

ST. THERESA CHURCH

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CELEBRATING THE YEAR FOR PRIESTS

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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 (Noon)

WEEKDAYS:

Monday - Friday at 7:30 am

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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each Friday: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm in the Adoration Chapel and Saturdays from 8:30 am-4:30 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.



First Sunday of Lent February 21, 2010

*The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart.
— Romans 10:8*

Our Parish Mission Statement:

We, the Roman Catholic 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 Católica 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.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Every moment of the Israelites' exodus journey from Egypt to the Promised Land, their God was with them, saving, redeeming, and delivering them from oppression. Through their struggles to be faithful and resist temptation, God heard their cry and stretched out his arm to protect them. The chosen people could trust that their God would never abandon the people he loved.

During his sojourn in the desert, Jesus was filled with and led by the Spirit of God. In his encounter with Satan's temptations, Jesus had faith that God's power was with him. He trusted that God would never abandon the Son he loved.

Now it is our turn to trust. Lent is a time to begin a journey with God. This journey might prove to be dangerous and to bring surprise to us. We know it led Jesus to Calvary and the cross. The journey can lead us to reform (or form again) our lives and return our hearts to God's saving power and grace. God will never abandon us on this journey.

*We cried out to the Lord, the God of our fathers, and he heard our cry and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression
(Deuteronomy 26:7)*

SHARING FAITH

- * What are your images of a Lenten journey of transformation?
- * During Lent, we are drawn into remembering the Paschal Mystery—Jesus' suffering, death, and Resurrection. How does your life reflect this mystery?
- * When you find temptation in your life this week, how will you call on God's help?

LIVING THE LITURGY

- * If you don't have a crucifix hanging in a room where you spend a great deal of time, consider hanging one there for Lent. Try making a crucifix out of faces from newspapers or photos to remind you that God came for each of us. Take a brief moment each day to offer a prayer to the Lord asking for help in being an example of his merciful love that day.
- * Lent is a journey of personal examination. Ash Wednesday uses Jesus' words to his disciples to give us three good markers for reforming our lives during this season; give alms, pray, and fast. Reflection takes time. Schedule time for a retreat during Lent.
- * Read all the Psalm 91. The psalmist speaks the first verses (1-13) and God speaks the concluding verses (14-16). Journal about what you understand from this exchange between humanity and God.

Mass Intentions**Saturday, February 20****5:00 pm**

Odette Robertson +
Frankie Bucio +
Special Intention:
Florence Cruz
Fred Giron

7:00 pm

For our deceased parishioners

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

Patricia Hellencamp +
Stan Fairhurst +
Mary Frances Cody +
Charles Keller +

10:00 am

Julia Mayer +
Edwin Klimmek +
Benamin Lacbay +
Porotea Lacbay +
Bong Lacbay +

Noon

Matt Perample +
Daniel Chavez +

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

Terry Howell +
Lillian Norcia +

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

For our parishioners

Wednesday, February 24

For our deceased parishioners

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

Robert Landry +
Special Intention:
Jonathan Barber

Friday, February 26

Lillian Norcia +

1st Sunday of Lent

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48
 Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27;
 Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

LENTEN MOVIE NIGHT

Change of Date

**Thursday, March 11th at 6:30 pm.
 'ROMERO'**

This year March 24th is the 30th anniversary of his assassination in El Salvador. Join us as we celebrate his courage. One man's courage is the most powerful weapon of all. Let us not forget.

Knights of Columbus

Join the Knights of Columbus in the parish hall every Friday during Lent for their delicious Fish Fry. Dinner begins at 5:00 pm until 6:30 pm.



LENTEN REGULATIONS

Abstinence from Meat:

Age 14 and older abstain from meat on Good Friday and ALL the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting - Ages 18-59

One full meal and two smaller meals - no snacks between meals - Good Friday.

