

# ST. THERESA CHURCH

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## HOURS OF MASSES

### SATURDAY:

5:00 pm (English);

7:00 pm (Spanish)

### SUNDAYS:

8:00 am, 10:00 am and 12:00

### WEEKDAYS:

7:30 am (Monday - Friday)

**HOLY DAYS:** As Announced

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturdays 3:30 pm.

**DEVOTIONS:** Novena in honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help on Tuesday after 7:30 am Service.

Novena in honor of St. Theresa on Thursday after 7:30 am Service.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each Friday, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm in the Adoration Chapel and Saturday from 8:00 am-4:00 pm.

Divine Mercy, Friday after 7:30 am Service

**BAPTISMS/BAUTISMOS:** Please call 323-2669 for information/appointments./Favor de llamarnos.

**WEDDINGS:** Please contact the parish six months prior to setting a wedding date.

**SICK CALLS:** Please inform the parish immediately in case of serious illness or when any of the parishioners are confined to home or hospital for any length of time. Favor de avisarnos en caso de enfermedad.



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## Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 21, 2007

I lift up my eyes toward the mountains;  
whence shall help come to me?

My help is from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

— Psalm 121:1-2

### Our Parish Mission Statement:

We, the community of Christ's Faithful gathered in St. Theresa's, strive each day to become a beacon of hope to all. Inspired and supported by our weekly communal worship of the living God, we share our resources with one another and with those less fortunate.

Transformed by an ongoing prayerful relationship with the Gospel message, we are renewed by our education processes and fulfilled by a commitment to ministry.

Through daily concrete acts of peace, justice, compassion, and love, we strive to help bring about the kingdom of God.

### Nuestra Misión Parroquial

Nosotros, la comunidad de fieles cristianos reunidos en St. Teresita, nos esforzamos cada día por ser un faro de esperanza para todos. Inspirados y apoyados semanalmente con nuestra común celebración del Dios viviente, compartimos nuestros recursos especialmente con aquellos menos afortunados.

Transformados por una continua oración inspirada por el mensaje evangélico, somos renovados por nuestros procesos educativos y en el cumplimiento de nuestros compromisos ministeriales.

Diariamente, a través de actos concretos de paz, justicia, compasión y de amor, nos esforzamos en ayudar a realizar el reino de Dios.

**REFLECTIONS**

The nurses all knew her on a first-name basis. It was her eighth major orthopedic surgery in fifteen years. Arthritis had eaten away her knees, her shoulders, her feet, part of her spine, and now one hip was gone. She knew that after surgery every step forward would be followed by half a step back, but she refused to give in to the disease. Restricted in her movement, she put on her stockings with a long-handled gadget. She had many gadgets to maintain her independence. Some people might call her stubborn. Her friends call her faith-filled and courageous. This is the cross God blessed for her. She embraced it, held it up, and dragged it along with each new prosthesis.

There are times when we wish that we could approach obstacles with a once-and-for-all approach: "I will clean the kitchen really well and never have to clean it again" or "I will cut the grass, and the yard will always look good." We know that in the tasks of life, persistence is necessary. We cannot pray occasionally or go to Mass sporadically and expect to develop a healthy spiritual life. Timothy tells us this week to proclaim the message with persistence, whatever our situation. Sometimes prayer gets relegated to the "one day" category, one day when we are not in such a rush, one day when we set up a special prayer area, one day when we are not so tired. As we put off prayer and make plans to do it right, we need to remember that life is what happens while we are making plans. Are daily Morning and Evening Prayer as well as Grace at mealtimes your norm?

*Proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching (2 Timothy 4:2).*

**FAITH SHARING**

- ✦ Young children love using stickers. Help your child create a brightly colored chart to record prayer times, adding on a new sticker each prayer time. A prayer chart can help a child see whether or not he or she is being persistent in prayer.
- ✦ For many people, prayer includes asking for favors. When the favors do not come in the way of person, young or old, thinks they should, the questions arises, "Does God answer prayer?" A good answer to this question is that God answers prayers. Sometimes the answer is yes, sometimes it is no, and sometimes it is "Wait awhile." A family project might be to keep a journal of prayer requests. During family prayer time, write down prayer petitions. Leave a space to make notations when something unexpected happens regarding the situation, being open to unexpected ways God sometimes answers.

