

THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
SAINT THERESA PARISH
ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON—HOUSTON



SAINT THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH
705 SAINT THERESA BOULEVARD & SUGAR LAND, TEXAS 77498 & 281-494-1156
WWW.SUGARLANDCATHOLIC.COM



Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Annual Black Bag Collection
July 14-15

Giving to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul means you are right there with us as we feed the hungry, keep families in their homes, and hold their hands in prayer through stressful times.

Will you help us bring glad tidings to the poor?

[Donate](#)

[Shop](#)

[Get Help](#)

[Volunteer](#)

Colecta Anual de la Bolsa Negra
14-15 de Julio

Su donación a la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul significa que ustedes están ahí junto a nosotros cuando ayudamos a individuos o familias obtener alimentos saludables, mantener sus hogares y tomarlos de la mano en oración.

Y ustedes, ¿seguirán ayudándonos a traer buenas noticias a los pobres?

St. Vincent de Paul will be closed **Monday, July 2nd** and **Friday, July 6th** in observance of Independence Day.

The office will re-open **Monday, July 9, 2018.**

CONTENTS

Pope Francis..... 3
 Ministerios en Español..... 4
Papa Francisco..... 5
Saint Theresa Catholic School..... 6
R.C.I.A. Testimony..... 7
 Faith Formation..... 8
 Mass Intentions..... 9
 Weekly Schedule of Events..... 9
Presence: The mystery of the Eucharist..... 10
Café Catholica..... 11
 Announcements..... 12
St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Report..... 13
 Parish contact information..... 15

www.SugarLandCatholic.com

On the cover:

Bartolomé Esteban Murillo.
The birth of Saint John the Baptist.
 1655, oil on canvas,
 Norton Simon Museum, Pasadena, California.

MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASS
MISA ENTRE SEMANA

Monday—Friday
6:45 a.m., 8:30 a.m.

Miércoles
7:00 p.m. (Español)



CONFESSION • CONFESIONES

Saturday • Sábado
3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Sunday • Domingo
4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Weekdays • Entre Semana
Monday-Friday: after each Morning Mass
Tuesday & Thursday at 6:00 p.m.
Miércoles 6:00 p.m. (en Español)

WEEKEND MASSES
MISAS DEL FIN DE SEMANA

SATURDAY • SÁBADO
8:30 a.m.
5:00 p.m. (anticipatory Sunday Mass)

SUNDAY • DOMINGO
6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m. (Español),
10:00 a.m., Noon,
2:00 p.m. (Español),
5:00 p.m.



Pope Francis at Angelus: the Kingdom of God grows mysteriously

On Sunday, before thousands gathered in St Peter's Square, Pope Francis explains the two parables about the Kingdom of God from the Gospel of the day before the recitation of the Angelus.

By Sr Bernadette Mary Reis, fsp

Pope Francis reflected on the two parables regarding the “**Kingdom of God** and its dynamic growth” from the Sunday Gospel (Mark 4:26-34) before reciting the **Angelus** on Sunday before thousands gathered in **St Peter's Square**.

The Kingdom grows by its own power

Jesus uses the first parable (Mark 26-29) to compare the Kingdom of God to “the mysterious growth of a seed” which is sown, sprouts, grows and produces grain “independent of the care of the farmer”, the Pope said. The message is that the kingdom of God has “erupted on the field of the world”, through Jesus’ preaching and action. The Kingdom grows and develops not as a work of human labor but “of its own power, and according to criteria that are humanly speaking indecipherable.... [It] is above all an expression of the power and the goodness of God”, Pope Francis said.

The Kingdom grows mysteriously

When human history seems to develop contrary to the will of God, the Pope said that “we are called to live this period as a season of trial, of hope and in vigilant waiting for the harvest”. The Kingdom grows mysteriously; its power is hidden in a small seed that is filled with “victorious vitality”. When times are dark, we need to trust in “God’s quiet but powerful action,” and “remain anchored in God’s faithfulness, in his presence which always saves”, he said.

The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed

The meaning of this parable is “the logic God’s unpredictability” which is not easy for us to accept. Jesus invites us to a faith that exceeds calculation and forecasts. “It is an invitation to open ourselves with greater generosity to God’s plans over our own personal ... plans”. The Lord offers us occasions “to be involved in his dynamics of love, of welcoming, and of mercy toward all”. It is up to us to be aware of those opportunities. The Pope concluded his reflection saying that “courageously moving forward in trust and humble abandonment in God” is the means by which we can judge the “authenticity of the mission of the Church”. Placing ourselves in God’s hands, aware of “being small and weak instruments”, we can accomplish great works” and allow “his Kingdom — a kingdom of justice, peace and joy in the Spirit—to progress”.



Summer is a great time to explore the Catholic faith. Come and See.

If you are seventeen years of age or older and are: unbaptized, baptized in another faith community, or a baptized Catholic who has never received your First Holy Communion, then the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is for you!

The next Inquiry Gathering will be Wednesday, **June 27, 2018** from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. **You may begin the process at any time during the year.** *Free babysitting is available upon request.* Bring your spouse or friend, if you’d like. These informal gatherings are structured to answer your questions about the Catholic Church. The RCIA team is ready to walk your journey of faith with you.

Contact Lynda Knoche at 281-450-1400 or by e-mail: lynda@sugarlandcatholic.com.

If you, your child or someone you know is between the ages of seven and sixteen, not baptized or baptized in another faith community, we have an RCIA process suited to your age group. Inquiry sessions are every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Please schedule an appointment with Paul Stoessel via phone (281-494-1156) or e-mail (paul@sugarlandcatholic.com) prior to attending your first session.

After Mass Tip

To aid in keeping our sanctuary tidy, and in preparation for the following Mass, please straighten the pew books and prayer cards in your area.

