



*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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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:

Waiting can be a time of soul-searching. Today's liturgy invites us to ask ourselves whether we are ready to hear the call of the Savior, whose birth we are preparing to celebrate. Helpless in Herod's prison cell, John the Baptizer is puzzled and discouraged, as he faced a similar question. He has generously pointed Jesus out - as the one who was to bring the realization of Israel's hopes; why, he asks through his messengers, is God's prophet now suffering in prison at the hands of an unprincipled tyrant; why has the mission of Jesus not brought the time of justice God's people long for?

God's triumph was not to be the imposition of divine power. The coming of God's kingdom involves collaboration on the part of our human freedom – inspired and sustained by the example of Jesus, who gave the needy and the powerless a privileged place in all that he did in the name of his Father, and lived out the 'new commandment' of love he had proclaimed. Jesus replied to John's inquiry, therefore, by pointing to the 'messianic signs' foretold by the prophets. But to those included in today's reading from Isaiah he adds another from the later Isaiah's writings: 'the poor have the Good News preached to them'.

John teaches us to seriously consider our mission on earth: to be tenacious Christians knowing how to behave as sons of God. We should be asking ourselves: —How did Mary and Joseph prepare themselves for Jesus Christ's birth? How did John prepare Jesus' teachings? How do we prepare ourselves to commemorate Christ's coming, Advent, as well as the second Advent at the end of time?

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GENTLE THOUGHTS:

The healthiest part of the donut is the hole. Unfortunately, you have to eat through the rest of the donut to get there.

I gave my father \$100 and said; "Buy yourself something that will make your life easier". So he went out and bought a present for my mom. (Rita Rudner)

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

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 13

5:00pm

Carl Tiedeman +
Meredith Larson +
Jovita Bongcaras +

7:00pm-Espanol

Miguel Angel Gonzalez Fernandini +

Sunday, December 14

7:00am

Theresa B. Duong +
Denny Feltman +
Andre & Edward Go +

8:30am- Español

Emelina Lopez Ortega +
Francisco Morales +
Feliz Fiero Espinoza +

10:30am

Carolina Vicente +
DFS Company- S/I
Elvira Balderas S/I-Birthday

12:30pm

Pacing Maghinay +
Ramon Miranda +
Eddie Arthen +

5:00pm-Filipino Mass

Johnny & Josie Imus S/I-In Thanks
Sto Nino, St. Jude & St. Anthony
(In Intersession)
Maria Gerada +

Monday, December 15

Carlos Trinidad S/I-Birthday
Norma Pillai +

Tuesday, December 16

Clement Bahadur +
Gilbert Lopez +
Jessie Lopez-S/I

Wednesday, December 17

Bryan Dinnoo S/I-Healing
Thomas Yeckl +
Yeckl Family- S/I

Thursday, December 18

Rudy Villar +
Mr. & Mrs. Anastacio Bacuyag +
Mr. & Mrs. Julian Delector +

Friday, December 19

DFS Company- S/I
Lucinio Jove +
Emmanuel Jove +

**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,
Steven Pilgrim, Bob Blum, Pat Quinn

**(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 December 14, 2025

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/
Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/
Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/
Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17
Thursday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25
Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25
Saturday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/Mt



St. Theresa Church 2025/26
Advent & Christmas Schedule/Horario de Adviento y Navidad

O Holy Night

December 14th-Singbang Gabi/ 14 de Diciembre

Mass– 7:00pm (Church)

Refreshments following (Parish Hall)

December 19th-Advent Penance Service/ 19 de Diciembre-Servicio de Penitencia de Adviento

7:00pm in Main Church/Iglesia principal

December 24th/24 de Diciembre

Christmas Carols– 4:30pm

Misa en Espanol-7:00pm

Christmas Vigil Mass: 5:00pm

Christmas Carols– 9:45pm

Midnight Mass (English)- 10:00pm

December 25th/25 de Diciembre Holy Day of Obligation/ es un dia de Obligacion

Masses– 8:30am, 10:30am (English)- Misa– 12:30pm (Espanol)

December 31st– New Year’s Eve/ 31 de Diciembre– Noche Buena

English Mass– 5pm

Spanish Mass– 7pm

January 1st– New Year’s Day/ 1 de Enero-Año Nuevo

English Mass– 9:00am

Spanish Mass– 12:00pm

Prayer for Advent – New Growth

Dear God,

Bring new life! Your love creates and cultivates. Bring Your power into the places I think of as “deserts” and your grace to the prayers I fear may be “deserted.”