**FAMILY DISCUSSION**

- ✦ In the parable of the persistent widow, Jesus tells us that the widow was asking for a just decision against an adversary. How can I help those in the world who suffer from decisions made by unjust adversaries?
- ✦ Which saints, in spirit of their troubles, modeled persistent praying for me?

**Saturday, October 20****5:00 pm**

Fr. Lawrence Greiner +  
Loretta Grzesck +  
Nick Oasay +

**7:00 pm**

Jorge Gonzalez +  
Julian Gomez +

**Sunday, October 21****8:00 am**

Nick Oasay +  
Faye Craft +  
George Sheridan +

**10:00 am**

John A. Lanca +  
Jean Luhm +  
Thomas Luhm +  
Baby Anthony Ciolli +

**Noon**

Frances Mary Negri +  
Leon Perera +  
Bernardo Callego +  
Pablo Casarez +

**Monday, October 22****7:30 am**

Nick Oasay +  
William Glennon +  
In Thanksgiving to  
Sacred Heart

**Tuesday, October 23****7:30 am**

Bob & Virginia Clark +  
Michael Krahn +  
Dorothy Murray +  
Frank A. Gonchar +

**Wednesday, October 24****7:30 am**

Stephano Mazzotti +

**Thursday, October 25****7:30 am**

**Communion Service**

**Friday, October 26****7:30 am**

**For Our Parishioners**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21  
 Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Lk 12:35-38  
 Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48  
 Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53  
 Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59  
 Saturday: Rom 8:1-11; Lk 13:1-9  
 Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14



**PLEASE  
PRAY  
FOR**

John DeKoning	Elizabeth Thompson
Mary Manitto	Nancy Gulley
John Dulin	Juan Carlos Manjou
Robert Malatin	Fred Baltez, Jr.
Sara Malatin	Joseph Barrett
Debbie Malatin	Guadalupe Ortega
Richard Weaver	Ramona Higley
Emily Vella	Katie Corey-Ciulli
Nelda Chagin	Jerry Foley
Bill Byrne	Megan Evers
Betty Richardson	Helen Davis
Odette Robertson	Terry Holm
Hope Studebaker	Marie Domenici
Connie Foreman	Claudia Ward
Ines Amante	Jacqueline Anderson
Gisele Bolduc	Elsie Hernandez
Raul Genera	Lennie Ruiz
John Brennan in Iraq	Johnathan Domenici
David Harris in Iraq	Eugene Belskis
Barbara Nelson	Rick Ferns
Claudia Escobar	Margaret Mc Glynn
Lisa Frank (15 yrs old)	Victoria Rosellon
Frank Bojar	Michelle Delen
Ramon Guilles	Howard Roddy
Aleda Coen	Bob Arthur
John Grzesek	Barbara Watkowski
Patricia Egan	
Barbara Nelson	
Don Reschke	
John Nabhan	
Veronica Penhall	
Chris Jenkins	
Bill Cockrell	
Lee Abbamondi	

All ask for your prayers. Please notify the parish office of those ill at home or in the hospital. We would like to celebrate the Sacrament of the sick with them as soon as they become ill.

**Scripture Study**  
 Monday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Daily Mass Chapel  
*All are invited to attend.*

**Weekly Offering**

October 14, 2007



Envelopes..... \$6,456.75  
 Loose..... 3,270.69  
 Total.....\$ 9,727.44

*Our costs are very high and as you can tell our income is low. Many give \$1.00.*

Thank you for your generous donations.  
 Every sacrifice helps keep your parish strong.

**This weekend October 20th and 21st we will have a Second Collection for the Propagation of Faith. We are called to offer our prayers and financial support for the worldwide missionary work of the church. Thank you for your generosity.**

The San Damiano Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order cordially invites you to the Celebration of the 800th Anniversary of the Birth of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, and the Profession of our new members. Sunday, November 18th at 8:30 am Mass. For more info call Catherine at 363-1922.

**St. Theresa Social Club**  
 All are welcome to join us and the 6th grade  
 On Tuesday, October 30th  
**Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibit at The Natural History Museum in San Diego**

Cost: \$47  
 Bus departs 7:15 am—Returns 4:30  
 Lunch on our own.  
 Call Elizabeth for more info at 328-0917.



