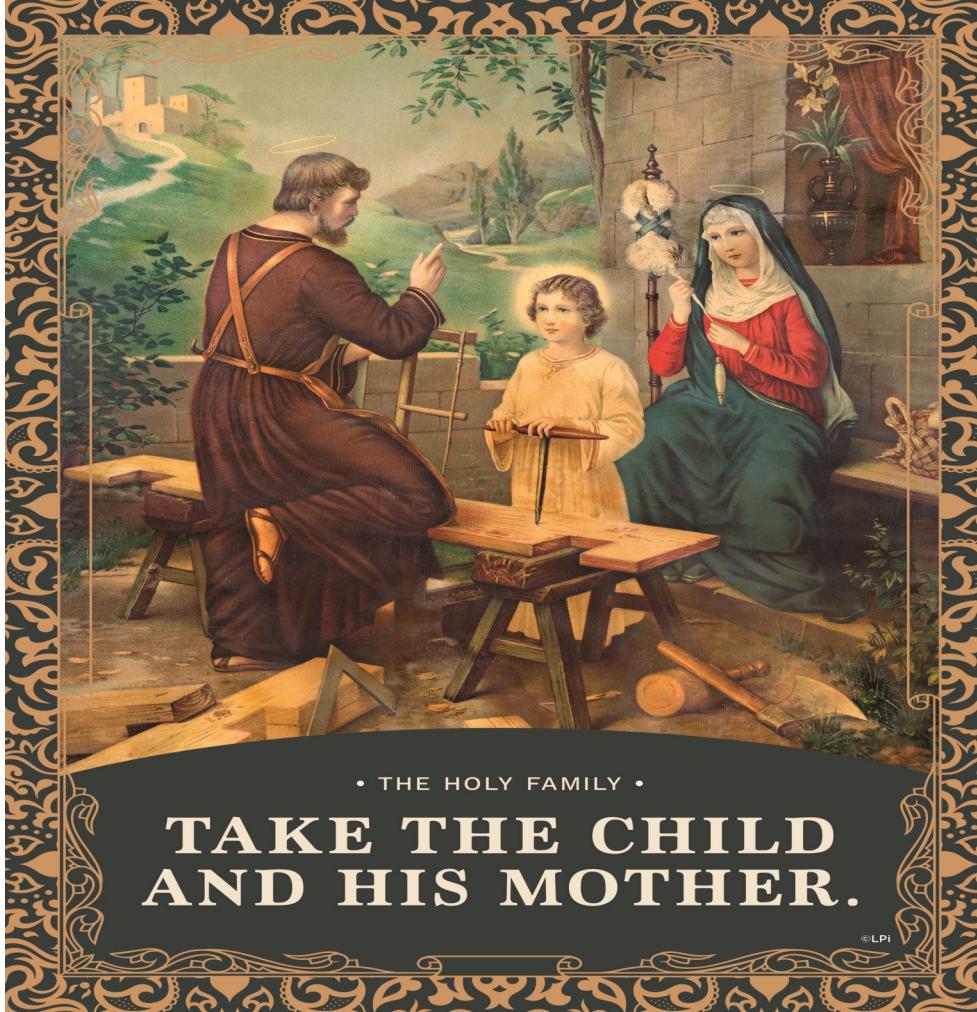




*St. Theresa of the
Child Jesus Church*
**2800 East Ramon Road, Palm
Springs, CA 92264**



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 Prójimo.

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Parish Office Hours

Monday—Friday: 8:00 am to 3:30 pm

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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:

"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

Total = \$58,760.10

Thanksgiving

\$3,355.50

All Soul's Day

\$203.00

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 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, 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- Espanol

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
Agustín 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 Piscopo, 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 Alverdiz, 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**



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

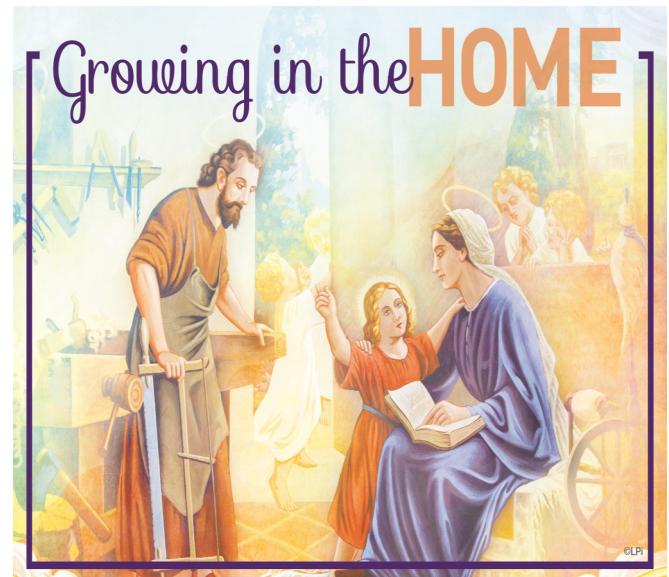
English Mass– 9:00am

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.



