



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



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." - Mt 4:17

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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.

Parish Office Hours

Monday—Friday: 8:00 am to 3:30 pm

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Parish Email: sttheresaps@sbdiocese.org

Parish Website: www.sttheresaps.com

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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:

In today's readings we come upon the same passage twice. In both Isaiah, the first reading, and in our gospel from Matthew we heard: Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen.

The first is a prophecy. The second is a report. Isaiah said this would happen. Matthew reports that it did happen.

Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, where were these places? They were in the northern part of Galilee. One of the cities there was Capernaum. Jesus made Capernaum His base of operation when He started His ministry. These are the people who would first experience the Light. Four of them were fishermen: Simon, later to be called Peter, and his brother Andrew, and James and his brother John. The Lord's call to them was so powerful that they immediately left their boats and nets. From the very beginning they were told that they would have a mission, they would become fishers of men. The people of Galilee and beyond, far beyond, would no longer walk in darkness.

We are not followers of Jesus Christ for ourselves. We have not been called to embrace a selfish relationship with the Lord. We have been called so we can use our own unique talents to bring others to Christ. Our central prayer, the fundamental prayer of the Church, is the Mass. The word Mass is derived from the Latin word for sending. We come together each week, and for some every day, to receive the grace, the strength we need to complete the mission with which we have been entrusted. We need to lead them to join us in the journey of the Kingdom of God. "Repent, the Kingdom of God is at hand," Jesus preached. "We all need to repent, for the Kingdom of God is here," we echo.

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GENTLE THOUGHTS:

I was lonely until I glued a coffee cup on top of my car. Now everyone waves at me.

Where do bad rainbows go? To prism. It is a light sentence but it gives them time to reflect.

April Fools Day is canceled this year because no prank can top the reality going on right now!

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
12/14/25- \$10,346.30
12/21/25-\$11,044.15
11/22/25-\$11,614.00
12/28/25-\$10,948.90

Total = \$45,745.00

On-Line Giving
\$6,335.00

School Tuition Assistance
\$7,131.00

Immaculate Conception
\$1,965.00

Rel. Retirement
\$3,900.00

M.S.C. Collection
\$3,812.00

Christmas Collection
\$17,266.00

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 envelope "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 24

5:00pm

Fr. Marlin Connoles +
Laura & Sean Santos S/I-Birthdays
Cynthia & Joremy Agoncillo S/I-
(Birthdays)

7:00pm-Espanol

Fr. Marlin Connoles +

Sunday, January 25

7:00am

Hazel Picato +
Edmund Asejo S/I-Healing
Teddy Cortez +

8:30am- Español

Julio Alarcon Jr. +
Rigo Torrente +
Manuel Gomez +

10:30am

Rory Putman +
Gilbert Lopez +
Napoleon Chiu
Alexis Ryals S/I-Healing

12:30pm

Paola & Refugio Haro +
The Haro Family- S/I
Chad & Jeanie McQueen +

Monday, January 26

Paola * Refugio Haro +
Chad & Jeanie McQueen +
The Haro Family- S/I

Tuesday, January 27

Fr. Marlin Connoles +

Wednesday, January 28

Choung Do +
Sunny Poate +

Thursday, January 29

Fr. John Fahnestock +
Alissa Dinnoo S/I-Birthday

Friday, January 30

Adlaida De Chavez +

**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, ,
Aisling O'Connor, Ira Amon, Marie Irwin
Yadira Molina, Richard Martanivick, Carmen Brown,
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 , Karen Gunst, Carol Zachik, Mark MyBrick,
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 Ettegui, 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, Carmen, Marquez, Rosemarie McMichael

**(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 25, 2026

Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/
Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17
Monday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10,
21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/
Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/
Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/
Mt 5:1-12a



Blessing of Light

Where you have known darkness, may the light stretch and shine. Where you have dwelt in shadows, may the sun reach its gentle rays. Where you have hidden in shame, may you know light-filled redemption, healing, belonging, and rest in Jesus.

Amen.

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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@sbdioocese.org

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Peter and Andrew, James and John — they were not expecting God that day. But there he was, right in front of them, beckoning. God stands before us today, and like the Apostles, we often don't see him coming. But still, he beckons. Will we follow?

