



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

First Sunday of
ADVENT



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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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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 readings are full of good news and reminders to pay attention. It's the perfect note as we start the season of Advent. In the first reading, Isaiah wrote his message for a people who were beleaguered, as we are, by conflict, war, divisions and unjust rulers. But to them – and us – Isaiah brings God's message of peace and hope. If we turn to the Lord, Isaiah promises battle spears will be turned into plow blades and war weapons into farm tools. "One nation shall not raise the sword against the other, nor will they train for war again."

Matthew's Gospel encourages us to look for God's presence each moment in our lives. "Stay awake! You do not know on which day your Lord will come." We need to put our heads up and be alert for the loving presence of God with us each moment of the day.

As we begin our Advent, we may feel unready and have the urge to re-create ourselves into someone perfect. Deep down, we know our own flaws: we might drink too much; take our spouse for granted or ignore those around us who are suffering. We pray for help – but at a distance.

We may believe that if we aren't perfect, we probably aren't worthy of God's love and affection. But that is not what God wants. We can't save ourselves, but it is God's delight to come to save us. Jesus is not waiting for our perfection, but for our attention.

Gentle Thoughts:

I am writing a book about all the things I should be doing. It is my oughtobiography.

A large truck carrying a large load of Vicks Dayquil overturned on the 10 freeway this morning. Surprisingly there was no congestion for 8 hours.

When I die, I want a crank on the side of my casket that plays the "Jack in the box" song ... just to see who has the guts to turn it!!!

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

October Contribution

10/5/25- \$11,469.00
10/12/25- \$10,408.00
10/19/25- \$8,812.00
10/26/25- \$12,782.02

Total = \$43,471.02

On-Line Giving
\$6,232.00

School Tuition Assistance
\$3,185.00

World Mission
\$2,812.00

Diocesan Development Fund (DDF2025)

Goal: 54,900

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, November 29

5:00pm

Guillermo P. Bauza +
Isaias Alverdez +
Cristina Alverdez S/I- Healing

7:00pm-Espanol

Juanita Rodriguez Vazquez +
Juana Erickson- S/I
Selena Perez S/I-Healing

Sunday, November 30

7:00am

Betty Pemberton +
Rosalie Hilger +

8:30am- Español

Eliseo Hernandez +
Francisca Morales +
Maria Elena Orozco S/I-Birthday

10:30am

Rory Putman +
Oasay & Pagdilao Families +
DFS Company- S/I

12:30pm

Serafino Santos +
Bonifacio Salazar Jr. +
Mark Motzer S/I

Monday, December 1

For our Parish Community

Tuesday, December 2

Paul Phan Duong +

Wednesday, November 26

Manuel Silverio S/I- Birthday
Evangeline & Agrecio Rioflorida +
Terry McLaughlin S/I-Healing
Tim Ford S/I-Healing

Thursday, November 27- 9:00am

Blanca Estrella Juarez +
Lilia Martinez +
Flordelina Ramoran +
Jose Ramoran +
Fely Agbayani +

Friday, November 28

DFS Company- S/I
Chuong Do +
Arturo Bravo Chavez S/I-Birthday

**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

**(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 November 30, 2025

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44
Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/
Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Saint Theresa Parish
Operating Income and Expenses
For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025**

Operating Revenue

Contribution and Donations	\$783,324
Fees and Fundraising	165,394
Investment Income	17,462
DDF Rebate	23
Other Income	14,396
Total Operating Income	980,599

Expenses

Salaries, Payroll Taxes and Benefits	435,870
Professional Fees	16,863
Program Expenses	5,285
Liturgical Expenses	16,961
General Aid	57,832
General and Administrative	45,802
Electricity	79,670
Property and Earthquake Ins.	61,699
Facilities Maintenance Expense	125,226
Other Expenses	36,952
Assessment Expense-Diocese	112.78

Total Expense 994,948

Net Operating Income (loss) (\$14,349)

