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SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Holy Day of Obligation
Saturday, December 8, 2018



MASS SCHEDULE
Friday, December 7 (Vigil)
6:00 p.m. } English
11:00 p.m. }

Saturday, December 8
8:30 a.m. } English
10:00 a.m. }
12:00 p.m. - español
7:00 p.m. - Latin*

**Extraordinary Form, bilingual homily—homilía bilingüe*

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On the cover:
Jean the Elder Bellegambe.
The last judgement.
1508, oil on panel.
Musee de la Chartreuse, Douai, France.

MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASS
MISA ENTRE SEMANA

Monday—Friday
6:45 a.m., 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday & Thursday
5:30 p.m.

Miércoles
7:00 p.m. (español)

Friday (Extraordinary Form)
5:30 p.m.

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 a las 6:00 p.m. (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 Mass:
how do we want to meet
the Lord?**

Pope Francis says in his homily at Casa Santa Marta that it is wise to make an examination of conscience regarding how we want to present ourselves before the Lord when it is our time to meet him.



By Sr Bernadette Mary Reis, fsp

Pope Francis’ **homily** at **Casa Santa Marta** on Tuesday took its inspiration from the reading from the **Book of Revelation**. It is wise to make an **examination of conscience**, he said, in view of the fact that we will one day face the Lord. We should ask how we wish to present ourselves when we meet Him, he said. It will help us make progress so that that meeting will be a “joyful” moment.

The final harvest

In the last week of the liturgical year, Pope Francis said that it is a grace to think about the end of the world and the end of our lives. The First Reading from the Book of Revelation speaks about that using “the figure of the harvest”, the Pope said. At the harvest, each of us will meet the Lord...each will say to the Lord: ‘This is my life.... This is the quality of my life.’ All of us will have to admit our errors, because everyone errs, and the good done, because everyone does good, the Pope said.

How do I want to present myself?

“What if the Lord were to call me today?” Pope Francis asked. What would I say and do? This thought, he said, helps us make progress. Not only will we meet the Lord in order to give an account of ourselves. It will also be a joyous, happy moment, one filled with mercy. Thinking about the end, about the end of the world, about the end of one’s own life, is wise. Wise people do this. The Church invites us to ask ourselves this week, “what will my end be like?” Pope Francis suggested an examination of conscience is useful in order to evaluate ourselves. What would I like to fix because it doesn’t work? What would I like to sustain or develop because it’s good....

Let’s ask for wisdom

This is the Spirit’s work, Pope Francis said. In conclusion, he encouraged that we pray for the gift of wisdom.

This week, let’s ask the Holy Spirit for the wisdom of time, the wisdom regarding the end, the wisdom of the resurrection, the wisdom of the eternal encounter with Jesus... It will be a joyful day, that meeting with Jesus. Let us pray so that the Lord might prepare us.

**MORNING OF
RECOLLECTION FOR
WOMEN**

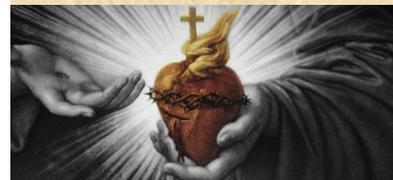


The ladies of the parish are invited to a morning of prayer on **Wednesday, December 5, 2018** from 10:00 a.m. until noon in the chapel.

The day includes adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, preached meditations, time for private prayer, and the opportunity for confession.

**FIRST FRIDAY &
THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
REPARATION VIGIL**

December 7, 2018



9:00 p.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Consecration to the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts, & Holy Rosary

9:45 - 10:45 p.m.

Confession available

11:00 p.m.

Holy Mass for The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary with Gregorian chant

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. Los Papas y los padrinos deben asistir a la clase. Los padrinos deben de ser mayores de dieciséis (16) años, católicos practicantes, tener sus sacramentos iniciales de bautizo, comunión y confirmación y si están casados, deben de estar casados 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 13 de Enero 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 inscribase llamando al 281-494-1156. El seminario se ofrece cada otro mes, el segundo jueves. **El próximo seminario es el Jueves 10 de Enero 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 Kínder 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.

CATÓLICO BÁSICO: Católico Básico es para padres de los niños que asisten a catequesis por primera vez y desean que sus hijos se preparen para la formación de los Sacramentos de Reconciliación {Confesión} y La Primera Comunión. Esta clase es una vez al mes {en martes} 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 Myrla 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.