INSCRIPCIÓN EN LA PARROQUIA: Pase a la oficina parroquial de 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m. de lunes a viernes o puede tomar una forma en el vestíbulo de la iglesia y entregársela a un ujier.

GUARDERÍA: La guardería esta abierta durante la misa de 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. y 12:00 p.m. No necesita hacer reservación.

FORMACIÓN PARA LOS SACRAMENTOS

PREPARACIÓN DE BAUTISMO INFANTIL:

A los padres se les pide que inscriban a su hijo(a) para el bautismo. Deben traer el certificado de nacimiento del niño a la oficina de la parroquia, y asistir a una clase pre-bautismal. Se anima a los padrinos asistir a la clase. Los padrinos deben de ser mayor de dieciséis (16) años, católicos practicantes, confirmados y si esta casado, tiene que estar casado por la iglesia católica.

Las clases se ofrecen el Segundo domingo de cada otro mes a las 3:15 p.m. en el Centro de Vida Familiar. A los padres se les pide de favor que no lleven a sus hijos a la clase. Se les dará Certificado de asistencia al final de la clase aquellos padres o padrinos que no bautizaran en Santa Teresa. Por favor llame a la oficina para inscribirse a la clase al 281-494-1156. **La próxima clase es el 8 de Julio a las 3:15 p.m.**

PREPARACIÓN PARA EL MATRIMONIO EN

ESPAÑOL: Las personas que deseen contraer matrimonio aquí en la Iglesia de Santa Teresa son invitados a asistir una entrevista de preparación matrimonial. Esto es obligatorio para comenzar el proceso de preparación. Es para las parejas que no están casados y para las parejas que están casadas civilmente o que viven juntos. Por favor pre inscribise llamando al 281-494-1156. El seminario se ofrece cada otro mes, el segundo jueves del mes. **El próximo seminario es el Jueves 12 de Julio del 2018** en el Salón FLC-A.

CATEQUESIS: Nuestro Catecismo en español se ofrece de Septiembre a Mayo, los domingos de 9:30 a 11:00 a.m. para grados de Kinder al 8 grado. Catequesis es un proceso continuo de evangelización, educación, formación y conversión que dura toda la vida. Para mas información por favor llame a la oficina de Catequesis de lunes a viernes al 281-494-1156 de 8:00 a.m. a 4:30 p.m.

DOMINGO DE SACRAMENTOS: Para los niños que desean la formación para los Sacramentos de Primera Reconciliación (confesión) y la Sagrada Comunión. Esta clase es en conjunto con su catequesis. Los niños deben tener mínimo siete (7) años al comienzo del año escolar. Las clases son un domingo al mes a la 1:00 p.m.

CATOLICISMO BÁSICO: Católico Básico es para padres de niño que asisten a catequesis

por primera vez y desean prepararse para la formación de Sacramentos de Reconciliación y Comunión. Esta clase es un martes al mes a las 7:00 p.m. en el Centro Comunitario de la Parroquia. Esta clase es obligatoria para los padres solamente.

GRUPOS DE ORACIÓN Y APOSTOLADO

APOSTOLADO DE LA CRUZ: El grupo se reúne los martes a las 7:00 p.m., en el edificio de CCE. Para mayor Información por favor llame a Myrlla Vanegas al 281-277-2730.

GRUPO DE ORACIÓN DIOS CON NOSOTROS: Se reúne en la capilla de la iglesia los Jueves de 7:00-9:00 P.M. Para mas información llamar a Rocio Padilla 832-573-3713 y Ana Perez 281-948-3349.

CATECISMO Y BIBLIA: Este grupo esta abierto a la comunidad, se reúne los viernes a las 6:30 pm. Para información: Ramel Ascencio 281-684-4235.

CORO FRATERNIDAD DE LA SANTISIMA VIRGEN MARIA: El coro practica los lunes a las 7:00 p.m. y cantan en la misa del domingo a las 8:00 a.m. o 2:00 p.m. Para mas información llame a Susan al 281-494-1156 ext 291

ESTUDIO BÍBLICO: El Grupo se reúne los domingos después de Misa de 8:00 a.m. (los meses de Agosto a Mayo). Para mas información llame a el Sr. Larry Ponce de León, 281-250-9651

DEVOCIÓN AL SAGRADO CORAZÓN: El primer viernes de mes en la capilla de la iglesia a las de 6:00 p.m. Información: Loreto Casillas 832-525-3710 o Maricela Ponce 832-896-8289.

FRANCISCANOS DE MARÍA, MISIONEROS DEL AGRADECIMIENTO: El carisma y la misión de los FM consiste en vivir y difundir la espiritualidad del agradecimiento que radica básicamente "en tener una relación con Dios en la gratitud por el amor que del señor se ha recibido"(estatuto,n3) Martes, salón B4 de 7:00-9:00pm. Para mayor información llamar a Elsa Galindo al [713 534-7395](tel:713-534-7395)

IMAGEN DE LA VIRGEN PEREGRINA: Desea llevarse la imagen de la Virgen Peregrina a casa una semana? Regístrese después de misa o llame a Elvira Morales al 281-682-0626.

LA LEGIÓN DE MARIA: El grupo se reúne los Lunes a las 6:30 p.m. Para información con Estella Rodríguez al 832-396-6071 o Jaime Abreu 832-418-2287.

MINISTERIO VOCACIONES: Desea llevar el Crucifijo y Libro de Oraciones a su casa y rezar por vocaciones sacerdotales y religiosas. Para mas información llame a la Sra. Maria Elena Rico 281-277-5776.



Invitamos a todos nuestros parroquianos a participar en los próximos retiros de ACTS. Esta experiencia ha transformado la vida de muchas personas, sólo falta que tú tomes la decisión de decirle SI al Señor.

