

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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TOGETHER IN HOLINESS MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

Saturday, September 28, 2019 — 8:30AM to 3:30PM

Two Locations:

St. Theresa Catholic Church
705 Saint Theresa Blvd.

Sugar Land, TX 77498, and

Sts. Simon & Jude Catholic Church
26777 Glen Loch Dr
The Woodlands, TX 77381

The St. John Paul II Foundation presents the 5th annual *Together in Holiness* conference, in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. This one-day event includes dynamic presentations, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Featured speakers are **Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers** and **Most Rev. Joseph E. Strickland**, and breakout sessions at each location will discuss living the vocation of marriage as a young growing family or as empty-nesters. On-site childcare is available (2-12yrs), pre-registration required. Cost: \$59/couple or \$35/individual. For more information, please visit togetherinholiness.org or email Houston conference coordinators at th@forlifeandfamily.org.

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On the cover:

Marinus van Reymerswaele

The parable of the dishonest steward.

1540, oakwood.

Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna, Austria.

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.

OREMUS: REFLECTIONS ON DIVINE WORSHIP

By Rev. Matthew G. Suniga, Parochial Vicar

It's no secret that we live in a time of much busyness, and a lot of activity. It seems that we've become accustomed to being distracted and pulled in different directions. (The next time you wait in line somewhere, take note of how many people are looking down at their smartphones to escape the dullness of having to wait.) I often think that, as a society, so many of us can't wait to be somewhere else. Sometimes I wonder if this attitude of wanting to be somewhere else doesn't creep into our life of prayer and worship.

Between my assigned Masses on most Sunday mornings, I sit in my office to catch up on work while another Mass is going on, and I wait there with the intention of going out to greet people when the Mass is over. The window of my office looks directly onto the main doors of our church. Whenever I see a steady stream of people leaving the church, that's my cue to head over there to start greeting people after Mass. The problem is, even though many people are leaving, the Mass is still going on. The people walking out of the church are those who have received Holy Communion, but are leaving Mass early without waiting for the Prayer after Communion, the Blessing, the Dismissal, and the singing of the final hymn.

I realize that sometimes a person is working a weekend shift and they need to leave Mass early in order to get to work, or someone needs to step out of Mass to bring the car around for a mobility-impaired loved one, or to get home to tend to one who is ill. These situations are understandable, but they are also quite rare, overall. If we're frequently leaving Mass early without a just cause, then it's time to reevaluate our commitments and prioritize our relationship with God through our worship.

I was a layman in the pew not all that long ago, and I know how full life can get, from time to time. I know that nobody likes waiting in a line of cars to inch slowly forward out of a crowded church parking lot. However, barring the kinds of exceptional circumstances I mentioned above, are we too busy to be fully present at Mass until our worship has ended with the Concluding Rite? Are we in such a hurry to be somewhere else that we forfeit the beauty of where we are right now?

As a way of slowing down and countering the temptation to leave Mass early, I'd like to suggest two things. Firstly, please consider staying in the church for a few minutes after Mass to kneel (as one is able) in a silent prayer of thanksgiving for the spiritual benefits received, and to pray the Hail Mary three times for the recently deceased members of the parish. Secondly, especially for families with children, try making the wait-time in parking lot traffic an opportunity to discuss the Mass that was just celebrated—the readings, the homily, the prayers, the sacred music.

As a reminder, the Holy Mass begins with the Introductory Rites, and it ends with the Concluding Rite, which consists of the Final Blessing by the priest, and the Dismissal by the priest or deacon. It is our custom to remain standing as we sing the final hymn after the Concluding Rite. After the Concluding Rite and the final hymn, the clergy and the lay faithful, together, are free to go in peace, glorifying the Lord by our life.

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



Prayer at Abortion Facilities

40 Days for Life. Peaceful and loving prayer outside abortion facilities have saved over 16,000 babies. Over a million individuals have participated – you can too! Christian Voices for Life is sponsoring prayer on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm outside an abortionist's office in southwest Houston, from Sept 25 to Nov 3. See www.ChristianVoicesforLife.org/40-Days-for-Life or contact Marie at Marie@ChristianVoicesforLife.org for more information and a link to the sign-up.

All parishioners and visitors are encouraged to remain for a few minutes after Mass to offer a prayer of thanksgiving for the spiritual benefits received, and to pray the Hail Mary three times for the recently deceased members of the parish.