CORO FRATERNIDAD DE LA SANTISIMA VIRGEN MARIA: El coro práctica 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 281-494-1156 o Maricela Ponce 832-896-8289.

APARICIONES DE LA SANTÍSIMA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE



Las apariciones de La Virgen de Guadalupe se llevaran a cabo el Domingo 9 de Diciembre a las 9:00 a.m. en el Centro Comunitario.

MAÑANITAS A LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

Miércoles, 12 de Diciembre del 2018



- ◆ 4:30 a.m. - **El Santo Rosario** en la iglesia
- ◆ 5:00 a.m. - **Las Mañanitas** con el Mariachi Imperial en la iglesia
- ◆ 5:30 a.m. - **La Santa Misa** con música de mariachi en la iglesia
- ◆ 6:30 - 8:30 a.m. - Mas música del mariachi y un **desayuno** en el Centro Comunitario.

Después del desayuno, por favor ayúdenos a limpiar.

Gracias por su cooperación.

RITO DE INICIACION CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS (RICA)

**¿ESTÁ DIOS LLAMÁNDOLE A
HACER ALGO MÁS? ¿VEN Y EX-
PLORA 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 2 de Diciembre del 2018** de 10:00 am a 12:00 pm en el salón B1/7. 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: es sabio pensar en el final, será un encuentro de misericordia con Dios

En su homilía de la misa matutina celebrada en la Casa Santa Marta, el Papa Francisco habló de nuestro fin y del fin del mundo, la "mies" del libro del Apocalipsis. "¿Cómo será mi fin? ¿Cómo me gustaría que el Señor me encontrara cuando me llame? Pensar en esto es sabio y nos ayuda a continuar, hasta el encuentro con Dios, un momento de rendir cuentas pero también de alegría", dijo el Pontífice.



Alessandro Di Bussolo - Ciudad del Vaticano

"¿Cómo será mi fin? ¿Cómo me gustaría que el Señor me encontrara cuando me llame? Es prudente pensar en el final, nos ayuda a avanzar, a hacer un examen de conciencia sobre qué cosas debo corregir y cuáles llevar adelante porque son buenas". Con estas palabras el Papa Francisco dedica su homilía matutina, en Casa Santa Marta, a profundizar sobre el fin del mundo y de la propia vida, ya que en esta última semana del año litúrgico la Iglesia nos hace reflexionar sobre esto, y "es una gracia"

El fin del mundo como la "mies madura"

En la primera lectura, del Apocalipsis, San Juan habla del fin del mundo "con la figura de la mies", con Cristo y un ángel armado con una hoz. Cuando llegue nuestra hora, deberemos mostrar la calidad de nuestro trigo, la calidad de nuestras vidas", afirmó el Pontífice. "Tal vez algunos de ustedes digan: padre, no sea tan sombrío, que no nos gustan estas cosas...pero es la verdad", subrayó Francisco haciendo hincapié en la importancia de pensar en este momento y prepararnos para vivirlo de la mejor manera posible. «Es en la mies, donde cada uno de nosotros se encontrará con el Señor. Será un encuentro y cada uno le dirá al Señor: "Esta es mi vida. Este es mi trigo. Esta es mi calidad de vida. ¿Me he equivocado?" - todos deberemos decir esto, porque todos cometemos errores - también diremos "he hecho cosas buenas"- porque todos hacemos cosas buenas; y así haremos para mostrar al Señor el grano», puntualizó Francisco.

Pensar en el final nos ayuda a seguir adelante

"Qué diría yo - se pregunta una vez más el Obispo de Roma- si hoy el Señor me llamara". "Ah, no me di cuenta, estaba distraído... No sabemos ni el día ni la hora". Y unos podrían decir..."pero padre, no hable así que soy joven...pero, mira cuántos jóvenes se van, cuántos jóvenes son llamados...nadie tiene una vida asegurada. Lo que sí es seguro es que todos tendremos un final. ¿Cuándo será eso? Sólo Dios lo sabe". «Nos hará bien esta semana pensar en el final. Si el Señor me llamara hoy, ¿qué haría? ¿Qué le diría? El pensamiento del fin nos ayuda a avanzar; no es un pensamiento estático: es un pensamiento que avanza porque es llevado adelante por la virtud, por la esperanza. Sí, habrá un fin, pero ese fin será un encuentro: un encuentro con el Señor. Es verdad, será un "rendir cuentas" de lo que he hecho, pero también será un encuentro de misericordia, de alegría, de felicidad. Pensar en el fin, el fin de la creación, el fin de la propia vida, es sabiduría; el sabio lo hace» afirmó el Papa.

