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**On the cover (bottom left):**

Reni, Guido.

*The adoration of the Shepherds.*

1640, oil on canvas.

The National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London.

**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.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners, Friends, Neighbors, Drop-Ins and Passers-by,

### Merry Christmas!

I hope this message finds your hearts filled with the joy as we celebrate this most Holy Night. How good, how consoling, how confounding it is to celebrate and contemplate the birth of the Son of God. In the darkness of night, Christ was born. A light to illumine the depth of our darkness, a hope to confront the terror of night.

When Christ was born, the face of the eternal Father, our Almighty God, turned toward us. That we might not be frightened of his power, that we might peek out from the self-imposed confinement of our sin, God became small. He enticed us to come close – to attend to his cries, to caress his face. The hardness of our hearts softened, our rebellion disarmed, the Father could finally speak his Word of love to us.

When Christ was born, a definitive hope was born as well. A hope not reserved to the perfect or to the lucky, but a hope for everyone. The doubter. The distant. The wounded. The sinner. Should I lose my way, a star will guide me home. Should I suffer want or hunger, a manger will feed me. Should I fear the pain of death, a newborn child will give me the promise of new life.

There is a great deal of pain and darkness in our Church and in our world. Heartbreak, wrath, and the coldness of indifference both surround us and well up within us. And yet it is precisely in this obscurity and desperation that the message of Christmas rings out. Armies of angels announce it: Joy to the world! The savior reigns.

Saint Theresa Catholic Church is a place where the individual, regardless of reason or motivation, can meet this same Savior – in the sacraments and in prayer. Call, e-mail, or write any time – all year long. Or just drop by the church or chapel for a few minutes of quiet with God. This Christmas, know that Christ was born for you, and He still invites you to abide with him. Whether you are here for a visit or to stay, welcome home.

- *Fr. Eured Mangano*

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



### CHRISTMAS EVE Monday, December 24

5:00 p.m.  
5:15 p.m. (Community Center)  
7:00 p.m.  
9:00 p.m. *Misa de Noche Buena*

### Midnight of Christmas

11:00 p.m.  
Office of Readings & Motets  
12:00 Midnight Mass

### CHRISTMAS DAY Tuesday, December 25

6:30 a.m.  
8:00 a.m. (español)  
10:00 a.m.  
12:00 p.m. Noon  
5:00 p.m.

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD *Holy Day of Obligation*

**December 31, 2018**

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

**January 1, 2019**

6:45 a.m.  
8:30 a.m.  
5:30 p.m.  
7:00 p.m. (español)

### On the cover (top right):

Philippe de Champaigne.

*The visitation.*

1643 - 1648, oil on canvas.

Princeton University Art Museum,

New Jersey..

**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 inscribise 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 SANTÍSIMA 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.

**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:7135347395)

**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.

## 10 Días de Peregrinación a los Santuarios de Francia



*Lourdes - Playas de Normandía - Caen - Alençon - Lisieux - Paris*

**Agosto 5 - 14, 2019**

\$3,790.00 por persona desde Houston

Director espiritual:

**Padre Gregorio Mirto**

Coordinadora de excursiones:

**Mercy Urbina**

Incluye: Transporte aéreo ida y vuelta desde Houston, hoteles de primera clase (ocupación doble), dos comidas al día (desayuno y cena), visitas diarias, cargos de aeropuerto, entradas, propinas a conductores y guías, y cargos de combustible (sujetos a cambios).

Para mas información comunicarse con Mercy Urbina a 281-224-1720 o al email:

[mercy.e.urbina@gmail.com](mailto:mercy.e.urbina@gmail.com)

**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.



**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 23 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.

## DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

Estimados parroquianos, amigos, vecinos, visitantes y transeúntes,

**¡Feliz Navidad!**

Espero que este mensaje encuentre sus corazones llenos de alegría mientras celebramos esta Noche Santísima. Qué bueno, qué consolador, qué confuso es celebrar y contemplar el nacimiento del Hijo de Dios. En la oscuridad de la noche, Cristo nació. Una luz para iluminar la profundidad de nuestra oscuridad, una esperanza para enfrentar el terror de la noche.