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 hoy, el 10 de Noviembre 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 14 de Noviembre 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 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 6.30pm, en el salón de las conferencias que se encuentra ubicado detrás de la capilla del santísimo. Para mas información contactar a Alexandra Irady, 832-361-2450.

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.

ROSARIO GUADALUPANO: El rosario se reza el día 12 de cada mes en el salón B1 a las 7:00 p.m. Para información llame a Laura Ramon al 832-630-2175.

PLANIFICACIÓN FAMILIAR NATURAL: Es segura, saludable y efectiva al igual para concebir, o posponer embarazos y es conforme a lo que la Iglesia Católica ensena 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.



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

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



RITO DE INICIACION CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS (RICA)

El equipo de Formación de Fe busca adultos. Voluntarios para trabajar con niños y adolescentes en el proceso RICA. RICA es un proceso de todo el año para individuos interesados en hacerse católicos.

No ¡experiencia necesaria! Brindamos toda la formación. Solo venga con un amor por Cristo y la voluntad de compartir su alegría con los niños. Póngase en contacto con Paul Stoessel por correo electrónico (paul@sugarlandcatholic.com) o por teléfono (281-494-1156 x273).



¡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 22 de Septiembre 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.

OREMUS: REFLEXIONES SOBRE LA ADORACIÓN DIVINA

Por el Reverendo Matthew G. Suniga, Vicario Parroquial

No es ningún secreto que vivimos en una época de mucho ajetreo y mucha actividad. Parece que nos hemos acostumbrado a estar distraídos y a ser llevados en diferentes direcciones. (La próxima vez que espere en alguna parte, tome nota de cuántas personas están mirando sus teléfonos celulares para escapar de lo aburrido que es tener que esperar). A menudo pienso que, como sociedad, muchos de nosotros no podemos esperar para estar en otro lugar. A veces me pregunto si esta actitud de querer estar en otro lugar no se infiltra en nuestra vida de oración y adoración.

Entre mis misas asignadas la mayoría de los domingos por la mañana, me siento en mi oficina para ponerme al día con el trabajo mientras se realiza otra misa, y espero allí con la intención de salir a saludar a la gente cuando termina la misa. La ventana de mi oficina da directamente a las puertas principales de nuestra iglesia. Cada vez que veo un flujo constante de personas que abandonan la iglesia, esa es mi señal para ir allí y comenzar a saludar a las personas después de la misa. El problema es que, aunque muchas personas se van, la misa continúa. Las personas que salen de la iglesia son las que han recibido la Sagrada Comunión, pero se van temprano de la Misa sin esperar la Oración después de la Comunión, la Bendición, el Despido y el canto del himno final.

Me doy cuenta de que a veces una persona está trabajando un turno de fin de semana y necesita salir de Misa temprano para ir a trabajar, o alguien necesita salir de Misa para llevar el automóvil a un ser querido con movilidad reducida o para llegar a casa atender a quien está enfermo. Estas situaciones son comprensibles, pero también son bastante raras, en general. Si frecuentemente salimos de Misa temprano sin una causa justa, entonces es hora de reevaluar nuestros compromisos y priorizar nuestra relación con Dios a través de nuestra adoración.

Yo era un laico que se sentaba en el banco no hace mucho tiempo, y sé cómo la vida puede llegar a ser completa, de vez en cuando. Sé que a nadie le gusta esperar en una fila de autos para avanzar lentamente fuera del estacionamiento de una iglesia abarrotada. Sin embargo, salvo el tipo de circunstancias excepcionales que mencioné anteriormente, ¿Estamos demasiado ocupados para estar completamente presentes en la misa hasta que nuestra adoración haya terminado con el Rito de conclusión? ¿Tenemos tanta prisa por estar en otro lugar que perdemos la belleza de dónde estamos ahora?

Como una forma de reducir la velocidad y contrarrestar la tentación de abandonar la misa temprano, me gustaría sugerir dos cosas. En primer lugar, considere permanecer en la iglesia durante unos minutos después de la Misa para arrodillarse (como sea posible) en una oración silenciosa de acción de gracias por los beneficios espirituales recibidos, y rezar el Ave María tres veces por los miembros de la parroquia recientemente fallecidos. En segundo lugar, especialmente para familias con niños, trate de hacer que el tiempo de espera en el tráfico del estacionamiento sea una oportunidad para discutir la misa que se acaba de celebrar: las lecturas, la homilía, las oraciones, la música sagrada.

