



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



**2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away  
the sin of the world.” - Jn 1:29**

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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 Prójimo.

**Parish Office Hours**

**Monday—Friday: 8:00 am to 3:30 pm**

**St. Theresa Church Office: 760-323-2669**

**Parish Email:** sttheresaps@sbdiocease.org

**Parish Website:** www.sttheresaps.com

**Office of Catechetical Ministries:**

760-323-2669 Ex. 315

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**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:**

A few weeks ago, I came across a statement that stopped me in my tracks. It read: ***"When God put a calling on your life, He already factored in your stupidity."*** I burst out laughing, but then I felt strangely comforted. There was something freeing about the honesty of it. God's call, apparently, does not depend on my competence, clarity, or flawless judgment. I realized I've also been carrying another phrase with me, one I return to when life feels especially hard: ***"I wish God didn't have so much confidence in me."*** I don't say it out of disbelief or resentment. I say it when things feel heavy, when the effort of simply showing up takes more than I expected.

I've learned that humor, especially self-deprecating humor, helps me keep my balance. It doesn't make light of the call, but it keeps me from being overwhelmed by it. It gives me just enough space to ask a more honest question: Where might God be inviting me to grow, not by doing more, but by seeing things differently?

That question brings me to today's reading from Isaiah, where God says, "It is too little..." Too little to stay within what is familiar or manageable. Too little to measure life only by what we can see or control. God's vision is wider than that.

I don't hear this as God demanding more effort or higher achievement. I hear it as God seeing more possibility than we often allow ourselves to see. The invitation is not to strive harder, but to ***trust that God's imagination for our lives exceeds our own.***

**GENTLE THOUGHTS:**

Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.

Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier'n puttin' it back.

When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think about Algebra.

Attributed to Will Rogers, a great political country/cowboy character

Visit our website to sign up to  
Online Giving and get started.

<https://osvhub.com/st-theresa-ps/funds>

December Contribution

12/7/25- \$13,406.00

Immaculate Conception

\$1,965.00

12/14/25- \$10,346.30

Rel. Retirement

\$3,900.00

12/21/25- \$11,044.15

M.S.C. Collection

\$3,812.00

11/22/25- \$11,614.00

Christmas Collection

\$17,266.00

12/28/25- \$10,948.90

Total = \$45,745.00

On-Line Giving

\$6,335.00

School Tuition Assistance

\$7,131.00

**Diocesan Development Fund**

We have met our diocesan goal of \$54,900. We will give you a final number for 2025 in the next weeks. Many Thanks to those that have pledged and donated!....We are better together!

**How to support the DDF:**

The 2026 Goal is \$56,300, with your help we can reach it.

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 "DDF2026" Online Donation: visit our website and make a donation under the DDF 2026 tab.



**Scan QR Code to give**

**Mass Intentions  
FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, January 17**

**5:00pm**

Frank Lee +  
Manuel Bustamante +  
Peter & Diane Hurd +  
Terry Moretti— S/I

**7:00pm-Espanol**

Elia Sanchez S/I-Birthday

**Sunday, January 18**

**7:00am**

Honorata Jove +  
Concepcion Rios +  
Jose Ramoran Rios +  
Carmen Rios De Rivera +

**8:30am- Espanol**

James & Gabriel Gutierrez S/I  
(Birthdays)  
Pedro Cornejo S/I-Birthday  
Emiliano Cornejo— S/I

**10:30am**

Rory Putman +  
Melquades Cuevas +  
Gilbert Lopez +  
Joan Demiany— S/I

**12:30pm**

Frank Hernandez +  
Eulogio Bongcaras +  
Alfredo Bongcaras +  
Napoleon Chiu +

**Monday, January 19**

Bill Candella +  
Edmund Razon S/I-Birthday

**Tuesday, January 20**

Gilbert Lopez +

**Wednesday, January 21**

Eulogio Bongcaras +

**Thursday, January 22**

John Cherry +

**Friday, January 23**

Tyler Hoffman +  
John Hoffman +  
Winston & Marva Chanman +  
Philip Austria +

**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, 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 18, 2026**

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| Sunday:      | Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1<br>Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34        |
| Monday:      | 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/<br>Mk 2:18-22                |
| Tuesday:     | 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28                            |
| Wednesday:   | 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/<br>Mk 3:1-6                  |
| Thursday:    | 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11,<br>12-13/Mk 3:7-12          |
| Friday:      | 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19                            |
| Saturday:    | 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21                    |
| Next Sunday: | Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/<br>Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17 |



**The Parish Office will be closed...  
Monday, January 19th, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. We will return Tuesday, January 20th.**

**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](http://sttheresaps.com)

Receive our bi-monthly E-Blast by messaging...  
[parishlife.sttheresa@sbdiocece.org](mailto:parishlife.sttheresa@sbdiocece.org)

## FAITHFUL VOICES PODCAST



NEW EPISODES RELEASE ON  
THE THIRD SUNDAY  
OF THE EACH MONTH

**DISCOVER FAITHFUL VOICES!  
A CATHOLIC PARISH PODCAST  
SHARING REFLECTIONS ON:  
FAITH, PARISH LIFE  
SCHOOL NEWS  
AND UPCOMING EVENTS  
FROM OUR  
ST. THERESA COMMUNITY.**

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QR CODE  
BELOW TO LISTEN





## 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](http://sttheresaps.com). Select the 135 Ministry tab on the home page then the drop down menu Meditation Garden to order.