Las fechas de retiros son:
Julio 12-15, 2018 Para Mujeres y
Octubre 25-28, 2018 Para Hombres

Contactos para Inscripciones:
Ramel Ascencio (281) 684-42535,
Maria Tolentino (832) 704-0017

ROSARIO GUADALUPANO: El rosario se reza el día 12 de cada mes en la capilla de la iglesia a las 7:00 p.m. Para información llame a Modesta Mora al 281-494-3588.

PLANIFICACIÓN FAMILIAR NATURAL: Es segura, saludable y efectiva al igual para concebir, o posponer embarazos y es conforme a lo que la Iglesia Católica enseña sobre la belleza del ser humano y su capacidad para cooperar con Dios y dar vida. Para mas información llame a Irma Roman al 832-287-7333.

ALCOHÓLICOS ANÓNIMOS: La Gracia de Dios nunca se acaba. Esto es únicamente con el fin de ayudar a todos aquellos que tengan problemas con el alcohol. Para mas información llame al Sr. Oscar Santaella al 346-818-1205.

ORACIÓN Y VIDA: El Talleres de Oración y Vida te ofrece un método practico y variado para aprender a orar y relacionarte con Dios.
Para adultos: Informes: Jessica 713-517-7276
Para jóvenes: Informes: Nancy 281-886-6761

Crecimiento III: Crecimiento III te invita a las clases de formación, aprenderás a orar y leer la Biblia. Las clases son los domingos de 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm en Centro Familiar. Para mas información llamar a Rocio Padilla 832-573-3713 o Ana Perez 281-948-3349.

ENCUENTRO MATRIMONIAL MUNDIAL: Tu necesitas un fin de semana del Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial, ¡TE LO MERECE! La experiencia del Fin de Semana del Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial da a los matrimonios la oportunidad de examinar sus vidas, revisar como están en su relación de pareja y afianzar su decisión de permanecer juntos.

Para más información favor comunicarse con:
Julia y Alfredo Saldana Ella tel: 281-750-5064 El tel: 832-451-2960 Email: alf5837@yahoo.com

RITO DE INICIACION CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS (RICA)

¿ESTÁ DIOS LLAMÁNDOTE
A HACER ALGO MÁS?

¡VEN Y EXPLORA LA IGLESIA
CATÓLICA!

Si tienes 17 años de edad o más y no has sido bautizado, o has sido bautizado en otra comunidad de fe, o bautizado Católico pero que nunca has recibido la Primera Comunión, entonces RICA es para ti!

La próxima reunión de Iniciación será el **Domingo 24 de Junio del 2018** de 10:00 am a 12:00 pm en el salón B6. Estos encuentros informales están estructurados para responder a tus preguntas acerca de la Iglesia católica.

Póngase en contacto con:
Elsa Galindo al
713-534-7395 (durante el día)
Alejandro González al
346-255-1163
(después de las 4:00 pm.)

Si usted, su hijo o alguien a quien usted conoce, tiene entre 7 y 16 años de edad, no haya sido bautizado o ha sido bautizado en otra comunidad de fe, tenemos el proceso de RICA propio para cada grupo de diferentes edades. Las sesiones de Iniciación son todos los miércoles a las 6:30 pm. Por favor haga una cita en la oficina al teléfono 281-494-1156 para Registrar su Familia y los Niños antes de atender la primera sesión.

Papa Francisco: el cristiano reza por su enemigo y lo ama

“Amen a sus enemigos y rezen por sus persegutores”: es el “misterio” ante el que los cristianos deben conformarse para ser perfectos como el Padre. Es cuanto destacó el Pontífice en su homilía de la Misa matutina celebrada en la capilla de la Casa de Santa Marta, el tercer martes de junio



Gabriella Ceraso - Ciudad del Vaticano

El perdón, la oración, el amor por quien nos “quiere destruir”, por nuestro enemigo: Sólo la Palabra de Jesús puede tanto. Al reflexionar sobre el capítulo V, versículo 43, del Evangelio de Mateo propuesto por la liturgia del día, el Pontífice admitió la dificultad humana de seguir el modelo de nuestro Padre celestial que tiene un amor “universal”. De ahí que haya destacado el desafío del cristiano de pedir al Señor la “gracia” de saber “bendecir a nuestros enemigos” y comprometernos a amarlos.

Perdonamos para ser perdonados

En su reflexión Francisco afirmó que comprendemos que “debemos perdonar a los enemigos”, “lo decimos todos los días en el Padrenuestro; pedimos perdón como nosotros perdonamos: es una condición..., si bien no fácil”. De este modo también “rezar por los demás”, por “aquellos que nos causan dificultades”, “que nos ponen a prueba: también esto es difícil, pero lo hacemos. O, al menos, tantas veces hemos logrado hacerlo”: “Pero rezar por aquellos que quieren destruirme, por los enemigos, para que Dios los bendiga: es algo verdaderamente difícil de entender. Pensemos en el siglo pasado, en los pobres cristianos rusos que por el sólo hecho de ser cristianos eran enviados a Siberia a morir de frío: ¿Y ellos debían rezar por el gobernante verdugo que los mandaba allá? Pero, ¿cómo? Y tantos lo han hecho: han rezado. Pensemos en Auschwitz y en otros campos de concentración: ellos debían rezar por este dictador que quería la raza pura y mataba sin escrúpulos, ¡y rezar para que Dios lo bendijera! Y tantos lo han hecho”.

