



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



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"Behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him." Mt 3:16

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Parish Website: www.sttheresaps.com

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760-323-2669 Ex. 315

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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 Próximo.

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:

Our Christmas season's celebration ends with the theme of 'Epiphany', or 'Manifestation' – reminding us that in the coming of the eternal Son, 'the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior has appeared among us' (Titus 3:4). During the final week of Christmas time, the liturgy recalls three moments of 'manifestation' – to the Magi, representing the peoples of the world; through the 'first sign' worked by Jesus as the marriage at Cana; and in the dramatic moment when Jesus was baptized by John.

It is not surprising that Christ's entering into the waters of repentance – a fact referred to all four gospels – was difficult for the first Christian believers to square with their faith in Jesus as 'the Lord' himself, author of all holiness. Matthew echoes this bewilderment in the hesitations of John the Baptist. In the reply of Jesus – that this is something 'for the time being', in order that 'all righteousness may be fulfilled' – Matthew summarizes the essential theme of his gospel. He is writing, as we know, for an audience with a Jewish background. In Jesus, the true spirit of Israel ('righteousness') will recognize the 'fulfilment' of all that was foreshadowed and promised in the Old Testament.

There are many such graced moments in our lives. There are many times that we can allow God to draw us closer to Him. Some of these times are obvious, like confirmation, marriage, conventions and retreats, the celebration of the critical moments in the faith life of our children and grandchildren. There are other times that might not seem so obvious, ordinary times when we are called to make the ordinary extraordinary by seizing the day, respond to God's call and plunge into the river. We are called to seize the day and be One with all who are seeking the Kingdom of God.

GENTLE THOUGHTS:

If I waited till I had all my ducks in a row, I'd never get across the street. Sometimes you just have to gather up what you got and make a run for it!

I was watching a TV show and a lady was listing all the wonderful things one could do. Then I realized that this was the religious channel and she was listing sins!

My doctor asked me; "What fits your busy schedule better, exercising one hour a day or being dead 24 hours a day?"

"The handle on your recliner does not count as an exercise machine!"

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- \$4,089Poinsettia Sale- \$1,505.00Hug-a-Baby- \$1,328.00Flowers & Env.- \$2,960.50**Diocesan Development Fund (DDF2025)****Goal: \$4,900**

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 10

5:00pm

Lee Campbell +
Mayor Rainier Leopando +

7:00pm-Espanol

Joe Galvan +

Sunday, January 11

7:00am

Grace J. Reyes S/I-In Thanksgiving

8:30am- Español

Heliodoro Cornejo +
Francisca Morales +
Maria De La Luz Alvarez +
Jose Zabana +

10:30am

Marcelo & Carolina Vicente +
Rory Putman +
Gilbert Lopez +
Frank & Pamela Schwab +

12:30pm

Napoleon Chiu +

5:00pm- Filipino Mass

Josie Imus S/I- Healing
Mila Aguinaldo-S/I
Intercession to Sto. Nino

Monday, January 12

Catalina Manzo Mora +

Tuesday, January 13

Gilbert Lopez +

Wednesday, January 14

Ching Asejo +

Thursday, January 15

Chuck & Joyce Stone S/I
(Wedding Anniversary)

Friday, January 16

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 Piscope, 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 Alverdez, Maria Cruz Cardenas, David Landeros,
Jay Bednar, Becky Benedict, Dennis Cook, Susie Hoff, Selena Perez,
Steven Pilgrim, Bob Blum, Pat Quinn, Daniel Chavez, Steve Schultz

**(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 11, 2026

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/
Mt 3:13-17
Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/
Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/
Jn 1:29-34



Blessing for Baptismal Graces

Dear God,
Through Baptism, You called and claimed
us as Your own, chosen and loved. Pour
Your blessing upon us as we remember our
Baptism. Plant Your identity in our hearts.
Help us to live as Your
beloved.
Amen.

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

John could not believe that Jesus would
seek baptism from him, a lowly mortal man.
But our God is a humble God. He does not
fear our weakness. He extends his hand,
saying, "It is fitting." So take his hand.
Begin the work he has set out for you.

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2026 Calendars are here!!

You can pick up your 2026
Calendars after all masses in the
main entrance of the Church!!

Please take ONE per family!