Proceeds Support St. Theresa School Tuition Assistance Program

*in the St Theresa Parish Hall*

*Each Friday night January through May*

**EARLY BIRD BINGO** begins at 5:00 pm

Buy-In Packets are \$15 for 6 games and 1 pull-tab

**REGULAR BINGO** begins at 6:30 p.m.

Buy-In Packets are \$25 for 8 games, 1 Special game, and 1

pull-tab; additional pull-tabs are \$1 ea; Dabbers are \$2 ea.

**Dinner** served 4:30-6:30 p.m. by Parish Ministries for \$12 per plate including drink

Doors open at 4:30 p.m. for dinner and purchase of Bingo packets.

Additional information provided on the Parish website.

**WIN CASH \$\$\$\$**

**WIN DOOR PRIZES**

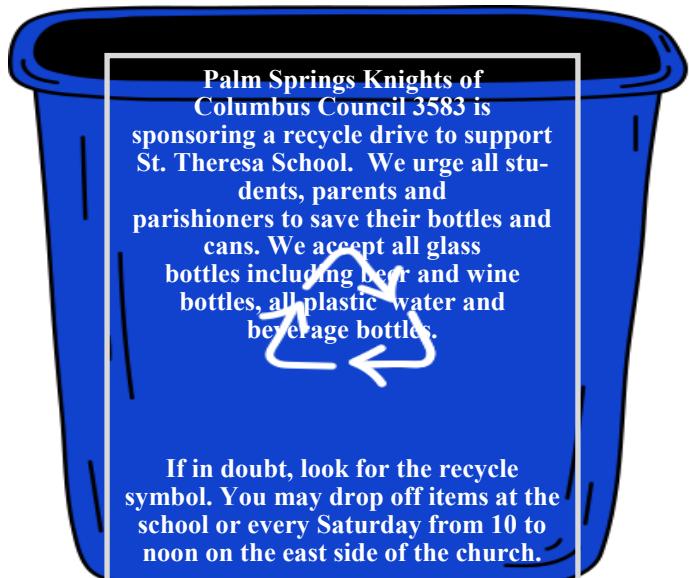
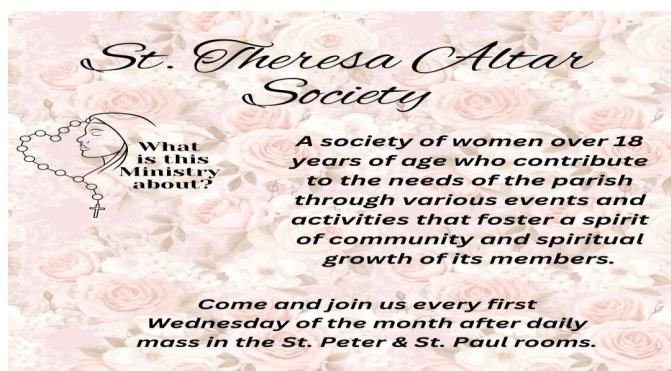
**HAVE FUN !**

**MEET PEOPLE**

**LAUGH !**

**EAT DELICIOUS FOOD**

**SUPPORT OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS**



## 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



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

[GiftedandCalled@LGBTQCatholics.faith](mailto:GiftedandCalled@LGBTQCatholics.faith)

**COLUMNA DEL PASTOR:**

Hace unas semanas, me topé con una frase que me dejó perpleja. Decía: "Cuando Dios te encomendó una misión, ya tuvo en cuenta tu estupidez". Me eché a reír, pero luego sentí un extraño consuelo. Había algo liberador en su honestidad. La llamada de Dios, al parecer, no depende de mi competencia, mi lucidez ni mi juicio impecable.

Me di cuenta de que también he estado llevando conmigo otra frase, a la que recurro cuando la vida se pone especialmente difícil: "Ojalá Dios no tuviera tanta confianza en mí". No lo digo por incredulidad ni resentimiento. Lo digo cuando las cosas se ponen difíciles, cuando el simple hecho de estar presente requiere más esfuerzo del que esperaba.

