

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER / SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

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DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS

Three O'clock Prayer to the Divine Mercy

You expired, O Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls and an ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us. O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You. Amen.

Prayer for Mercy for the Dying

O merciful Jesus, lover of souls, I beseech You, by the agony of Your Most Sacred Heart and by the sorrows of Your Immaculate Mother, wash clean in Your Blood the sinners of the whole world who are now in their final agony, but especially those on their way to eternal damnation and who are to die this day. Heart of Jesus who suffered death's agony, I beg You have mercy on these poor souls. Amen.

Prayer for Mercy for the Souls in Purgatory

Eternal Father, I offer You the most precious blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, for those in my own home and within my own family. Amen.

Prayer For A Lonely Soul

Jesus, Friend of a lonely heart, You are my haven, You are my peace. You are my salvation, You are my serenity in moments of struggle and amidst an ocean of doubts. You are the bright ray that lights up the path of my life. You are everything to a lonely soul even though it remains silent. You know the weaknesses and You comfort and heal, sparing us sufferings. Amen.

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On the cover:

Maerten de Vos.

The incredulity of Thomas.

1574, oil on canvas.

Royal Museum of Fine Arts Antwerp, Belgium.

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 (Latin, Extraordinary Form)
5:30 p.m.

CONFESION • 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.

FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

Thoughts on Christian Living by Fr. Matthew G. Suniga

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer your thankful praises! A Lamb the sheep redeems; Christ, who only is sinless, Reconciles sinners to the Father. Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous: The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal. Speak, Mary, declaring what you saw, wayfaring. "The tomb of Christ, who is living, the glory of Jesus' resurrection; bright angels attesting, the shroud and napkin resting. Yes, Christ my hope is arisen; to Galilee he goes before you." Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining. Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning! Amen. Alleluia.

...to Galilee he goes before you

Christ has risen, as he has said! Alleluia! Alleluia! A happy and blessed Easter to all of you in the name of the Risen Jesus Christ.

A few weeks ago, the *Houston Chronicle* published a story about the staff who worked in the office of the late President George HW Bush during his retirement years. The story told of the mixture of fond memories and sadness that his former staffers were experiencing as they went about closing the office now that the President had been laid to rest and his final affairs settled. One staff member said that President Bush was known to be a tireless worker, and was famous for finishing a task only to ask his assistants, "What's next?"

The penance and mortification of the Lenten season have given way to the bright festivity of Eastertide. Churches around the globe are filled with familiar faces and new faces, we've donned our Sunday best, and sung with full voice the praises of our Risen Savior, so perhaps we can all ask the question, "What's next?" It is essential for every Christian to have a "What's next?" attitude as we take up the daily work of our Christian discipleship. The annual commemoration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ—the principal feast and center of the Christian year—is the perfect opportunity to ask, "What's next?"

What's next as I continue to amend my life in light of the sins that I acknowledged and sacramentally confessed during the season of Lent? What's next now that I have come back to Mass for the first time in a long time? What's next now that the joy of Easter fills my spirit while the challenges of life continue? What's next now that I still fear what tomorrow might bring as I deal with this terrible illness? What's next in this tense relationship that weighs so heavily on my mind? I know that in every pew on every Sunday there is joy and sadness, there is hope and fear. I also know that in the midst of it all, in some mysterious way that we can never fully comprehend, God is present.

The gospel sequence for Easter, shown above, reminds us that the Resurrection brings with it Christ's forward movement from the tomb in Jerusalem to Galilee, where he will again manifest himself to his disciples before he ascends to his Father in heaven. The answer to the question "What's next?" lies in this forward movement. The pattern of our discipleship is set before us by Christ himself; we continue moving forward. We move forward in our commitment to cooperate with the grace that God so freely and lovingly bestows upon us. We move forward in our commitment to witness to the Resurrection by the conduct of our lives. We move forward by nourishing the Divine Life of Christ within us through prayer and participation in the sacramental life of the Church.

What's next? Follow Jesus out of the tomb, for "to Galilee he goes before you," and as once for the disciples, so for you will he make himself known as the one who conquers death and restores life—forever.