Registered Parishioners

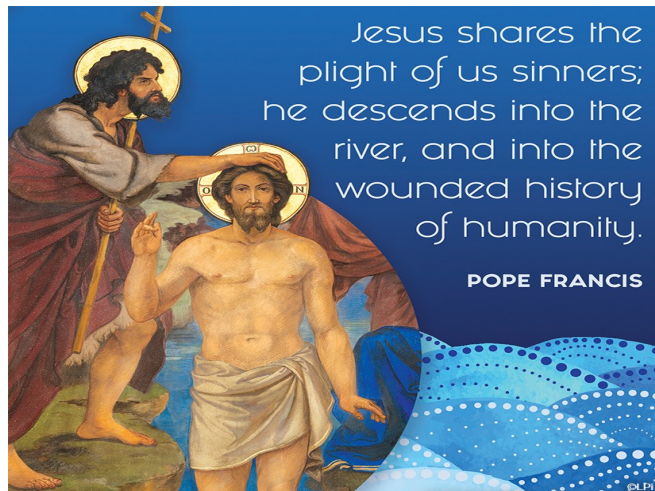
If you have had a change of address or
phone number, please contact the parish
office so we can update your information.

And if you would like to register as a
parishioner, you can register on our
Website at... sttheresaps.com

Receive our bi-monthly E-Blast by
messaging...
parishlife.sttheresa@sbdiocese.org

Join us for a night of
Adoration...
Thursday, January
15th at 6:30pm in the
Daily Mass Chapel

EUCCHARISTIC
Adoration



Jesus shares the
plight of us sinners;
he descends into the
river, and into the
wounded history of
humanity.

POPE FRANCIS



Meditation Garden

Please join us in the restoration of the Meditation Garden by purchasing an engraved brick paver of remembrance which creates a new walkway to the statue of Jesus with outstretched arms. You may do so by getting an order form from the posters located at all church entrances. This form with your check should then be taken to the parish office for processing during normal office hours. You may also purchase online at the parish web site sttheresaps.com. Select the 135 Ministry tab on the home page then the drop down menu Meditation Garden to order.

St. Theresa Altar Society



What is this Ministry about?

A society of women over 18 years of age who contribute to the needs of the parish through various events and activities that foster a spirit of community and spiritual growth of its members.

Come and join us every first Wednesday of the month after daily mass in the St. Peter & St. Paul rooms.

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

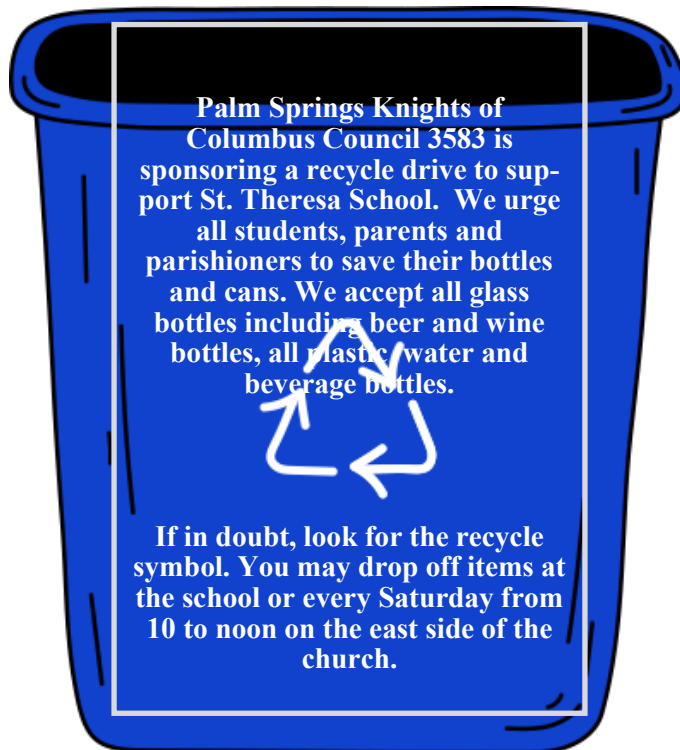
May 17, 2026

March 29, 2026

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is the name for the formal letters in the New Testament sent to people and Christian communities?

Answer: Epistles.