**Saint Theresa Parish
Statement of Financial Position
For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025**

Assets

Unrestricted Funds on Deposit	\$692,953
Ministry Funds on Deposits	42,646
Restricted Funds on Deposits	<u>100,856</u>
Total Funds on Deposits	\$836,455

Liabilities and Fund Balances

Accounts Payable	\$52,065
Ministry Fund Balances	42,646
Restricted Fund Balances	100,856
Unrestricted Fund Balances	<u>640,888</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$836,455

**You are invited to a Breakfast
sponsored by**



Magnificat
A Ministry to Catholic Women

**Palm Desert Chapter
Breakfast Buffet Meal**

**Saturday, December 13, 2025
9:00 am to 12:00 pm**

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

Cost \$35 per person if received by 12/5/2025
Please contact Louise Erickson after 12/5/25 to
make a reservation at \$40 per person at
760-702-0068 or email at
louise.erickson54@hotmail.com

GUEST SPEAKER: Kim Rodriguez-Torres

Prayer for Advent – Arise

Bless God's Holy Name!

Prepare our hearts for Your coming, Lord.

Awaken them from any places that have
become sleepy or despondent.

Inspire us with new visions.

Be with us as we climb closer to You.

Amen.

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**FIRST SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**

*Let us walk
in the light
of the Lord*



Due to the government shutdown our Food Pantry has doubled with people needing food assistance. We will be having a Food Drive this month to serve our people in need. We are asking for non-perishable goods...canned foods, dry beans, rice etc...

You can drop off items in the parish Office, Mon-Fri. between 8:30am-3:00pm. Thank you all!



The replica of the Virgin of Guadalupe will visit our parish from December 1st through the 13th. The image of our Holy Virgin Mary, in it's original form, from the Basilica.

Join us for the Rosary in the evenings at 7pm.

GOOD GRIEF MINISTRY

Dates for meetings:

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

December 21, 2025

March 29, 2026

January 25, 2026

April 26, 2026

February 22, 2026

May 17, 2026

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.



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

GiftedandCalled@LGBTQCatholics.faith

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.

COLUMNA DEL PASTOR :

Las lecturas de hoy están llenas de buenas noticias y recordatorios para prestar atención. Es la nota perfecta al comenzar la temporada de Adviento. En la primera lectura, Isaías escribió su mensaje para un pueblo que estaba asediado, como nosotros, por conflictos, guerras, divisiones y gobernantes injustos. Pero a ellos, y a nosotros, Isaías les trae el mensaje de paz y esperanza de Dios. Si nos volvemos al Señor, Isaías promete que las lanzas de batalla se convertirán en hojas de arado y las armas de guerra en herramientas agrícolas. "Ninguna nación alzaré la espada contra otra, ni volverán a entrenarse para la guerra".

El Evangelio de Mateo nos anima a buscar la presencia de Dios en cada momento de nuestras vidas. "¡Estén despiertos! No saben en qué día vendrá su Señor". Necesitamos levantar la cabeza y estar alerta a la presencia amorosa de Dios con nosotros en cada momento del día.

Al comenzar nuestro Adviento, podemos sentirnos poco preparados y tener la urgencia de recrearnos en alguien perfecto. En el fondo, conocemos nuestros propios defectos: podemos beber demasiado, dar por sentado a nuestro cónyuge o ignorar a quienes nos rodean y están sufriendo. Oramos por ayuda, pero a distancia.

Podemos creer que si no somos perfectos, probablemente no seamos dignos del amor y el afecto de Dios. Pero eso no es lo que Dios quiere. No podemos salvarnos a nosotros mismos, pero Dios se deleita en venir a salvarnos. Jesús no espera nuestra perfección, sino nuestra atención.