He aprendido que el humor, especialmente el humor autocrítico, me ayuda a mantener el equilibrio. No minimiza la situación, pero evita que me abrume. Me da el espacio suficiente para hacerme una pregunta más sincera: ¿A dónde me está invitando Dios a crecer, no haciendo más, sino viendo las cosas de manera diferente?

Esa pregunta me lleva a la lectura de hoy del libro de Isaías, donde Dios dice: «Es demasiado poco...» Demasiado poco para limitarse a lo familiar o a lo que está a nuestro alcance.

Demasiado poco para medir la vida solo por lo que podemos ver o controlar. La visión de Dios es mucho más amplia que eso.

No interpreto esto como una exigencia de Dios para que nos esforcemos más o alcancemos mayores logros. Lo interpreto como que Dios ve en nosotros más potencial del que solemos reconocer. La invitación no es a esforzarnos más, sino a confiar en que la visión que Dios tiene para nuestras vidas supera la nuestra.

**Fondo de Desarrollo Diocesano (DDF)**

Hemos alcanzado nuestra meta diocesana de \$54,900. Se les agradece su apoyo continuo, pasamos la meta juntos!! Les daremos cantidad total en las próximas semanas.

Nuestra Meta para el DDF 2026 es de \$56,300. Lo lograremos igual! Que Dios los bendiga.

**Donacion en linea**

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

**Las lecturas de la semana del 18 de enero de 2026**

Domingo: Is 49, 3. 5-6/Sal 40, 2 y 4. 7-8. 8-9. 10/1 Co 1, 1-3/Jn 1, 29-34

Lunes: 1 Sm 15, 16-23/Sal 49, 8-9. 16-17. 21 y 23/Mc 2, 18-22

Martes: 1 Sm 16, 1-13/Sal 88, 20. 21-22. 27-28/Mc 2, 23-28

Miércoles: 1 Sm 17, 32-33. 37. 40-51/ Sal 143, 1. 2. 9-10/Mc 3, 1-6

Jueves: 1 Sm 18, 6-9; 19, 1-7/Sal 55, 2-3. 9-10. 10-11. 12-13/Mc 3, 7-12

Viernes: 1 Sm 24, 3-21/Sal 56, 2. 3-4. 6 y 11/Mc 3, 13-19

Sábado: 2 Sm 1, 1-4. 11-12. 19. 23-27/ Sal 79, 2-3. 5-7/Mc 3, 20-21

Domingo siguiente: Is 8, 23-9, 3/Sal 26, 1. 4. 13-14/1 Co 1, 10-13. 17/Mt 4, 12-23 o 4, 12-17



La oficina parroquial permanecerá cerrada el lunes 19 de enero con motivo del Día de Martin Luther King Jr. Reabriremos el martes 20 de enero.

VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA  
¿Reconocemos a Cristo cuando lo vemos? ¿Tenemos la valentía de señalarlo, de mostrar a los demás quién es? Juan gritó para que todo el mundo pudiera oír: "Él es el Hijo de Dios". Siempre y en todo lugar, hagamos lo mismo.

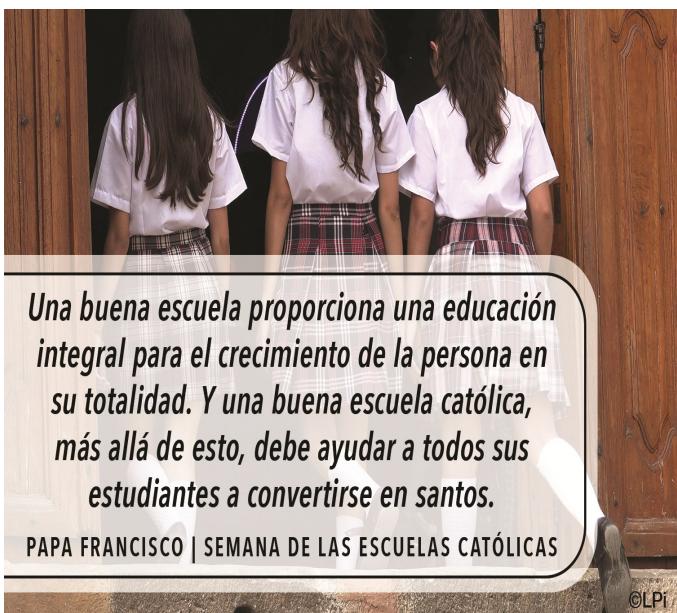
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### Bendición del Amado

Dios mío,  
Bendícenos y úngenos hoy. Tú eres nuestro Padre y guía. Recuérdanos nuestra identidad en Ti: Amados, llamados y equipados para la misión. Bendícenos en nuestro camino, dándonos fuerza para cada día y gracia en cada paso.

Amén.