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

GiftedandCalled@LGBTQCatholics.faith

COLUMNA DEL PASTOR :

Nuestra celebración de la temporada navideña culmina con el tema de la Epifanía, o Manifestación, que nos recuerda que, con la venida del Hijo eterno, «la bondad y el amor de Dios nuestro Salvador se han manifestado entre nosotros» (Tito 3:4). Durante la última semana del tiempo de Navidad, la liturgia conmemora tres momentos de «manifestación»: a los Reyes Magos, que representan a los pueblos del mundo; a través del «primer signo» realizado por Jesús en las bodas de Caná; y en el momento trascendental en que Jesús fue bautizado por Juan.

No es de extrañar que la entrada de Cristo en las aguas del arrepentimiento —un hecho mencionado en los cuatro evangelios— resultara difícil de conciliar para los primeros creyentes cristianos con su fe en Jesús como «el Señor» mismo, autor de toda santidad. Mateo refleja esta perplejidad en las dudas de Juan el Bautista. En la respuesta de Jesús —que esto es algo «por el momento», para que «se cumpla toda justicia»— Mateo resume el tema esencial de su evangelio. Como sabemos, escribe para un público de origen judío. En Jesús, el verdadero espíritu de Israel («la justicia») reconocerá el «cumplimiento» de todo lo que fue prefigurado y prometido en el Antiguo Testamento.

Hay muchos momentos de gracia en nuestras vidas. Hay muchas ocasiones en las que podemos permitir que Dios nos acerque a Él. Algunos de estos momentos son evidentes, como la confirmación, el matrimonio, las convenciones y los retiros espirituales, la celebración de los momentos cruciales en la vida de fe de nuestros hijos y nietos. Hay otros momentos que quizás no parezcan tan obvios, momentos ordinarios en los que estamos llamados a transformar lo ordinario en extraordinario, aprovechando cada día, respondiendo al llamado de Dios y sumergiéndonos en su gracia. Estamos llamados a aprovechar cada día y a ser uno con todos aquellos que buscan el Reino de Dios.

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>

**Las lecturas de la semana del 11 de enero de 2026**

Domingo: Is 42, 1-4. 6-7/Sal 28, 1-2. 3-4. 3. 9-10/Hch 10, 34-38/Mt 3, 13-17
Lunes: 1 Sm 1, 1-8/Sal 115, 12-13. 14-17. 18-19/Mc 1, 14-20
Martes: 1 Sm 1, 9-20/1 Sam 2, 1. 4-5. 6-7. 8/Mc 1, 21-28
Miércoles: 1 Sm 3, 1-10. 19-20/Sal 39, 2 y 5. 7-8. 8-9. 10/Mc 1, 29-39
Jueves: 1 Sm 4, 1-11/Sal 43, 10-11. 14-15. 24-25/Mc 1, 40-45
Viernes: 1 Sm 8, 4-7. 10-22/Sal 88, 16-17. 18-19/Mc 2, 1-12
Sábado: 1 Sm 9, 1-4. 17-19; 10, 1/Sal 20, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7/Mc 2, 13-17
Domingo siguiente: Is 49, 3. 5-6/Sal 39, 2 y 4. 7-8. 8-9. 10/1 Co 1, 1-3/Jn 1, 29-34



Bendición para las Gracias Bautismales

Dios mío,
A través del Bautismo, nos llamaste y reclamaste
como Tuyos, elegidos y amados. Derrama Tu
bendición sobre nosotros al recordar nuestro
Bautismo. Planta Tu identidad en nuestros
corazones. Ayúdanos a vivir como Tus amados.
Amén.

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¡Ya están disponibles los calendarios de 2026!

Pueden recoger sus calendarios de 2026 después
de todas las misas en la entrada
principal de la iglesia.

¡Por favor, tomen solo uno por familia!



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!

Felígreso/a registrado/a

Si ha cambiado de domicilio o número de teléfono,
por favor, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial
para que podamos
actualizar su información.

Si desea registrarse como feligrés/a, puede hacerlo
en nuestro sitio
web: sttheresaps.com

TRIVIA CATÓLICA – SÓLO POR DIVERSIÓN

Pregunta: ¿Cuál es el nombre de las cartas formales en
el Nuevo Testamento enviadas a las personas y
comunidades cristianas?

Respuesta: Epístolas.

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**Saint Theresa Parish
Year to Date Statement of Income and Expenses
For the Five Months Ended November 30, 2025**

The first five months of our fiscal year showed a net loss from operations of \$22,963. This was favorable to budget by \$47,008 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 because we were not fully staffed for July through October. The remaining seven months of December through June are projected to produce an approximate total operating net income of \$33,000. We expect to have an operating net income for the twelve months of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 of approximately \$10,000 primarily because of the two one-time items listed above.