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 30 de noviembre de 2025**

Domingo: Is 2, 1-5/Sal 121, 1-2. 3-4. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/Rom 13, 11-14/Mt 24, 37-44
Lunes: Is 4, 2-6/Sal 121, 1-2. 3-4. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/Mt 8, 5-11
Martes: Is 11, 1-10/Sal 71, 1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17/Lc 10, 21-24
Miércoles: Is 25, 6-10/Sal 22, 1-3. 3-4. 5. 6/Mt 15, 29-37
Jueves: Is 26, 1-6/Sal 117, 1 y 8-9. 19-21. 25-27/Mt 7, 21. 24-27
Viernes: Is 29, 17-24/Sal 26, 1. 4. 13-14/Mt 9, 27-31
Sábado: Is 30, 19-21. 23-26/Sal 146, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/Mt 9, 35—10, 1. 6-8
Domingo siguiente: Is 11, 1-10/Sal 71, 1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17 (ver 7)/Rom 15, 4-9/Mt 3, 1-12



MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA
(Gospel Meditations)

30 de noviembre de 2025
I Domingo de Adviento
Mateo 24:37-44

El Adviento es un tiempo litúrgico de mucha esperanza. Hoy damos comienzo al ciclo A, y será el Evangelio de Mateo el que nos ayude a caminar durante este tiempo de gracia. Mateo, llamado también Leví, fue uno de los que Jesús quiso tener entre sus doce apóstoles. Él nos ayudará a ver que la esperanza está más cerca que nunca; que el anuncio de paz consiste en: Estén alerta, no se duerman, vigilen hasta entrada la noche. *“Por eso estén despiertos, porque no saben en qué día vendrá el Señor”* (Mateo 24:42). Un año más ha llegado, y se nos invita no a tener miedo, sino más bien a tener la intención de despertar, prestar atención y velar, para descubrir y seguir cómo será el paso de Dios en mi vida en este Adviento.

Esperanza y vigilia es lo que la Iglesia nos propone en este jubileo, y el Adviento es el momento de estar despiertos, como los pastores que supieron escuchar la noticia de que, en la ciudad de David, había nacido un Salvador. ¿De qué formas estaré despierto o despierta en este Adviento? Puede ser que reciba a Cristo de una forma diferente a otros años, con un espíritu de vigilancia y compromiso hacia mi familia y mi comunidad. Jesús, ayúdame a girar mi corazón hacia ti, para que al hacerlo pueda ver con una mirada nueva la búsqueda de la verdad y la justicia que tanto necesitamos en la familia y en la sociedad. ¡Ven, Señor!

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Oración para el Adviento – Levántate

¡Bendice el Santo Nombre de Dios!
Prepara nuestros corazones para Tu venida, Señor. Despiértalos de cualquier lugar que se haya vuelto somnoliento o abatido.
Inspíranos con nuevas visiones. Quédate con nosotros mientras nos acercamos a Ti.
Amén.

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La replica de la Virgen de Guadalupe estara en nuestra parroquia Diciembre 1ro a el 13. La imagen de la Virgen de Guadalupe es una replica original de la Virgen de Guadalupe es una replica original de la Basilica.

Acompañenos al rosario todas las tardes a las 7PM El 6 y 8 de diciembre el rosario se hara antes de la misa.

VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA
"Vosotros no sabéis qué día vendrá vuestro Señor", dice Jesús. Él nos está recordando que no conocemos la mente de Dios. Pero sí conocemos el corazón de Dios, y sabemos que está lleno de misericordia para aquellos que prestan atención a la advertencia: ¡Mantente despierto!

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**Saint Theresa Parish
Year to Date Statement of Income and Expenses
For the Four Months Ended October 31, 2025**

The following page is the Statement of Operating Income and Expenses for the first four months of our fiscal year ending on June 30, 2026. 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. Contributions and donations had an increase of \$25,257 compared to the budget for the four months. The final empty position in the Parish office was filled on October 23. The first nearly four months of this fiscal year were without this expense. We are now once again fully staffed for the upcoming winter season. Beginning in December 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 also report monthly 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 two million dollars in anticipated major repairs and replacements in the next three to ten 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 to cover these anticipated expenditures. Please refer to these new financial information pages in the weekly Parish Bulletins for updates on this activity.