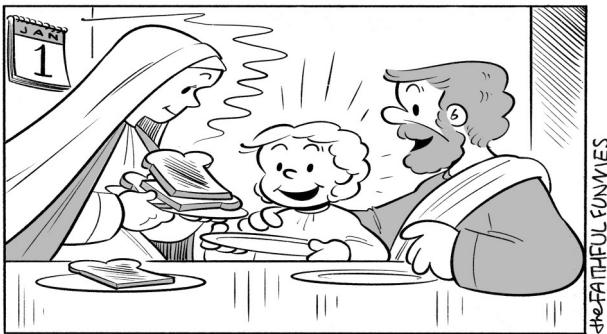
A New Year's Prayer

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!"



We celebrate the Holy Family on the Sunday after Christmas, and then the Mother of God on January 1. Celebrate these special days with intentional festivities.

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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



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:

¡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 anuncímosla 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](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

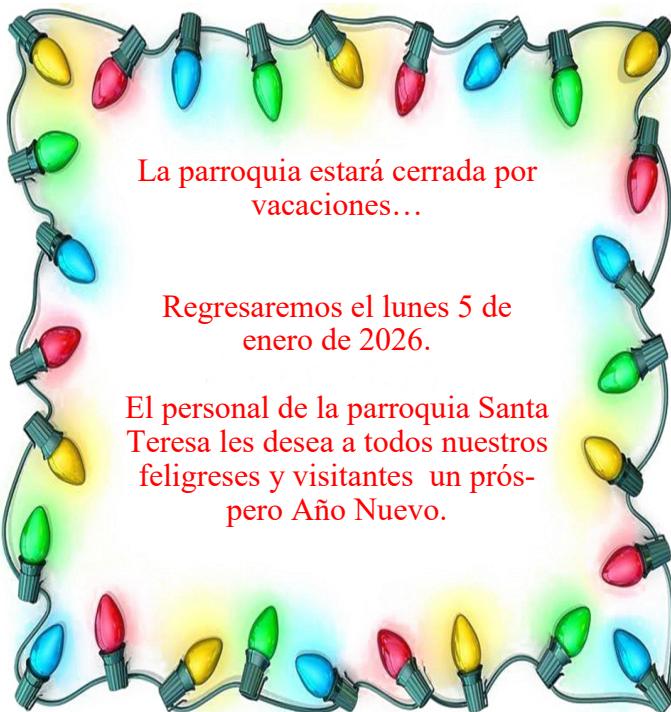
Miércoles: 1 Jn 2, 18-21/Sal 95, 1-2. 11-12. 13/Jn
1, 1-18

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



La parroquia estará cerrada por vacaciones...

Regresaremos el lunes 5 de enero de 2026.

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

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 días
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 orga-
nización 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 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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.

Estimated Annual Future Major Repairs and Replacements

In The Fiscal Years June 30, 2026 Through June 30, 2040

Preliminary Estimates - Please Refer to Note 1

Repave and Stripe Parking Lots	\$545,000
Replace HVAC Systems & Cooling Tower in Main Church Building	427,000
HVAC Systems in School and Gym	109,000
Other HVAC Systems	126,000
Paint Interiors Church, Rectory	21,000
Paint Building Exteriors - All	280,000
Roofing and Drains Church	220,000
Roofing - School	120,000
Parish Office Furniture, Equipment, flooring, Restrooms and Roofing	180,000
School Administration Section	142,000
Parish Hall Flooring, Kitchen, Furniture and Equipment	112,000
Wood Beams Repairs	150,000
Pony Wall Restoration	30,000
Parish Hall - Reroofing and Interior Repairs From Water Damage	65,000
Church Carpet, Sound System, Pews, Drinking Fountains, Restrooms	220,000
TOTAL	\$2,747,000

Note 1 - An updated Reserve Study by SCT Reserves Company will be done in the first Quarter of 2026.

The above figures will all be updated in the new Reserve Study. Additional items may be included.

Note 2 - Funding for the above items will come from the efforts of the 135 Ministry and our share of the net income from the Columbarium Niche sales. The cash flow from the Columbarium sales is still not reasonably known because of the accounting problems at the Cemetery Board level.

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

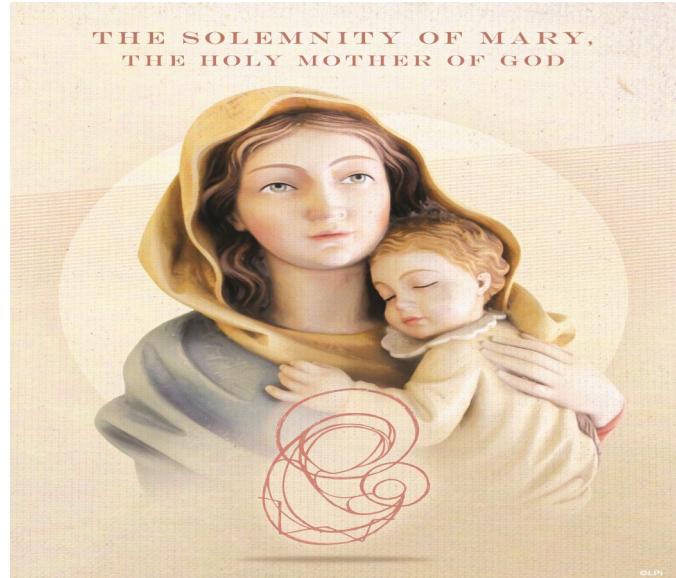
In December 2015, Congress passed a law Permitting individuals to give stock out of their Individual Retirement Accounts, (IRA) directly to a charity. Gifts of this types are called Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). You may instruct your IRA custodian to transfer stock directly to a Charity like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