



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

THIRD SUNDAY OF
LENT



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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.

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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:

Today's Gospel has been written for a community that has meditated deeply upon basic themes of Christian faith – themes as relevant for us today as they were when the gospel was written. The Savior is progressively presented as the one in whom humanity's long and troubled search will find what it has been looking for. He is 'greater than Jacob', the ancestor of Israel; he is not only 'a prophet'; he is 'the Christ' of Israel's hopes. In fact – as in many texts of John's gospel – he intimates a claim to the divine name itself, 'I AM he'.

The woman's reaction to her enlightenment was a reminder to those who had found faith in Christ that they too were called to be missionaries. And this reminder has a sharp edge. It is not easy for us, today, to appreciate the bitterness of the estrangement between Jews and Samaritans – (though the shocking conflicts of recent times may help us to understand the violent attitudes that divided these two groups). Of all the Synoptic Gospels, Luke alone – the gentile convert – is the only one who shows any sympathy for the Samaritans. A missionary outreach to these people, therefore, must have seemed almost unthinkable to early Christians, most of whom were from a Jewish background. The attitude of Jesus, and the success he had in this chance meeting with Samaritans, was an encouragement for them to take up the Church's mission, even though the difficulties seemed insurmountable.

This lesson is hammered home for them - and for us - in the words of Jesus to his bewildered disciples: 'My food is to do the will of the one who sent me'; the harvest is 'ready' – 'grain for eternal life'. His final lesson is a call to humility – the saving plan he is inaugurating is God's work – among God's workers, 'one sows, another reaps'

GENTLE THOUGHTS: --- for my paranoid friends;

If you think that your microwave is collecting data and the TV spying on you is bad enough, the vacuum cleaner has been gathering dirt on you for years!

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, March 7

5:00pm

Max Lopez +
John Joseph Dunleavy +
Mary Langiewicz +
Danny Franco S/I-Birthday

7:00pm-Espanol

Maclovia Cornejo +
Nazario Ramirez +
Trino Gonzalez +
Paola Ruvalcaba +

Sunday, March 8

7:00am

Lee Campbell +
Ariston & Eufrasia Molina +
Temestocles Cunado +

8:30am- Español

Adela Padilla +
Erminia Munoz Padilla +
Eva Martin & Family- S/I
Rafael Rodriguez +

10:30am

Gilbert Lopez +
Napoleon Chiu +
DFS Company—S/I
Elvira Balderas S/I- In Thanks

12:30pm

Alexis Ryals S/I-Healing
Arturo Rodriguez +
Tasha Benedetti +
Maria Luisa Flores +

5:00pm-Filipino

Josie & Johnny Imus S/I-Healing

Monday, March 9

Salvador Dardano +

Tuesday, March 10

Lorena Garnita- S/I

Wednesday, March 11

Carmen Rios de Rivera +

Thursday, March 12

Ossie Z. Macavinta +

Friday, March 13

John Baker +
John David Mark & Family- 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, ,
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 March 8, 2026

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42
or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 42:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/
Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab,
14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8
-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

St. Theresa Altar
Society

Lenten Retreat for Men & Women

\$30 Per
Person

Retreat Master
Fr. Ken Del Priore

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

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

Easter Lilies

Buy a Lily plant in
remembrance of a Loved
One or Friend.

Orders due by
March 13

\$20 per
Plant

Please submit the order and payment to St.
Theresa Parish Office



**MEDITATION GARDEN
ATTENTION**

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 by March 9th. 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)

Blessing of Living Water

Lord, where there has been dryness in my life, bless me with Your living water!
Where I fear to dream of new hope and growth, bless me with Your living water!
Where I'm thirsty for new and abundant life, bless me with Your living water!
Drench the parched earth with Your promise, bless me with Your living water!
Amen.

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St. Theresa Church
LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE
Wednesday, March 18TH
3 PM & 7PM
We will have English and Spanish speaking Priests present.

GOOD GRIEF MINISTRY

Dates for meetings:

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

March 29, 2026

May 17, 2026

April 26, 2026



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

GiftedandCalled@LGBTQCatholics.faith

COLUMNA DEL PASTOR :

El Evangelio de hoy ha sido escrito para una comunidad que ha meditado profundamente sobre temas fundamentales de la fe cristiana, temas tan relevantes para nosotros hoy como lo fueron cuando se escribió el Evangelio. El Salvador se presenta gradualmente como aquel en quien la larga y ardua búsqueda de la humanidad encontrará lo que ha estado buscando. Él es «más grande que Jacob», el antepasado de Israel; no es solo «un profeta»; es «el Cristo» de las esperanzas de Israel. De hecho, como en muchos textos del Evangelio de Juan, insinúa una reivindicación del nombre divino: «YO SOY».