Fast And
Abstinence



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**Lenten Penance Service
 will be held Thursday, March 4th
 at 7:00 pm.**

We gather in celebration of a forgiving God and in preparation for the great feast of Easter. Please join us!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AT HOME OR IN THE HOSPITAL

Mary Manitto	Gail Hoffman
John Dulin	Artie Sesma
Sara Malatin	James Beal
Emily Vella	Morrie Harris
Bill Byrne	Vera Perez
Norma Natividad	Pushpa Makker
Brittney Carrero	Marcos Yunen
Kenneth Kelley	Adrian Booth Brian
Connie Villamar	Al Flogge
Margarita Magnabittton	Hania Gleeson
Grace Roque	Keira Ibarra (3 years old)
Micki Stowe	José Sapnu
Dyanna Mc Call	Celia Martinez
Charles Flogge	Jill Canales
Margaret Flogge Chiarucci	Karissa Mc Ginness
Robert Felcoski	Norma(Twinkle)Underwood
Stephanie Malatin	Bertha Ortiz
Bill Gulley	Andrew Gabayac
Bonni Quinn	Benedict Nielson 5 years old
D'Ambra Cabudol	Patty Nelson
Richard Broadie	Nathan Nelson
Josie Tumolo	Marino Family
Bette Henritze	All ask for your prayers.
Bill Baird	Please notify the parish
Ramon Guilles	office of those ill, at home,
Lisa Iwohn	or in the hospital.
James White	If you need an Anointing
Ernesto Castillo	of the Sick, please call the
Maria De La Luz	parish office at 323-2669.
Angelita Batoon	
Jerry Horton	

Sunday, February 21st

***Congratulations to Fr. James White
 on his Anniversary of his Ordination***

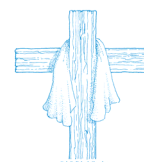
Stations of the Cross

Wednesday mornings at 8:00 am after morning mass in the church and Fridays at 6:30 pm in the Daily Chapel after the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry.

All are invited to attend.



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A Message from Monsignor Philip A. Behan

God's Invitation

Lent is a season of being invited by God in a deeply personal way. "Come back to me, with all of your heart," our Lord beckons. "We will," we respond, but we aren't quite ready yet, our hearts are not prepared. We want to squirm, evade, avoid. Our souls are not yet perfect. We are not ready for God to love us.

Yes, of course we want to have a deeper relationship with God, we tell ourselves earnestly. And we will...Soon. God calls to us again: *Come back to me, with all of your heart.*

Ok, ok, I really will. Just a few more things to do at work. Let me spend a little more time in prayer first. Let me get to Reconciliation. Let me clear my oven, tidy my closets. Sell my yoke of oxen. Check a field I have purchased....

Come back to me, with all of your heart.

It is an extraordinary invitation to each one of us. To *me* in a personal, individual way.

God invites me to drop the defenses that I hold up between myself and God. All God wants is for me to realize that *my* standards, my way of judging and loving are so very different from God's way, and so much smaller. God offers an entire Lent season, an entire lifetime, of loving me unconditionally, no matter what I have done or

how much I think I have hidden from God.

But our God is insistent, loving, gently prodding. God is the parent of the Prodigal Child, waiting faithfully, eagerly on the road for our return, night after night. There are no folded arms and stern judging stares, only the straining eyes of a parent eager for our return, longing to embrace us and rejoice in us.

Yet we spend so much time trying to think of *how* to return and what to say, how to begin the conversation. It's only when we finally appear after so much time away, embarrassed and confused, that we understand we don't have to say anything. We only have to show up.

Look up there on the road ahead of us; our loving God is jumping up and down for joy. The invitation to us has been heard. We have returned home!

What's the next step on our journey home? We could take the earliest moments of our day, before we have gotten out of bed to thank God for such a loving invitation and ask for help in opening our hearts to it. We could read the daily readings for Mass from the Scriptures each day. We could remember throughout the day the invitation that has moved our hearts: *Come back to me, with all of your heart.* And we can rejoice along with God. We can share with the needy.

That is the invitation of each day of Lent. Today is the day to accept it.

Prayer Meeting
Every Wednesday in the Adoration Chapel
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

All are invited to attend!