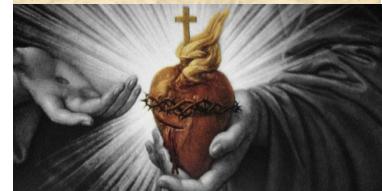
FIRST FRIDAY ORGAN CONCERT

May 3, 2019
7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Featuring:
Dr. Kevin Clarke

FIRST FRIDAY REPARATION VIGIL

May 3, 2019



9:00 p.m.

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

9:45 - 10:45 p.m.
Confession available

11:00 p.m.

Mass with Gregorian chant

Donation of Altar Arrangement
April 28, 2019

In memory of
Silbino Martinez, III



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

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 para registrarlo. Los Papas y los padrinos deben asistir a una clase para bautismo. Los padrinos deben de ser mayores de diecisésis (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 5 de Mayo 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 inscríbase llamando al 281-494-1156. El seminario se ofrece cada otro mes, el segundo jueves. **El próximo seminario es el Jueves 9 de Mayo del 2019** 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.

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 MARÍA: El coro práctica los sábados a las 9:15 a.m. y cantan en la misa del domingo a las 8:00 a.m. o 2:00 p.m. Para mas información llamen al 281-494-1156.

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 B6 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? Regístrate después de misa o llame a Elvira Morales al 281-682-0626.

LA LEGIÓN DE MARÍA: 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.

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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



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:
Junio 13-16, 2019 Para Hombres

Contactos para Inscripciones:
Maria Tolentino (832) 704-0017,
Diana Galindo (281) 248-1252



¡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 28 de Abril del 2019** 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.

COMIDA PARA EL VIAJE

Reflexiones sobre la vida cristiana por el Padre Matthew G. Suniga

¡Cristianos, a la Víctima Pascual ofrezca sus alabanzas agradecidas! Un cordero la oveja redime; Cristo, que solo es sin pecado, Reconcilia a los pecadores con el Padre. La muerte y la vida han luchado en ese combate estupendo: El principio de la vida, que murió, reina inmortal. Habla, María, declarando. Lo que visite, caminante. "La tumba de Cristo, que vive, La gloria de la resurrección de Jesús; ángeles brillantes que atestiguan, El sudario y el pañuelo descansando. Sí, Cristo mi esperanza ha resucitado; a Galilea El va delante de ti. Ciertamente Cristo ha resucitado de la muerte, obteniendo nuestra nueva vida. ¡Ten piedad, rey victorioso, siempre reinando! Amén. Aleluya.

... a Galilea Él va delante de ti

¡Cristo ha resucitado, como ha dicho! ¡Aleluya! ¡Aleluya! Una feliz y bendecida Pascua para todos ustedes en el nombre de Jesucristo resucitado.

Hace unas semanas, el *Houston Chronicle* publicó una historia sobre el personal que trabajó en la oficina del fallecido presidente George HW Bush durante sus años de jubilación. La historia contó la mezcla de buenos recuerdos y tristeza que sus antiguos empleados estaban experimentando mientras cerraban la oficina ahora que el presidente había descansado y sus asuntos finales estaban resueltos. Un miembro del personal dijo que se sabía que el presidente Bush era un trabajador incansable, y que era famoso por terminar una tarea solo por preguntar a sus asistentes: "¿Qué sigue?"

La penitencia y la mortificación de la temporada de Cuaresma han dado paso a la brillante festividad de Pascua. Las iglesias de todo el mundo están llenas de caras conocidas y caras nuevas. Nos pusimos el mejor domingo y cantamos con voz plena las alabanzas de nuestro Salvador resucitado, por lo que quizás todos podamos hacer la pregunta: "¿Qué sigue ahora?" Es esencial que todos los cristianos tengan una actitud de "¿Qué sigue?" a medida que asumimos el trabajo diario de nuestro discipulado Cristiano. La conmemoración anual de la Resurrección de Jesucristo—la fiesta principal y el centro del año Cristiano—es la oportunidad perfecta para preguntar: "¿Qué sigue?"