La reacción de la mujer ante su revelación fue un recordatorio para quienes habían encontrado la fe en Cristo de que ellos también estaban llamados a ser misioneros. Y este recordatorio tiene un filo agudo. Hoy en día, no nos resulta fácil apreciar la amargura del distanciamiento entre judíos y samaritanos (aunque los impactantes conflictos de los últimos tiempos pueden ayudarnos a comprender las actitudes violentas que dividieron a estos dos grupos). De todos los Evangelios Sinópticos, solo Lucas —el gentil converso— es el único que muestra simpatía por los samaritanos. Por lo tanto, una evangelización misionera entre estas personas debió de parecer casi impensable para los primeros cristianos, la mayoría de los cuales eran de origen judío. La actitud de Jesús, y el éxito que tuvo en este encuentro casual con los samaritanos, los animó a asumir la misión de la Iglesia, aun cuando las dificultades parecían insuperables.

Esta lección queda grabada en la mente de ellos —y en la de nosotros— en las palabras de Jesús a sus desconcertados discípulos: «Mi alimento es hacer la voluntad del que me siente»; la cosecha está lista: «grano para la vida eterna». Su lección final es un llamado a la humildad: el plan de salvación que inaugura es obra de Dios; entre los obreros de Dios, «uno siembra, otro cosecha».

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 8 de marzo de 2026**

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| Domingo: | Ex 17, 3-7/Sal 94, 1-2. 6-7. 8-9/Rom 5, 1-2. 5-8/Jn 4, 5-42 o 4, 5-15. 19b-26. 39. 40-42 |
| Lunes: | 2 Re 5, 1-15/Sal 41, 2. 3; 42, 3. 4/Lc 4, 24-30 |
| Martes: | Dn 3, 25. 34-43/Sal 24, 4-5. 6 y 7. 8-9/Mt 18, 21-35 |
| Miércoles: | Dt 4, 1. 5-9/Sal 146, 12-13. 15-16. 19-20/Mt 5, 17-19 |
| Jueves: | Jr 7, 23-28/Sal 94, 1-2. 6-7. 8-9/Lc 11, 14-23 |
| Viernes: | Os 14, 2-10/Sal 80, 6-8. 8-9. 10-11. 14 y 17/Mc 12, 28-34 |
| Sábado: | Os 6, 1-6/Sal 50, 3-4. 18-19. 20-21/Lc 18, 9-14 |
| Domingo siguiente: | 1 Sm 16, 1. 6-7. 10-13/Sal 22, 1-3. 3-4. 5. 6/Ef 5, 8-14/Jn 9, 1-41 o 9, 1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38 |



Via Crucis

Cada Viernes

A Partir del 11 de Febrero a el 3 de Abril

Español- 6:30 (Iglesia Principal)

Iglesia de Santa Teresa

SERVICIO DE PENITENCIA CUARESIMAL

Miercoles 18 de Marzo

3pm y 7pm

Habrá padres que hablen inglés y español



ST. THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

INSCRIPCIONES ABIERTAS

AÑO ESCOLAR 2026–2027

Preescolar (3 y 4 años)
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MEDITACIÓN EN EL JARDÍN

ATENCIÓN

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 9 de Marzo. Visiten el sitio web de la Parroquia: sttheresaps.com, desplieguen el Ministerio 135 o recojan el formulario de pedido en el cartel a la entrada de la iglesia para realizar su pedido.

Lirios de Pascua

Compre una planta de lirio en recuerdo de un ser querido o amigo.

Pedidos antes del 13 de marzo

\$20 por planta

Por favor, envíe el pedido y el pago a la Oficina Parroquial de Santa Teresa.



Sociedad del Altar de Santa Teresa



DIOCESE of SAN BERNARDINO



EXPLORANDO LA DOCTRINA SOCIAL DE LA IGLESIA

Profundiza en tu comprensión de la fe participando en nuestros próximos talleres de un día sobre la Doctrina Social de la Iglesia. Estas enseñanzas no son solo ideas para aprender, sino un estilo de vida: una invitación a vivir como verdaderos discípulos.