Cuando Cristo nació, el rostro del Padre eterno, nuestro Dios Todopoderoso, se volvió hacia nosotros. Para que no tengamos miedo de su poder, para que podamos asomarnos del confinamiento autoimpuesto de nuestro pecado, Dios se hizo pequeño. Nos incitó a acercarnos, a atender sus gritos, a acariciar su rostro. Con la dureza de nuestros corazones suavizada, nuestra rebelión desarmada, el Padre finalmente pudo hablarnos su Palabra de amor.

Cuando Cristo nació, también nació una esperanza definitiva. Una esperanza no reservada para los perfectos o los afortunados, sino una esperanza para todos. El que duda. El distante. Los heridos. Los pecadores. Si me pierdo, una estrella me guiará a casa. Si sufro deseos o hambre, un pesebre me alimentará. Si temo el dolor de la muerte, un niño recién nacido me dará la promesa de una nueva vida.

Hay mucho dolor y oscuridad en nuestra Iglesia y en nuestro mundo. La angustia, la ira y la frialdad de la indiferencia nos rodean. Y sin embargo, es precisamente en esta oscuridad y desesperación que suena el mensaje de Navidad. Los ejércitos de ángeles lo anuncian: ¡Alegría al mundo! El salvador reina.

Esta Iglesia de Santa Teresa es un lugar donde el individuo, sin importar la razón o la motivación, puede encontrarse con este mismo Salvador, en los sacramentos y en la oración. Llame, envíe un correo electrónico o escriba en cualquier momento, durante todo el año. O simplemente pase por la iglesia o capilla por unos minutos de silencio con Dios. Esta Navidad, sabe que Cristo nació para usted, y Él todavía los invita a permanecer con Él. Ya sea que esté aquí para una visita o para quedarse, bienvenido a casa.

*- Pd. Eured Mangano*



# SAINT THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL -THE GRIFFIN NEWS-

## STCS ACADEMICS

In observance of the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**, Saint Theresa Catholic School honored our Lady with a special program, *Las Mañanitas*, presented by our middle school students. The presentation included songs, poems, and a dance performed by the STCS Matachines.



### UPCOMING SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE EVENTS

Friday,  
January 18, 2019  
at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday,  
January 27, 2019  
at 11:30 a.m. &  
1:30 p.m.

*Applications for new  
families are now  
available.*

For more  
information,  
contact Betty Pruski at  
281-494-1157 or  
Bpruski@  
StTheresaCatholicSchool.org

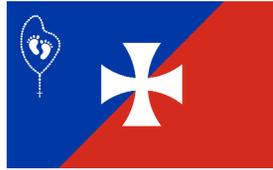
## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SAINT THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES





The Catholic Organization of Life will be having a bake and raffle tickets sale **today, December 22nd & 23rd** after all the Masses. This is to help raise money for their annual trip to Washington D.C. for the March for life.

*C.O.O.L. (Catholic Organization of Life) is a Houston based pro-life group dedicated to praying for and saving the unborn.*



**GIFT BEARERS FOR WEEKEND MASSES**



Are you able to bring the gifts to the Altar on behalf of the assembly?

Special birthdays and anniversaries are a great time to serve the parish.

*See the sign-up book located in the vestibule.*



# Domestic Church

For English Speaking Communities in the U.S.

Join us for an informational session on **December 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

RSVP to Joseph Mastrangelo for more information and location: [Joseph@SugarLandCatholic.com](mailto:Joseph@SugarLandCatholic.com)

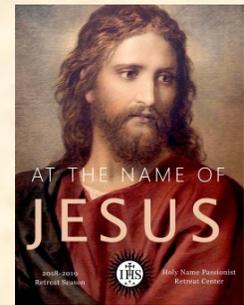


Domestic Church is the family branch of the Light-Life Movement founded in Poland by Venerable Servant of God, Fr. Franciszek Blachnicki (1921-1987) with the guidance and support of his bishop, Karol Wojtyła (Pope St. John Paul II).

Domestic Church is a movement for sacramentally married Catholic couples and families who want to grow

in mutual love and pursue sanctity together. The Movement helps spouses in building true unity and in creating a truly Christian environment for bringing up children. It provides life-long formation in personal, marital and family spirituality.