No me quedaré aquí para siempre: ¿cómo me gustaría terminar?

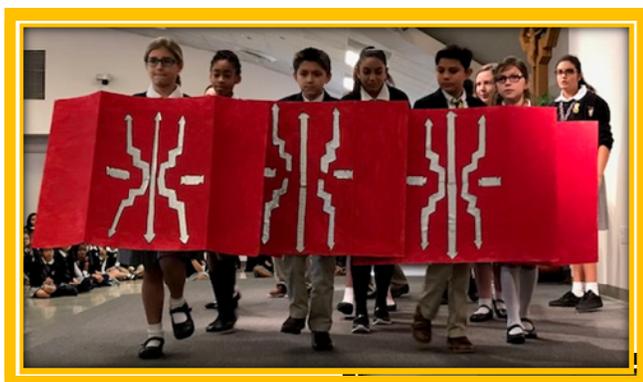
Por ello -añadió el Santo Padre- esta semana la Iglesia nos invita a preguntarnos «¿cómo será mi fin? ¿Cómo me gustaría que el Señor me encontrara cuando me llame? Tengo que hacer un examen de conciencia y evaluar...¿Qué cosas debo corregir, porque no están bien? ¿Qué cosas debo reforzar y continuar porque son buenas? Cada uno de nosotros tiene muchas cosas buenas Y en este pensamiento no estamos solos: Ahí está el Espíritu Santo que nos ayuda», explicó Francisco. «Esta semana le pedimos al Espíritu Santo la sabiduría del tiempo, la sabiduría del fin, la sabiduría de la resurrección, la sabiduría del encuentro eterno con Jesús; para hacernos entender esta sabiduría que está en nuestra fe. El encuentro con Jesús será un día de alegría. Oremos para que el Señor nos prepare. Y cada uno de nosotros, esta semana, debe terminar la semana pensando en el final: Yo tendré un final. No me quedaré para siempre...¿Cómo me gustaría terminar?», concluyó.



SAINT THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL -THE GRIFFIN NEWS-

GRANDPARENTS' DAY CELEBRATION

Saint Theresa students honored their grandparents on November 16th by performing a series of poems, presentations, and plays. The day began with Holy Mass celebrated by our pastor, Father Eurel Manzano. Grandparents were also present to celebrate the induction of National Junior Honor Society honorees in the sanctuary. Following the NJHS ceremony, grandparents were escorted to the Community Center for light refreshments and a rich program of poetry, music, and drama from each class of students. The program opened with a highly technical presentation of Roman Military Formations and troop maneuvers, re-enacted by our 5th Grade class. The day of academic and creative revelry culminated in waves of appreciative applause and congratulations for our 8th grade students, who performed excerpts from the play *Hecuba* by the Greek tragedian, Euripedes.



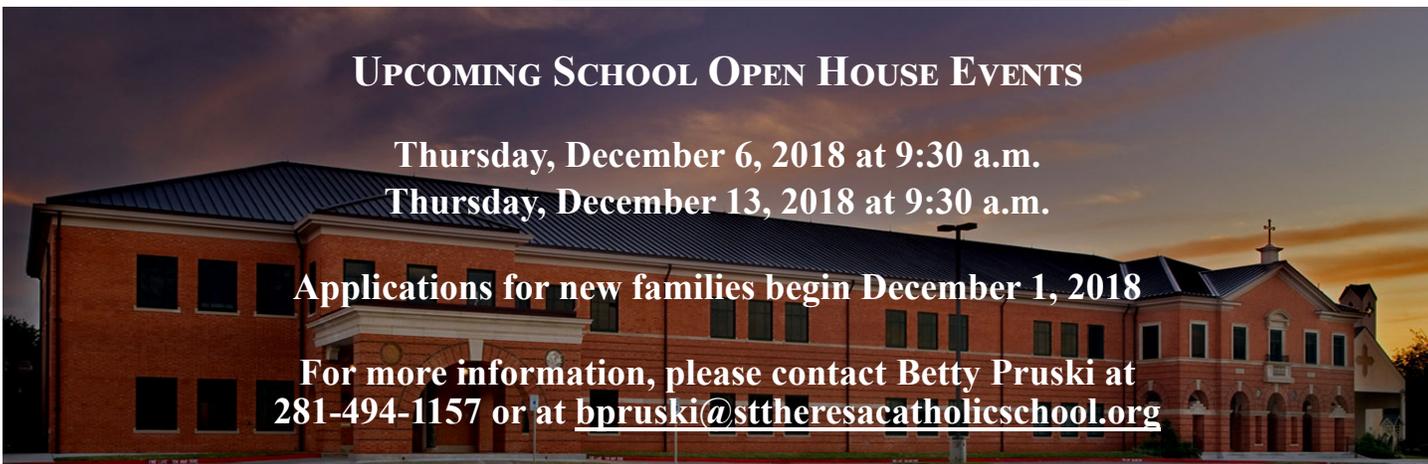
UPCOMING SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE EVENTS

Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

Applications for new families begin December 1, 2018

For more information, please contact Betty Pruski at 281-494-1157 or at bpruski@sttheresacatholicschool.org



R.C.I.A. Testimony for Jerry Eckert



Jerry began his journey when Jack and Millie Foster invited him to Date Night at St. Theresa. Jerry was taken by the friendly community of our parish and wanted to be a part of it, but he saw it more like joining an organization rather than undergoing a conversion. Soon, the Fosters invited Jerry to attend Saturday evening Mass. While the initial

draw in his journey was community, but he began to recognize his spiritual feelings through the liturgy of the Mass. He attended even when the Fosters were out of town.

Jerry says his first time in RCIA was not done with the best attitude. He stepped back for a time. When he returned, he was amazed that the RCIA community welcomed him back so openly.

Jerry was baptized Lutheran as an infant, and he was always conscious of having a faith. He came to us planning to change his denomination but had little intention of changing anything else in anyway. When first asked about the differences between his Protestant faith and Catholicism, he said there wasn't much. Now, he says there's a big difference, the sacraments, especially the Real Presence in the Eucharist. Jerry says receiving the Eucharist, the very Body and Blood of Christ, is the most important thing to him. He wants to receive because that is the most important thing a Catholic can do.

He now finds himself sharing his faith and even talking to people at work about his journey. A long time acquaintance recently told Jerry that he sounded different, more peaceful and more confident. Jerry, Jack and Millie have had deep conversations about scripture and about their faith. Jerry has made some lasting friendships with those on the journey with him in RCIA. Jerry is looking forward to being a pillar in the Catholic faith and a participating member of St. Theresa's parish.

-Jack Foster, sponsor, and the RCIA Team

KNIGHT'S CORNER

“Keep Christ in Christmas” Poster Contest

Open to all students ages 5-14

\$50.00 - award for first place winners in each age group.
Age Groups: 5-7; 8-10; 11-14

Winning posters will be forwarded to the next level of competition.

First-place posters, in each age group, that advance all the way to the **International Level** will receive:

\$250.00 - for First Place

\$100.00 - for the two runner-ups

All Posters are due by December 8, 2018.

For more detailed information and entry form, go to www.KC4204 or contact Sam Gonzalez at 281-980-8762 or email at GonzalezSam29@gmail.com

BLOOD DRIVE



Sunday, December 9, 2018

7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

in the Knights of
Columbus Hall.

Sign up after Mass Today

GIVE the gift of LIFE this Christmas!! We are excited to announce that our drive has 4 new double-red automation donating machines, cuts down donation time. And a medical provider can use the double red blood immediately...

Please, share among your family and friends!!

Holiday Hugs in December is back, and offers the opportunity to give two gifts in one — your life-saving blood donation and an uplifting message on a holiday card to a hospital patient. Let's save even more lives! – Paul Cinquemani, Drive Chairperson 832-594-6753

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 Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m.

Elementary CCE is on Tuesdays at 6:45 p.m. and Wednesdays 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 Tuesdays & Wednesdays (Sept.-May) at 6:45 - 8:00 p.m. in the Education Building/School

HIGH SCHOOL

Contact our Director of Youth Ministry and High School Faith Formation, Gabriel Castillo: Gabriel@sugarlandcatholic.com with any questions or if you'd like to get involved!



building disciples by loving God and others

SAINT THERESA YOUTH EVANGELIZATION

We are having an excellent time in Sunday Faith Formation!
High School (Grades 9-12) Faith Formation Classes:
Sundays at 2:45 p.m.