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 Parish
Operation Income and Expenses
For the 4 Months Ending October 31, 2025**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<u>Operation Revenue</u>		
Contributions and Donations	\$239,325	\$214,068
Fees and Fundraising	31,253	77,494
Investment Income	6,267	6,099
Federal Employee Retention Center	13,213	0
Other Income	3,078	2,000
Total Revenue	293,136	299,661
<u>Expenses</u>		
Salaries, Payroll Taxes and Benefits	124,876	168,217
Professional Fees	6,720	7,084
Program Expenses	7,779	5,000
Liturgical Expenses	10,935	5,806
General Aid	19,761	19,351
General and Administrative	13,445	12,890
Electricity	43,376	39,900
Property and Earthquake Insurance	0	0
Facilities Expense	46,434	52,431
Fundraising Expenses	7,218	300
Assessment Expense-Diocese	42,168	42,168
Total Expenses	322,712	364,547
Net Operating Income (loss)	(\$29,576)	(\$54,866)

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

November 30, 2025
First Sunday of Advent
Matthew 24:37-44

A few years ago, my house was broken into on Super Bowl Sunday. Turns out, it's a great day for burglars. If the TV isn't on, people are probably watching the game somewhere else, so ... easy pickins'. I'll never forget walking into my bedroom and realizing someone had been there. My stuff was thrown all over the floor. The closet was torn apart. It was disorienting and disturbing — someone had invaded the space I thought was secure. After that, I bought an alarm system. And every Super Bowl Sunday since, I'm extra careful to lock the doors and keep the lights on. That experience made me more alert. Not scared. Just attentive.

That's much like the spiritual place Jesus wants us to be on this first Sunday of Advent. He doesn't start the season with soft candlelight and cozy manger scenes. He starts with two brutal images: a flood and a thief. In other words, chaos and violation.

Why? Because life will flood us. Chaos *will* come. And in the midst of it, Christ will come like a thief — not to steal from us, but to steal us back. He is the intruder we should want. The one who breaks in, not to ransack, but to rescue.

Christ presents himself as the thief but also the new Noah. He builds the ark of the Church to carry us through the flood. And he invites us to join him. How? By participating fully in our parishes. By making our homes places of prayer. By guarding our hearts with truth. By refusing to let spiritual complacency leave us exposed. By repentance.

This Advent, don't just stay vaguely "awake." Prepare. Build. Watch. The flood will come. But so will he.

— Father John Muir



IS RETURNING!!!!

SAVE THE DATE....
Friday, Jan. 9th

More details coming!



This weekends Altar Flowers are donated
in loving memory of the
Oasay Family

BECOMING A KNIGHT!



Knights of
Columbus

Why Join?



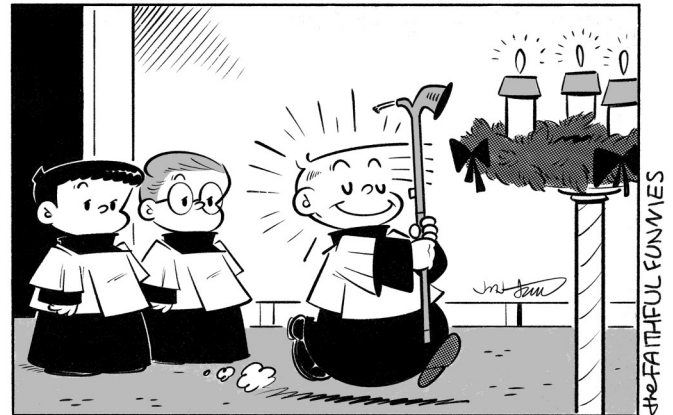
You are invited to put your faith into action. Knights lead with faith. Knights protect their families. Knights serve those in need. We are Catholic men. We live by principles informed by faith. We are sons, fathers, husbands, and grandfathers. Join us on life's greatest adventure to discover the man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

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

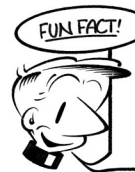


"Mama Mary Pray for Us"

"Was the altar server happy or sad when it was his turn to blow out the Advent candles?"



"He was de-lighted!"



FUN FACT!

"Advent" is the four weeks before Christmas, a time to prepare for Jesus' birth. An Advent wreath's candles mark each week's arrival.

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