## “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/](http://HolyNameRetreatCenter.com/Catholic-Retreat-Registration-Home/)

for details and registration information.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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, **January 9, 2019** 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.** 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](mailto: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](mailto:paul@sugarlandcatholic.com)) prior to attending your first session.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Monday, December 24, 2018

*Weekday in Advent*

- 6:45 a.m. ✘ Esperanza Gabriel  
 8:30 a.m. ✘ Antonio Linda  
 5:00 p.m. ✘ Manuel Pelaez Sr.  
 5:15 p.m. ✘ Daniel Lee Garcia  
 7:00 p.m. ✘ Pedro & Martin Garcia  
 9:00 p.m. ✘ Jesus Hernandez &  
 Olga Lidia Cienfuegos

### Tuesday, December 25

*The Nativity of the Lord*

- 12:00 a.m. Celebrant Intentions  
 6:30 a.m. ✘ Ana Lidia Vargas  
 8:00 a.m. ✘ Teresinha Bitdinger &  
 Nenita Navarro  
 10:00 a.m. Parish Family  
 12:00 p.m. Priscilla & Gabriel Aletor  
 5:00 p.m. Augustine Hoang

### Wednesday, December 26

*St. Stephen*

- 6:45 a.m. Fr. Robert A. Quarato  
 8:30 a.m. ✘ Mabel Osifo

### Thursday, December 27

*St. John the Apostle*

- 6:45 a.m. Cardinal Raymond Burke  
 8:30 a.m. ✘ Thomas Jacobs  
 5:30 p.m. ✘ Fred Mora

### Friday, December 28

*The Holy Innocents*

- 6:45 a.m. Ana Wang  
 8:30 a.m. ✘ Sister Rosemarie &  
 Fr. Joseph Manikath

### Saturday, December 29

*Octave of Christmas*

- 8:30 a.m. ✘ Eugenio Moreno  
 5:00 p.m. ✘ Arnoldo & Maria Michel

### Sunday, December 30

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

- 6:30 a.m. ✘ Janie & Joe Knezek  
 8:00 a.m. ✘ Francisca Negrete &  
 Juan Castillo  
 10:00 a.m. Ricardo Benavidez  
 12:00 p.m. ✘ Francisco & Guadalupe Rivera  
 2:00 p.m. ✘ Hernany Ollarves  
 5:00 p.m. ✘ Ardeth Basa

*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 24

NO Events

### Tuesday, December 25

NO Events

### Wednesday, December 26

- 10:00 a.m. Mother's Play Group, B1, B2  
 7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Group, FLC-B  
 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, December 27

- 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  
 7:00 p.m. Bible Study, FLC-Lounge  
 7:15 p.m. Ensayo Coro Fraternidad

### Friday, December 28

NO Events

### Saturday, December 29

- 9:15 a.m. Legion of Mary Meeting  
 9:30 a.m. Rosary Group, B6

### Sunday, December 30

- 9:00 a.m. Spanish Bible Study, C.C.  
 9:30 a.m. RCIA Catechumens, FLC  
 9:30 a.m. RICA para Niños  
 10:00 a.m. RICA para Adultos, B1/7  
 3:30 p.m. Jubilate Deo Rehearsal  
 3:30 p.m. String Orchestra Rehearsal  
 6:00 p.m. Rosary Group, Emmaus Chapel

## SUNDAY OFFERTORY

*Offertory figures for the weekends of both December 16th & December 23rd will be published in next week's bulletin.*

**NEXT WEEK:**

**SECOND COLLECTION FOR  
 ST. VINCENT DE PAUL  
 (MINISTRY FOR THE POOR)**

## PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2017

*Totals as of December 9, 2018*

Next Goal	\$ 5,000,000
Pledged	<b>\$ 3,231,949</b>
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 December 9, 2018*

Goal	\$ 205,000
Pledged	<b>\$ 147,163</b>
Payments	\$ 140,017

418 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.

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## HOW TO GO TO CONFESSION

In order to make a good confession, we first examine our conscience, asking God's help that we might know our sins and repent of them.

### Rite of Reconciliation

- Priest:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Penitent:** Amen.
- Penitent:** **Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been (how long?) since my last confession. My sins are: (confess your sins). And for these, and all the sins of my life, I am truly sorry.**
- Priest:** (gives you spiritual counsel and assigns a penance for your sins)
- Penitent:** (Pray an *Act of Contrition*. For example):
- Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**
- or—
- O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven, and the pains of hell; but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.**
- Priest:** The priest prays the formula of absolution. At the conclusion, say, "Amen."
- Priest:** Go in peace.
- Penitent:** **Thanks be to God** (*do your penance as soon as possible*).

## EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

*If guilty of serious (mortal) sin, one should go to confession right away, especially before receiving Holy Communion. A mortal sin consists in serious matter, that is known to be serious, and freely committed.*

- 1. I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD, YOU SHALL NOT HAVE STRANGE GODS BEFORE ME.** Did I fail to love God, to make God first in my life, to thank Him and to trust Him as He deserves? Did I fail to pray each day? Have I deliberately doubted or denied my faith? Have I been involved the occult or superstitious practices? In any of my previous confessions, did I deliberately conceal sins out of shame or pride?
- 2. YOU SHALL NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD YOUR GOD IN VAIN.** Did I curse or swear? Did I use God's name without respect, as a curse or to blaspheme? Have I used foul language or jokes?
- 3. REMEMBER TO KEEP HOLY THE SABBATH DAY.** Have I deliberately missed Mass on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation (this is serious matter)? Did I leave Mass early without a good reason? Am I regularly late for Mass? Did I receive Holy Communion in the state of mortal sin (this is serious matter)? Did I do unnecessary work on Sunday?
- 4. HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER.** Have I obeyed my parents? Do I respect others with lawful authority, especially teachers? Have I talked back? Did I fail to help at home or to spend time with my family?
- 5. YOU SHALL NOT KILL.** Did I give in to feelings of anger, jealousy, or hatred? Did I fight, give a bad example or cause scandal? Have I abused alcohol or drugs (this is serious matter)? Have I had or in any way permitted or encouraged abortion (this is serious matter)? Have I thought about suicide?
- 6. YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.** (These are usually serious matters). Did I consent to impure thoughts or glances? Passionate Kisses? Sinful touches? Was I immodest in dress or behavior? Did I look at pornography, impure books, magazines or videos? Am I guilty of masturbation (impurity with self)? Fornication (premarital sex), adultery (sex with a married person) or contraception (by pills, devices, etc.)? Do I avoid laziness, gluttony, idleness and the occasions of impurity?
- 7. YOU SHALL NOT STEAL.** Have I taken what is not mine? What or how much? Did I return it or make up for what I have stolen? Have I cheated on tests or home-work? Did I waste time at work?
- 8. YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOR.** Have I lied or gossiped? Do I always tell the truth? Did I reveal secrets that should have been kept confidential? Am I critical, negative or uncharitable in my speech?
- 9. YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOR'S WIFE.** Have I consented to impure thoughts? Have I encouraged them by stares, curiosity or impure conversations? Did I neglect to control my imagination or desire other people.
- 10. YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOR'S GOODS.** Am I greedy? Am I jealous of others for who they are or what they have? Am I moody? Do I work, study and keep busy to counter idle thoughts? Am I critical, negative, or uncharitable in my thoughts of others? Is my heart set on earthly possessions or on the reassures of Heaven?

***"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy."***

— Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*: The Joy of the Gospel

## BLESSING OF WINE

Thursday, December 27th at the 8:30 a.m. Mass



All are invited to bring a bottle (or more!) of wine to be blessed at the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> for a special blessing in honor of the Feast of St. John the Evangelist. Please make sure the bottle is labeled with your name.

*This annual blessing is done in honor of Saint John, who tradition holds was once given a cup of poisoned wine to drink by those who rejected the Gospel. Before drinking, he blessed the cup, and the poison departed the cup in the form of a serpent.*



**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
*good works*

St. Vincent de Paul ministry will be closed on **Monday, December 24, 2018 and Monday, December 31, 2018** in observance of the Holiday Season. The office will re-open on **Friday, January 4, 2019.**

### SAINT THERESA EVANGELIZATION & DISCIPLESHIP

**Bible Study for Adults Continuing  
with the Gospel of John**

**Next Bible study will be December 27th**

6:30pm - 7:00pm Social

7:00pm - 8:30pm

*Youth Lounge*

Light Refreshments will be available

**Bring a Bible**

(Catholic translation preferred - NAB, NJB, etc.)

**Questions? Contact Joseph Mastrangelo**

[joseph@sugarlandcatholic.com](mailto:joseph@sugarlandcatholic.com)

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# Save the Date!