¿Qué sigue ahora cuando continúo enmendando mi vida a la luz de los pecados que reconcí y confesé sacramentalmente durante la temporada de Cuaresma? ¿Qué sigue ahora que he vuelto a misa por primera vez en mucho tiempo? ¿Qué sigue ahora que la alegría de la Pascua llena mi espíritu mientras continúan los desafíos de la vida? ¿Qué sigue ahora que aún temo lo que el mañana pueda traer mientras trato con esta terrible enfermedad? ¿Qué sigue en esta tensa relación que pesa tanto en mi mente? Sé que en cada banca de cada domingo hay alegría y tristeza, hay esperanza y miedo. También sé que en medio de todo esto, de una manera misteriosa que nunca podemos comprender completamente, Dios está presente.

La secuencia del evangelio para la Pascua, que se muestra arriba, nos recuerda que la Resurrección trae consigo el movimiento hacia adelante de Cristo desde la tumba en Jerusalén hasta Galilea, donde se manifestará nuevamente a sus discípulos antes de ascender a su Padre en el cielo. La respuesta a la pregunta "¿Qué sigue?" Se encuentra en este movimiento hacia adelante. El modelo de nuestro discipulado es puesto ante nosotros por Cristo mismo; Seguimos avanzando. Avanzamos en nuestro compromiso de cooperar con la gracia que Dios tan libremente y amorosamente nos otorga. Avanzamos en nuestro compromiso de dar testimonio de la Resurrección con la conducta de nuestras vidas. Avanzamos alimentando la Vida Divina de Cristo dentro de nosotros a través de la oración y la participación en la vida sacramental de la Iglesia.

¿Qué sigue? Sigue a Jesús fuera de la tumba, porque "a Galilea Él va delante de ti ", y como una vez para los discípulos, para ti se dará a conocer como el que conquista la muerte y restaura la vida —para siempre.



SAINT THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

-THE GRIFFIN NEWS-

STCS ATHLETICS

Congratulations to our Saint Theresa Griffin Basketball teams who completed another year of ferocious competition in the West Houston Christian Sports Association. Once again, our Griffins did us proud with not only their athletic accomplishments, but also with their incomparable sense of fair play and good sportsmanship.



A very special note of gratitude to our coaches for their devotion to the teams:

Kinder/1st Grade Team:

Gibo Tristan

2nd/3rd Grade Team:

Ed Gonzalez, Mandeep &

Ivelisse Cheema

4th/5th Grade Team:

Mandeep & Ivelisse Cheema



STCS ACADEMICS

Our Kindergarten Class had an early start on their Earth Day Celebration. With the assistance of Dr. Kimberly Phalen, our kinders furthered their studies of botany and ecology by planting flowers for the courtyard wall planters.



Saint Theresa Catholic School's Mission is to furnish students with an outstanding Classical education informed by the wisdom of the Catholic intellectual and spiritual tradition.

OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

Applications for new families are now available.

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

ADOPT A BOOTH

Booth	\$200 Level	\$500 Level	\$1,000 Level
Auction - Live			
Auction - Silent			
Baked Potatoes & BBQ Sandwiches			
Balloons			
Baseball Radar			
Basketball Shootout			
Bean Bag Toss			
Beer/Wine			
Book Booth			
Boom Blaster			
Bozo Bucket			
Cake Walk			
Children's Arts & Crafts			
Cotton Candy			
Crawfish			
Duck Pond & Lollipop Pull			
Elephant Ride			
Face Painting, Hair & Nails			
Filipino Food Booth			
First Aid			
Fish Bowl			
French Fries			
Garage Sale			
Green Castle			
Hamburgers			
Hidden Treasures			
Hot Dogs & Popcorn			
Italian Sausage & Meatball Sandwiches			
Jail			
Jewelry/Purses & More			
Kountry Kitchen			
Knock Down Bottles			
Margaritas			
Mexican			
Nigerian			
Obstacle Course			
Petting Zoo			
Plants			
Raffle Booth			
Ring A Coke- School			
Rock Wall			
Royal Flush			
Skee Ball			
Sno-balls			
Soccer Shootout			
Soft Drinks, Tea & Lemonade			
Space Balls			
Stuffed Animals			
Train Ride			
Turkey Legs & Sausage on a Stick			
Wizzer Ride			
Totals	\$2,000.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,000.00