Como recordatorio, la Santa Misa comienza con los Ritos introductorios, y termina con el Rito de conclusión, que consiste en la Bendición final del sacerdote y el Despido del sacerdote o diácono. Es nuestra costumbre permanecer en pie mientras cantamos el himno final después del Rito de conclusión. Después del Rito de conclusión y el himno final, el clero y los fieles laicos, juntos, son libres de ir en paz, glorificando al Señor por nuestra vida.

Mas anuncios en español, pagina 13....

SAINT THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL SUGAR LAND FALL FESTIVAL

SUNDAY OCT 13
11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Orbis Festivalis Sponsors Needed!

STCS welcomes your partnership through sponsorship and underwriting opportunities. What will your support go towards?

Immediate Need: A Playground

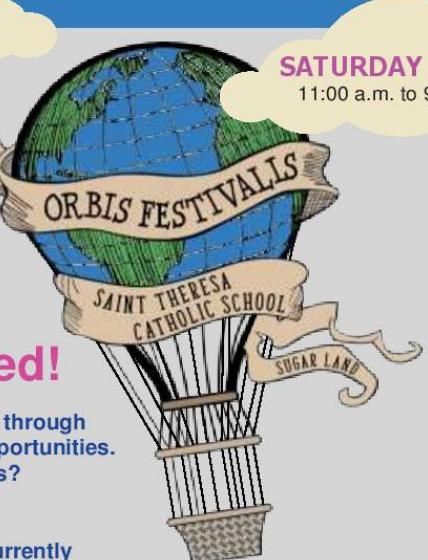
- Saint Theresa Catholic School currently does not have a playground.
- Your support will ensure that our students will have a fun, safe place to play where they can be both physically & academically challenged.

Future Dream: School Expansion

- Just as Sugar Land has seen a population explosion, so has STCS! Our elementary classrooms are at capacity, and we have had to waitlist families for the past three years.
- Your support will ensure that Saint Theresa is able to build a new building to accommodate our growing school body.

Thank you in advance for your generous support- together we can make this happen!

Please visit our website at www.stcsfestival.org for more information and to complete your sponsorship online.



SATURDAY OCT 12
11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

\$10,000 Event Sponsor

- Main Stage Banner and Promotion
- Website Recognition
- Social Media Recognition
- Church Bulletin Recognition
- Printed Collateral
- 10 Wristbands, 100 game tickets for event
- Reserved parking for guests
- Reserved table for 10
- Exclusive festival t-shirt and event giveaway item recognition

\$5,000 World Market Sponsor

- Event signage at World Market vendor shopping
- Website Recognition
- Social Media Recognition
- Church Bulletin Recognition
- Printed Collateral
- 5 Wristbands, 50 game tickets for event
- Reserved parking for guests
- Reserved table for 10

\$2,500 Games Sponsor

- Event Signage at Games
- Website Recognition
- Social Media Recognition
- Church Bulletin Recognition
- Printed Collateral
- 3 Wristbands, 25 game tickets for event

\$1,250 Ride Sponsor

- Event Signage at Rides
- Website Recognition
- Social Media Recognition
- Church Bulletin Recognition
- Printed Collateral
- 2 Wristbands, 10 game tickets for event

\$500 Community Sponsor

- Event Signage at Raffle
- Website Recognition
- Social Media Recognition
- Church Bulletin Recognition

BECOME A SPONSOR !

Company /Individual Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Please complete and return this form by September 15, 2019 to:
Saint Theresa Catholic School
Orbis Festivalis
705 St. Theresa Blvd.
Sugar Land, TX 77479

Please submit your company's logo/artwork by September 15, 2019.

Please make all checks payable to Saint Theresa Catholic School.