You can redeem and restore, bring a new song to my heart.

Amen.



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PILGRIMS OF HOPE
Jubilee 2025

COME & CELEBRATE!
Simbang Gabi Misa De Gallo
December 14th – 22nd, 2025

COME JOIN US!
LET'S CELEBRATE ADVENT TOGETHER.
IN CATHOLIC FILIPINO TRADITION OF
"SIMBANG GABI", A NINE CONSECUTIVE
NOVENA OF MARIAN EVENING MASSES, IN
PREPARATION FOR THE CELEBRATION OF
THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST.

2025 SIMBANG GABI EVENING MASSES SCHEDULE					
	DATE	TIME	PARISHES	CHURCH	CONTACT NO.
1 st	14 - DEC (SUNDAY)	7:00 PM	ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH 2800 E. RAMON ROAD, PALM SPRINGS, CA 92264	CHAPEL	AMY VILLAR (760) 449-1326
2 nd	15 - DEC (MONDAY)	7:00 PM	ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY 88700 PIERSON BLVD, DESERT HOT SPRINGS, CA 92240	MAIN CHURCH	AIDA RONDALES (760) 601-5155
3 rd	16 - DEC (TUESDAY)	7:00 PM	SACRED HEART CHURCH 43-775 DEEP CANYON ROAD, PALM DESERT, CA 92260	MAIN CHURCH	LOU DECERDO (760) 219-3696
4 th	17 - DEC (WEDNESDAY)	7:00 PM	SACRED HEART CHURCH 43-775 DEEP CANYON ROAD, PALM DESERT, CA 92260	MAIN CHURCH	LOU DECERDO (760) 219-3696
5 th	18 - DEC (THURSDAY)	7:00 PM	OUR LADY OF SOLITUDE CHURCH 151 W ALEJO ROAD, PALM SPRINGS, CA 92262	MAIN CHURCH	EDWINA GAMBOA (760) 835-6906
6 th	19 - DEC (FRIDAY)	7:00 PM	OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CHURCH 204 S CALLE EL SEGUNDO, PALM SPRINGS, CA 92262	MAIN CHURCH	CHERRY VILLANUEVA (201) 899-8788
7 th	20 - DEC (SATURDAY)	5:00 PM	OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP 45299 DEELET NOOR STREET, INDIO, CA 92201	MAIN CHURCH	DR. CHRIS CHING (773) 852-5548
8 th	21 - DEC (SUNDAY)	7:30 PM	ST. LOUIS PARISH 68633 C STREET, CATHEDRAL CITY, CA 92234	MAIN CHURCH	BETH RAZON (760) 880-1823
9 th	22 - DEC (MONDAY)	7:00 PM	ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH 47225 WASHINGTON STREET, LA QUINTA, CA 92253	MAIN CHURCH	DR. CHRIS CHING (773) 852-5548

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!
The Environment Committee are asking for volunteers to help decorate the church for Christmas. If you can help, please be in the church on Tuesday, Dec. 23rd from 9:00am until finished.

Thank you !!



¡¡SE NECESITAN VOLUNTARIOS!!
El Comité de Medio Ambiente está pidiendo voluntarios para ayudar a decorar la iglesia para Navidad. Si puede ayudar, por favor esté en la iglesia el Martes 23 de diciembre desde las 9:00 a. m. hasta que termine.

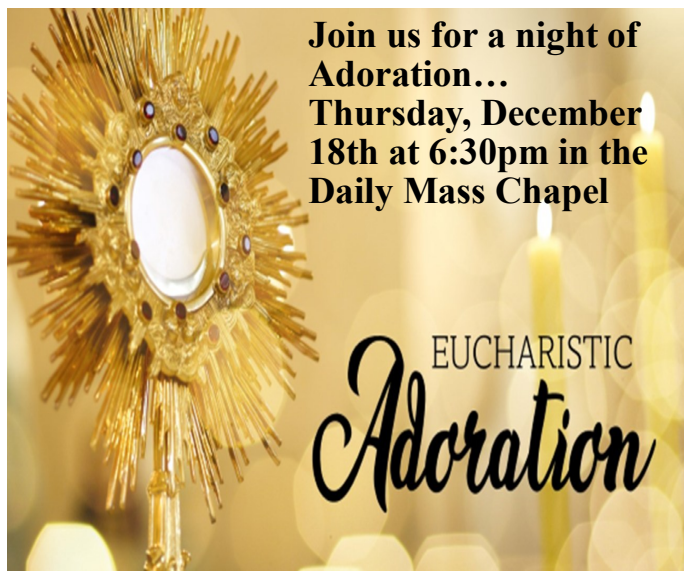
¡¡Gracias!!



