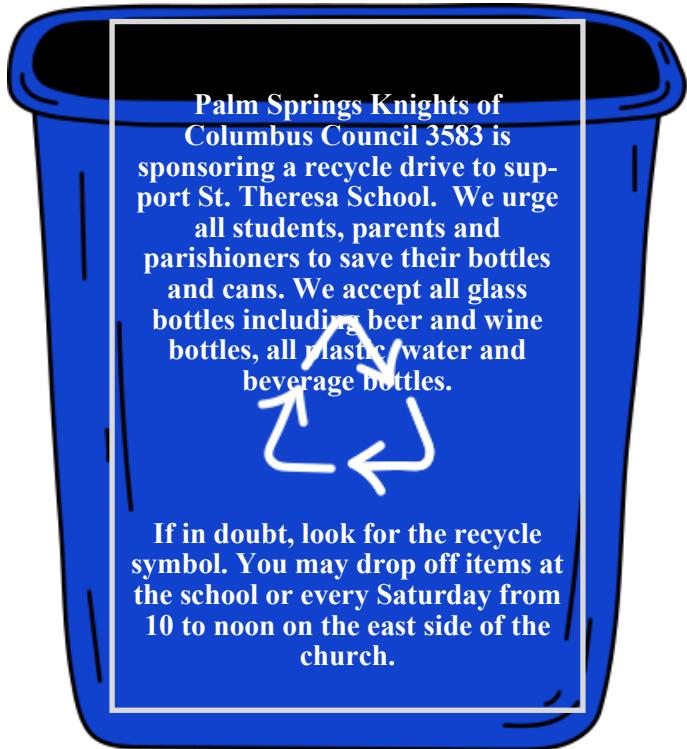
January 25, 2026

April 26, 2026

February 22, 2026

May 17, 2026

March 29, 2026



If in doubt, look for the recycle symbol. You may drop off items at the school or every Saturday from 10 to noon on the east side of the church.



Gifted and Called
LGBTQ Catholics Ministry
Palm Springs
Contact us at:

GiftedandCalled@LGBTQCatholics.faith

COLUMNA DEL PASTOR:

Jesucristo se cruza en el camino de muchas personas que no están interesadas en Él. Un pequeño esfuerzo habría cambiado sus vidas; habrían encontrado al Rey de la alegría y la paz. Esto requiere la disposición a buscarlo, a moverse, a preguntar sin desanimarse —como los Reyes Magos—, a salir de nuestra zona de confort, de nuestra rutina. Requiere un esfuerzo para apreciar el inmenso valor de encontrar a Cristo. Si no lo encontramos, no hemos encontrado nada en la vida, porque solo Él es el Salvador: encontrar a Jesús es encontrar el Camino que nos lleva a conocer la Verdad que nos da la Vida. Y sin Él, nada tiene sentido.

Aprovecho esta oportunidad para agradecer a todos los que hicieron que nuestras celebraciones navideñas fueran tan maravillosas. A los distintos coros, lectores y acólitos, a quienes decoraron la iglesia y a quienes la mantuvieron limpia; a todos ustedes y a quienes no mencioné, ¡muchas gracias! También quiero agradecer a todos los que enviaron comida, tarjetas y regalos a la casa parroquial. Todos los apreciamos muchísimo. Que el Señor los colme de sus mejores bendiciones a ustedes y a sus familias en este Año Nuevo.

Que Dios recuerde todas tus ofrendas; que acepte con benevolencia tu sacrificio, que te conceda lo que deseas en tu corazón y que cumpla todos tus planes.

Salmo 20:4-5

Fondo de Desarrollo Diocesano (DDF2025)

Meta: 54,900

Estamos a \$7432.00 de nuestra meta diocesana de \$54,900. Tendremos una segunda colecta el 28 y 29 para la campaña de desarrollo diocesano, se les agradece su apoyo continuo, pasemos la meta juntos!! Toda donación pasada la meta se queda en la parroquia para costos de mantenimiento y reparación, tenemos hasta fin de Diciembre.