For more payment options and information please visit stcsfestival.org



**Novena and Rosary in celebration of the Patronal
Feast of Saint Theresa Catholic Church**



Join us at 6:30 PM in the church for our annual St. Theresa Novena. The parish apostolates leading the devotions and sponsoring the receptions are:

Friday, September 20, 2019
Divine Mercy

Saturday, September 21, 2019
Simbangabi

Sunday, September 22, 2019
St. Theresa Catholic School

Monday, September 23, 2019
Pastoral Council

Tuesday, September 24, 2019
Guadalupanos

Wednesday, September 25, 2019
Spanish Bible Study

Thursday, September 26, 2019
Lay Franciscans

Friday, September 27, 2019
Legion of Mary

Saturday, September 28, 2019
Catholic Daughters of America

**VOTIVE MASS OF THE
MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY**



Saturday, September 28, 8:30am
St. Theresa Catholic Church
Sugar Land

*Rev. Father Matthew G. Suniga
Celebrant and Preacher*

Visitors from around the Archdiocese will join us for our weekly Saturday morning Mass as they gather on our campus for the Together in Holiness conference. This Mass in the Ordinary Form will be celebrated *ad orientem*, that is, with priest and people facing *liturgical east*, together.

(Incense will be burned at this Mass.)

Welcome Luis Garcia!



Hello, my name is Luis Garcia and I am a seminarian for the Archdioceses of Galveston-Houston studying at Saint Mary's Seminary in Houston. I grew up in the Northwest side of Houston, close to Spring, Texas. I am the middle child of Lorenzo and Maria Garcia. I was born in Mexico in the state of Zacatecas and moved to Houston when I was five years old. My home parish is Prince of Peace Catholic Church where I was involved in various ministries from serving at Mass, teaching as a catechist and co-leading mission trips. I experienced a real intimate experience of God in the poor while on mission trip in Guatemala which has led me on this road to discerning my vocation. The idea of priesthood was never in my mind and was never something that I ever thought of doing. Having received so many graces from this mission trip really opened my eyes and heart to the gifts God had given me. A desire for service was born from this encounter and with the help of our Lady and Holy Mother Church I hope to be of service to the people by sharing in the ministerial priesthood of Jesus Christ. I look forward to meeting all of you as I walk along this journey to God with you all this pastoral year at St. Theresa's. I commend myself to your prayers and please be assured of mine for you all.

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 faithformation@sugarlandcatholic.com or at 281-494-1156 ext. 273.

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 faithformation@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!

HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

Open to all students 9th-12th Grade. Grow in your faith with this class **Sundays 3:00-4:30pm in the Community Center**

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

To be Confirmed students need to have completed at least one year of High School Faith Formation.



FALL RETREAT REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

October 11th-13th

Open to All High School Students

Pick up a registration form in the Main Office
Only \$96 for the whole weekend, meals included.



**Looking for something more in your life?
Come, explore the Catholic faith.**

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, **September 25, 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, September 23, 2019

St. Pius of Pietrelcina
6:45 a.m. Matthew Ebohon
8:30 a.m. ✕ Eloy Rivera

Tuesday, September 24

Weekday in Ordinary Time
6:45 a.m. Angelique Sakry
8:30 a.m. ✕ Mercedes Diaz
5:30 p.m. ✕ Roland R. Rodriguez

Wednesday, September 25

Weekday in Ordinary Time
6:45 a.m. Justin Cormie
8:30 a.m. ✕ Deacon Frank Cromer
7:00 p.m. ✕ Lupita & Inocencio Gonzalez

Thursday, September 26

Sts. Cosmas & Damien
6:45 a.m. ✕ Debra Foltyn Geno
8:30 a.m. ✕ Deacon Don Senger
5:30 p.m. ✕ Carl Sheldon

Friday, September 27

St. Vincent de Paul
6:45 a.m. ✕ Jaime Jaime
8:30 a.m. SVdP Society
5:30 p.m. Ana Cecilia de Wong

Saturday, September 28

Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. Rita Children
5:00 p.m. ✕ Bill Louviere

Sunday, September 29

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus
6:30 a.m. ✕ Paulino Raz
8:00 a.m. ✕ Diego Payan & Irma Gallegos
10:00 a.m. ✕ Amanda Archibong
12:00 p.m. Toni Osifo
2:00 p.m. ✕ Jose Salvador Sanchez
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, September 23

6:30 p.m. The King's Men, FLC-D

Tuesday, September 24

9:00 a.m. Learn English Ministry, B1/7
4:00 p.m. Flos Cantum (Children's choir)
5:00 p.m. Learn English Ministry, B1/7
7:00 p.m. Holy Trinity Prayer, Chapel
7:00 p.m. Franciscanos de Maria, B6