Aprender de la lógica de Jesús y de los mártires

Es la “lógica difícil” de Jesús que, en el Evangelio, está contenida en la oración y en la justificación de aquellos que “lo mataban” en la Cruz: “Perdónalos, Padre, no saben lo que hacen”. Jesús pide perdón por ellos, como también lo hace en el momento del martirio, Santo Esteban: “Pero cuánta distancia, una infinita distancia entre nosotros que tantas veces no perdonamos pequeñas cositas, y esto que nos pide el Señor y de lo que nos ha dado ejemplo: perdonar a los que tratan de destruirnos. En las familias es tan difícil, a veces, para los esposos, perdonarse después de alguna disputa, o perdonar a la suegra: no es fácil. Para el hijo, pedir perdón al papá, es difícil. Pero perdonar a aquellos que te están matando, que quieren destruirte... No sólo perdonar: rezar por ellos, ¡para que Dios los custodie! Es más, amarlos. Sólo la palabra de Jesús puede explicar esto. Yo no logro ir más allá”.

Pedir la gracia de ser perfectos como el Padre

De manera que el Papa Bergoglio subrayó que es “una gracia” que hay que pedir, esa de “comprender algo de este misterio cristiano y ser perfectos como el Padre que da todos sus bienes a los buenos y a los malos”. Nos hará bien – concluyó diciendo Francisco – pensar en nuestros enemigos. “Creo – añadió – que todos nosotros tengamos alguno”: “Nos hará bien, hoy, pensar en un enemigo – creo que todos nosotros tengamos alguno – en uno que nos ha hecho el mal o que nos quiere hacer el mal o que trata de hacer el mal: en éste. La oración mafiosa es: “Me la pagarás”. La oración cristiana es: “Señor, dale tu bendición y enséñame a amarlo”. Pensemos en uno: todos nosotros tenemos uno. Pensemos en él. Recemos por él. Pidamos al Señor que nos dé la gracia de amarlo”.



**SAINT THERESA
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
-THE GRIFFIN NEWS-**

**Substitute Teacher
Opportunities**

Saint Theresa Catholic School is accepting applications for individuals interested in being a periodic on-call substitute teacher in the classroom. Substitute teachers must be degreed and have classroom experience. Interested individuals should enjoy working with children in a Catholic atmosphere. Candidates must be VIRTUS trained and approved. For more information please call the school office at 281-494-1157.

**STCS Now Enrolling
PreK-3 - 8th grade**

Applications for the 2018-2019 school year are now open. Contact the school office at 281-494-1157 to request application materials or visit our website at sttheresacatholicschool.org. If you would like to learn more about STCS, feel free to drop by the school office. We look forward to meeting you.

UPDATE



**11 Day Parish Pilgrimage
to the Holy Land**

*Cana – Tiberias – Bethlehem –
Mt. of Beatitudes – Nazareth Jerusalem –
Mt. of Olives – Dead Sea – Jordan River*

April 28 – May 8, 2019
\$3,590.00 per person from Houston

Spiritual Director:
Fr. Eurel Manzano
Tour Coordinator: **Diane Senger**
*St. Theresa Catholic Church –
Sugar Land, TX*

Includes: roundtrip air transportation from Houston, first class hotels, double occupancy, 2 meals a day – buffet breakfast & dinner, daily sightseeing with English speaking tour guides, daily Mass, entrance fees, airport taxes, and fuel surcharges - which might subject to change, and tips to guides and drivers.

For further information and reservations, please contact: Diane Senger at 281-494-1156 or email: diane@sugarlandcatholic.com

R.C.I.A. Testimony for Carmen M. Mendez



I had joined R.C.I.A. many years ago, but life seemed to get in the way. As I got older, I came to believe everything is done by God’s plan. In 2017, I returned to R.C.I.A. with a new group of people who I came to know and love as family. We all were on a journey but each on our own journey; for we all are so different and yet still here for the same reason: to be close to God. R.C.I.A. has been an incredible life-changing experience.

I not only started to see God’s works in my daily life, but also in my family’s life. My youngest son was baptized, my two oldest boys took classes and received confession and first communion. My husband also went to confession. We all now attend Mass together on Sundays as a family.

My husband and I were married by the church on March 17, 2018 here at St. Theresa by Deacon Gilbert Rodriguez. Shortly afterwards, on March 31, 2018, at the Easter Vigil, I was baptized by Fr. Eurel. This was one of the most incredible experiences of my life, one which I will remember forever.

God has blessed me on my journey and it all started by just making that one simple phone call to Mrs. Lynda Knoche. I strongly encourage everyone who is ready to take that next step in your faith journey or anyone who is slightly curious about the faith, to attend the pre-catechumenate session and ask your questions and just listen because God is calling each one of us to get closer to him.

To Mrs. Lynda Knoche and all the R.C.I.A team members, thank you all and may God bless you all.

-Carmen M. Mendez

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND



*11 Day Pilgrimage to:
Tiberias — Mount of Beatitudes — Cana — Nazareth
— Mount of Olives — Jerusalem — Bethlehem*

November 10 - 20, 2018

Fr. Greg Mirto (Spiritual Director and Chaplain) and Dr. Mercedes Sulit, Tour Coordinator, invite you to join them on a pilgrimage tour to the Holy Land.

The cost is \$3,490.00 per person from Houston and includes round trip air fare, first class hotels, two meals a day, daily sightseeing, DAILY MASS, airport taxes and fuel surcharges.

Contact: INSPIRATIONAL TOURS at 713-961-2785 for information and to register for the tour.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE RED FIRE LANES



If your vehicle is towed, you will find it at:

Ronda Lane Auto Storage

9334 Ronda Lane

Houston, Texas 77074

713-270-1940

To speak with the person who towed your vehicle, call 832-607-4652.

Neither entity is affiliated with the church.

FAITH FORMATION

ELEMENTARY

During the CCE school year (Sept.-May) classes are offered at the following times:

Preschool CCE is in rooms B3 – B5 during the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Kindergarten CCE is available on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. or Mondays at 4:30 p.m.

Elementary CCE is on Mondays and Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. Children are asked to go directly to the classrooms.