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50TH ANNIVERSARY BAZAAR

Adoption Levels

\$200:

- ◆ Name or Company listed on sponsorship sign

\$500:

- ◆ 2 bazaar t-shirts
- ◆ 1 book of raffle tickets
- ◆ Name or Company listed on sponsorship sign (with larger font)

\$1,000:

- ◆ 2 wristbands for Sat. rides
- ◆ 2 bazaar t-shirts
- ◆ 2 books of raffle tickets
- ◆ personalized sponsorship sign

**CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF
COMMUNITY, FRIENDSHIP,
MEMORIES AND BLESSINGS**

WHERE: SAINT THERESA CHURCH
705 St. Theresa Blvd.
Sugar Land, TX

WHEN: MAY 18TH 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM
MAY 19TH 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Items Needed:

Stuffed animals, silent & live auction items, books, cakes, rosaries and religious items.

Donations Needed:

The **Garage Sale Booth** is now accepting donations and volunteers are sorting items daily. Donations can be placed in the metal container at the back of the Community Center. Donations being accepted include: household appliances, housewares, tools, toys, sports equipment, seasonal items, etc. Items NOT accepted include: flammable items (chemicals and paint), stuffed bed mattresses, rear projection televisions, soiled items, items that require more than two people to lift and clothing. *The Catholic Daughters' Garage Sale in July will accept your clothing/shoes donations.*

Questions? Call Dave Brittain: 281-343-8406 or Chris Macha, Garage Sale Chairman: 281-250-0748

Volunteers Needed Now:

Donation pick-ups needed. If you have a truck and can generously offer your time, please call Gary at 281-389-9672.

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!

GET INVOLVED THIS SUMMER!

www.sugarlandyouth.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, **May 1, 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.

If you, your child or someone you know is between the ages of seven and seventeen, not baptized or baptized in another faith community, we have an RCIA process suited to your age group. 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, April 29, 2019

St. Catherine of Siena
 6:45 a.m. Chidi Odili
 8:30 a.m. ✕ Ceferino & Lourdes Vivares

Tuesday, April 30

Easter Weekday
 6:45 a.m. Ozioma Odili
 8:30 a.m. ✕ Jose Miguel Cuesta
 5:30 p.m. ✕ Emily Jane Szafarz

Wednesday, May 1

Easter Weekday
 6:45 a.m. Celebrant Intentions
 8:30 a.m. Celebrant Intentions
 7:00 p.m. Celebrant Intentions

Thursday, May 2

St. Athanasius
 6:45 a.m. All the Souls
 8:30 a.m. ✕ Pedro Dueñas
 5:30 p.m. ✕ Lucrecia Waldschmedt

Friday, May 3

Sts. Philip & James
 6:45 a.m. Judy & Darrell Pavlicek
 8:30 a.m. ✕ Laura Davidson
 5:30 p.m. Celebrant Intentions

Saturday, May 4

Easter Weekday
 8:30 a.m. Erin Briski &
 Melanie Hickman
 5:00 p.m. ✕ Beatriz Montenegro

Sunday, May 5

Third Sunday of Easter
 6:30 a.m. ✕ Pro-Life Intentions
 8:00 a.m. ✕ Salvador &
 Rodolfo Sanchez
 10:00 a.m. ✕ Sewa Vincent Kpotie
 12:00 p.m. Club Unidad
 2:00 p.m. ✕ Ignacio & Gregoria Ruiz
 5:00 p.m. Parish Family

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

PARISH EVENTS

Monday, April 29

7:00 p.m. Grief Minist. (español), FLC-Lounge

Tuesday, April 30

9:00 a.m. Learn English Ministry, B1/7
 4:00 p.m. Flos Cantum (Children's choir)
 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, B6

Wednesday, May 1

10:00 a.m. Women's 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. Devine Mercy Prayer Team, FLC-B
 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 2