Donacion en linea

[https://osvhub.com/st-theresa-ps/
funds](https://osvhub.com/st-theresa-ps/funds)



Las lecturas de la semana del 4 de enero de 2026

Domingo: Is 60, 1-6/Sal 71, 1-2. 7-8. 10-11.

12-13/Ef 3, 2-3. 5-6/Mt 2, 1-12

Lunes: 1 Jn 3, 22-4, 6/Sal 2, 7-8. 10-12/Mt 4, 12-17. 23-25

Martes: 1 Jn 4, 7-10/Sal 71, 1-2. 3-4. 7-8/Mc 6, 34-44

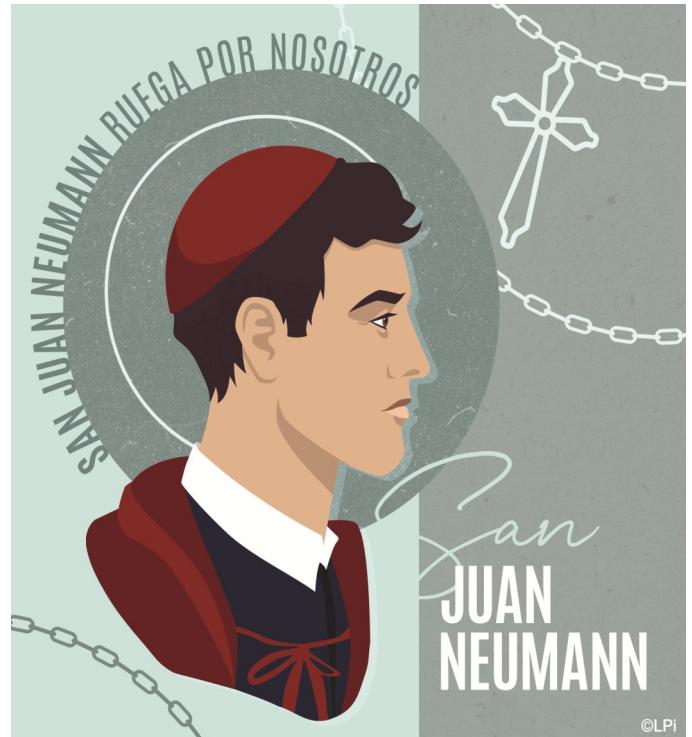
Miércoles: 1 Jn 4, 11-18/Sal 71, 1-2. 10. 12-13/Mc 6, 45-52

Jueves: 1 Jn 4, 19-5, 4/Sal 71, 1-2. 14 y 15. 17/Lc 4, 14-22

Viernes: 1 Jn 5, 5-13/Sal 147, 12-13. 14-15. 19-20/Lc 5, 12-16

Sábado: 1 Jn 5, 14-21/Sal 149, 1-2. 3-4. 5 y 6 y 9/Jn 3, 22-30

Domingo siguiente: Is 42, 1-4. 6-7/Sal 28, 1-2. 3-4. 3. 9-10/Hch 10, 34-38/Mt 3, 13-17



Oración de Epifanía

Querido Jesus, como dirigiste a los Tres Reyes con la luz de una Estrella hacia ti. Por favor llévanos hacia ti con la luz Fe. Ayúdanos a desearte como ellos. Danos la gracia de sobresalir cualquier obstáculo que nos mantiene lejos de Ti que tengamos algo que ofrecerte como lo hicieron ellos.

Amen.

VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Las noticias del Mesías inquietaron a Herodes. Vemos claramente su ansiedad en el Evangelio de hoy. Después de todo, esto es lo que Cristo ha venido a hacer. Ha venido a sacudir las cosas. ¿Estamos preparados para ser inquietados?

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TIEMPO DE IMPUESTOS.....

Si necesita un resumen de su Donación anual 2025, aquí en St. Theresa Church, llame a la oficina parroquial al 760-323-2669, estaremos encantados de enviarle una carta de su contribución para el año.

¡Gracias!