Confirmation classes are completely full.

For info or questions about youth Faith Formation, contact Claire Aalerud:
Claire@sugarlandcatholic.com



What is unique about the Catholic Church? 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, **December 5, 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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 3, 2018

St. Francis Xavier

- 6:45 a.m. Celebrant Intentions
- 8:30 a.m. Celebrant Intentions

Tuesday, December 4

St. John Damascene

- 6:45 a.m. All Souls
- 8:30 a.m. ✕ Harry Richards
- 5:30 p.m. ✕ Rolando Salazar

Wednesday, December 5

Weekday in Advent

- 6:45 a.m. ✕ John & Ann Curiale
- 8:30 a.m. ✕ Janie Rivera

Thursday, December 6

St. Nicholas

- 6:45 a.m. ✕ Maria Tri
- 8:30 a.m. ✕ Josefa Escueta
- 5:30 p.m. ✕ Deacon Joaquin Garcia & Bill Louviere

Friday, December 7

St. Ambrose

- 6:45 a.m. Andrea Reyes
- 8:30 a.m. Sonya Thomas
- 6:00 p.m. ✕ Rosaura Salinas
- 11:00 p.m. Celebrant Intentions

Saturday, December 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:30 a.m. Rita Children
- 10:00 a.m. Irene Aletor
- 12:00 p.m. ✕ Rosaura Salinas
- 5:00 p.m. ✕ Raymond Tanking
- 7:00 p.m. Celebrant Intentions

Sunday, December 9

Second Sunday of Advent

- 6:30 a.m. ✕ Morris Voelkel
- 8:00 a.m. Guadalupanos
- 10:00 a.m. Parish Family
- 12:00 p.m. ✕ Amalia Ponce DeLeon
- 2:00 p.m. ✕ Irineo Melendez
- 5:00 p.m. ✕ Rosario & Jose Tolosa

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, December 3

NO Events

Tuesday, December 4

- 10:00 a.m. The Gathering Place, C.C.
- 6:45 p.m. CCE-Elementary, School Build.
- 6:45 p.m. CCE-Middle School, School Build.
- 7:00 p.m. Holy Trinity Prayer, Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Franciscanos de María, B4
- 7:00 p.m. Talleres de Oración y Vida, B9
- 7:00 p.m. Católico Básico, C.C.

Wednesday, December 5

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Day of Recollection, Chapel
- 4:30 p.m. CCE-Elementary, School Build.
- 6:45 p.m. CCE-Elementary, School Build.
- 6:45 p.m. CCE-Middle School, School Build.
- 6:45 p.m. Faith Formation/Oratory, FLC
- 7:00 p.m. RCIA, FLC-A
- 7:00 p.m. RICA, B1/7
- 7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Group, FLC-B
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 6

- 9:30 a.m. Rosary Group, B6
- 4:30 p.m. Flos Cantum (Children's choir)
- 6:00 p.m. Carmelites Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Encuentro Matrimonial, B6
- 7:00 p.m. Carismático de Renovación, Capilla
- 7:15 p.m. Ensayo Coro Fraternidad

Friday, December 7

- 7:00 p.m. English Baptismal Class, FLC-A
- 9:00 p.m. First Friday Vigil

Saturday, December 8

- 9:00 a.m. Learn English Ministry
- 9:00 a.m. African Men Christian Org., B10
- 9:15 a.m. Legion of Mary Meeting
- 9:30 a.m. Rosary Group, B6

Sunday, December 9

- 9:00 a.m. Spanish Bible Study, C.C.
- 9:30 a.m. Catequesis/Catecismo, Escuela
- 9:30 a.m. RCIA Catechumens, FLC
- 9:30 a.m. RICA para Niños
- 10:00 a.m. CCE-Pre-K, B3, B4, B5
- 10:00 a.m. RICA para Adultos, B1/7
- 2:45 p.m. Faith Formation/High School, C.C.
- 3:30 p.m. Jubilate Deo Rehearsal
- 3:30 p.m. String Orchestra Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Rosary Group, Emmaus Chapel