9:30 a.m. Rosary Group, B6
 6:30 p.m. Carmelites Council Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Greeter Ministry, C.C.
 7:00 p.m. Encuentro Matrimonial, B6
 7:00 p.m. Carismático de Renovación, Capilla

Friday, May 3

7:30 p.m. Organ Concert, Church
 9:00 p.m. First Friday Vigil

Saturday, May 4

9:00 a.m. Learn English Ministry
 9:15 a.m. Ensayo Coro Fraternidad
 9:30 a.m. Rosary Group, B6

Sunday, May 5

9:00 a.m. Estudio de la Biblia, C.C.
 9:30 a.m. RICA para Niños
 9:30 a.m. RCIA Catechumens, FLC
 10:00 a.m. RICA para Adultos, B1/7
 2:45 p.m. Faith Formation/High School, C.C.
 3:15 p.m. Spanish Baptismal Class, FLC-A
 3:30 p.m. Jubilate Deo Rehearsal
 3:30 p.m. String Orchestra Rehearsal
 6:00 p.m. Rosary Group, Emmaus Chapel

SUNDAY OFFERTORY

April 21, 2019	\$ 40,684
Online Giving	\$ 12,232
Total	\$ 52,916
Goal Offering	\$ 45,814
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 7,102
April 14, 2019	\$ 34,870
Online Giving	\$ 5,032
Total	\$ 39,902

PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2017

Totals as of April 21, 2019

Next Goal	\$ 5,000,000
Pledged	\$ 3,223,949
Payments	\$ 1,335,808

909 Participants

Current parish debt \$ 2,572,986

Amount still owed to Archdiocesan Capital Campaign (*IGNITE*) \$ 954,217

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2019

Totals as of April 21, 2019

Goal	\$ 205,000
Pledged	\$ 77,641
Payments	\$ 57,581

222 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

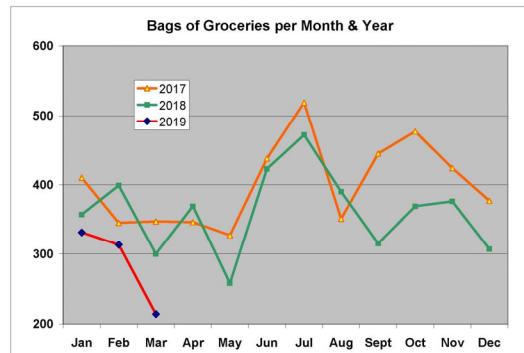
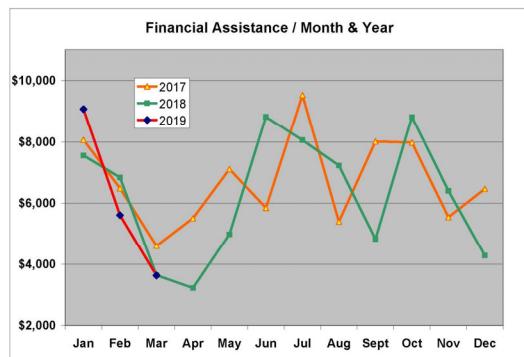


Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lords Supper –April 18th

We wish to thank all who attended this beautiful and solemn liturgy and responded to Fr. Manzano's appeal for food and financial donations in support of our St. Theresa SVdP ministry of charity. A special thanks to all those who helped move donations into the food pantry, it was most appreciated.

SVdP Food Pantry Activity Levels (2017 –2019)

Now and again parish members have expressed an interest in how busy our food pantry is today compared to previous months and previous years. The graphics below show the variation in financial aid provided and bags of food distributed month to month and year to year since January 2018.



12 Day Eastern Europe Pilgrimage

Poland – Czech Republic – Austria – Hungary

October 7 – 18, 2019
\$3,490.00 per person from Houston

Spiritual Director: **Fr. Gregorio Mirto**
Tour Coordinator: **Dr. Mercedes Sulit**

For further information, please contact Mercedes Sulit at
281-491-9480 or email: Sulit.mercedes@yahoo.com

Detailed SVdP Report for March 2019

Utility assistance	\$2,322.07
Housing assistance	\$1,304.22
Food Pantry	\$1,344.19
SVdP Solidarity**	\$500.00
Office Supplies	\$99.75
Total Disbursements	\$5,570.23

Client family members served	282
Bags of food distributed	214
Volunteer hours donated	315

**Twin payments made to two neighboring SVdP conferences to help them assist two particularly needy families.

We thank all of our loving donors; individuals, ministries and organizations too many to list. Your continued support throughout the year enables us, on your behalf, to make a positive difference in so many individual lives and families.