**When:**

**Saturday, January 12, 2019  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**Where:**

**Saint Theresa Church  
705 St. Theresa Blvd.  
Sugar Land, TX 77498**

- ★ Winner per category (Chicken & Sausage, Seafood)
- ★ People's Choice Award
- ★ Team Spirit Award

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### WEEKLY READINGS

*December 24, 2018 through December 30, 2018*

Monday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79
Tuesday:	Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]; Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14; Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20; Day Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Wednesday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
Thursday:	1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Friday:	1 Jn 1:5 -- 2:2; Mt 2:13-18
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128; or Ps 84; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

**Fourth Sunday of Advent:** Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

### LECTURAS SEMANALES

*24 de Diciembre del 2018 al 30 de Diciembre del 2018*

Lunes:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lc 1:67-79
Martes:	Vigilia: Is 62:1-5; Sal 88; Hch 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]; Noche: Is 9:1-6; Sal 95; Tit 2:11-14; Lc 2:1-14; Aurora: Is 62:11-12; Sal 96; Tit 3:4-7; Lc 2:15-20; Dia: Is 52:7-10; Sal 97; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Miércoles:	Hch 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
Jueves:	1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Viernes:	1 Jn 1:5 -- 2:2; Mt 2:13-18
Sábado:	1 Jn 2:3-11; Lc 2:22-35
Domingo:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 o 1Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Sal 128 o Sal 84; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] o 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lc 2:41-52

**Cuarto Domingo de Adviento:** Mi 5:1-4a; Sal 80 (81); Heb 10:5-10; Lc 1:39-45

**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, February 1, 2019.**

**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, February 12, 2019.** 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.



**Bulletin Announcements:** Submissions to the bulletin are due on the Friday (10 days) before the Sunday of publication. Send bulletin notices to Michelle Rivas at [michelle.rivas@sugarlandcatholic.com](mailto:michelle.rivas@sugarlandcatholic.com) or FAX: 281-242-1393.

**E-Blast:** Visit our parish website ([sugarlandcatholic.com](http://sugarlandcatholic.com)) and click on the link to sign up for our bi-monthly e-blast. Every two weeks, an e-mail will be sent directly to your computer or smart phone with updated information about parish schedules, events, and more. Sign up today!

**Gabriel Project:** Gabriel Project is seeking monetary or material donations for pregnant women in need. Please contact Pina at 281-650-1225 or [sttheresa.prolife@gmail.com](mailto:sttheresa.prolife@gmail.com)

**Marriage Encounter:** Are you looking for a new way to let your spouse know you love them in the midst of your jobs, car-pooling the kids, and trying to keep up with your house, pool, and yard? Tell him or her they're still #1 in your life... share a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend with each other. Contact Brian & Tina Little at 281-773-4014 or on-line at [www.houstonme.org](http://www.houstonme.org).

**Monthly Pro-Life Rosary:** The first Sunday of each month we pray the Rosary to end abortion. **Sunday, January 6, 2019** we will pray the Rosary after the 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Masses in front of the Right to Life Monument.

**Nursery:** The nursery is open during the 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & Noon Sunday Masses. Children from 18 months to 4 years of age are welcome. No reservation is necessary. For more information, contact Andrea Ramsey at 281-725-0127.

**Project Rachel:** If you are grieving from a past abortion, contact a member of our Pro-Life team (see page 15) or our diocesan Project Rachel ministry coordinator, Julie Fritsch, for confidential help (713-741-8728).

**St. Theresa's Mothers' Playgroup:** Mothers and children welcome! We meet at 10:00 a.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month in the church nursery. Contact Karen Jesko at 281-787-1539 for more information.

**Loving Embrace Infertility Support Group:** Meets the 3rd Thursday, each month, 7:30-9pm. Monthly meeting rotation: Couples Dinner, Ladies Dinner, and Couples Discussion. *Loving Embrace* is a Catholic educational support group for couples who have endured or are presently enduring the pain and suffering of infertility. The group provides support for coping with infertility and explores resources, methods, and options that are morally faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church. For rotation information contact Erin Colaco at [infertilitysupporthouston@gmail.com](mailto:infertilitysupporthouston@gmail.com)

**Military Bulletin Board:** Please contact Cheryl Pospisil ([c.pospisil@yahoo.com](mailto:c.pospisil@yahoo.com)) with any updates to the Military bulletin board in the narthex. This includes adding new pictures or updating the information currently on the board. Photos (with accompanying descriptions) can also be dropped off at the church office.