**All Saints' Day Masses**  
 Thursday, November 1st  
 7:30 am, 9:00 am and 7:00 pm  
**Holy Day of Obligation**



**All Souls' Day Masses**  
 Friday, November 2nd  
 7:30 am and 7:00 pm

## From the Pastor

Monsignor Philip A. Behan

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### A Winter's tail

A recent Associated Press article gave a great example of persistence. Two years ago, a Florida fisherman found a three-month-old Atlantic bottlenose dolphin tangled in a crab trap buoy line. As the dolphin tried to swim away, the line tightened around her tail, strangling the blood supply to her tail flukes. The fisherman brought the dolphin to an aquarium, where veterinarians were able to save the dolphin but not her tail.



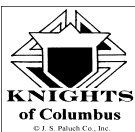
Scientists wondered if an artificial tail could be designed for the dolphin, whom they named Winter. Kevin Carroll, one of the world's leading prosthetic designers, was moved by Winter's plight and volunteered his services. But designing a prosthetic for a dolphin turned out to be a trickier process than Carroll anticipated—dolphins possess one of the most powerful swimming mechanisms in nature, so an artificial tail would have to be light enough to adhere to a dolphin's sensitive skin and strong enough to withstand the enormous force of the animal's propulsion.

Nevertheless, Carroll's team of designers and veterinarians were convinced that the technology existed to meet the challenge. For months, they experimented with different designs and materials. Finally, Carroll and his team invented a gel sleeve that clings to Winter's tail without irritating her sensitive skin—the sleeve sticks to Winter's back and tail bone with suction the same

way a rubber surgical glove grips a human hand. Winter took immediately to the first fitting of the new tail—now comes the slow, hard work of teaching her to swim with the prosthetic.

But the gel sleeve also gives new hope to human amputees. Carroll has already used the gel to make new artificial legs for an Air Force airman who lost both limbs and a hand in a mortar attack in Iraq. Sharp bone spurs from his injury made walking with previous prosthetic devices extremely painful. The design team's persistence and Winter's patience promise new possibilities in prosthetics for all mammals—mammals of every shape and tail and limb structure.

In the course of coming up with a new tail for Winter, the team's lead veterinarian said: "We put together a team who doesn't know what 'no' means. As long as you're willing to try, you can make a big difference." Winter and her human friends mirror the persistence of the widow in today's Gospel. Jesus praises her perseverance in fighting for what is right and just and assures us that when we act out of love, compassion and justice, the Spirit of God will be with us in our struggle to find the words and courage to confront evil and hurt, to challenge those who threaten to harm us and those we love. Such persistence and perseverance are not easy to maintain: it demands loving the unlovable; it compels us to work things out when walking away from the relationship makes more sense; it calls us to overcome our own fears to confront an even greater harm. Nor does Jesus pretend that such perseverance won't be frustrating and disappointing. What Jesus does promise, however, is that when we are persistent for what is right and just, for what is good and healing, our resolve will one day be rewarded.



**Palm Springs Council #3583**  
 Monthly meetings at St. Theresa  
 Officer's meeting—First Tuesday at  
 7:00 pm and Business meeting—  
 Last Tuesday at 7:00 pm  
**NOVEMBER 2007**  
 2nd—Fish fry 5-6:30 pm (Movie night)  
 18th—3rd degree—Parish Hall 1-7 pm

*St. Theresa's Altar Society  
 will host a Neapolitan Lasagna  
 Dinner/Dance on  
 Saturday, October 27th  
 from 5:00 (Social Hour) and  
 Dinner at 6:00 pm.*



**Tickets are on sale after the 8 and 10 masses today.**

**NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.**  
**Tickets are also available in the parish office.**

**SCHOOL NEWS**



**Gift Acquisition Month:** Gift Acquisition month continues to October 26th. We are seeking gifts of all kinds, including get certificates to use in our various fund-raisers this year.

**No School:** there will be no school for St. Theresa School students on Monday, October 22nd, as the teachers will attend an in-service on that day. School will resume at the regular time on Tuesday, October 23rd.

**September Award Winners:** Students of the Month for September were: Miles Beebe, Caitlin Zakkour, Renee Aguilar, Regan Nelson, Natalie Valencia, Trisha Diolest, Nicholas Kaufmann, Marella Sabio, James Handal, David Bell, Laura Himelman, and Peter Schultz.



