



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



• THE HOLY FAMILY •

**TAKE THE CHILD  
AND HIS MOTHER.**

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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:**

"How important it is that every child coming into the world be welcomed by the warmth of a family! External comforts do not matter: Jesus was born in a stable and had a manger as his first cradle, but the love of Mary and of Joseph made him feel the tenderness and beauty of being loved" (Benedict XVI)

"Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him." (Mt 2:13). Once again, Herod is striking, but we are not to be afraid, for God's help is not lacking in our life. Let us go to Nazareth. Let us rediscover the truth about the family and about life. Let us live joyfully and let us proclaim it to the world.

God's presence in the world did not stop evil, sin, poverty, loneliness or even suffering. But God's presence did and does help us deal with it no matter the place or time.

As we approach the end of the calendar year 2025, I would like to acknowledge some of the many people who make this parish successful.

Mr. Michael Keno and his dedicated staff and the parents of our school.  
OUR Parish, Finance, Building and Grounds Councils.

Our many volunteers who you may never see or know like those who clean the church, work in the food program, the choirs and those who decorate the church, the servers, lectors, ushers, sacristans and all the other ministers.

All those who work and help in our Religious Education Programs. The Altar Society, Knights of Columbus, Hug-a-baby, 135 and all the other organizations who support our parish and our ministries.

Our parish staff. You have no idea what they have to deal with every day. Weddings and funerals, baptisms and mass intentions and The Almighty Parish Calendar, not to mention scheduling the priests and assisting them as necessary.

My fellow priests and M.S.C. Community. I thank you for your support and advice.  
And You; the full time and part time parishioners who support our parish and allow us into your lives.  
Thank you very much for allowing us to exercise our ministries.  
May Almighty God bless you in the New Year.

*"May the favor of the Lord our God be ours. Prosper the work of our hands! Prosper the work of our hands!"*  
Psalm 90: 17

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

**November Contribution**

11/1/25- \$11,715.50  
11/8/25- \$12,361.10  
11/15/25-\$12,012.50  
11/22/25-\$11,614.00  
11/29/25-\$11,057.00

Thanksgiving  
\$3,355.50

All Soul's Day  
\$203.00

Total = \$58,760.10

DDF- \$4,089

On-Line Giving  
\$7,025.00

Poinsettia Sale- \$1,505.00

Hug-a-Baby- \$1,328.00

School Tuition Assistance  
\$3,470.00

Flowers & Env.- \$2,960.50

**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 30<sup>th</sup>.

**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 envelope "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, December 27**

**5:00pm**

Rosalie Hilger +  
John Cherry +

**7:00pm-Espanol**

Juanita Rodriguez Vazquez +  
Juan Andes Medrano +  
Ester Vaca +

**Sunday, December 28**

**7:00am**

Veronica M. Cody +  
Louise Herb +

**8:30am- Español**

Francisco Morales +  
Inocencia Dominguez +  
Melquiades Cuevas +

**10:30am**

Rory Putman +  
Carolina & Marcelo Vicente +  
DFS Company- S/I

**12:30pm**

Serafino Santos +  
Choung Do +  
Maurice Macias +  
Jesus Hernandez S/I-Birthday

**Monday, December 29**

Horacio Gomez S/I-Birthday  
Gomez Family- S/I  
Erickson Family- S/I  
Guillermo Herrera Robles +

**Tuesday, December 30**

Arturo Bravo Murillo S/I-Birthday  
Jesalyn Macadangdang +  
Chanman Family S/I-Healing

**Wednesday, December 31**

Serafino Santos +  
Fred Fernandez +

**Thursday, January 1- New Years Day**

**9:00am**

Ching Asejo +  
Michael Arulsamy +  
Dinnoo Family S/I-Healing

**Friday, January 2**

Elsa Martinez +  
DFS Company- 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, 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 28, 2025

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/  
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23  
Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18  
Thursday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Gal 4:4-7/  
Lk 2:16-21  
Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28  
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34  
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12





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

*O Holy Night*

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

English Mass– 7:30am

English Mass– 5pm

Spanish Mass– 7pm

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

English Mass– 9:00am

Spanish Mass– 12:00pm



**Family Blessing**

May God bless, protect, unite, mend, and renew our family. Help us to be instruments of healing and holiness, breaking generational curses, rewriting scripts, overcoming tribulation, joining in gratitude, and growing in joy ... together.