SUNDAY OFFERTORY

November 25, 2018	\$ 26,469
Online Giving	\$ 5,045
Total	\$ 31,514

November 18, 2018	\$ 29,669
Online Giving	\$ 6,308
Total	\$ 35,977

PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2017

Totals as of November 25, 2018

Next Goal	\$ 5,000,000
Pledged	\$ 3,231,949
Payments	\$ 962,055

907 Participants

Current parish debt \$ 2,890,929

Amount still owed to
Archdiocesan Capital
Campaign (*IGNITE*) \$ 1,040,964

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2018

Totals as of November 25, 2018

Goal	\$ 205,000
Pledged	\$ 146,838
Payments	\$ 139,095

417 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

CELEBRATION FOR OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

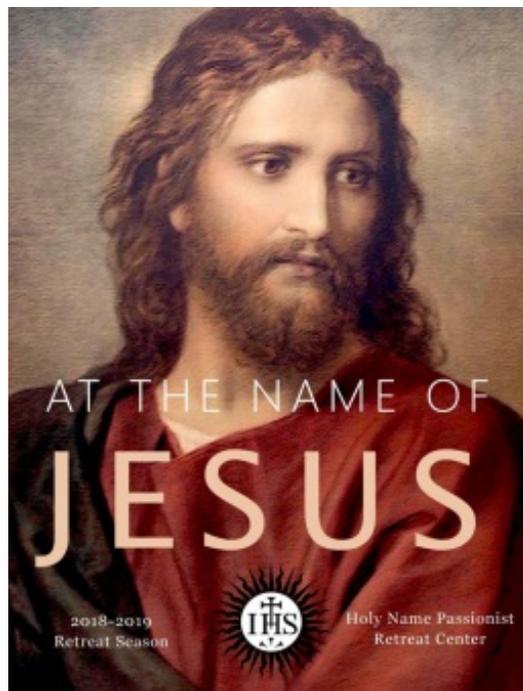


- ◆ 4:30 a.m.: **Holy Rosary** (main church)
- ◆ 5:00 a.m.: **Serenade** (Las Mañanitas) to Our Lady with Mariachi Music
- ◆ 5:30 a.m.: **Mass** (main church)
- ◆ 6:30 – 8:30 a.m.: **Breakfast** and musical performances in the Community Center.

After the breakfast, Please stay to help clean.

Please join us!

“At the Name of Jesus”
A Women’s Retreat



Join the ladies of Saint Theresa’s for spiritual renewal at Holy Name Retreat Center the weekend of **February 22-24, 2019.**

The theme of the retreat will be: **“At the Name of Jesus”**

For more information, contact Holy Name Retreat Center (713-464-0211), Carla Anderson at 337-849-4707, Gladys Zamora at 832-212-2251, or visit holynameretreatcenter.com/catholic-retreat-registration-home/ for details and registration information.



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS SOCKS & GLOVES DRIVE

On behalf of Court St. Theresa of Lisieux, 2211, Sugar Land, TX, we extend our thanks to the parishioners of St. Theresa’s parish for helping make our “Socks and Glove” drive a tremendous success. The men, women and children receiving these donations were extremely grateful and offer their thanks as well. Thanks to all for your generous support.



VIRTUS TRAINING

Saint Theresa Catholic Church is sponsoring a VIRTUS workshop (**Protecting God's Children for Adults**) on **Friday, December 7, 2018** at 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the Community Center.



Registration Instructions

All volunteers who would like to attend must register online.

- Go to www.virtusonline.org
- Go to the left-hand side of the page and click on the green link labeled "First-Time Registrant" or, if you already have an account, enter your user ID and password.
- Select "View a list of Sessions"
- Select your organization from the pull-down menu: "Galveston-Houston, TX (Archdiocese)"
- Once you've selected from the sessions available, click "Start Registration" and complete all information required.
- Questions? E-mail Rosa at: rosa@sugarlandcatholic.com

If you do not have internet access, call:

Rosa Michel,
Safe Environment Coordinator
at 281-494-1156

SHARING SUNDAY CHRISTMAS GIFT PROGRAM



We encourage you to pull a tag from the Christmas tree and purchase a gift to share with those in need. The Christmas tree will be up from **November 30th** through **December 16th**. On Sharing Sunday (**December 15th & 16th**), we ask that you bring your **UNWRAPPED** gift to any of the Sunday Masses. Gifts will be brought up to the steps of the sanctuary when requested.

Ways to Help:

Sharing Sunday

December 15th & 16th after each Mass

Help move gifts from the Church to the Community Center (trucks/vans welcome!)