Sacrament Sunday is for all children in formation to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Any questions can be directed to Paul Stoessel, Director of Elementary CCE, at paul@sugarlandcatholic.com or at 281-830-3804.

Catholic 101 is for all parents of first-year CCE children who are preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion. This is for parents only. Children are invited to attend CCE during this time.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Questions or comments, please contact Paul Stoessel, the director of Middle School CCE, at paul@sugarlandcatholic.com

Middle School Faith Formation meets on Mondays & Tuesdays (Sept.-May) at 6:45 - 8:00 p.m. in the Education Building/School

HIGH SCHOOL

Contact our Director of Youth Ministry and H.S. Faith Formation, Joseph Mastrangelo at joseph@sugarlandcatholic.com with any questions or if you'd like to get involved!



building disciples by loving God and others

SAINT THERESA YOUTH EVANGELIZATION

"Let us ask the Lord for the grace not to hesitate when the Spirit calls us to take a step forward. Let us ask for the apostolic courage to share the Gospel with others and to stop trying to make our Christian life a museum of memories."



Pope Francis
Gaudete et Exsultate

**Fulfill the call of Pope Francis!
Become a Confirmation Mentor for our youth!
For more information contact Joseph Mastrangelo at joseph@sugarlandcatholic.com**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, June 25, 2018

Weekday in Ordinary Time

6:45 a.m. ✕ Gelacio Anareta

8:30 a.m. Ann & Sonia Thomas

Tuesday, June 26

Weekday in Ordinary Time

6:45 a.m. ✕ Helen De Regil

8:30 a.m. Debbie White

Wednesday, June 27

Weekday in Ordinary Time

6:45 a.m. ✕ Jose Rafeiro

8:30 a.m. ✕ Amalia Ponce DeLeon

Thursday, June 28

St. Irenaeus

6:45 a.m. ✕ Jose Miguel Cuesta

8:30 a.m. Angelina Sapon

Friday, June 29

Sts. Peter & Paul

6:45 a.m. ✕ Milagros Torres

8:30 a.m. The Turek Family

Saturday, June 30

Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. ✕ Edmund Vanek

5:00 p.m. ✕ Bill Sitka

Sunday, July 1

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30 a.m. ✕ Rene Muñoz

8:00 a.m. ✕ Ana Lilia Vargas

10:00 a.m. ✕ Donald Lanham

12:00 p.m. Pro-Life Intentions

2:00 p.m. Parish Family

5:00 p.m. Club Unidad

*One may request Mass intentions through our website or by visiting the parish office during regular business hours. **Mass intentions are available two (2) months in advance only.***

PARISH EVENTS

Monday, June 25

6:30 p.m. Men's Prayer Group, B1/7

Tuesday, June 26

4:00 p.m. String Orchestra Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Holy Trinity Prayer, Chapel

7:00 p.m. Franciscanos de María, B4

7:00 p.m. CDA Monthly Meeting, FLC-A

Wednesday, June 27

7:00 p.m. RICA, B1/7

7:00 p.m. RCIA, FLC-A

7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Group, FLC-B

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 28

9:30 a.m. Rosary Group, B6

4:30 p.m. Flos Cantum (Children's choir)

7:00 p.m. Encuentro Matrimonial, B6

7:00 p.m. Carismático de Renovación, Capilla

7:15 p.m. Ensayo Coro Fraternidad

Friday, June 29

NO Events

Saturday, June 30

9:00 a.m. Legion of Mary Meeting

9:30 a.m. Rosary Group, B6

Sunday, July 1

9:00 a.m. Spanish Bible Class, CC

9:30 a.m. RCIA Catechumens, FLC

9:30 a.m. RICA para Niños

10:00 a.m. RICA para Adultos, B1/7, B6

2:00 p.m. Legion of Mary, FLC-A

3:30 p.m. Jubilate Deo Rehearsal

6:00 p.m. Rosary Group, Emmaus Chapel

SUNDAY OFFERTORY

| | |
|---------------|-----------------|
| June 17, 2018 | \$ 24,310 |
| Online Giving | <u>\$ 6,215</u> |
| Total | \$ 30,525 |

PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2017

Totals as of June 17, 2018

| | |
|-----------|---------------------|
| Next Goal | \$ 5,000,000 |
| Pledged | \$ 3,234,179 |
| Payments | \$ 760,415 |

899 Participants

Current debt \$ 2,964,589

Parish contribution to Archdiocesan Capital Campaign (*IGNITE*) \$ 1,120,482

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2018

Totals as of June 17, 2018

| | |
|----------|-------------------|
| Goal | \$ 205,000 |
| Pledged | \$ 122,322 |
| Payments | \$ 89,062 |

340 Participants

ONLINE GIVING

The parish website has instructions on how to register for convenient on-line giving. You will have full control of your contribution account and scheduling. This option can be a great way to support the church more consistently and strengthen your commitment to charity.

If you would like to begin online giving, visit the link on our website or call Diane Senger: 281-494-1156.