Amen.



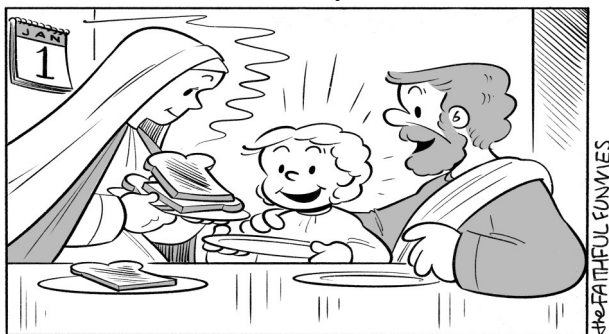
*A New Year's Prayer*

Lord, You make all things new  
 You bring hope  
 alive in our hearts  
 And cause our Spirits  
 to be born again.  
 Thank you for this new year  
 For all the potential it holds.  
 Come and kindle in us  
 A mighty flame  
 So that in our time,  
 many will see the  
 wonders of God  
 And live forever to praise  
 Your glorious name.

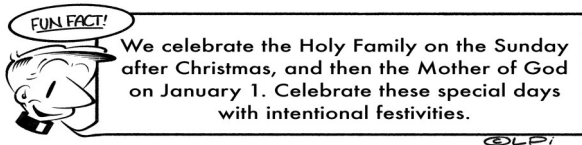
*Amen*



**"What did the Holy Family eat on New Year's Day?"**



**"Toast!"**



**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

*St. Theresa Altar Society*



What  
 is this  
 Ministry  
 about?

**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](mailto:GiftedandCalled@LGBTQCatholics.faith)**



**Palm Springs Knights of  
 Columbus Council 3583 is  
 sponsoring a recycle drive to support  
 St. Theresa School. We urge all stu-  
 dents, 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 :**

¡Qué importante es que cada niño que viene al mundo sea acogido por el calor de una familia! Las comodidades externas no importan: Jesús nació en un establo y tuvo un pesebre como primera cuna, pero el amor de María y de José le hizo sentir la ternura y la belleza de ser amado. (Benedicto XVI)

«Herodes va a buscar al niño para matarlo» (Mt 2,13). Una vez más, Herodes ataca, pero no debemos temer, porque la ayuda de Dios no falta en nuestra vida. Vayamos a Nazaret. Redescubramos la verdad sobre la familia y sobre la vida. Vivamos con alegría y anunciémosla al mundo.

La presencia de Dios en el mundo no detuvo el mal, el pecado, la pobreza, la soledad ni siquiera el sufrimiento. Pero nos ayudó y nos ayuda a afrontarlo, sin importar el lugar ni el momento.

A medida que nos acercamos al final del año calendario 2025, me gustaría reconocer a algunas de las muchas personas que hacen que esta parroquia sea exitosa.

El Sr. Michael Keno, su dedicado personal y los padres de familia de nuestra escuela.  
Nuestros Consejos Parroquial, Financiero, de Construcción y de Jardines.

Nuestros numerosos voluntarios que quizás nunca veas o conozcas, como los que limpian la iglesia, trabajan en el programa de alimentos, los coros y los que decoran la iglesia, los servidores, lectores, acomodadores, sacristanes y todos los demás ministros.

A todos los que trabajan y colaboran en nuestros Programas de Educación Religiosa: la Sociedad del Altar, Caballeros de Colón, Abrazos para Bebés, 135 y todas las demás organizaciones que apoyan nuestra parroquia y nuestros ministerios.

Nuestro personal parroquial. No tienen idea de lo que tienen que hacer a diario. Bodas y funerales, bautizos, intenciones de misa y el Calendario Parroquial Todopoderoso, sin mencionar la programación de los sacerdotes y su asistencia cuando es necesario.