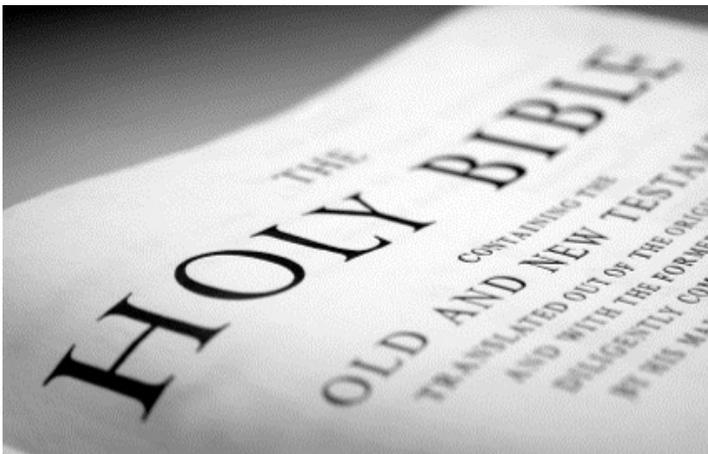
Tag Replenish

Help replenish purple tags on the tree after each Mass (baskets of tags will be nearby)

Gift Distribution will be **December 17th - December 18th** from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Please contact Belinda Orsborn if you have any questions at 832-248-4995.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WEEKLY READINGS

December 3, 2018 through December 9, 2018

Monday:	Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday:	Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

First Sunday of Advent: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25; 1 Thes 3:12 -- 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

LECTURAS SEMANALES

3 de Diciembre del 2018 al 9 de Diciembre del 2018

Lunes:	Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11
Martes:	Is 11:1-10; Lc 10:21-24
Miércoles:	Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
Jueves:	Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Viernes:	Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
Sábado:	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ef 1:3-6, 11-12; Lc 1:26-38
Domingo:	Bar 5:1-9; Sal 126 (125); Fil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lc 3:1-6

Primer Domingo de Adviento: Jer 33:14-16; Sal 25 (24); 1 Tes 3:12, 4:2; Lc 21:25-28, 34-36

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 and to register for the pre-Baptism class. Parents and Godparents must attend the class. Godparents must be at least sixteen years of age, practicing Catholics, have received their Initiation Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation, if married, married through the Catholic 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. **The next class will be on Friday, December 7, 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, December 11, 2018.** For more information please contact Deacon James Anderson at 281-224-9986.



Altar flower sponsorship opportunities are still available for this year.

In remembrance of a loved one, a donation toward an Altar arrangement is a lovely gesture.

Please call the parish office for more details: 281-494-1156

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Come join us in celebrating

Simbang Gabi

at Saint Theresa Catholic Church – Sugar Land

**A MASS in the FILIPINO tradition honoring the
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY in anticipation of CHRISTMAS**

Saturday, December 22, 2018

7:00 PM Mass in the main church

RECEPTION in the COMMUNITY CENTER

(immediately after Mass)

Festivities include the following highlights:

Caroling

Picture taking with Santa Claus**

A buffet of Filipino dishes, delicacies & desserts

(**bring your own camera)

Display of colorful “parols”*

Door prizes and Christmas giveaways

(*some possible for sale)

Dance the night away!

EVERYONE WELCOME – FREE ADMISSION

Sponsored By:

The Holy Trinity Prayer Group & The Samahang Filipino @ St. Theresa

To help, for more details or to donate, please call:

Rudy & Ninfa Alcantara (281) 265-1048 ~ Oliva Aurelio (281) 568-0451 ~ Rodrigo & Mercy Barrey (281) 491-8222 ~
Juan & Bella Castro (713) 303-4209 ~ Elia Davila (281) 530-9462 ~ Tony & Divine Diza (281) 980-8543 ~
Belen De Guzman (281) 491-2550 ~ Bong & Nida Dumantay (832) 613-5672 ~ Mario & Aurora (832) 428-7952 ~
Clarita Floresca (832) 282-6589 ~ Jun & Christine Gimotea (281) 794-6755 ~ Lou Gomez (281) 935-3607
Jennye Gorrosquieta (832) 681-1074 ~ Beth Martinez (832) 588-6149 ~ Helen Mattern (713) 829-4909 ~
Alex & Fely Melgarejo (281) 674-9816 ~ Lynn Miller (281) 250-2561 ~ Eugenia Miller (281) 498-2361 ~
Ramon & Tessie Paguio (832) 868-8954 ~ Rick & Rhodora Quiam (281) 565-3763 ~ Marina Rivera (281) 236-0450
~ Roy & Grace Rojas (281) 980-3159 ~ Vic & Angelina Sarmiento (281) 416-9700 ~ Bernie & Bernadette Staples
(832) 668-6487 ~ Eduardo & Mely Silverio (281) 341-8361 ~ Dr. Mercedes Sulit (281) 988-9194 ~
Sam & Alyn Vivares (281) 302-6228 ~ Glenn & Gladys Zamora (832) 212-2251

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.