February 14, 2010

SUNDAY OFFERING



Envelope.....\$8,128.50
 Loose.....3,587.35
 Total.....\$11,715.85

Thank you so much for your contributions.
 Please use the special red-bordered envelopes for your gift if you do not have parish envelopes. We need your weekly help to keep St. Theresa strong and vibrant.

Diocesan Development Fund (DDF) ~ 2010

Once a year, our bishop invites each of us to make a commitment to support the work of our diocesan programs and ministries that provide service that no one parish could provide on its own. Even more importantly, the purpose of the diocesan ministries is to help all of God's children build deeper and more meaningful relationships with Him. This effort is a means by which we can all work together to care for the church by sharing the gifts God has granted us. Our parish goal is \$58,800. We welcome you to join us in joyfully supporting the Diocesan Development Fund. To date we have received \$31,236 from 72 donors. Thank you so much. We have 2000 member families in the parish so make your pledge today. Thanks.

Adoration Chapel

Elizabeth Raynes-328-0917

Altar Servers

Parish Office – 323-2669

Altar Society

Elizabeth Raynes—323-2669

Baptism Preparation

Parish Office – 323-2669

Choir and Music

Tammy Hubler – 323-2669

Environment Committee

Charles Brown - 202-0910

Eucharistic Ministers

Parish Office – 323-2669

Food Bank

Parish Office— 323-2669

Filipino Community

Josephine Imus—333-2887

Hug-a-Baby

Sally Sauter—324-1319

Knights of Columbus

Jack Sauter—324-1319

Lectors

Ted Grofer— 325-3636

Marriage Preparation

Parish Office – 323-2669

Ministry to the Sick and

Parish Prayer Group

Mary Fran Peterson – 323-2669

Pro-Life Ministry

Rae Wenzel —416-9086

RCIA

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Religious Education

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Spanish Prayer Group

Grupo de Oración

Carlos Trinidad—831-7773

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Gertrude La Fia –323-2669

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**Lenten Retreat
One Day Retreat**

Dates: February 27, March 6, 13, 20 or 27

Time: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Where: Sisters of St. Benedict, 12710 Blue Mountain Court. Grand Terrace, Ca.

Donation: \$ 25 per person which includes lunch.

Reservations Necessary: call 909-783-4121.

You are cordially invited to come back to High School... Shadow a Xavier Student!

In June of 2010 Xavier College preparatory High School will graduate its first Senior Class!

Xavier's student body has grown from 48 to 343 students since opening its doors in 2006. Come experience why Xavier and its students are a fundamental piece of the growth and future of the Coachella Valley. February 25th and March 25th 8:15 until 10:30 am. Kindly respond 760-601-3900 ext 6211

St. Theresa Altar Society Calendar

Friday, March 19th ~ Day of Recollection at St. Theresa's at 9:00 am in the Chapel conducted by Monsignor Behan

SCHOOL NEWS

Scholarships to St. Theresa School:

During these challenging economic times, many parents are experiencing difficulty paying tuition for their children to attend St. Theresa School. As a result, some are forced to withdraw their children.

Can you help?

If you can donate any amount of money to help our St. Theresa Scholarship Fund, your gift would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Winter Gala:

Tickets are available for the 31st annual Winter Gala at the Riviera Resort and Spa. The event will be held on February 27th. A \$300 ticket gets you and a guest dinner, dancing, entertainment by **Paul Casey**, the original Las Vegas Elvis, silent and live auctions, mock casino gaming, and the grand prize of \$10,000.

The event has traditionally been a grand one with funds going to the St. Theresa Educational Fund to help families with tuition. Tickets are available at the school. For more information call 760-327-4919.

Please save your one and three pound metal coffee cans for seventh grade science class. Thanks.

Science Fair Congratulations!: Congratulations are sent to the students and their teachers in grades 4-7 who participated in our Science Fair. The projects were excellent! Many thanks, too, are extended to Louisa Castrodale and Mr. Routon who coordinated the event. The seventh grade students won the top prizes and will compete this spring at the Country Science Fair: Nick Martin, Isabella and Sophia Castrodale, and Collin Finegan. Good job!