Blood Drive!

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a Blood Drive on:
Sunday, December 14th
Time: 9:00am-2:00pm
Where: In the Parish Hall

They will also be serving Coffee & Donuts after morning masses.



COLUMNA DEL PASTOR :

La espera puede ser un momento de introspección. La liturgia de hoy nos invita a preguntarnos si estamos listos para escuchar la llamada del Salvador, cuyo nacimiento nos preparamos para celebrar. Indefenso en la celda de Herodes, Juan el Bautista se siente desconcertado y desanimado al enfrentarse a una pregunta similar. Con generosidad, ha señalado a Jesús como aquel que traería la realización de las esperanzas de Israel; pregunta a través de sus mensajeros por qué el profeta de Dios sufre ahora en prisión a manos de un tirano sin principios; por qué la misión de Jesús no ha traído el tiempo de justicia que el pueblo de Dios anhela.

El triunfo de Dios no debía ser la imposición del poder divino. La venida del reino de Dios implica la colaboración de nuestra libertad humana, inspirada y sostenida por el ejemplo de Jesús, quien dio a los necesitados y a los desvalidos un lugar privilegiado en todo lo que hacía en nombre de su Padre, y vivió el «mandamiento nuevo» del amor que había proclamado. Por lo tanto, Jesús respondió a la pregunta de Juan señalando las «señales mesiánicas» anunciadas por los profetas. Pero a las incluidas en la lectura de hoy de Isaías, añade otra de los escritos posteriores de Isaías: «A los pobres se les anuncia la Buena Nueva».

Juan nos enseña a considerar seriamente nuestra misión en la tierra: ser cristianos tenaces que sepan comportarse como hijos de Dios. Deberíamos preguntarnos: ¿Cómo se prepararon María y José para el nacimiento de Jesucristo? ¿Cómo preparó Juan las enseñanzas de Jesús? ¿Cómo nos preparamos para conmemorar la venida de Cristo, el Adviento, así como la segunda venida al final de los tiempos?

Fondo de Desarrollo Diocesano (DDF2025)**Meta: 54,900**

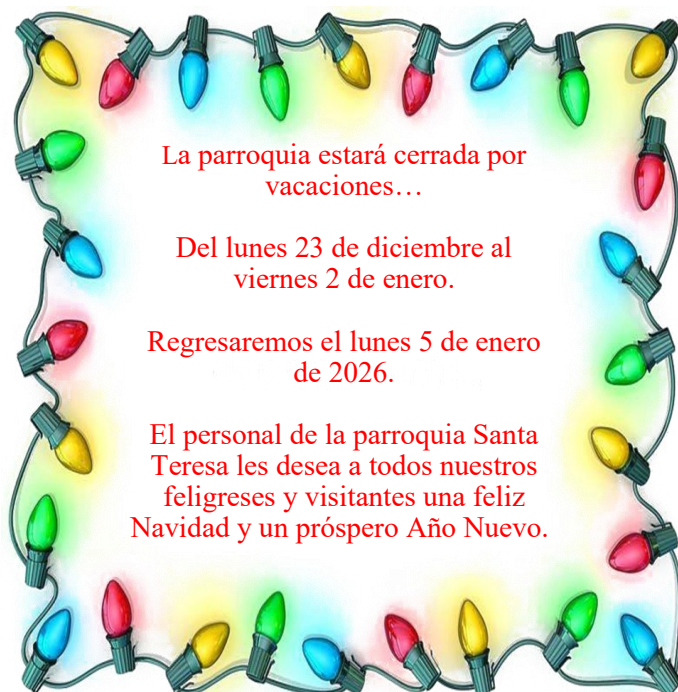
Estamos a \$7432.00 de nuestra meta diocesana de \$54,900. Tendremos una segunda colecta el 28 y 29 para la campaña de desarrollo diocesano, se les agradece su apoyo continuo, pasemos la meta juntos!! Toda donación pasada la meta se queda en la parroquia para costos de mantenimiento y reparación, tenemos hasta fin de Diciembre.