Mis compañeros sacerdotes y comunidad de M.S.C., les agradezco su apoyo y consejos.

Y a ustedes, feligreses de tiempo completo y parcial que apoyan nuestra parroquia y nos permiten formar parte de sus vidas. Muchas gracias por permitirnos ejercer nuestros ministerios.  
Que Dios Todopoderoso los bendiga en el Año Nuevo.

#### **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 28 de diciembre de 2025**

Domingo: Eclo 3, 2-6. 12-14/Col 3, 12-21 o 3, 12-17  
Sal 128, 1-2. 3. 4-5/Mt 2, 13-15. 19-23

Lunes: 1 Jn 2, 3-11/Sal 95, 1-2. 2-3. 5-6/Lc 2, 22-35

Martes: 1 Jn 2, 12-17/Sal 95, 7-8. 8-9. 10/Lc 2, 36-40

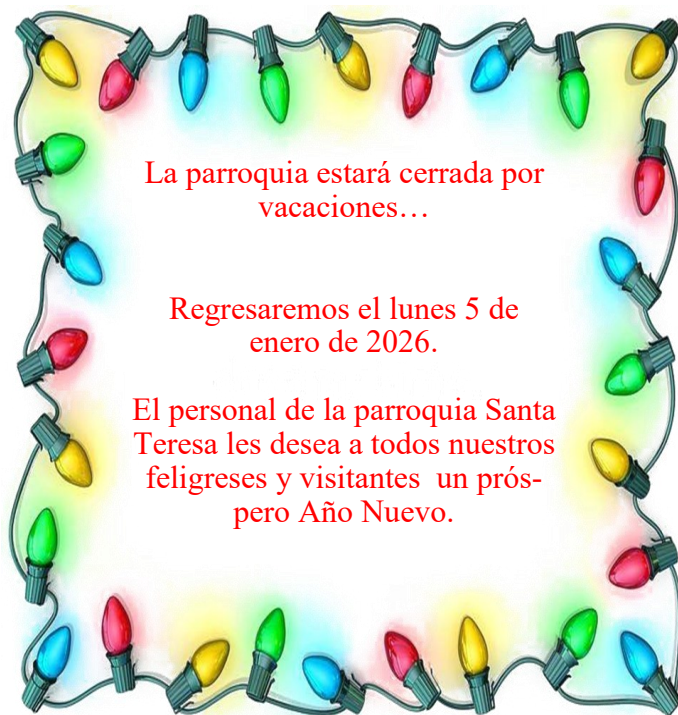
Miércoles: 1 Jn 2, 18-21/Sal 95, 1-2. 11-12. 13/Jn 1, 1-18

Jueves: Nm 6, 22-27/Sal 66, 2-3. 5. 6 y 8/Gal 4, 4-7/Lc 2, 16-21

Viernes: 1 Jn 2, 22-28/Sal 97, 1. 2-3. 3-4/Jn 1, 19-28

Sábado: 1 Jn 2, 29-3, 6/Sal 97, 1. 3-4. 5-6/Jn 1, 29-34

Domingo siguiente: Is 60, 1-6/Sal 71, 1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13/Ef 3, 2-3. 5-6/Mt 2, 1-12



### ORACIÓN DE AÑO NUEVO

Señor, Dios  
dueño del tiempo  
y de la eternidad.  
tuyo es el hoy, el mañana  
y el pasado y el futuro  
Al empezar un año mas  
detengo mi vida ante  
el nuevo calendario.  
aun sin estrenar  
te presento estos dias  
que solo Tú sabes si llegare  
a vivirlos.  
Hoy te pido para mi  
y los míos la paz y la alegría.  
La fuerza y la prudencia.  
La claridad y la sabiduría  
Quiero vivir cada día  
con optimismo y bondad  
llevando a todas partes  
un corazón lleno de  
comprensión y paz.  
Cierra tu mis oídos a toda falsedad,  
mis labios a palabras mentirosas,  
egoístas, mordaces o hirientes.  
Amén



### Oración por la familia

Dios mío,

¡Ayuda a mi familia a ser santa también!  
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!