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-  Special Events
-  Guest Speakers
-  Monthly Prayer and Reflection



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-LISTEN EACH MONTH-
JOIN THE CONVERSATION
AND GET INVOLVED IN YOUR
PARISH & SCHOOL

SCAN THE QR
CODE 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. 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 !

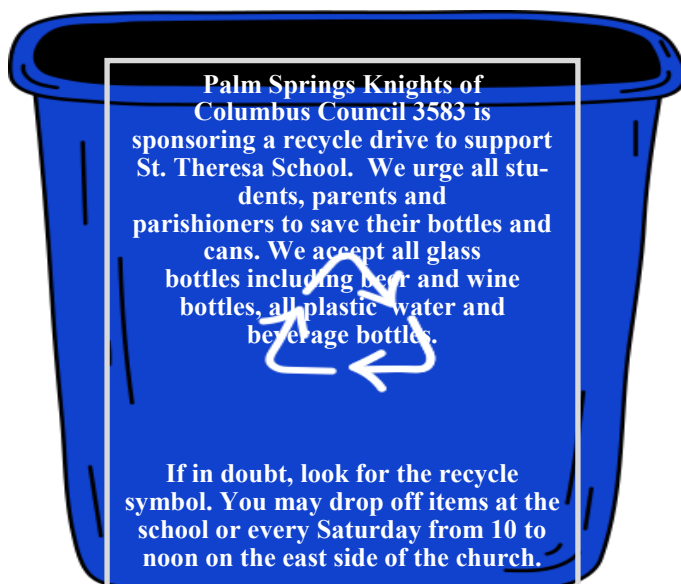
EAT DELICIOUS FOOD

SUPPORT OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

St. Theresa Altar Society

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.



Palm Springs Knights of Columbus Council 3583 is sponsoring a recycle drive to support St. Theresa School. We urge all students, parents and parishioners to save their bottles and cans. We accept all glass bottles including beer and wine bottles, all plastic water and beverage bottles.

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.

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

COLUMNA DEL PASTOR:

En las lecturas de hoy encontramos el mismo pasaje dos veces. Tanto en Isaías, la primera lectura, como en el evangelio de Mateo, escuchamos: Tierra de Zabulón y tierra de Neftalí, camino del mar, al otro lado del Jordán, Galilea de los gentiles, el pueblo que habitaba en tinieblas ha visto una gran luz; sobre los que moraban en tierra de sombra de muerte, la luz ha resplandecido.

Lo primero es una profecía. Lo segundo es un relato. Isaías dijo que esto sucedería. Mateo relata que sucedió.

Tierra de Zabulón, tierra de Neftalí, ¿dónde se encontraban estos lugares? Estaban en la parte norte de Galilea. Una de las ciudades allí era Cafarnaúm. Jesús hizo de Cafarnaúm su centro de operaciones al comenzar su ministerio. Estas fueron las personas que primero experimentaron la Luz. Cuatro de ellos eran pescadores: Simón, más tarde llamado Pedro, y su hermano Andrés, y Santiago y su hermano Juan. El llamado del Señor fue tan poderoso que inmediatamente dejaron sus barcas y sus redes. Desde el principio se les dijo que tendrían una misión: se convertirían en pescadores de hombres. La gente de Galilea y de más allá, mucho más allá, ya no caminaría en la oscuridad.

No somos seguidores de Jesucristo solo para nosotros mismos. No hemos sido llamados a tener una relación egoísta con el Señor. Hemos sido llamados para usar nuestros talentos únicos y así llevar a otros a Cristo. Nuestra oración central, la oración fundamental de la Iglesia, es la Misa. La palabra Misa proviene del latín y significa "envío". Nos reunimos cada semana, y algunos incluso a diario, para recibir la gracia y la fuerza que necesitamos para cumplir la misión que se nos ha encomendado. Debemos guiarlos para que se unan a nosotros en el camino del Reino de Dios. "Arrepiéntanse, el Reino de Dios está cerca", predicó Jesús. "Todos necesitamos arrepentirnos, porque el Reino de Dios ya está aquí", hacemos eco de sus palabras.

