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# St. Teresa Casita

*“Serving Those in Greatest Needs”*

## Inside Story

Welcome to the Saint Teresa Casita Newsletter. The aim of this publication is to keep you informed on the progress, activities and items of interest as they pertain to this charitable organization.

Since the Casita is named after Saint Teresa it seems appropriate that we start with her. As you may know, she was a woman of small stature. But what she lacked in height was offset by the enormity of the love she had in her heart. That love was for the poor, the hungry, the afflicted – the Outcasts of Society. Her life was dedicated to the needy so it's no wonder that the Casita is dedicated to her and her mission. The mission statement, “serving those in greatest need” was inspired by this great saint.

Unlike Saint Teresa, we don't have to travel to Calcutta to serve the forgotten of Society. They exist here in our own backyard. The Casita has a growing list of the needy here in San Pedro. You most likely encounter them every day. The Casita started in September 2017 and distributed what it could when it could – a bag of flour and used clothing. The count at that time was between 10 and 20 visitors. It has grown to current levels of between 30 to 35 visitors on distribution days. The needs are growing to a point where the Casita has had to expand the distribution days to twice monthly.

The duties of the Casita don't just involve the distribution of goods. Visitation of the home bound; poor, needy, lonely and our visitors, are conducted to let them know that they are not the forgotten of society. All distribution days include an element of prayer and visitors are encouraged to say a little prayer or stop by the church and offer thanks to Our Lord.



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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Serving the needy in our own community
- Prayer & Service
- Sunday's Blessing of St Teresa Casita Volunteer Group
- Upcoming Event
- Casita Hours

INTENSE  
Love  
DOES NOT  
measure  
IT JUST  
Gives  
— mother teresa

## DONORS CORNER

**WE ARE SO GRATEFUL  
TO ALL THE DONORS  
THAT HAVE CON-  
TRIBUTED SOME WAY  
OR THE OTHER IN THIS  
GREAT WORK OF SERV-  
ING OUR NEEDY IN THE  
COMMUNITY. WE WILL  
ALWAYS BE THANKFUL.**

**FOR DONATIONS PLEASE  
CALL 623-3372 OR  
VISIT ST TERESA CASITA  
LOCATED AT THE BACK  
OF THE CHURCH**



## VOLUNTEERS CORNER

The Casita will always be looking for dedicated leaders and individuals to come and join our great organization. We are looking for anyone willing to work from home with good writing skills. We also visit our families that come on distribution days. If you think you are ready to be one of us kindly contact the church at 623- 3372 or visit the casita located at the back of the church.



On May 12 a Mother's Day event was hosted by the Casita with the assistance of volunteers and the generosity of our donors. 200 moms were recognized. Well after all it is the Saint Teresa Casita!

As you can see the Casita is a wonderful example of Christian Charity but it needs your help to sustain the formidable task ahead.

So how can I help? Well, I'm glad you asked me that! I would like to address the "how" in three ways. Donations, prayers and volunteers.

*Mother's Day Event after Mass May 2019*



Donations are essential to the operation of the Casita for without them what's the sense? Requirements include a number of categories:

- Food – flour, rice, beans, sugar, cooking oil, powdered milk, canned goods, baking powder, allspice, pepper, peanut butter, jam, etc.
- Hygiene – tooth brushes, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, shampoo, toilet paper, etc.
- Infant items – diapers, baby oil, baby powder, ointment, clothing, baby wipes, etc.
- Stationery and school supplies
- Monetary - single and monthly donation options available

We wish to thank existing donors but encourage more donors. As noted, the need continues to increase.

A basket is available at the back of the church at weekend masses for donations of goods listed previously. Monetary donations, in the envelopes provided, can be included with the regular mass collections. Please give generously.

Please pray for us and the needy. Certainly, your collective prayers will ensure success. How could it not? God listens and provides.

The third part: Volunteers. It is said that "many hands make light work". We need many hands in light of the work we need to do. The functioning of the Casita is complex but not time consuming. Hours of operation are Mondays (8am to noon), Wednesdays (11am to 2pm) and Distribution Days (currently bi-monthly 9am to noon).





# Saint Teresa Casita Expansion Announcement

We will be expanding the Casita in the next few weeks. Currently, we are working with limited resources. We have a sketch plan and ideas for our expansion.

Kindly email: [motherteresasanpedro@gmail.com](mailto:motherteresasanpedro@gmail.com) or call 623-3372 if you wish to participate in this project. We are excited to expand and be able to help those in need.



*"It's not **how much** you do, but **how much love** you put into what you do that counts" - Saint Teresa of Calcutta*

It's time to pop the corn!

## YOUTHS MOVIE NIGHT

June 1st, 2019 • 5 pm - 7 pm  
Sunbreeze Hotel Conference Room  
Sponsored by: Mother Teresa Casita  
"Serving Those In Greatest Need"  
San Pedro RC Church

Reserve Seat at :623-3372

**POPCORN**

*Come & See Who Mother Teresa Is.*

We also hosted movie night with our youth volunteers and needy in June. It was an event filled with fun and education, getting to know The St. Teresa of Calcutta.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Saturday Distribution Day:**

Distribution Days are currently bi-monthly 9am to noon.

### **HOURS OF OPERATION**

Mondays (9am to 12 pm)

Wednesdays (9am to 12 pm)

Saturdays (9am to 12 pm)

### **HOLY HOUR** **for Volunteers**

Every Thursday  
12 noon to 1 pm

Adoration Chapel

San Pedro Roman Catholic  
Church



**Saint Teresa Casita youth and adult volunteers  
received blessings on Sunday, July 14th.  
Thank you to our community for supporting  
us.**



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