During this Easter season please 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.

The 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 5 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 used electrical or electronic items for safety reasons, if you leave them we may have to pay to recycle them.

May God bless our loving donors and volunteers, and the friends and neighbors to whom we help and give hope.

-SVdP Staff

11 Day Pilgrimage: Shrines of Italy

Milan – Verona – Padova – Venice – Florence – Assisi – Rome – Vatican City

October 7 – 17, 2019
\$3,499.00 pp from Houston

Spiritual Director: **Fr. Jose Tharayil**
Tour Coordinators: **Eduardo Vivanco & Irma Roman**

For further information, please contact Eduardo Vivanco at 832-814-5800, Irma Roman at 832-287-7333 (www.nativitypilgrimage.com)

EDUCATION GRANT OPPORTUNITY



St. Basil Council 4204 is offering three individual college EDUCATION GRANTS in the amount of \$1,000.00 each to 2019 graduating high school seniors. The committee of Knights will review each essay and select the winners. The following rules will apply to the awarding of the grants:

The essay may be **HANDWRITTEN** or **TYPED**

The essay must be received by **April 30, 2019** by:

**Grand Knight Sam Gonzalez,
702 Burney Road, Sugar Land, TX 77498-2610.**

The applicant's **name should appear only on the coversheet** and there shall be no reference to your name or the names of any members of your family in your essay, **or you will be disqualified.**

The essay should be written in **3 SECTIONS** or **PARAGRAPHS**.

Section I: Personal history, including length of residence in the Sugar Land area, high school activities, jobs, hobbies, and community involvement.

Section II: Goals in life in relation to college major/minor, desired vocation after college graduation, and the name of the institution you plan to attend.

Section III: Respond to the following: As Catholics in our part of Southeast Texas, we belong to the wider local Church known as the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Every diocese has a bishop as its chief pastor, with local parish priests to assist the bishop in his pastoral duties throughout his territory. **How does the Church define the identity and mission of the bishop? What are the three duties, or offices, by which the bishop carries out his ministry in the Church? Finally, how do laypersons participate in the three offices which properly belong to the bishop?**

References & Resources: *Apostolorum Successores: Directory for the Pastoral Ministry of Bishops*, Congregation for Bishops, 2004.

Christus Dominus: Decree Concerning the Pastoral Office of Bishops in the Church, Second Vatican Council, 1965.

Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 871-945.

The contest is open to the children or grandchildren of all KC's who are members in good standing at Council 4204, and all registered members of St. Theresa Catholic Church of Sugar Land.

The winners of these education grants and their families will be guests of the Knights of Columbus at their annual awards banquet in June. **Should there be any questions, please contact Grand Knight Sam Gonzalez at gonzalezsam29@gmail.com**

Saint Theresa Catholic Daughters of the Americas Scholarship *Saint Theresa of Lisieux No. 2211 Sugar Land, Texas*



Court Saint Theresa of Lisieux is offering one individual college scholarships to a high school graduate in the amount of \$1,000.00. To apply for this scholarship, you must be a 2019 high school graduating senior.

If scholarships do not meet the following requirements, Catholic Daughters will not award scholarships. A scholarship committee will review each essay and select the winner. The following rules apply for all entries:

RULES:

1. Each applicant must submit a typed essay. The essay must be at least one page and cannot exceed two pages. (more than two pages will be disqualified).
2. **Must use correct grammar, syntax and spelling.**
3. **The application MUST be mailed/ or emailed postmarked by May 25, 2019 to:** St. Theresa CDA
803 Rolling Mill
Sugar Land, TX 77498 or
email at ellardeda@gmail.com
4. The applicant's name, address, emails and phone number **must only** appear on the cover sheet of the essay. There shall be NO reference to your name or the names of any family members in your essay. (This will be cause for disqualification)
5. Winners will present their essay at our June 24, 2019 CDA meeting at the Knights of Columbus Hall. We must have a receipt from the college or university you are attending; we will mail a check to that college or university. This receipt must be sent to St. Theresa CDA by August 13, 2019

ESSAY: The essay should be written in the following three sections. Please write in an essay form; no resumes will be accepted.