By the end of January, we will be producing a monthly accounting of the restricted revenue received from the activities of the 135 Ministry and the Columbarium Niche sales. We will 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 over \$2,700,000 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 five 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 ½ 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.

Saint Theresa
Operating Income and Expense
For the 5 Months Ended November 30, 2025

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Operating Revenue		
Contributions and Donations	\$307,046	\$271,688
Fees and Fundraising	49,792	103,572
Investment Income	7,680	7,519
Federal Employee Retention Credit	13,213	0
Other Income	4,772	3,250
Total Revenue	382,503	386,029
Expenses		
Salaries, Payroll Taxes and Benefits	160,897	214,787
Professional Fees	10,879	8,816
Program Expenses	7,779	5,000
Liturgical Expenses	12,834	8,692
General Aid	24,618	23,561
General and Administrative	17,895	16,000
Electricity	49,069	44,200
Property and Earthquake Insurance	12,210	22,800
Facilities Expense	49,357	59,134
Fundraising Expenses	7,218	300
Assessment Expense - Diocese	52,710	52,710
Total Expenses	405,466	456,000
Net Operating Income (loss)	(\$22,963)	(\$69,971)

Virtues, Explained!

Joy

Mini Explanation —

Joy is the experience of achieving what we most desire — and what we most desire is love. God made us in love and for love, and so, in the same way that a flower seeks the sunlight, our souls seek the warmth of true, selfless love.

Joy, Explained!

Though it is often used as a synonym for happiness, joy has far more to do with the choices we make than the emotions we feel.

Joy is the experience of achieving what we most desire — and what we most desire is love. God made us in love and for love, and so, in the same way that a flower seeks the sunlight, our souls seek the warmth of true, selfless love. The virtue of joy, therefore, is a fruit of the virtue of love, or charity (CCC 1829).

“We are meant to have our human joys: the joy of living, the joy of love and friendship, the joy of work well done,” said Saint Pope John Paul II. “We who are Christians have a further cause for joy: like Jesus, we know that we are loved by God our Father. This love transforms our lives and fills us with joy.”



**St. Theresa Parish Bingo Night
Every Friday**

Proceeds Support St. Theresa School
Tuition Assistance Program

EARLY BIRD BINGO

Buy-In: \$15 Bingo Packets
Includes 1 Pull Tab
Additional Pull Tabs- \$1 each
Dabbers- \$2 each

REGULAR BINGO

Buy-In: \$25 Bingo Packets
Includes 1 \$5 Special Game AND 1 PULL
TAB
Additional Special Games- \$5 each
Additional Pull Tabs- \$1 each
Dabbers- \$2 each

**Mention where you saw this ad and
receive one free pull tab! Bring a friend
and they also receive a pull tab!**

**Serving dinner from 4:30PM to 6:30PM at
\$12.00 per person**

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.**

Thank You!

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 type 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.

BECOMING A KNIGHT!



Knights of
Columbus

Why Join?



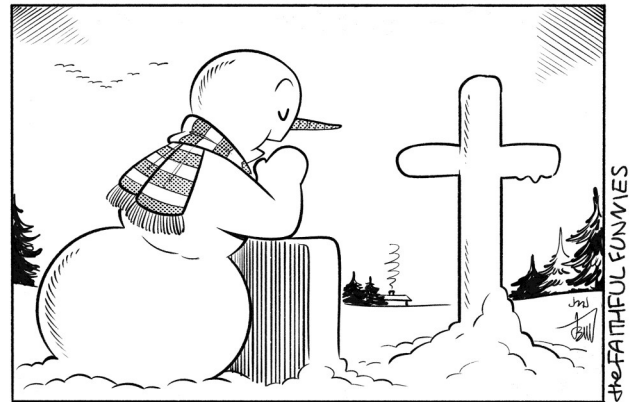
You are invited to put your faith into action. Knights lead with faith. Knights protect their families. Knights serve those in need. We are Catholic men. We live by principles informed by faith. We are sons, fathers, husbands, and grandfathers. Join us on life's greatest adventure to discover the man of God calls you to be.

"I'll show you my faith through my works"



"Mama Mary Pray for Us"

"What's a snowman's favorite devotion?"



"A Snow-vena!"



FUN FACT!

Novenas are a focused way of praying, often for nine days in a row. Give one a try!

GLP