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>

**Las lecturas de la semana del 25 de enero de 2026**

Domingo: 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

Lunes: 2 Tm 1, 1-8 o Ti 1, 1-5 /Sal 96. 1-2a.
2b-3, 7-8a. 21-22. 25-26/Mc 3, 22-30

Martes: 2 Sm 6, 12-15. 17-19/Sal 25, 7. 8.
9. 10/Mc 3, 31-35

Miércoles: 2 Sm 7, 4-17/Sal 88, 4-5. 27-28.
29-30/Mc 4, 1-20

Jueves: 2 Sm 7, 18-19. 24-29/Sal 132, 1-2. 3-5.
11. 12. 13-14/Mc 4, 21-25

Viernes: 2 Sm 11, 1-4. 5-10. 13-17/Sal 50, 3-4.
5-6. 6-7. 10-11/Mc 4, 26-34

Sábado: 2 Sm 12, 1-7. 10-17/Sal 50, 12-13.
14-15. 16-17/Mc 4, 35-41

Domingo siguiente: Sof 2, 3; 3, 12-13/Sal 145,
6-7. 8-9. 9-10/1 Co 1, 26-31/Mt 5, 1-12



VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA
Pedro y Andrés, Santiago y Juan, no esperaban a Dios ese día. Pero allí estaba él, justo frente a ellos, llamando. Dios está ante nosotros hoy, y al igual que los apóstoles, a menudo no lo vemos venir. Pero, aun así, él llama. ¿Lo seguiremos?

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CELEBRANDO LA SEMANA DE LAS ESCUELAS CATÓLICAS



Bendición de la Luz

Donde has conocido la oscuridad, que la luz se extienda y brille. Donde has habitado en las sombras, que el sol alcance sus suaves rayos.

Donde te has escondido en la vergüenza, que conozcas la redención llena de luz, la sanidad, la pertenencia y el descanso en Jesús.

Amén.



TIEMPO DE IMPUESTOS.....

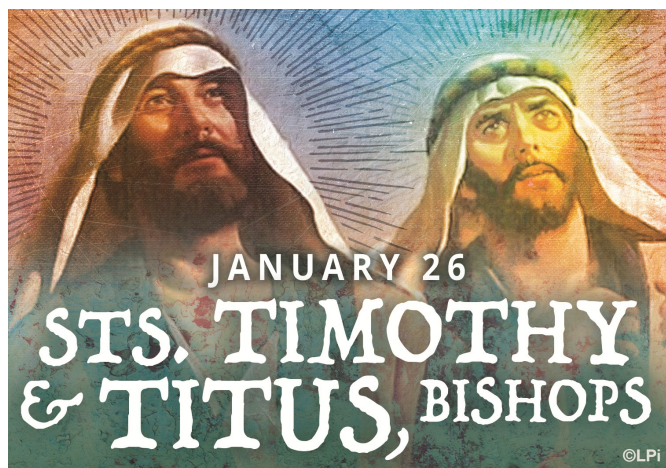
Si necesita un resumen de su
Donación anual 2025, aquí en St. Theresa Church,
llame a la oficina parroquial al
760-323-2669, estaremos encantados de
enviarle una carta de su contribución para el año.

¡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 DIVERSION

Pregunta: Cuando Jesús estaba orando solo en el desierto, ¿cuántas veces lo tentó el diablo?

Respuesta: Tres.

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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)



St. Theresa School 2026

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.

St. Theresa Catholic Church & School
Celebrating Catholic Schools Week



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

Sunday, January 25 | 10:30 AM Mass
with STS students and families

After Mass: Coffee & Donuts
Scholastic Book Fair: Room 207

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!

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: When Jesus was praying alone in the desert, how many times did the devil tempt him?

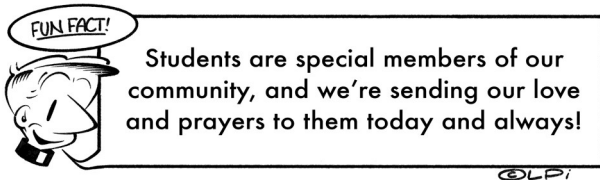
Answer: Three.

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"What's a pirate's favorite class in school?"



"Arrrrrrt!"



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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"