www.SugarLandCatholic.com



Summer Video Study Program

Learn more about the Mystery of the Eucharist

Cost: \$10 per person

Includes a workbook

July 24th - July 26th

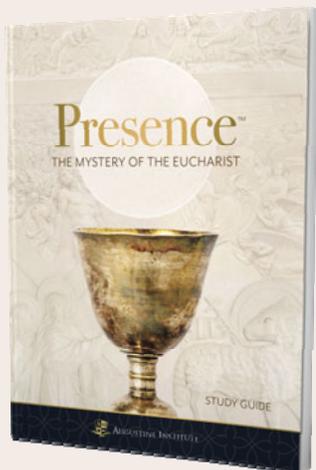
7:00 pm - 8:15 pm in the Library

To register email

gabriel@sugarlandcatholic.com

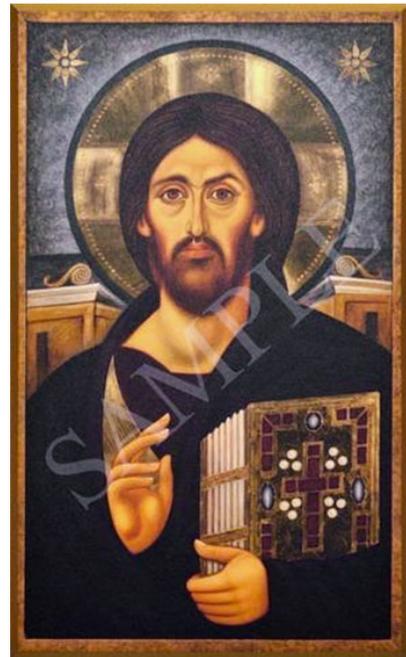
Limited to only 30 people

Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist explores the truth and beauty of Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist: from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and its members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation.



SPECIAL ICONOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Make your very own Icon w/ the Very Rev. Fr. Elias Rafaj



Cost: \$195 per person

Includes all supplies, lessons, and lunches.
August 6th (Monday) - August 10th (Friday)

10:00 am - 5:00 pm:

Family Life Center (Room A)

To register, email:

gabriel@sugarlandcatholic.com

Limited to the first 30 people

Fr. Elias Rafaj, the Pastor of St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, has been teaching and writing icons for over 20 years. No experience is necessary, as Fr. Elias will guide you through the process from start to finish. Prayer and teaching the theology of icons will be interwoven throughout the workshop. This is truly a rare opportunity that you won't want to miss.

SPONSORED BY THE OFFICE OF YOUNG ADULTS & CAMPUS MINISTRY OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON

JOIN HUNDREDS OF YOUNG ADULTS

THE VOICE OF CHRIST: ROOTED IN LOVE. EPH 3:17

café CATHOLICA
2018

JULY 9
How To PRAY, WHAT To SAY AND WHEN To SHUT UP
MIKE GORMLEY
COORDINATOR OF EVANGELIZATION ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH, NATIONAL SPEAKER.

JULY 16
EMBRACING AUTHENTIC LOVE
MARY CAPRIO
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE AT ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY 23
THE GOOD NEWS WITH CARDINAL DINARDO
CARDINAL DANIEL DINARDO

JULY 30
TILLING THE Rocky Soil - OVERCOMING OBSTACLES To LOVE.
FR. SEAN KILCAWLEY
INTEGRITY RESTORED DIRECTOR OF FAMILY LIFE OFFICE DIOCESE OF LINCOLN, NATIONAL SPEAKER.

MONDAYS
CONFESSIONS & GUIDED PRAYER 5:15PM
MASS 6:15PM
DINNER 7:15PM
TALK 8:15PM

FREE EVENT
DONATIONS ACCEPTED

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH
1801 SAGE RD, HOUSTON TX 77056
ARCHGH.ORG/CAFECATHOLICA
YCP WILL HOST A SOCIAL AFTER EACH NIGHT & CLOSING SOCIAL ON JULY 30.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



Talk to God. He will listen to you. This is a time for just you and God. Tell Him what is on your mind. And remember, to hear God... you must listen first.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is the adoration of Jesus Christ present in the Holy Eucharist. The Eucharist is exposed in a special holder called a monstrance, people are invited to pray and worship Jesus in silence.

Our Emmaus chapel is located behind the community center and is open 24 hours a day all year long. Every hour of every day someone is praying for you and our parish.

Can you give Jesus an hour of your day? As Jesus himself asked his apostles: "can you not stay awake even an hour with me?"

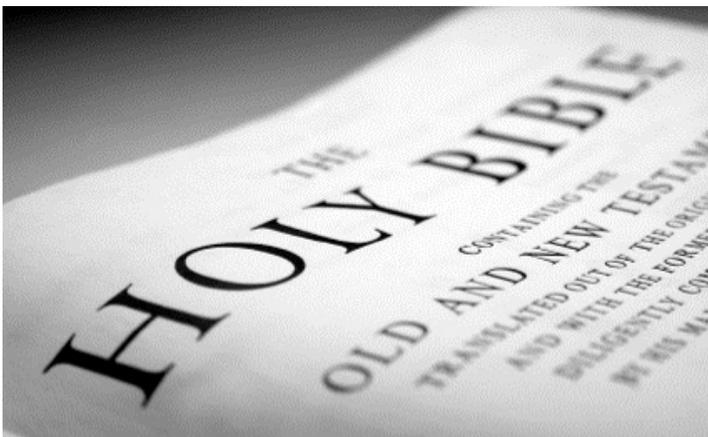
Please consider signing up for an hour of adoration. Below are some hours in great need of adorers:

HOURS NEEDED

- Monday - 4am, 12noon
- Tuesday - 6am, 10pm, 5pm, 7pm
- Wednesday - 12midnight, 6am, 10am, 6pm, 10pm
- Thursday - 2am, 4am, 5am, 7am, 1pm, 10pm
- Friday - 12midnight, 2am, 3am, 5am, 9am, 11am, 12 noon, 1pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm
- Saturday - 2am, 5am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12noon, 11pm
- Sunday - 12midnight, 5am, 7am, 9am, 11am, 12noon, 3pm, 7pm

Contact Rebecca Freeman at 281-844-4616 or email her at rebekafree@comcast.net should you have any questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WEEKLY READINGS

June 25, 2018 through July 1, 2018

- Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Mt 7:1-5
- Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Mt 7:6, 12-14
- Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Mt 7:15-20
- Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Mt 7:21-29
- Friday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19;
Day: acts 12:1-11; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
- Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Mt 8:15-17
- Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 [5:21-24, 35b-43]

Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17; Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