Personal Success Award winners were; Charles Luhm, Casey Libretti, Brittany Parmley, Steven Modelewski, Cameron Matthews, Connor Nelson, Jenna Cersare, Burke Meyers, Yoomin Kim, Fabian Camerena, Naoim Nelson, and Jacob Kellner.

Knights of Columbus Disciple of Jesus Award winners were: Carson Zenedjian, Sierra Barrack, Nora Arevalo, Nadia Hernandez, Megan Mc Nulty, Cassidy LaSalle, Monica Castaneda, Tony Castrodale, and Raven Davidson.

***Congratulations to all of the winners for a job well done!***

**ACHIEVING SANCTITY**

Our Lord has created persons for all states in life, and in all of them we see people who have achieved sanctity by fulfilling their obligations well.

—St. Anthony Mary Claret

<p><b>Adoration Chapel</b> Elizabeth Raynes-328-0917</p> <p><b>Altar Servers</b> Parish Office – 323-2669</p> <p><b>Altar Society</b> Theresa Howell—323-2669</p> <p><b>Baptism Preparation</b> Parish Office – 323-2669</p> <p><b>Religious Education and Youth Ministry English &amp; Español</b> Cathie Knox – 323-4351 Jackie Macias—323-8862 Email-Reled@stsp.org</p> <p><b>Choir and Music</b> Yvonne Bluto – 323-2669</p> <p><b>Pro-Life Ministry</b> Rae Wenzel —416-9086</p> <p><b>Ministry to the Sick and Parish Prayer Group</b> Mary Fran Peterson – 219-2442</p> <p><b>Environment Committee</b> Charles Brown - 202-0910</p> <p><b>Eucharistic Ministers</b> Parish Office – 323-2669</p> <p><b>Secular Franciscans (SFO)</b> Dave Hatcher—285-9591</p>	<p><b>Hospitality</b> Parish Office—323-2669</p> <p><b>Social Justice</b> Zach Hoover—899-0544 zach@icucpico.org</p> <p><b>Spanish Prayer Group Grupo de Oración</b> Carlos Trinidad—831-7773</p> <p><b>Hug-a-Baby</b> Elizabeth Raynes-328-0917</p> <p><b>Knights of Columbus</b> Mark J. Lanca—318-0976</p> <p><b>Lectors</b> Ted Grofer— 325-3636</p> <p><b>Marriage Preparation</b> Parish Office – 323-2669</p> <p><b>RCIA</b> Parish Office – 323-2669</p> <p><b>Spiritual Direction</b> Gertrude La Fia –323-2669</p> <p><b>Ushers</b> Jack Sauter – 324-1319</p> <p><b>Food Bank</b> Parish Office—323-2669</p> <p><b>Parish Website</b> <a href="http://sttheresaps.com">sttheresaps.com</a></p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:parishoffice@stsp.org">parishoffice@stsp.org</a></p>
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**Live Scan Fingerprinting**



will be available in the parish hall on Tuesday, October 23rd from 3:00-5:00pm

This service is provided for anyone who is interested in volunteering their services for the school and/or the church.

**Fingerprinting is mandatory !**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**We are in need of anyone who would like to share their faith and teach religious education to children and adults. Please call Cathie at 323-4351.**

**MARTHA’S VILLAGE & KITCHEN**

If you want to make a difference in someone's life, it may also make a difference in yours. Some will remember your smile, your kind greeting, your helping hand.

If you would like to volunteer at Martha's Village for the upcoming holidays, events, as well as our year round daily operations, please call Christine Lyon at 347-4747 ex 310 or [www.marthasvillage.org](http://www.marthasvillage.org)

	<p><b>St. Theresa School will be collecting Teddy bears and adult blankets, for the Marines in Iraq. This is in support of Father Hannigan’s ministry. There is also a need for hand sanitizers and non-perishable snacks. We will be collecting these items during the month of October.</b></p> <p><b>All items donated <u>MUST BE NEW.</u></b> <b>Please bring your donations to the <u>school office.</u></b> <b>Thank you.</b></p>	
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## Vigésimoprimer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

