



RAUL & THERESA'S

RESTAURANT

WHERE EVERYBODY KNOWS YOUR NAME

By Lori Romano

Walk into Raul and Theresa's Mexican Restaurant on Main Street in Avondale, and you'll be greeted by Stella, a lovely woman with a black bouffant hairdo, who will show you to your table. She is the aunt of owner Michael Chayres, and one of the restaurant's managers. Chayres' other Aunt Gloria is one of the head servers. You'll know her by the gray bouffant, and if you come back for a second visit, she'll often greet you by name and remember what you ordered. Add this comfortable family atmosphere to the menu full of delicious food and you've got the recipe for Raul and Theresa's success.

First opened in 1968, Raul and Theresa's has been delighting Avondale residents and visitors for more than 40 years. "Our food is prepared fresh," says Chayres. "Steaks, carne asada, and fajita meat are all cut in-house. And all of our salsas and sauces are made from scratch." The extensive menu includes traditional favorites like tacos, enchiladas, and burros, as well as several combination plates and house specials.

If you want to spice up your life, try the Theresa's Special—diced beef with jalapenos, tomatoes, crushed chilis, yellow peppers, green chile strips, and onions. Or for more of a mild flavor, try one of the green chile dishes. "Once you've tried our green chile, you'll never want to get it anywhere else," says Chayres. "We've had customers that have traveled all over and they come back and tell us they can't find any other place that has the type of quality and flavor that we have."

In addition to the restaurant dining experience, Raul and Theresa's also offers a full catering service for community events, weddings and

more. They have even partnered with the Goodyear Ballpark to provide their delicious food at the games played there.

Raul and Theresa's also takes pride in giving back to the community that has supported their business through the years. They donate to several local charities and hold numerous fundraisers. In the fall of 2006, then Governor Janet Napolitano even proclaimed October 29th Raul and Theresa's Day.

So what can you expect from a visit to Raul and Theresa's? "You can expect to come into a great little restaurant that is family-owned," says Chayres. "You can expect to be greeted by employees that have been here for years. We know our customers, because our customers are our family."



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