Section 1: High school activities, community involvement.

Section 2: Goals in life in relation to college major, desired vocation after graduation, and the name of the college/university you plan to attend.

Section 3: Respond to the following question using correct grammar, syntax and spelling:

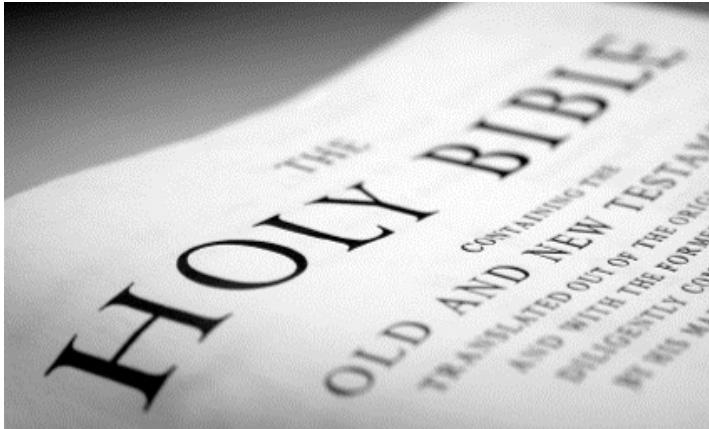
"What impact has the Catholic Church had on preparing me for college, and college life?"

CLUB UNIDAD (GEORGE MORALES SR.) MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Club Unidad will award a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating High School Senior who is a registered member of St. Theresa's Church. Applications may be picked up at the parish office. For additional information or any questions regarding the scholarship, please contact George Morales, Jr.: 281-565-5469.

All scholarships applications should be postmarked no later than Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WEEKLY READINGS

April 29, 2019 through May 5, 2019

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| Monday: | Acts 4:23-31-37; Jn 3:1-8 |
| Tuesday: | Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15 |
| Wednesday: | Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21 or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 -- 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Mt 13:54-58 |
| Thursday: | Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36 |
| Friday: | 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14 |
| Saturday: | Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21 |
| Sunday: | Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14] |

Second Sunday of Easter: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

LECTURAS SEMANALES

29 de Abril del 2019 al 5 de Mayo del 2019

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| Lunes: | Hch 4:23-31-37; Jn 3:1-8 |
| Martes: | Hch 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15 |
| Miércoles: | Hch 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21 o (por la memoria) Gn 1:26 -- 2:3 o Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Mt 13:54-58 |
| Jueves: | Hch 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36 |
| Viernes: | 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14 |
| Sábado: | Hch 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21 |
| Domingo: | Hch 5:27-32, 40b-41; Sal 30 (29); Ap 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14] |

Segundo Domingo de Pascua: Hch 5:12-16; Sal 118 (117); Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER | MAY 2, 2019

★ PRAY FOR AMERICA ★
LOVE ONE ANOTHER
LOVE ONE ANOTHER. JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU JOHN 13:34



NATIONALDAYOFPRAAYER.ORG #LOVE1ANOTHER

The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. It highlights for every individual the need for personal repentance and prayer, to create appropriate materials, and the need to intercede for America's leaders and its families. Our theme this year is **"Love One Another."**

Join Fr. Matthew Suniga and pastors and congregations from the Sugar Land area for National Day of Prayer in the Plaza: **Sugar Land Town Square from 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm.**

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, June 7, 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, June 11, 2019.** For more information please contact Deacon James Anderson at 281-224-9986.

SAVE LIVES ON THE SIDEWALK

A peaceful, prayerful presence outside an abortion clinic has shown to be effective in preventing abortion. Sidewalk advocacy goes further.