LECTURAS SEMANALES

25 de Junio del 2018 al 1 de Julio del 2018

- Lunes: 2 Re 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Mt 7:1-5
- Martes: 2 Re 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Mt 7:6, 12-14
- Miércoles: 2 Re 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Mt 7:15-20
- Jueves: 2 Re 24:8-17; Mt 7:21-29
- Viernes: Vigilia: Hch 3:1-10; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19;
Dia: Hch 12:1-11; 2 Tim 4:6-18, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
- Sábado: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Mt 8:15-17
- Domingo: Sab 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Sal 30 (29); 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mc 5:21-43 [5:21-24, 35b-43]

Solemnidad de la Natividad de San Juan Bautista: Vigilia: Jer 1:4-10; Sal 71 (70); 1 Pe 1:8-12; Lc 1:5-17; Día: Is 49:1-6; Sal 139 (138); Hch 13:22-26; Lc 1:57-66, 80

PARISH REGISTRATION: We kindly request that all families of our parish be registered before registering for CCE or sacramental preparation classes. Registration and change forms are available in the vestibule of the church and in the parish office. To update your parish information, please call the parish office from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday.

BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR INFANTS: Parents are asked to register their child for Baptism, to bring a copy of the child's birth certificate to the parish office, and to attend a pre-Baptism class. Godparents are encouraged to attend class. Godparents must be at least sixteen years of age, practicing Catholics, Confirmed, and, if married, married through the Church. Classes are offered the first Friday of every other month, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Parents are kindly asked not to bring their children to the class. Certificates of attendance for the baptism preparation are provided at the end of the class for those who are not baptizing at St. Theresa Church. Please call the office to register for the class at 281-494-1156, Ext. 228. **The next class will be on Friday, August 3, 2018.**

PRE-MARRIAGE SEMINAR: This pre-marriage seminar is to commence the marriage preparation for all couples who wish to be married within St. Theresa's Catholic community. It is held on the second Tuesday of every other month at 7:00 pm. It provides an opportunity for couples to learn about the Catholic Church's theology of matrimony and begin the process to properly receive this great sacrament of the Church. Couples will learn details of how to plan and prepare for their wedding day and matrimony thereafter. Please pre-register by calling 281-494-1156. The next seminar will be **Tuesday, August 14, 2018.** For more information please contact Deacon James Anderson at 281-224-9986.

PRAYER FOR MY FAMILY

Loving God, I offer thanks for the gift of my family. Help us to work together for peace and harmony in our relationships.

Grant us the grace to accept each other's faults and weaknesses. Protect us from harsh words and hurt feelings. Assist us to encourage one another's strengths and abilities. Lead us to mutual understanding and support.

May we always forgive each other's failings and rejoice in one another's successes.

Watch over my family, Dear Lord. Bless us with good health and happiness. Fill our hearts with love, patience and kindness for one another, now and always. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.





St Vincent de Paul Society

good works

SVDP Report for May 2018

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Utility assistance | \$1,641.14 |
| Housing assistance | \$3,342.00 |
| Food Pantry | \$1,273.50 |
| Office Supplies | \$50.00 |
| Total | \$6,306.64 |
| Client family members served | 321 |
| Bags of food distributed | 258 |
| Volunteer hours donated | 186 |

Charity and Love Restores Hope

If you have been blessed in life, have enough saved to handle a couple of months without a job and have family nearby that loves you, chances are you will have a difficult time imagining what it's like to be without hope.

This is a story about a young family who almost lost hope. This family thought their life was secure, Dad, a veteran, had always held a steady job and Mom was on track to graduate college with an accounting degree next December. Dad's pay wasn't enough to save a lot but the family was excited to be moving that day in August into a nicer apartment than the one they lived in presently. Their furniture and all their personal possessions were loaded on a trailer in the parking lot ready for the move. That's when Harvey struck and their life was turned upside down.

The home they were to move to was flooded, the home they were moving from was flooded, their truck and trailer were flooded. Suddenly they had no home, no furniture, no vehicle, no job and no income. Their meager savings and Mom's student loans were soon used up by hotel charges while they waited for their planned new apartment to be repaired. They were luckier than most, they had paid the security deposit and first month's rent on the new place, so they did have a home to move to eventually. This family somehow survived by pawning what little they had rescued from the flood and were eventually able to move to their new apartment. It was an easy move, they had no furniture. A nearby SVdP conference was able to obtain furniture for them, and household items though the SVdP 'House in a Box' program which has helped hundreds of families like theirs after Harvey, they were truly thankful. To hold down a job Dad needed a car, he somehow managed this too, but the family's troubles were far from over. Weighed down by debt incurred in the aftermath of Harvey they eventually were unable to make the rent and were facing a court ordered eviction in a week. This was when Dad walked into our St. Theresa's SVdP food pantry begging for help, he was worn down with worry and could see no way out of his situation. He had lost hope, unless he came up with the \$2,300 rent and arrears by next Tuesday his family was going to be living on the streets. Unless he made the last \$400 car payment he would lose the car and not be able to get to work. Our Vincentian volunteers realized that this was 'situational poverty', if we could pay their rent and arrears and pay down some of the debt, the family would probably never need help again. The amount needed however was beyond the means of any one SVdP conference so we appealed to other nearby SVdP conferences and other ministries that help the poor and were blessed to raise enough money to pay the rent and arrears, pay the final car payment and some of the mother's college tuition. This story has a happy ending; Dad is working lots of extra shifts and overtime but feels truly blessed to have had his hope restored and prayers answered.

Many thanks are due to: Second Mile Ministry who pledged to assist and sent this father to us for help, St. Laurence Social Concerns Ministry, and the SVdP Conferences of: Holy Rosary Catholic Church, St. Angela Merici Catholic Church and especially the loving donors of St. Theresa Catholic Church, who support our SVdP ministry and enabled us to help rescue this family from poverty and give them back the hope they thought they had lost.

