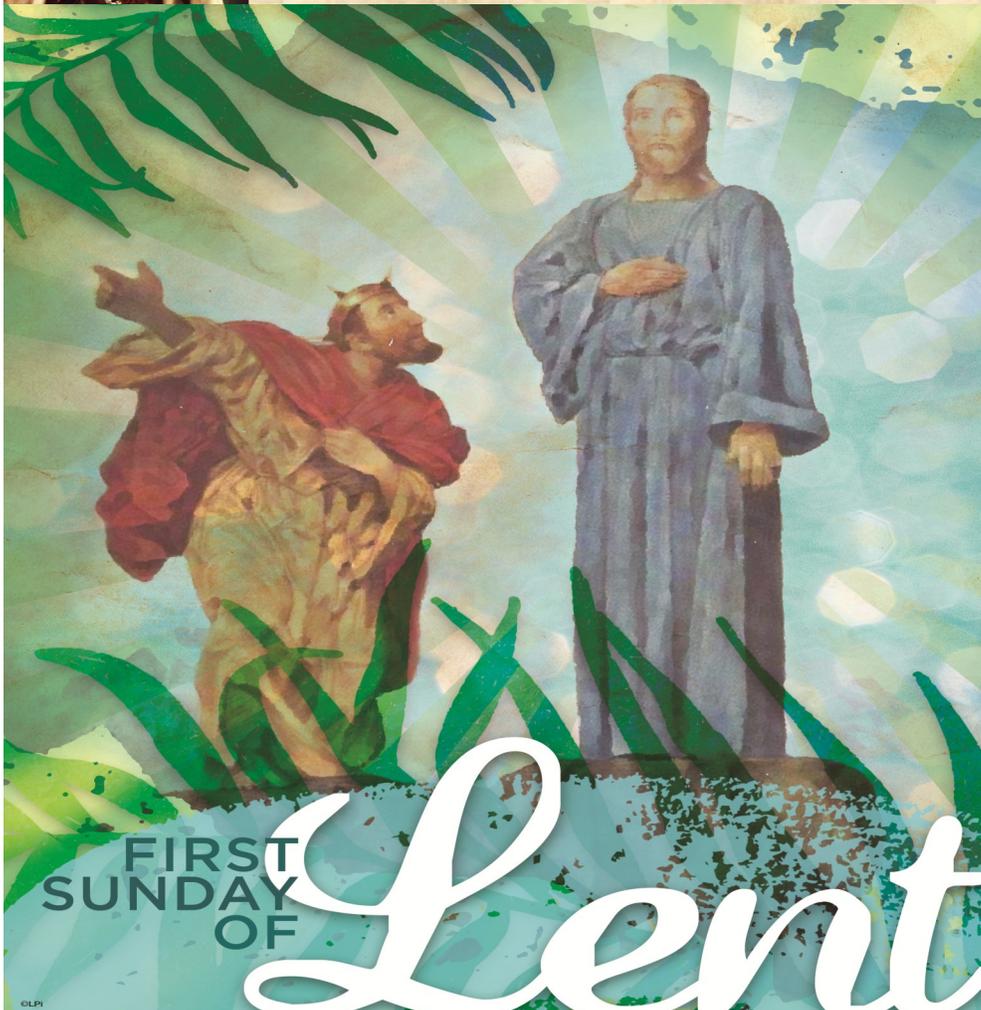




*St. Theresa of the
Child Jesus Church*
2800 East Ramon Road, Palm
Springs, CA 92264



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.

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Parish Email: sttheresaps@sbdiocese.org
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:

The Season of Lent is 40 days from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday. Since Sundays are considered "Little Easters" in remembrance of Christ's Resurrection, they are not counted as part of the 40.

The first reading for this weekend is the second story of creation. God forms man out of the clay of the earth and breathes into him the breath of life. This reminds us of the image in Isaiah of God as the potter, and we as the clay. God personally forms us and breathes life into us. This puts us in a deeply personal relationship with God. One that calls of love and respect, from which obedience naturally flows.

However, the enemy of God wishes to rupture these relationships and pull us away from God. This enemy will say and do anything to achieve this, he is known as the prince of lies. This is what happened to our first parents as the enemy, in the form of a serpent, tempts them to do the one thing God had told them not to do. The serpent is very persuasive and our first parents freely made the decision to act against God. With this the beauty and harmony of creation are disrupted and sin has entered the world. Our first parents traded the life that comes from God, for death that comes from sin. **The rest of the Bible is God searching for us and calling us back to the life he desires us to have.**

GENTLE THOUGHTS:

A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office.