- Trained volunteers approach women entering the clinic, offering help and hope to redirect them to a nearby pregnancy help center.
- In Sharpstown the abortion clinic is only one of many offices in the building, so we approach EVERY car to give information, assuming that they are NOT going to the clinic. If a woman heading to the abortion clinic is uncertain of her decision, she will be given hope to find an acceptable alternative. The training prepares us for further conversation with her.

**Sidewalk Advocacy Training
Saturday, May 18, 2019 from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm
St. Clare Room in the St. Laurence Ave Maria Center
(at Sweetwater and Austin Parkway, Sugar Land)
Cost is \$15; lunch will be provided.**

Advance registration required.

Contact Marie McCoy: 281-610-3986 or
Marie@ChristianVoicesforLife.org

Christian Voices for Life does sidewalk advocacy at
8200 Wednesbury Lane, Houston, TX

Sidewalk Advocates for Life is a peaceful, prayerful sidewalk advocacy program that trains people how to most effectively offer loving, life-affirming alternatives to women and men entering the abortion facility.



For more information, see
[www.sidewalkadvocates.org!](http://www.sidewalkadvocates.org)



6 Day Pilgrimage to Mexico (Marian Shrines)



Tepeyac – Tlaxcala – Puebla

May 20 – 25, 2019
\$1,448.00 per person from Houston

Spiritual Director: **Fr. Robustiano Morgia**
Tour Coordinators: **Deacon Rey Arellano & Angelina Sarmiento**

For further information, please contact Deacon Rey at 713-854-8804 or Angelina Sarmiento at 281-416-9700

MORNING OF RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN



The ladies of the parish are invited to a morning of prayer on **Wednesday, May 1, 2019** 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.

NOTICE



As a reminder, on Sundays and Holy Days, the parking lot adjacent to 7th & Burney (by the Parish Sign) is reserved for parishioners who are handicapped and require walking assistance.

Please park across the street, or behind the Family Life Center, or behind the Community Center.

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
 Enrique Barajas
 Evelyn Bartos
 Rita Beckey
 Matthew Cortes
 Karen Cromer
 Raul De Freitas
 Dennis Deruytter
 Brittany Dodson
 Maria Elvira
 Maria Ewah
 Paula Flores
 Andrea Catalina Garcia
 Maria Elena Garcia
 Fr. Sean Garrity
 Doris Gijon
 Fernando Gomez
 Martha Gonzalez
 Wilda Guidry
 Deacon Glenn Haller
 Edith Hartensteiner
 Wayne Heitman
 Fera Henri
 Joanne Henry
 Sylvia Hernandez
 Tyler Hill
 Augustine Hoang
 Linda Kasper
 Larry Klaus
 Arnold Knoche
 Shirley Kreimeyer
 Debbie Kutra
 Alfredo Hernandez Lara
 Carlos Alberto Lopez
 Julia Luna
 Dick Memmer
 Hertha Meyer
 Jesus Meza
 Julia G. Moreno
 Tom Nauck
 Jun & Wilma Narvacan
 Rita Nauck
 Mildred Netardus
 Fr. Roy Oggero

Roman Ogorodowicz
 Janne Perez-Quila
 Joe Puga
 Mary Lou Ramsey
 Bernadette Roberts
 Maria Rodriguez
 Barbara M. Saenz
 Gwen Salisbury
 Jeannine Scates
 Melissa Sciba
 Janie Segura
 Joe A. Segura
 Rufus Segura
 Nigel Smith
 Ava Stone
 Baldemar Torres
 Daniel Santiago Villasana
 Jerelyn Walker
 Frank Williams
 John Wolda

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, 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, Joseph Anthony
 Guerrero, Marina Wong Jim, Florentino Pardillo,
 Marcos Luna, Thomas Doellman, Jose Garcia,
 Rosa Wagquespack, Gerry Doyle, Bernice Guess



**O Lord, remember not our former iniquities,
 and forgive us our sins, for Thy Name's sake.**

-Indulgence. 500 days



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed.

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.

"Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives. Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever." (Revelation 1:17-19)

Saint Theresa Catholic Church

705 Saint Theresa Boulevard
Sugar Land, Texas 77498

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