Our SVDP ministry can always use your help with donations of non-perishable foods like breakfast cereals, canned fruits, canned vegetables and meats, 2lb sizes of flour and sugar, 1lb sizes of rice and pinto beans. We also need donations of baby wipes and diapers sizes 1 through 6 as well as personal care items like body wash, shampoo and toothpaste. Please leave food and diapers in the donation boxes located just inside the Church and Chapel entrances. Clothing items should be put in the large blue SVDP donation box located in the parking lot area between the Family Life Center and the Emmaus Chapel.

Our business hours are Mondays and Fridays between 10:00am. and 1:00pm. **Please do not leave donated items near the office entrances as the office is not manned 24/7.** Unfortunately we cannot accept donations of electrical or electronic items for safety reasons, if you leave them we may have to pay to recycle them.

Please continue to support our SVDP ministry financially and with your prayers, we firmly believe that all positive changes that we make in someone's life are the result of God working through us on your behalf. May God bless our loving donors and volunteers, and the friends and neighbors that we help and give hope to.

-SVDP Staff



Society of St. Vincent de Paul
 National Council of the United States
 End Poverty Through Systemic Change

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Omnipotent and eternal God, the everlasting Salvation of those who believe, hear us on behalf of Thy sick servant, **N.**, for whom we beg the aid of Thy loving mercy, that, with his bodily health restored, he may give thanks to Thee in Thy church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

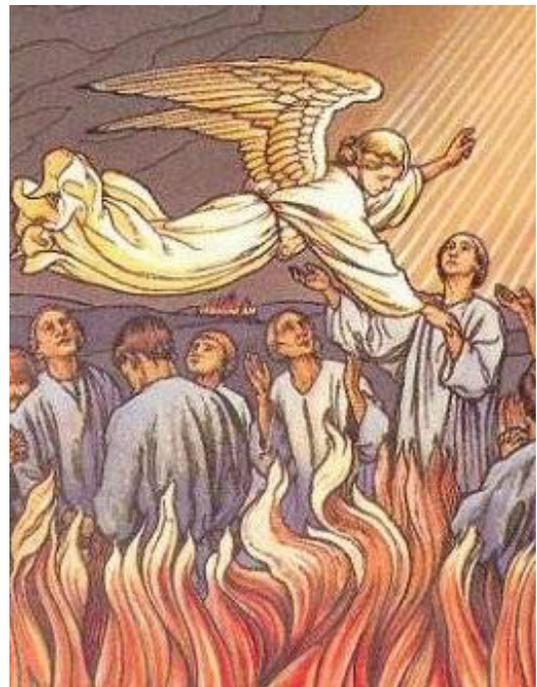
| | |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sandra Aguilar | Joe Puga |
| Enrique Barajas | Mary Lou Ramsey |
| Rita Beckey | Bernadette Roberts |
| Teresinha B. Bitdinger | Barbara M. Saenz |
| Matthew Cortes | Gwen Salisbury |
| Jan Counts | Nigel Smith |
| Karen Cromer | Ava Stone |
| Elia Davila | Gary Sudela |
| Raul De Freitas | Baldemar Torres |
| Dennis Deruytter | Daniel Santiago Villasana |
| Brittany Dodson | Jerelyn Walker |
| Gerry Doyle | Frank Williams |
| JoAnn Duncan | |
| Maria Elvira | |
| Maria Ewah | |
| Paula Flores | |
| Andrea Catalina Garcia | |
| Daniel Lee Garcia | |
| Maria Elena Garcia | |
| Doris Gijon | |
| Fernando Gomez | |
| Martha Gonzalez | |
| Bernice Guess | |
| Deacon Glenn Haller | |
| Ann Hamilton | |
| Edith Hartensteiner | |
| Wayne Heitman | |
| Alice Hicks | |
| Tyler Hill | |
| Larry Klaus | |
| Arnold Knoche | |
| Shirley Kreimeyer | |
| Judy Lancaster | |
| Alfredo Hernandez Lara | |
| Paul Matocha | |
| Dick Memmer | |
| Hertha Meyer | |
| Julia G. Moreno | |
| Tom Nauck | |
| Jun & Wilma Narvacan | |
| Rita Nauck | |
| Mildred Netardus | |
| Fr. Roy Oggero | |
| Janne Perez-Quila | |

PRAYER FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

We remember with gratitude, and pray for God's mercy upon:

Deacon Frank Cromer, Deacon Don Senger, Bob Roberts, Anita Swoboda, Jeannine Pencak, Jorge Cavazos Jr., Ana Daisy Valencia, Joseph David Welsh, Christopher Lee Johnson, Martin Stieb, Margarita Tobon, Andrew Dojs, Kim Poroo, Maria S. Melendez, Mary Camacho, Arturo Trujillo, John McDonald, Annette O'Shea, Carmen Luz Santiago, Julio Gonzalez, Emma G. Torres, Karen Lowery, Geralyn M. Blanchette, Chris Bordonaro, Ryan Sparkman, Richard O'Grady, Patricia Shannon, Helen DeRegil, Harry Richards, Robert Lee Byrd, Ulvio Lamar, Theodore Patrick Gahan, Jr., Silvino Martinez



Teach me, O Lord, to do Thy will, for Thou art my God (Psalm 142:10).

-Indulgence. 500 days



NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

O God, who raised up Saint John the Baptist to make ready a nation fit for Christ the Lord, give your people, we pray, the grace of spiritual joys and direct the hearts of all the faithful into the way of salvation and peace.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

*The Lord called me from birth,
from my mother's womb he gave me my name (Isaiah 49:1-6).*

Saint Theresa Catholic Church

705 Saint Theresa Boulevard
Sugar Land, Texas 77498