'Is it true,' she wanted to know, 'that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?'

'Yes, I'm afraid so,' the doctor told her.

There was a moment of silence before the senior lady replied, I'm wondering, then, just how serious is my condition because this prescription is marked 'NO REFILLS'.'



Two men considering a religious vocation were having a conversation. "What is similar about the Jesuit and Dominican Orders?" the one asked. The second replied, "Well, they were both founded by Spaniards -- St. Dominic for the Dominicans, and St. Ignatius of Loyola for the Jesuits. They were also both founded to combat heresy -- the Dominicans to fight the Albigensians, and the Jesuits to fight the Protestants."

"What is different about the Jesuit and Dominican Orders?"

"Met any Albigensians lately?"

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

1/4/26- \$14,160.50
1/11/26- \$15,456.15
1/18/26-\$12,107.00
1/25/26-\$12,115.00

New Year's Day
\$3,374.00

Total: \$53,838.65

On-Line Giving
\$6,740.00

School Tuition Assistance
\$4,686.00

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, February 21

5:00pm

Deanette R. Aguiluz +
Alfonso Arriola +
Paula Arreola de Robles +

7:00pm-Espanol

Agustin & Macaria Garcia +
Manuel Gomez +
Jesus Ortiz Ponce +
Ivette Trinidad Turner S/I-Birthday

Sunday, February 22

7:00am

Nilo Garcia +
Arturo Rodriguez +

8:30am- Español

Sebastian Orozo S/I-Birthday
Teodoro Carbajal S/I-Birthday
Abel Carbajal S/I-Birthday

10:30am

Mary Theisen +
Carl Tiedeman +
Gilbert Lopez +

12:30pm

Michael Arulsamy +
Edgardo Lopez +
Francisco Lopez +

Monday, February 23

Tyler Hoffman +
John Hoffman +
Gilbert Lopez +
Edmondante & Elizabeth Razon S/I
(Safe Travels)

Tuesday, February 24

Ryan & Erica Ma. S/I- In Thanks
Dr. Elipidia Ria Leopando S/I
(Safe Travels)

Wednesday, February 25

Craig A. Loman & Family- S/I
Thomas Yeck +

Thursday, February 26

Fr. Marlin Connole +

Friday, February 27

Eduardo & Encarnacion Gascon +

**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, Marie Irwin
Yadira Molina, Richard Martanivick, Carmen Brown,
Leann Alvarez, 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 Piscope, Melinda Jennings & Family,
Jackie Peters, Florence, Linda Francis,
Angelito Rayos, John Paschal, Christina Etedgui, 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,
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, Carmen, Marquez,
Juan Zetina, Maria Bedillo, Sheila Kucich, Ulla Brown

**(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 February 22, 2026

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/
Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3,
7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/2
Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

St. Theresa Altar
Society

Lenten Retreat For Men & Women

\$30 Per
Person

Wednesday
March 11, 2026
8:15am-2:20pm

Retreat Master
Fr. Ken Del Priore

Prepaid Reservations
Required by March 5, 2026

Please Submit Registration & Payment to
Parish Office

St. Theresa Church
2800 E. Ramon Rd
Palm Springs

Continental Breakfast
& Lunch Offered

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-  Monthly Prayer and Reflection



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PARISH & SCHOOL**

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MEDITATION GARDEN

Construction of the Meditation Garden will begin soon. To ensure all engraved bricks are completed for Phase 1 installation, we ask that all your orders be purchased before February. Please go to the Parish website at: sttheresaps.com, drop down the 135 Ministry or pick up an order form on the poster at church entrances 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



Stations of the Cross

Each Friday

Starting February 20th through April 3rd

English 5pm (Main Church)

GOOD GRIEF MINISTRY

Dates for meetings:

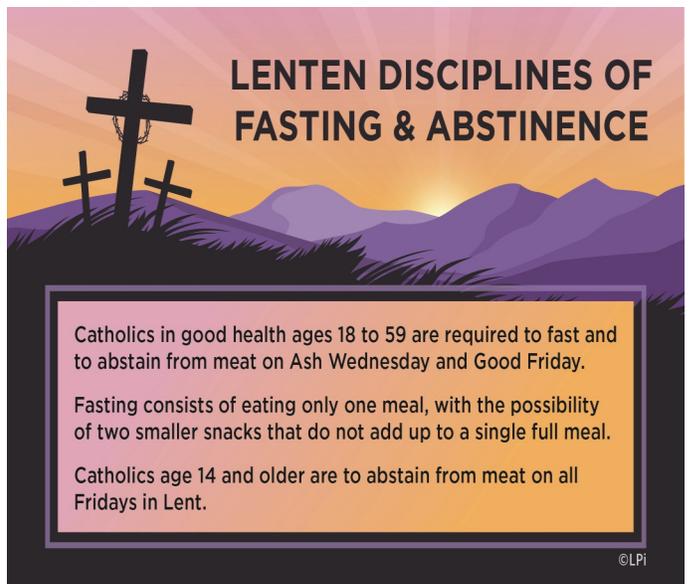
(1:30pm in the Youth Room on the east side of the Church)

February 22, 2026

April 26, 2026

March 29, 2026

May 17, 2026



LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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

GiftedandCalled@LGBTQCatholics.faith

Lenten Blessing
Bless us in Your mercy, Lord, as we enter these 40 Days of Lent. Use this time to call, anoint, bind, strengthen, and inspire us anew. Like a good shepherd, teach us Your voice, and give us the strength to follow. Amen.

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COLUMNA DEL PASTOR:

El Tiempo de Lento dura 40 días, desde el Miércoles de Ceniza hasta el Jueves Santo. Dado que los domingos se consideran "Pequeñas Pascuas" en conmemoración de la Resurrección de Cristo, no se cuentan como parte de los 40.

La primera lectura de este fin de semana es el segundo relato de la creación. Dios forma al hombre del barro de la tierra y le infunde aliento de vida. Esto nos recuerda la imagen de Isaías: Dios es el alfarero y nosotros, el barro. Dios nos forma personalmente y nos infunde vida. Esto nos establece una relación profundamente personal con Dios, una relación que requiere amor y respeto, de la cual fluye naturalmente la obediencia.

Sin embargo, el enemigo de Dios desea romper estas relaciones y alejarnos de Él. Este enemigo hará cualquier cosa para lograrlo; se le conoce como el príncipe de la mentira. Esto es lo que les sucedió a nuestros primeros padres cuando el enemigo, en forma de serpiente, los tentó a hacer lo único que Dios les había prohibido. La serpiente es muy persuasiva, y nuestros primeros padres decidieron libremente actuar en contra de Dios. Con esto, la belleza y la armonía de la creación se ven perturbadas y el pecado ha entrado en el mundo. Nuestros primeros padres cambiaron la vida que viene de Dios por la muerte que proviene del pecado. El resto de la Biblia es Dios buscándonos y llamándonos de regreso a la vida que él desea que tengamos.

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 22 de febrero de 2026

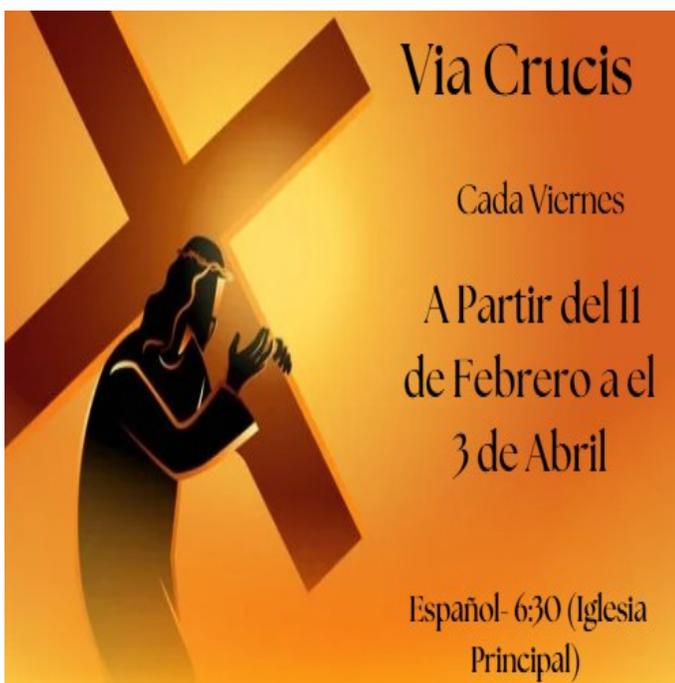
Domingo: Gn 2, 7-9; 3, 1-7/Sal 50, 3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 17/Rom 5, 12-19 o 5, 12. 17-19/Mt 4, 1-11
Lunes: Lv 19, 1-2. 11-18/Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 15/Mt 25, 31-46
Martes: Is 55, 10-11/Sal 33, 4-5. 6-7. 16-17. 18-19/Mt 6, 7-15
Miércoles: Jon 3, 1-10/Sal 50, 3-4. 12-13. 18-19/Lc 11, 29-32
Jueves: Est C, 12. 14-16. 23-25/Sal 137, 1-2. 2-3. 7-8/Mt 7, 7-12
Viernes: Ez 18, 21-28/Sal 129, 1-2. 3-4. 5-7. 7-8/Mt 5, 20-26
Sábado: Dt 26, 16-19/Sal 118, 1-2. 4-5. 7-8/Mt 5, 43-48
Domingo siguiente: Gn 12, 1-4/Sal 32, 4-5. 18-19. 20. 22/2 Tm 1, 8-10/Mt 17, 1-9