### TIEMPO PARA EL AÑO – PLANIFICACIÓN TRIBUTARIA DE FINAL

En diciembre de 2015, el Congreso aprobó una ley  
Permitir a los individuos ceder acciones de sus  
Cuentas de jubilación individuales (IRA)  
directamente a una organización benéfica. Los  
obsequios de este tipo se denominan Distribución Cari-  
tativa Cualificada (QCD). Puede indicarle a su custodio  
de IRA que transfiera acciones directamente a una or-  
ganización benéfica como St.  
Theresa; sin embargo, debe tener 70 años y medio de  
edad o más para hacerlo. Al realizar este tipo de  
distribución, evita pagar impuestos sobre las ganancias  
de capital por la venta de acciones, si las  
acciones son transferido directamente. Obtienes una  
deducción por tu distribución. Para obtener  
información adicional, debe hablar con su contador,  
abogado o Asesor financiero.

**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.





**December 28, 2025**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

I remember the first time my older sister asked me if I wanted to hold her newborn son. Terrified, I told her I didn't think it was a good idea. My résumé had nothing to suggest I would be a qualified baby holder. But she warmly told me, "I'll help you hold him." It struck me that she is baby's mother. She is the one who decides who is qualified to hold him. I took him in my arms and soon I began to feel comfortable with that tiny little warm cooing creature in my arms, and soon I no longer feared holding him. Now, twenty-seven nieces and nephews later, holding a newborn child is one of the great joys of my life.

Do we sometimes think that Jesus is given only to the highly qualified, special religious people? In the Gospel of Luke today we hear about the presentation of the Lord in the temple. The newborn son of God is passed around like a baton in a relay race, not guarded like a precious jewel or a breakable china dish. We can see him going from the arms of Mary to Joseph, then to the priest performing the ceremony, then to Simeon the old man, then to Anna the old widow. Each one receiving him and then handing him to the next. A tidal wave of joy and thanksgiving follows wherever he is placed.

Believe me, you are qualified to hold Jesus in your arms. How can I say that with such confidence? Because the mother decides who is qualified. The Blessed Virgin, embodied in the Church, holds him out to you and me. She rejoices to place him in our arms to hold, and to hand him on, too.

— *Father John Muir*



**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.**

**TIME FOR YEAR- END TAX PLANNING**

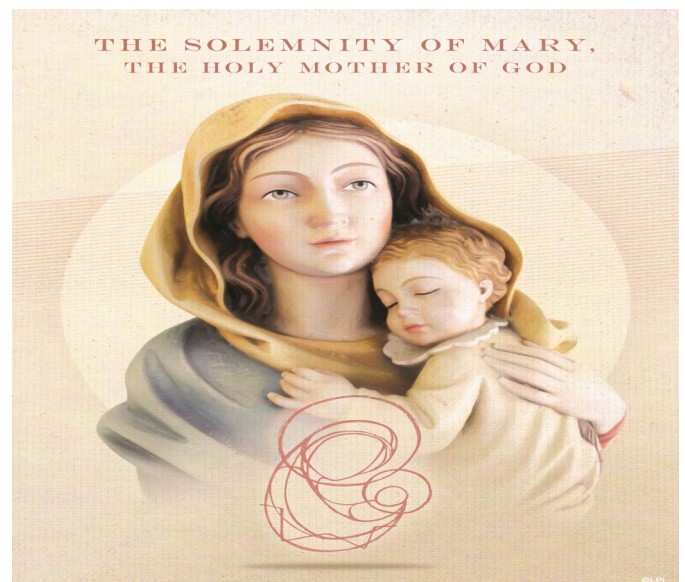
In December 2015, Congress passed a law Permitting individuals to give stock out of their Individual Retirement Accounts, (IRA) directly to a charity. Gifts of this types are called Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). You may instruct your IRA custodian to transfer stock directly to a Charity like 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.

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN**

**Question:** Which saint is the patron saint of priests?

**Answer:** St. John Vianney

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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!**