Wednesday, September 25

9:00 a.m. Learn English Ministry, B1/7
6:45 p.m. Faith Formation/Oratory, FLC-D
7:00 p.m. RCIA, FLC-A
7:00 p.m. RICA, B1/7
7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Prayer Team, FLC-B
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 26

9:30 a.m. Rosary Group, B6
7:00 p.m. Dios con Nosotros, FLC-B
7:00 p.m. Encuentro Matrimonial, B6

Friday, September 27

NO Events

Saturday, September 28

9:00 a.m. Learn English Ministry, B1/7
9:15 a.m. Ensayo Coro Fraternidad
9:30 a.m. Rosary Group, B6

Sunday, September 29

9:15 a.m. Estudio de la Biblia, FLC-C
9:30 a.m. Catequesis/Catecismo, Escuela
9:30 a.m. RICA para Niños
9:30 a.m. RCIA Catechumens, FLC
10:00 a.m. RICA para Adultos, B1/7
10:00 a.m. CCE-Pre-K, B3, B4, B5
1:00 p.m. Domingo de Sacramento, C.C.
3:00 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

September 15, 2019	\$ 31,001
Online Giving	\$ 5,522
Total	\$ 36,523
Goal Offering	\$ 45,814
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 9,291)

PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2017

Totals as of September 15, 2019

Next Goal	\$ 5,000,000
Pledged	\$ 3,205,135
Payments	\$ 1,525,834

909 Participants

Current parish debt \$ 2,467,382

Amount still owed to Archdiocesan Capital Campaign (*IGNITE*) \$ 795,181

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2019

Totals as of September 15, 2019

Goal	\$ 205,000
Pledged	\$ 149,601
Payments	\$ 135,251

402 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



TROOPS OF SAINT GEORGE
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Troop TX1001 • Sugar Land

The Troops of Saint George (TSG) is a fraternal Catholic nonprofit apostolate for priests, men, and young men looking for a life of adventure coupled with virtue.

facebook.com/TSGtx1001

Questions or for more info:
– Scott Furnish –
TSG_Captain@sugarlandcatholic.com



The Faith Formation team is looking for adult catechists to work with children and teens in the RCIA process. RCIA is a year-round process for individuals interested in becoming Catholic. No experience necessary! We provide all the training.

Just come with a love for Christ and willingness to share your joy with children.

Contact Paul Stoessel by email (paul@sugarlandcatholic.com) or phone (281-494-1156 x273).



Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

Open to all Catholic students currently in grades 8 - 12.

\$50.00 - award for first place winners in each grade. Winning essays will be forwarded to the next level of competition. Essays, at each grade level, that advance all the way to the **International level** will receive:

\$300.00 - for First Place

\$100.00 - for the two runner ups

All essays are due by October 15, 2019

The **Essay Guidelines** and **Entry Form** can be downloaded from: <http://www.kc4204.org/>

For more detailed information, please contact Sam Gonzalez at 281-980-8762 or via e-mail at GonzalezSam29@gmail.com

MEN'S RETREAT



Attention: Men of the Parish!
Our Saint Theresa Men's Retreat at Holy Name Retreat Center is fast approaching. We invite you to join other men from our parish on the weekend of **October 18, 19 and 20th** for a spiritual refresher! This year's theme: "Standing on Holy Ground".

For more information, contact the retreat center at 713-464-0211, or visit holynameretreatcenter.com for details and registration information.



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Men's Spiritual Formation Group

2nd and 4th Mondays
7:00pm-8:15pm

THE YOUTH LOUNGE
First room on the left of the Family Life Center

Meeting format involves the rosary, scriptural reading, discussion, and personal accountability. Please RSVP to markserice@gmail.com All men welcome.

RCIA SERVICE PROJECT: SHARING AND RESPONSIBILITY

As we enter fall, on the way to the holidays, the Catechumens and Candidates from our children's RCIA and the *Catholic Daughters of America* are co-sponsoring a collection of the following goods:

- Soap/Shampoo/Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste/Floss
- Lotion
- Hard candy (candy that won't melt)
- Pens/Pencils
- Notepaper/Envelopes
- Decks of Cards
- Small hand-held games
- Socks (Men's)

When: Sunday, September 29 before all the Masses

Each year, the Catholic Daughters of America (CDA) put together care packages in shoeboxes. These are wrapped and delivered to sailors. Sailors on various ships come into the Port of Houston during the Christmas holidays far away from friends and family. They are alone and often do not have the opportunity to go ashore and get some of the items they need. The CDA has been providing for these care packages to sailors for years. This year the Children's RCIA is stepping up to serve Christ by collecting the items needed for the sailors' shoeboxes with your help.