Bendición Cuaresmal

Bendícenos en Tu misericordia, Señor, al entrar en estos 40 Días de Cuaresma. Usa este tiempo para llamarnos, ungirnos, unirnos, fortalecernos e inspirarnos de nuevo. Como un buen pastor, enséñanos Tu voz y danos la fuerza para seguirla. Amén.

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MEDITACIÓN EN EL JARDÍN

La construcción del Jardín de Meditación comenzará pronto. Para asegurar que todos los ladrillos grabados estén listos para la instalación de la Fase 1, les pedimos que realicen sus pedidos antes de febrero. Visiten el sitio web de la Parroquia: sttheresaps.com, seleccionen el Ministerio 135 o recojan el formulario de pedido en el cartel a la entrada de la iglesia.

El Ayuno, Explicado

La práctica del ayuno es anterior al cristianismo. El Antiguo Testamento está lleno de ejemplos de hombres y mujeres justos que mortificaron su carne con el propósito de hacer expiación o simplemente para acercarse más a Dios. Jesús mismo ayunó durante cuarenta días y cuarenta noches en preparación para el comienzo de su ministerio público, y vemos a sus discípulos siguiendo su ejemplo en los Hechos de los Apóstoles.

El ayuno sigue siendo una parte importante de la vida devocional cristiana hoy en día. Muchas personas sienten que la práctica del ayuno mejora su oración y les ayuda a cumplir el consejo de San Pablo de "hacer morir las obras de la carne" (Romanos 8:13) para crecer en el Espíritu. La mayoría de los católicos asocian el ayuno con el tiempo litúrgico de Cuaresma, que comienza y termina con el ayuno obligatorio para todos los miembros de la Iglesia Católica Latina entre las edades de 18 y 59 años.

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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!

**Saint Theresa Parish
Year to Date Statement of Operating Income and Expenses
For the Six Months Ended December 31, 2025**

The month of December shows a net operating income of \$6,614. The first six months ended December 31, 2025 of our fiscal year showed a net loss from operations of \$16,349. This was favorable to budget by \$69,601 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 Pandemic. Second, payroll expenses were favorable to budget because we were not fully staffed for July through October. The remaining six months of January through June are projected to produce an approximate total operating net income of \$27,000. We expect to have an operating net income for the twelve months of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 of approximately \$10,000.

By the end of February, we will be producing a monthly report 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 over \$1,000,000 in anticipated major repairs and replacements in the next five years and approximately \$2,700,000 over the next 12 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 six 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 replaced 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.

Donor Advised Funds

Donor Advised Funds are the fastest growing giving method and tax efficient way to manage charitable donations. Donor Advised Funds allow donors to make a charitable contribution, receive an immediate income tax deduction, and then recommend grants from the fund over time. Please consult with your attorney or tax advisor and take advantage of this exciting new way to managing your charitable contributions.