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*Una buena escuela proporciona una educación integral para el crecimiento de la persona en su totalidad. Y una buena escuela católica, más allá de esto, debe ayudar a todos sus estudiantes a convertirse en santos.*

PAPA FRANCISCO | SEMANA DE LAS ESCUELAS CATÓLICAS

### ¡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!

Felígresa/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](http://sttheresaps.com)

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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**

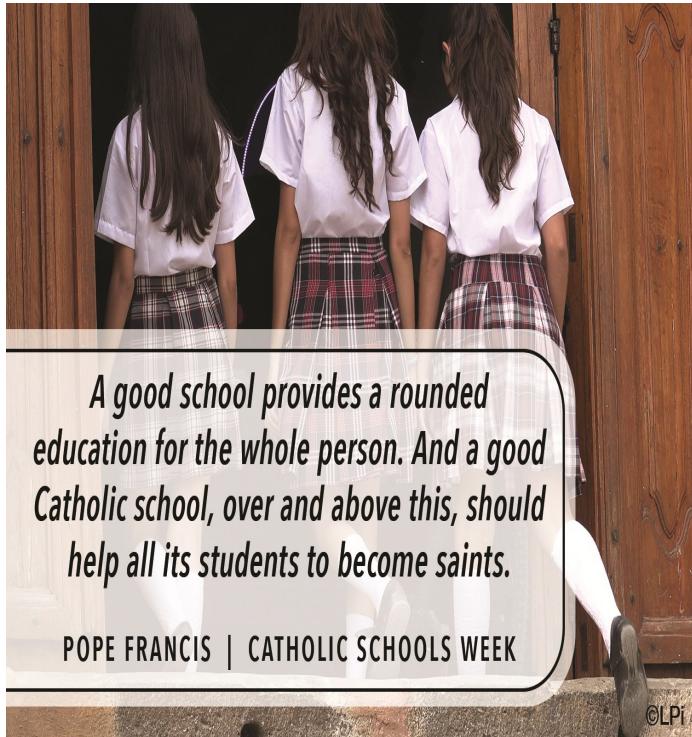
You can make a donation to the Parish directly from your IRA. This type of donation is known as a "qualified charitable distribution". This allows individuals age 70 and  $\frac{1}{2}$  or older to authorize their IRA administrator to directly transfer up to \$100,000 annually from their IRA to the Parish, 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.

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

|                                      | <u>Actual</u>            | <u>Budget</u>            |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Operating Revenue</b>             |                          |                          |
| 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                         | <u>4,772</u>             | <u>3,250</u>             |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>                 | <b>382,503</b>           | <b>386,029</b>           |
| <b>Expenses</b>                      |                          |                          |
| 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         | <u>52,710</u>            | <u>52,710</u>            |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                | <b>405,466</b>           | <b>456,000</b>           |
| <b>Net Operating Income (loss)</b>   | <b><u>(\$22,963)</u></b> | <b><u>(\$69,971)</u></b> |



*A good school provides a rounded education for the whole person. And a good Catholic school, over and above this, should help all its students to become saints.*

POPE FRANCIS | CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

## 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.

## 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!

As Catholic Schools Week approaches, let us remember where our Catholic schools were, and where they are going.

Let us pray...

God of knowledge and faith, thank you for the opportunity to go to a Catholic school. When I go to Mass, I hear that knowledge is so important.

Thank you for my parents and grandparents who have built our school and supported it throughout the years.

Help me to be a good student and to become a good supporter of my parish, city, and country.

Please bless all those men and women who have spent their lives teaching in our Catholic schools.

Please bless my friends and teachers I learn with every day.

I ask for all these blessings in the name of God's Son, Jesus.

Amen.

## Blessing of the Beloved

Dear God,

Bless and anoint us today. You are our Father and guide. Remind us of our identity in You: loved, called, and equipped for mission.

Bless us as we journey, giving us strength for each day and grace in each step.

Amen.

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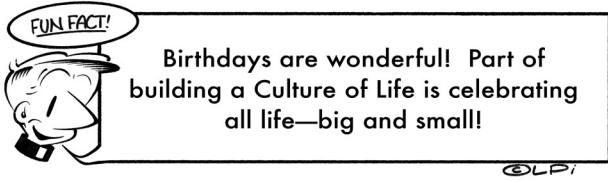
*Day of Prayer for the  
LEGAL PROTECTION  
OF UNBORN CHILDREN*

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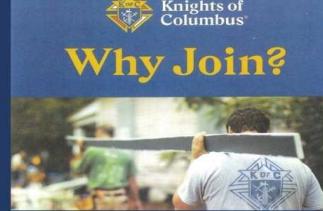
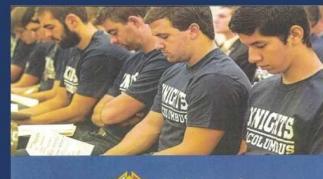
"What's the most stressful thing about being a dragon?"



"Trying to blow out birthday candles."



## BECOMING A KNIGHT!



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.