TIEMPO PARA EL AÑO – PLANIFICACIÓN TRIBUTARIA DE FINAL

En diciembre de 2015, el Congreso aprobó una ley Permitir a los individuos ceder acciones de sus Cuentas de jubilación individuales (IRA) directamente a una organización benéfica. Los obsequios de este tipo se denominan Distribución Cari-
tativa Cualificada (QCD). Puede indicarle a su custodio de IRA que transfiera acciones directamente a una organi-
zación benéfica como St. Theresa; sin embargo, debe tener 70 años y medio de edad o más para hacerlo. Al realizar este tipo de distribución, evita pagar impuestos sobre las ganancias de capital por la venta de acciones, si las acciones son transferido directamente. Obtienes una deducción por tu distribución. Para obtener información adicional, debe hablar con su contador, abogado o Asesor financiero.

**Saint Theresa Parish
Year to Date Statement of Income and Expenses
For the Four Months Ended October 31, 2025**

The first four months of our fiscal year showed a net loss from operations of \$29,576. This was favorable to budget by \$35,310 for two primary reasons. First, we had a one-time income item of \$13,213 which was the Federal Employee Retention Credit payment for the employee positions maintained during the Covid Epidemic. Second, payroll expenses were favorable to budget by \$43,341 because we were not fully staffed for almost all of these first four months. The remaining eight months of November through June generally produce an approximate total operating net income of \$40,000. We expect to have an operating net income for the twelve months of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 of approximately \$10,000 because of the two one-time items listed above.

By the end of December, we will be producing an accounting of the restricted revenue received from the activities of the 135 Ministry and the Columbarium Niche sales. We will also report major repair and replacement expenditures paid for with these restricted revenues. We will also be reporting anticipated future major repairs and replacements. We know that we have well over two million dollars in anticipated major repairs and replacements in the next fifteen years. We need the Columbarium to start producing a steady cash flow, augmented by the 135 Ministry's efforts, in order to have the funds available to cover these anticipated expenditures.

In the first four months of this fiscal year, we have spent \$75,084 on two major repair items. These were reroofing of the Parish Hall and the HVAC units in the youth room of the main church building. Before the end of the current fiscal year we expect to have repaired the exposed wood beams, originally estimated at \$150,000 but perhaps costing more.

Qualified Charitable Distributions / IRA Rollover

You can make a donation to the Parish directly from your IRA. This type of donation is known as a "qualified charitable distribution". This allows individuals age 70 and $\frac{1}{2}$ or older to authorize their IRA administrator to directly transfer up to \$100,000 annually from their IRA to the Parish, tax free. If you are age 73 or older, the amount you transfer can satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution. Please contact your income tax professional.

Gifts in a Will or Trust

Making a legacy gift in your will or trust is one of the easiest ways to make a lasting impact for the Parish. Once you have provided for your loved ones, we hope you will consider making a gift to the Parish. Please contact your attorney concerning this in your will or trust.

Estimated Annual Future Major Repairs and Replacements

In The Fiscal Years June 30, 2026 Through June 30, 2040

Preliminary Estimates - Please Refer to Note 1

Repave and Stripe Parking Lots	\$545,000
Replace HVAC Systems & Cooling Tower in Main Church Building	427,000
HVAC Systems in School and Gym	109,000
Other HVAC Systems	126,000
Paint Interiors Church, Rectory	21,000
Paint Building Exteriors - All	280,000
Roofing and Drains Church	220,000
Roofing - School	120,000
Parish Office Furniture, Equipment, flooring, Restrooms and Roofing	180,000
School Administration Section	142,000
Parish Hall Flooring, Kitchen, Furniture and Equipment	112,000
Wood Beams Repairs	150,000
Pony Wall Restoration	30,000
Parish Hall - Reroofing and Interior Repairs From Water Damage	65,000
Church Carpet, Sound System, Pews, Drinking Fountains, Restrooms	220,000
TOTAL	\$2,747,000

Note 1 - An updated Reserve Study by SCT Reserves Company will be done in the first Quarter of 2026.

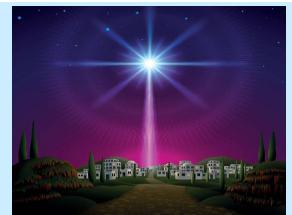
The above figures will all be updated in the new Reserve Study. Additional items may be included.