Saint Theresa
Operating Income and Expense
For the 6 Months Ended December 31, 2025

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Operating Revenue		
Contributions and Donations	\$404,029	\$373,220
Fees and Fundraising	65,536	78,822
Investment Income	9,144	8,990
Federal Employee Retention Credit	13,213	0
Other Income	7,535	3,500
Total Revenue	<u>499,457</u>	<u>464,532</u>
Expenses		
Salaries, Payroll Taxes and Benefits	196,364	248,021
Professional Fees	12,668	11,316
Program Expenses	7,944	5,000
Liturgical Expenses	21,615	10,692
General Aid	30,185	27,771
General and Administrative	30,001	25,450
Electricity	53,463	46,600
Property and Earthquake Insurance	24,420	34,200
Facilities Expense	65,109	77,380
Fundraising Expenses	10,785	800
Assessment Expense - Diocese	63,252	63,252
Total Expenses	<u>515,806</u>	<u>550,482</u>
Net Operating Income (loss)	<u><u>(\$16,349)</u></u>	<u><u>(\$85,950)</u></u>



Deacon Peter Solan

Our Lady's Desert Roses, Palm Desert, CA Chapter

Saturday, March 7, 2026

Magnificat Palm Desert
Our Lady's Desert Roses

**Palm Desert Chapter Prayer Meal
with Deacon Peter Solan**

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Woodhaven Country Club
41555 Woodhaven Drive, East
Palm Desert, CA 92211



**Meal Registration at
MagnificatPalmDesert.net**

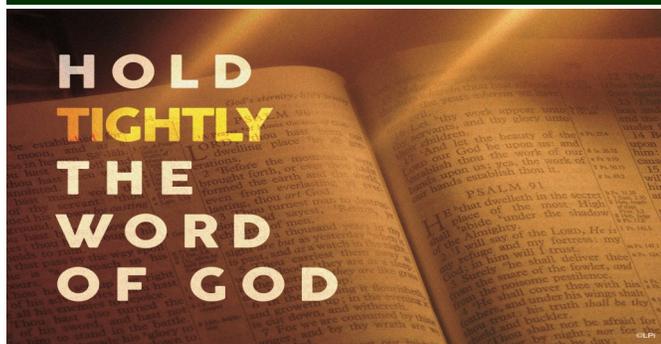
Deacon Peter's faith-filled journey is one of selflessness and sacrifice. He has overcome numerous physical obstacles, but his commitment to offering his suffering for the salvation of others is what truly sets him apart. His testimony and walk in faith as a 'victim soul' not only encourages listeners to keep the faith in the face of gripping trials but also offers hope, healing, and inspiration to our community, strengthening our collective faith and perseverance.

Join us as Deacon Peter shares his incredible story of overcoming numerous physical odds, setbacks, and near-death experiences as a testament to the depth of his faith and the power of selfless service.

Lenten Blessing

Bless us in Your mercy, Lord, as we enter these 40 Days of Lent. Use this time to call, anoint, bind, strengthen, and inspire us anew. Like a good shepherd, teach us Your voice, and give us the strength to follow. Amen.

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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.

Thank You!

Want to serve at Mass as a Eucharistic Minister
or be a Visitor to the Sick?



**THE FIRST STEP IS TO ATTEND THE
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION
WORKSHOP**

Sunday, March 8, 2026 from 12:30 to 3:30

In the Casita at Our Lady of Solitude

Please email sskora@sbdioocese.org or

Text 760-835-6998 (Text only please)

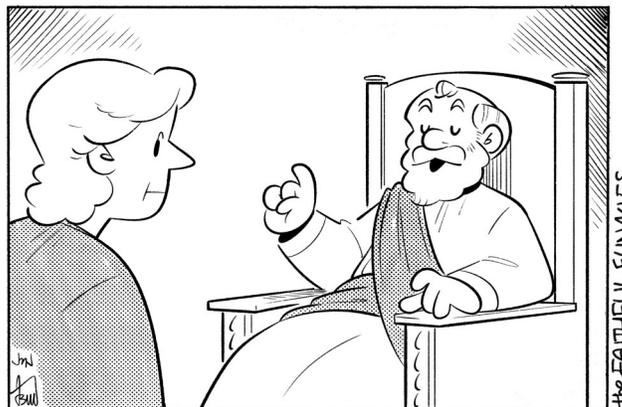
Palm Springs Knights of Columbus Council 3583 is sponsoring a recycle drive to support St. Theresa School. We urge all students, parents and parishioners to save their bottles and cans. We accept all glass bottles including beer and wine bottles, all plastic water and beverage bottles.



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.

Total donated to St. Theresa School: \$15,071.23

“What was papal infallibility called when St. Peter was the pope?”



“Simon says!”



Papal infallibility is the charism given by Christ to the pope, as the shepherd and teacher of all the faithful, to proclaim doctrines of faith without error when he speaks *ex Cathedra*—that is, in his official capacity defining a doctrine to be held by the whole Church.

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