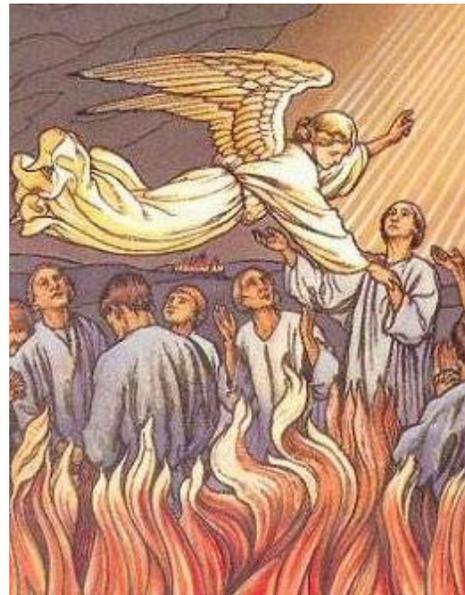
Sandra Aguilar	Janne Perez-Quila
Enrique Barajas	Joe Puga
Evelyn Bartos	Mary Lou Ramsey
Rita Beckey	Bernadette Roberts
Servando Bermudez	Barbara M. Saenz
Matthew Cortes	Gwen Salisbury
Karen Cromer	Nigel Smith
Raul De Freitas	Ava Stone
Dennis Deruytter	Gary Sudela
Brittany Dodson	Baldemar Torres
Gerry Doyle	Daniel Santiago Villasana
Maria Elvira	Jerelyn Walker
Maria Ewah	Frank Williams
Paula Flores	
Andrea Catalina Garcia	
Maria Elena Garcia	
Fr. Sean Garrity	
Doris Gijon	
Fernando Gomez	
Martha Gonzalez	
Bernice Guess	
Wilda Guidry	
Deacon Glenn Haller	
Ann Hamilton	
Edith Hartensteiner	
Wayne Heitman	
Sylvia Hernandez	
Tyler Hill	
Augustine Hoang	
Larry Klaus	
Arnold Knoche	
Shirley Kreimeyer	
Debbie Kutra	
Alfredo Hernandez Lara	
Carlos Alberto Lopez	
Dick Memmer	
Hertha Meyer	
Jesus Meza	
Julia G. Moreno	
Tom Nauck	
Jun & Wilma Narvacan	
Rita Nauck	
Mildred Netardus	
Fr. Roy Oggero	

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, Deacon Joaquin Garcia, 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, Daniel Lee Garcia, Judy Lancaster, Paul Matocha, JoAnn Duncan, Hector Garza, Pablo Gurrola, Maria Avitia, Jean Toner, Mary Covarrubias, William Louviere, Linda Casey, Alice Hicks, Brandon Freeman, Mark Rychlik, Angel Marcucci, Ralph Leal, Teresinha B. Bitdinger, Max Ybarra, Ramon Bondoc, Kitty Burney



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

-Indulgence. 500 days



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,
the resolve to run forth to meet your
Christ with righteous deeds at his coming,
so that, gathered at his right hand,
they may be worthy to possess
the heavenly Kingdom.

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.

*“Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness
and the anxieties of daily life.” (Luke 21:34-36)*

Saint Theresa Catholic Church

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Sugar Land, Texas 77498



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| 1 - St. Theresa School | 9 - CCE Conference Room |
| 2 - Community Center | 10 - Parish Office |
| 3 - Emmaus Chapel | 11 - Church |
| 4 - Family Life Center/Gym | 12 - Temporary Office |
| 5 - Choir Room | 13 - Little Flower Chapel |
| 6 - Youth Lounge | 14 - Rooms (B1 - B11) |
| 7 - St. Catherine Room (Rm A) | 15 - St. Vincent de Paul |
| 8 - St. Thomas More Room (Rm B) | 16 - St. Basil Hall |