

A Letter from the Pastor

Parish Needs and Stewardship



My Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

As we enter this holiest time of the year, I would like to thank all of you for making these past Jubilee Years of our Parish, our Patroness St. Therese, and our universal Church such memorable moments for our Parish family!

I am ever grateful for your increased generosity over the years since I arrived here in 2023! At the same time, I think you all realize that the cost of living has skyrocketed over the last few years. I wanted to make sure that you were aware that the utility and insurance costs for the Parish have increased dramatically—by almost \$50,000!—from just a couple of years ago, while annual Parish donations have increased only slightly in the last year—resulting in a net operating deficit of \$46,800.

So, I personally request that you prayerfully consider whether you are able to make a modest increase in your regular parish giving to meet these increased costs. Even small increases, done together as a Parish family, make a meaningful difference in caring for our Parish home. **And please note that you can now donate electronically through the ZELLE QR code that is printed on the front of the bulletin.**

I thank you again for your continued generosity in making St. Therese a truly blessed parish under the patronage of our beloved saint!

I wish you all a Blessed Holy Week and a Sacred Triduum!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio O.C.D." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, O.C.D.