Note 2 - Funding for the above items will come from the efforts of the 135 Ministry and our share of the net income from the Columbarium Niche sales. The cash flow from the Columbarium sales is still not reasonably known because of the accounting problems at the Cemetery Board level.

The Stars We Follow

Everyone follows a star.

It is human nature to seek. If we are rich, we want to be richer. If we are smart, we want to be smarter. If we are powerful, we want to be more powerful.



We cannot stay in one place, so to speak — to say, “I am what I am, I have what I have, and it is enough.” Even the very act of maintaining a status quo, be it health or wealth or spiritual goodness, requires action. It requires effort. It requires movement. This is human nature. There is nothing wrong with it. When we stop seeking, we die.

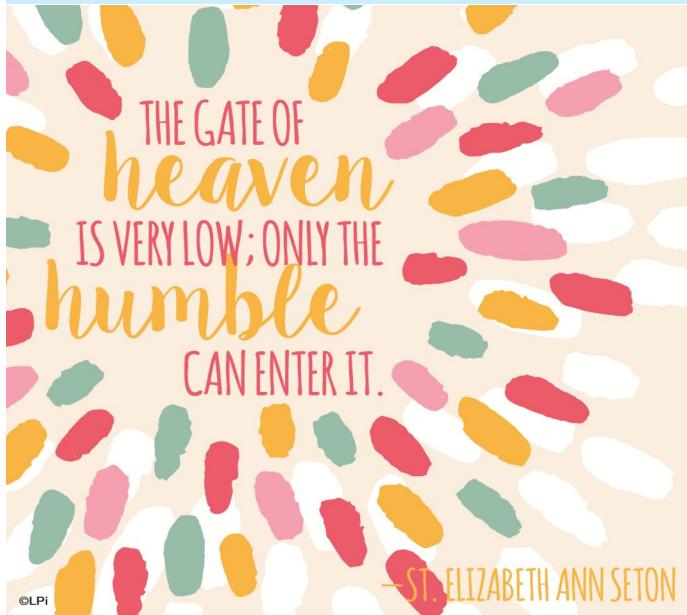
But what are we looking for? Where are we going?

I often wonder if the Magi knew what they were seeking — really, truly knew. They were seeking “the newborn king of the Jews,” yes, but did they understand who he was? *What* he was? I don’t see how they could have. They were wise men, but they were not prophets. They simply knew this was an endeavor they had to undertake. They knew it in their souls.

There really is very little that we know for certain about the Magi. We don’t know how many of them there were. We don’t know their religion. We don’t know where they came from. All we know for certain is that they listened to a voice they heard deep within themselves. And, heeding that voice, they went forth.

And what did they find? They found what we all seek, even if, foolishly, we seek it in riches or power.

They found the face of the Child.



CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: Who are the four Gospel authors?
Answer: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

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TAX TIME.....

If you need a summary of your 2025 annual giving, here at St. Theresa Church, please call the parish office at 760-323-2669, we will be happy to send you a letter of your contribution for the year.

TIME FOR YEAR- END TAX PLANNING

In December 2015, Congress passed a law Permitting individuals to give stock out of their Individual Retirement Accounts, (IRA) directly to a charity. Gifts of this types are called Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). You may instruct your IRA custodian to transfer stock directly to a Charity like St. Theresa, however you must be 70 1/2 years of age or older to do so. By making this type of distribution, you avoid paying capital gains taxes on the sale of stock, if the stock is directly transferred. You get a deduction for your distribution. For additional information, you should speak with your accountant, attorney, or Financial Advisor.



Due to the government shutdown our Food Pantry has doubled with people needing food assistance. We will be having a Food Drive this month to serve our people in need. We are asking for non-perishable goods...canned foods, dry beans, rice etc...

You can drop off items in the parish Office, Mon-Fri. between 8:30am-3:00pm. Thank you all!



IS RETURNING!!!!

SAVE THE DATE....
Friday, Jan. 9th

More details coming!