We thank you for your donation.

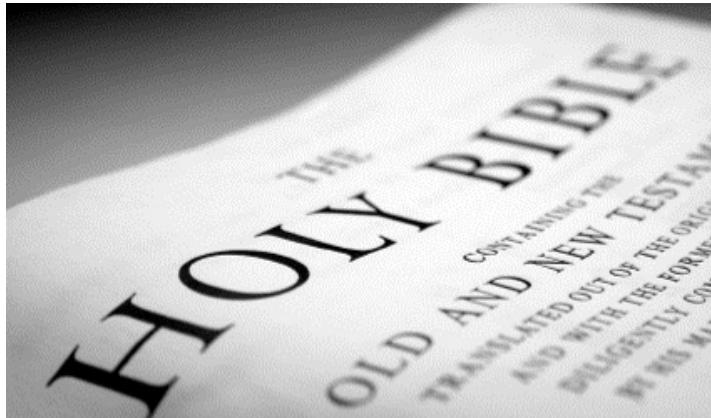
HELP WANTED: Physical Plant Manager
St. Mary Seminary 9845 Memorial Drive
 Houston, Texas 77024

Summary: St. Mary Seminary is seeking a full-time Physical Plant Manager with proven management experience in leading, training, and accomplishing goals within an approved financial plan. Applicants must be highly organized, with excellent communication skills both oral and written. Suitable candidates will possess the ability to effectively analyze and monitor projects, proposals, prepare budgets for capital expenditure projects, implement and manage preventive maintenance programs and schedules. The Physical Plant Manager will be able to work independently, have a commitment to customer service responding in a timely manner to both internal and external customers. Applicants are required to have experience with building computerized maintenance management systems, have a working knowledge of painting, carpentry, plumbing, electrical, HVAC and other maintenance processes and activities. Valid Texas Driver's License is required.

Minimum Education: Bachelor's Degree in Engineering or Construction Sciences preferred and a minimum of 10 years relative experience managing a physical plant.

Please send cover letter, resume, and salary requirement to: resume@archgh.org with Physical Plant Manager in the subject line.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WEEKLY READINGS

September 23, 2019 through September 29, 2019

Monday:	Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday:	Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday:	Ezr 9:5-9; Tb 13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday:	Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]

LECTURAS SEMANALES

23 de Septiembre del 2019 al 29 de Septiembre del 2019

Lunes:	Esd 1:1-6; Lc 8:16-18
Martes:	Esd 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lc 8:19-21
Miércoles:	Esd 9:5-9; Tob 13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lc 9:1-6
Jueves:	Ag 1:1-8; Lc 9:7-9
Viernes:	Ag 2:1-9; Lc 9:18-22
Sábado:	Zac 2:5-9; 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lc 9:43b-45
Domingo:	Am 6:1a, 4-7; Sal 146; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lc 16:19-31

Vigésimo Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario: Am 8:4-7; Sal 113; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lc 16:1-13 [10-13]

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, October 4, 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, October 8, 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.

¡Confímate en tan solo 10 semanas! ¡No dejes pasar esta oportunidad!

CONFIRMACIÓN PARA ADULTOS

Calendario de Clases

De 1:30 pm a 3:30 pm
en el salón B1/7

- Domingo, 29 de Septiembre
- Domingo, 6 de Octubre
- Domingo, 13 de Octubre
- Domingo, 20 de Octubre
- Domingo, 27 de Octubre
- Domingo, 3 de Noviembre
- Domingo, 10 de Noviembre
- Domingo, 17 de Noviembre
- Domingo, 8 de Diciembre
- Domingo, 15 de Diciembre

Recomendamos ampliamente a todos los adultos de 17 años o más, y que desean ardientemente vivir su fe católica y que aún no han sido confirmados a tomar este curso. Esta es una extraordinaria oportunidad de recibir el Sacramento de la Confirmación en tan solo diez semanas. La confirmación no es, como muchos creen erróneamente, un simple acto público donde se nos reconoce como católicos. La confirmación es la infusión plena del Espíritu Santo. La confirmación incrementa los dones del Espíritu Santo en ti. No pierdas esta oportunidad de unirte más profundamente a Cristo.