### NECESITAMOS UNA PEQUEÑA EPIFANÍA

La primera lectura de hoy, tomada del profeta Isaías, nos recuerda las lecturas de ese mismo profeta que escuchamos cuando ya el tiempo de Navidad llegaba a su término con la celebración de la Epifanía del Señor. En ese momento del año cristiano, el mensaje de las lecturas es básicamente el mismo de hoy: la gracia redentora de Dios no conoce fronteras. Esta gracia es tan maravillosa, que nuestras regiones geográficas e instituciones humanas no la pueden contener. Cuando Dios revela esa gracia, su maravillosa grandeza atrae a personas de todas partes y de donde menos uno se espera; de lugares que a veces parecen indeseables a los ojos de los que quisieran contener o controlar el poder salvador de Dios. Y entonces, en un flujo y reflujo de la gloria divina, la buena nueva de la constancia, la misericordia, el amor y la fidelidad de Dios, que han atraído a una miríada de personas hacia Dios, llegará con su mensaje a todas las naciones y a todas las personas, tal como se canta en el Salmo de hoy.

### PERO . . . ¿AHORA MISMO?

El fin de los tiempos, tal como nos dice Jesús hoy, va a estar lleno de sorpresas. La sorpresa subyacente es que no hay manera de saber la hora precisa en que el ungido de Dios volverá en su gloria. A los que se preguntaban ansiosamente el número de los que se han de salvar, Jesús les contesta, no con una cifra, sino con una descripción de los que serán salvos: todos los que se hayan disciplinado en el Señor para poder entrar al cielo por la puerta estrecha. Hay quienes presumen de “conocer a alguien” dentro del cielo, y por eso se pueden permitir una vida de maldad. Pero Jesús les dice que sus influencias no les valdrán de nada. El amo que está a la puerta no les podrá conocer por el velo de pecados con que vienen cubiertos. Los que presumían de que su “buena sangre” y la alianza que Dios había hecho con sus antepasados les garantizaría la entrada para unirse a los patriarcas y profetas, sentirán que sus dientes rechinan y no se sentarán al banquete del reino. Según Jesús, todos los que levantaron murallas y perpetuaron posiciones o rangos, verán destruidas las fronteras celestiales que imaginaron, y verán también que los mejores y más altos lugares se ofrecen a otros. ¿Quieres tener un puesto en la mesa del banquete? ¡Empieza a vivir de manera que los otros invitados te quieran tener a su lado!

*Lecturas de hoy: Isaías 66:18-21; Salmo 117:1, 2; Hebreos 12:5-7, 11-13; Lucas 13:22-30*

## Noticias Del Ministerio Hispano

### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Rom 4:20-25; Lc 12:13-21  
 Martes: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Lc 12:35-38  
 Miércoles: Rom 6:12-18; Lc 12:39-48  
 Jueves: Rom 6:19-23; Lc 12:49-53  
 Viernes: Rom 7:18-25a; Lc 12:54-59  
 Sábado: Rom 8:1-11; Lc 13:1-9  
 Domingo: Eclo 35:12-14, 16-18; Sal 34 (33); 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lc 18:9-14

### VIDA PRECIOSA

Aquel que destruye una sola vida es tan culpable como si destruyera el mundo entero; y aquel que rescata a una sola vida merece tanto mérito como si hubiera rescatado el mundo entero.

—Talmud Mishna. Sanedrín

### TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

En 1823 se fundó el pueblo de San Rafael de las Quebradillas en Puerto Rico. Este pueblo fue dedicado al santo patrón de los pescadores. Rafael, también es el ángel patrón de la salud. Aunque hoy día su fiesta esta combinada con los otros arcángeles el 29 de septiembre, en el viejo calendario este santo fue conmemorado el 24 de octubre.

Rafael (Dios Salva) se encuentra en el libro de Tobías y según el autor bíblico, este ángel es el ángel de la guarda de Tobías. El mismo Rafael se presenta como uno de los siete ángeles o arcángeles que llevan las oraciones de los justos al trono de Dios y que gozan de la presencia gloriosa del Santísimo (Tobías 12:15).

Mi padre siempre dice que hay que pedir una cosa a Dios, la salud. Si tenemos la salud nada nos falta. Es interesante que en latín, salud y salvación son la misma palabra, *salus*. El santo patrón de la salud, Rafael nos recuerda que Dios es el único que nos puede salvar, dándonos salud de cuerpo, alma y espíritu.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.