HINI flu Shots:

Riverside County Health Department will administer HINI flue shots on Tuesday, February 23rd from 2:30—4:30 in the school gym. Please call the school office if you are planning to get a vaccination so we can assure ample supplies of shots.

**Call to Care
Catholic Charities**

A caregiver resource day: an education and opportunity event

Location: University of Phoenix, 75153 Merle Drive, Palm Desert

RSVP to Nikki Grenier at 858-361-7125 or nikki.grenier@phoenix.edu.

ALGO EXTRA

¿Cuántas veces te han preguntado a qué has renunciado por Cuaresma? ¡Algunas veces nos quedamos con esos hábitos de la niñez de dejar de comer dulces durante ese tiempo! Pero, ¿por qué no abordar la Cuaresma desde otro ángulo? ¿Por qué no poner nuestro esfuerzo en hacer algo extra para honrar a Dios?

Reconcíliate con alguien que te disgusta, con alguien que por lo regular tratas de evitar encontrarte o con alguien a quien has herido de alguna manera.

Practica acciones bondadosas para con los demás sin esperar nada en cambio.

Cómprale una comida a una persona indigente.

Decide no escuchar ni hacerte eco de ningún chisme.

Dedica un tiempo para disfrutar de la naturaleza en un lugar al aire libre—tu patio, un parque, junto a un lago—aunque sólo sea por media hora.

Lee lo más que puedas acerca de lo que causa pobreza.

Esto te servirá no sólo para adquirir conocimientos útiles sobre economía, sociología y biología, sino que también te ayudará a conocer mejor cómo servir a Dios en los pobres.

Ahórrate el costo de una comida al día durante la Pascua y dónalo a una obra caritativa de tu gusto.

Estudia, medita y ora con uno o dos pasajes de las Escrituras todos los días.

Piensa en Dios mientras haces uno de tus quehaceres cotidianos.

Si estás enfermo, confinado a tu hogar o a menudo en la calle, ora por las necesidades de los demás.

Cuando estés en un lugar adonde vas con regularidad—tu oficina, el supermercado, la escuela—piensa dónde podría estar Jesús en ese lugar y qué harías tú por él.

¿Hay algunas oraciones o devociones de tu propia herencia ancestral que pudieran ayudarte a crecer espiritualmente?

Limpia tus armarios o roperos y dona ropa en buenas condiciones y otros artículos domésticos a alguna obra caritativa.

Lleva bolsas de víveres a alguna despensa pública de tu localidad.

Ve a Misa un día entre semana, participa en una misión parroquial o en alguna oración comunitaria especial de Cuaresma.

Ten un crucifijo cerca. Acuérdate de la muerte de Jesús en la cruz.

Noticias Del Ministerio Hispano

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Pe 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19
 Martes: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
 Miércoles: Jon 3:1-10; Lc 11:29-32
 Jueves: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
 Viernes: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
 Sábado: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48
 Domingo: Gén 15:5-12, 17-18; Sal 27 (26);
 Fil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lc 9:28b-36

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS OBSERVANCIAS

Domingo: Primer Domingo de Cuaresma
 Lunes: La Cátedra de San Pedro;
 Nacimiento de Washington
 Martes: San Policarpo
 Viernes: Abstinencia

RECUERDA

Una vez más la Iglesia nos invita a entrar en el desierto del arrepentimiento. Este desierto, como la primera lectura nos recuerda, también es un desierto de recuerdos. Este santo tiempo nos llama a recordar todo lo que Dios ha hecho por nosotros. Como los israelitas que recordaron su cautiverio y la obra de Dios para liberarlos de los egipcios, nosotros también recordamos las veces en que fuimos cautivos del pecado y conocimos la libertad por el don del amor redentor de Dios.

San Pablo nos dice que la palabra de Dios está cerca; está en nuestros labios y en nuestro corazón. Que la santa palabra nos incite a recordar la gran obra de reconciliación de Dios en nuestras vidas y en nuestra comunidad. A medida que avanzamos en este tiempo de Cuaresma, tomemos a pecho estas palabras de san Pablo y pasemos estos cuarenta días invocando el nombre del Señor y pidiendo perdón y sanación.

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