**Grief Support Ministry:** The hopelessness and sadness that comes from experiencing the loss of a loved one can leave us frozen in place, just trying to cope with everyday life. Support groups are an important tool for finding hope and coping tools on this journey. We are a group of compassionate lay people who also have experienced the death of someone we dearly loved. Join us to listen and share, because no one should grieve alone! For more information please contact Sandy Barber at 832-451-9117 or [walkthroughgrief@gmail.com](mailto:walkthroughgrief@gmail.com).

**Perpetual Adoration Ministry:** The perpetual adoration ministry is a Eucharistic devotion where people commit to taking an hour to praise and worship Jesus before the Most Blessed Sacrament. The hour you sign up for is spent in silent prayer and meditation. You may bring your own prayer books, use the books in the chapel, read the Bible, pray the rosary, or just sit and enjoy the peace that comes from simply being in the Presence of God. Adoration is in the Emmaus Chapel; it is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. For more information, contact Rebecca Freeman at 281-844-4616.

**Club Unidad:** Our vision is to be a service ministry organization, effectively using our gifts and talents to serve the needs within and outside our community. Our mission is to actively encourage involvement in church activities by members of our Spanish-speaking community, to take the lead in celebrating religious feasts, to be available and lend a helping hand to both the church and fellow parishioners, and to promote higher education by granting scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are registered parishioners. For more information, please contact George Morales, Jr. at 281-565-5469.

**Lay Carmelites Ministry:** The Lay Carmelites are an order, not an organization. They are one of the oldest religious orders that follow the contemplative life. They live their daily lives in a secular society, evangelizing, serving, and following the examples of the many Carmelite Saints. For more information please contact Tonie Arizpe at 832-715-6281.

**Pastoral Council:** The Pastoral Council is made up of 12 members elected to three-year terms who represent parishioners, parish ministries, and parish organizations. The Council serves in a consultative capacity with the Pastor by bringing forth concerns from the community and working with the Pastor to resolve them. The Council also coordinates parish events and helps the parish meet the needs of the parishioners. The Council meets monthly.

**Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic:** The Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic (a.k.a. Dominican Laity) are Lay Catholic men and women, single and married, who serve God in the world as members of the order of preachers (Dominicans). We constantly seek to develop a spiritual life rooted in the pillars of prayer, study, community, and preaching in to the lay state. We meet as a group once a month at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in midtown Houston. If you have been a practicing Catholic for at least two years and would like to discern whether you have a Lay Dominican vocation, we'd love to hear from you! For more information, please e-mail Alan Phipps, O.P. at [alanphipps@gmail.com](mailto:alanphipps@gmail.com) or call 281-410-1856.

## 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.

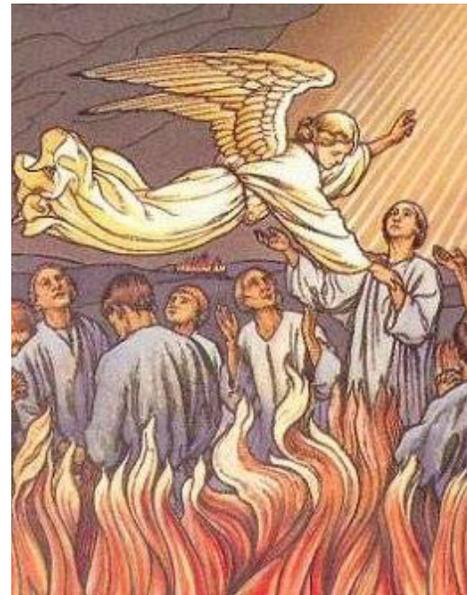
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Evelyn Bartos	Mary Lou Ramsey
Rita Beckey	Bernadette Roberts
Servando Bermudez	Barbara M. Saenz
Matthew Cortes	Gwen Salisbury
Karen Cromer	Nigel Smith
Raul De Freitas	Ava Stone
Dennis Deruytter	Gary Sudela
Brittany Dodson	Baldemar Torres
Gerry Doyle	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	
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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, Ann Guerrero



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

*-Indulgence. 500 days*



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,  
 your grace into our hearts, that we,  
 to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son  
 was made known by the message of an Angel,  
 may by his Passion and Cross be brought  
 to the glory of his Resurrection.

Who lives and reigns with you  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

*“Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you  
 by the Lord would be fulfilled” (Luke 1:45).*

## 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       |