-Equipo de Confirmación en Español

Las Clases se ofrecen totalmente gratis. Necesitarás una copia de tu Acta de Bautismo reciente. Deberás atender a todas las clases. Si eres casado, deberás estar casado dentro de la Iglesia Católica.

Nombre _____

Correo Electrónico _____

Teléfono _____

Mandar por correo o dejar personalmente en las oficinas de la parroquia. Con atención a Grupo RICA en Español.
705 St. Theresa Blvd, Sugar Land, Texas 77498

El programa consiste de 10 clases: una clase por semana de 2 horas.

La fecha tentativa para la confirmación es el día 6 de enero.



La asistencia a todas las sesiones es obligatorio.

"UN PASO ADELANTE" AL DIEZMO

El concepto bíblico del diezmo alienta a los fieles a devolver a Dios un 10 por ciento de sus ganancias al participar en la colecta semanal de la parroquia.

Si una persona aún no ayuda con el diezmo, podría considerar "dar un paso adelante" al diezmo del 10 por ciento dando el 5 por ciento de sus ingresos semanales a la colecta de la parroquia este año, y aumentando gradualmente la cantidad del diezmo en un uno por ciento cada año, hasta que den el 10 por ciento de sus ingresos en la colecta semanal.

Una persona que se lleva a casa \$750.00 por semana podría aumentar el diezmo dando una ofrenda semanal del 5 por ciento de \$ 37.50 en el primer año. Despues de cinco años incrementando un uno por ciento, alcanzarían un diezmo de 10 por ciento semanal de \$75.00. Al establecer una meta y presupuestando para alcanzar ese objetivo, el diezmo semanal del 10 por ciento es alcanzable y sostenible.

Hemos acordado traer cada año a la casa del Señor los primeros frutos de nuestros campos. El diezmo de nuestros campos lo llevaremos a los levitas ... y los levitas llevarán el diezmo de los diezmos a la casa de nuestro Dios.

—Nehemías 10: 36-39

A todos los feligreses y a los visitantes se les invita a permanecer unos minutos después de la misa para ofrecer una oración de acción de gracias por los beneficios espirituales recibidos, y rezar el Ave María tres veces por los miembros de la parroquia recientemente fallecidos.



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
 Sara Aguirre
 Enrique Barajas
 Evelyn Bartos
 Rosalba Ceballos
 Maria Cortes
 Matthew Cortes
 Jan Counts
 John Cromer
 Karen Cromer
 Hortencia Cuellar
 Ana Cruz Rivas
 Raul De Freitas
 Dennis Deruytter
 Brittany Dodson
 Maria Elvira
 Maria Ewah
 Paula Flores
 Rev. Timothy Gahn
 Andrea Catalina Garcia
 Maria Elena Garcia
 Fr. Sean Garrity
 Doris Gijon
 Fernando Gomez
 Martha Gonzalez
 Wilda Guidry
 John Hallberg
 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
 Corelie Malcaba

Erwin Matura
 Dick Memmer
 Hertha Meyer
 Jesus Meza
 Adalberta Monsivais
 Jun & Wilma Narvacan
 Rita Nauck
 Tom Nauck
 Mildred Netardus
 Fr. Roy Oggero
 Roman Ogorodowicz
 Abrana Perez
 Janne Perez-Quila
 Joe Puga
 Mary Lou Ramsey
 Bernadette Roberts
 Maria Rodriguez
 Mario Rodriguez
 Barbara M. Saenz
 Angelique Sakry
 Jeannine Scates
 Melissa Sciba
 Janie Segura
 Joe A. Segura
 Rufus Segura
 Nigel Smith
 Ava Stone
 Baldemar Torres
 Daniel Santiago Villasana
 Jerelyn Walker
 Shirley Westbrook
 Frank Williams
 John Wolda
 Juan Zarate
 Rey Zavala

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, 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 Waguespack, Gerry Doyle, Bernice Guess, Don Mario Serra Ty, Cajetan Almeida, Mary Anola Lee, Melitona Aldovino, Chloie McFall, Roseller Englis, Mary Magnon, Julia G. Moreno, Gwen Salisbury, Don Finnegan, Betty Parker



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

-Indulgence. 500 days



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

O GOD, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbor, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life.

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

"It is my wish, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands, without anger or argument" (I Timothy 2:8).

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