Selecciona la fecha en la que deseas participar:

- Marzo 14, St Christopher, Moreno Valley
- Agosto 8, St Francis of Assisi, La Quinta
- Septiembre 19, Holy Innocents, Victorville
- Octubre 24, Centro Pastoral, San Bernardino

Por favor, traiga su almuerzo

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

ESCANEA EL CODIGO QR PARA REGISTRARTE

Únete a este taller de un día y descubre los siete temas de la Doctrina Social de la Iglesia.



**Saint Theresa Parish
Year to Date Statement of Operating Income and Expenses
For the Seven Months Ended January 31, 2026**

The month of January shows a net operating income of \$5,372. The seven months ended January 31, 2026 of our fiscal year showed a net loss from operations of \$10,977. This was favorable to budget by \$57,039 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 projected bottom line for the Statement of Operating Income and Expense for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 is a break even.

By the end of March, 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 approximately \$900,000 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. New reserve studies for the Church and School are currently underway by an independent reserve study preparation firm.

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.

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 7 Months Ended January 31, 2026**

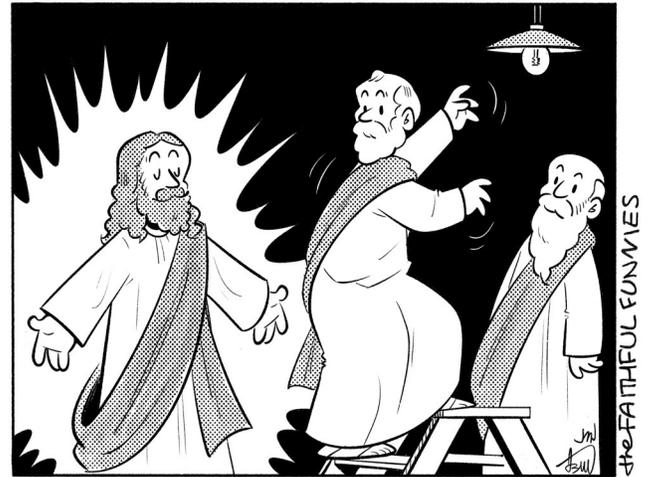
| | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Operating Revenue | | |
| Contributions and Donations | \$470,173 | \$450,793 |
| Fees and Fundraising | 73,710 | 84,222 |
| Investment Income | 10,600 | 10,455 |
| Federal Employee Retention Credit | 13,213 | 0 |
| DDF Rebate | 7,055 | 2,500 |
| Other Income | 7,535 | 4,225 |
| Total Revenue | <u>582,286</u> | <u>552,195</u> |
| Expenses | | |
| Salaries, Payroll Taxes and Benefits | 235,881 | 281,255 |
| Professional Fees | 15,053 | 15,832 |
| Program Expenses | 7,944 | 5,000 |
| Liturgical Expenses | 24,107 | 12,242 |
| General Aid | 31,099 | 31,871 |
| General and Administrative | 40,023 | 30,051 |
| Electricity | 57,095 | 49,000 |
| Property and Earthquake Insurance | 36,630 | 33,290 |
| Facilities Expense | 60,203 | 86,776 |
| Fundraising Expenses | 11,434 | 1,100 |
| Assessment Expense - Diocese | 73,794 | 73,794 |
| Total Expenses | <u>593,263</u> | <u>620,211</u> |
| Net Operating Income (loss) | <u>(\$10,977)</u> | <u>(\$68,016)</u> |


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“How many apostles does it take to change a light bulb?”



“None! Jesus is the light.”



Jesus is referred to as the Light of the World. This means that Jesus illuminates the path to salvation and truth.

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 AND GET INVOLVED IN YOUR
 PARISH & SCHOOL

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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



EXPLORING AND LIVING CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Deepen your understanding of our faith by participating in our upcoming one-day workshops on CST. These teachings are not simply concepts to be learned they are a way of life, a call to live as disciples.

Select to join:

- March 14, St Christopher, Moreno Valley
- August 8, St Francis of Assisi, La Quinta
- September 19, Holy Innocents, Victorville
- October 24, Pastoral Center, San Bernardino

Please, Bring your lunch

🕒 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Join the one-day workshop and explore the Catholic Social Teaching seven themes.

SCAN TO JOIN

In collaboration:



Evangelization Committee