Donacion en linea

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

**Las lecturas de la semana del 14 de diciembre de 2025**

Domingo: Is 35, 1-6. 10/Sal 145, 6-7. 8-9. 9-10 (ver Is 35, 4)/Sant 5, 7-10/Mt 11, 2-11
 Lunes: Nm 24, 2-7. 15-17/Sal 24, 4-5. 6 y 7. 8-9/Mt 21, 23-27
 Martes: Sof 3, 1-2. 9-13/Sal 33, 2-3. 6-7. 17-18. 19 y 23/Mt 21, 28-32
 Miércoles: Gn 49, 2. 8-10/Sal 71, 1-2. 3-4. 7-8. 17/Mt 1, 1-17
 Jueves: Jr 23, 5-8/Sal 71, 1-2. 12-13. 18-19/Mt 1, 18-24
 Viernes: Jue 13, 2-7. 24-25/Sal 72, 3-4. 5-6. 16-17/Lc 1, 5-25
 Sábado: Is 7, 10-14/Sal 23, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/Lc 1, 26-38
 Domingo siguiente: Is 7, 10-14/Sal 23, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 (7. 10)/Rom 1, 1-7/Mt 1, 18-24



La parroquia estará cerrada por vacaciones...

Del lunes 23 de diciembre al viernes 2 de enero.

Regresaremos el lunes 5 de enero de 2026.

El personal de la parroquia Santa Teresa les desea a todos nuestros feligreses y visitantes una feliz Navidad y un próspero Año Nuevo.

Oración para el Adviento – Nuevo Crecimiento Dios mío,

¡Trae nueva vida! Tu amor crea y cultiva. Lleva tu poder a los lugares que considero "desiertos" y tu gracia a las oraciones que temo que puedan estar "desiertas". Tú puedes redimir y restaurar, traer un nuevo canto a mi corazón.
Amén.



¿Santos o Pecadores?

Pregunta:

Nuestro grupo de oración ha estado leyendo las vidas de algunos santos, y nos llamó la atención cómo algunos de ellos pensaban que eran grandes pecadores. ¿Por qué alguien tan santo pensaría que tiene un pecado tan grave?

Respuesta:

Los atletas profesionales practican los fundamentos de su deporte una y otra vez, buscando una mejor forma, consistencia y rendimiento. Se centran en lo básico, revisan las actuaciones pasadas y visualizan un mayor éxito. ¡La práctica hace mejor, si no perfecto!

Los maestros espirituales, como los santos, también buscaban la perfección. Practicaban su fe en la búsqueda de la santidad, la gracia y la virtud. A través de los sacramentos, la oración, el estudio, las buenas obras y la penitencia, elevaron su nivel de conciencia y su sensibilidad a la presencia de Dios, las exigencias del Evangelio y las obras del Espíritu Santo. Examinaban sus conciencias a diario, revisando el día en busca de momentos de fracaso y momentos en los que podrían haber sido más virtuosos de una forma u otra. ¡Resolvieron hacerlo mejor, estar más atentos y alerta!

Por lo tanto, cualquier cosa que los distrajera o interfiriera con su relación con Dios sería como una pequeña mancha negra en una pared blanca brillante: ¡no puedes pasarla por alto! Los grandes santos eran conscientes del pecado y de la presencia del mal porque estaban tan sintonizados con la lucha entre el bien y el mal que se libraba en sus propias vidas, corazones y almas.

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

The first four months of our fiscal year showed a net loss from operations of \$29,576. This was favorable to budget by \$35,310 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 by \$43,341 because we were not fully staffed for almost all of these first four months. The remaining eight months of November through June generally produce an approximate total operating net income of \$40,000. We expect to have an operating net income for the twelve months of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 of approximately \$10,000 because of the two one-time items listed above.

By the end of December, we will be producing an accounting 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 well over two million dollars 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 four 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.

St. Theresa Catholic School Shines in the Palm Springs Parade of Lights!

On Saturday, December 5th, our St. Theresa Catholic School students proudly represented our parish community in the Palm Springs Parade of Lights Festival! Their joyful presence and beautiful display helped share the spirit of Christmas with the greater Palm Springs community.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the Chaney family of Chaney Construction, faithful parishioners of St. Theresa Parish, for their generous support and assistance in making this event possible. We are also deeply grateful to all the parents who dedicated their time and creativity to help decorate the float.

A special thank-you to our 8th-grade students and their parents for their incredible commitment. Our cast of Mary, Joseph, and the Three Wise Men gave a wonderful witness to the beauty of the Nativity and the true meaning of Christmas.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this joyful celebration a success. St. Theresa Catholic School is blessed by such a supportive and faith-filled community!





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!



IS RETURNING!!!!

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

More details coming!