

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



### CHRISTMAS EVE — Tuesday, 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 — Wednesday, 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, 2019

5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass & 7:30 p.m. (español)

#### January 1, 2020

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

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### On the cover:

David Teniers the Younger.

*The preaching of St. John the Baptist.*

Date unknown, oil on copper.

Christie's Art Gallery, New York, New York.

## 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.

## FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today, on December 8th, the Church remembers that at her conception Mary was preserved by a singular grace from the stain of Original Sin. When Adam and Eve sinned in the garden, they broke the relationship of original justice that they had with God. As a consequence, human nature was wounded in all of its parts; man's intellect was darkened, his will was subjected to concupiscence (the tendency to sin), and his body was subjected to suffering and ultimately death.

We are cleansed from Original Sin in Baptism which also establishes our relationship with God by grace. Mary, since she was destined to become the Mother of God, was never touched by Original Sin, but was preserved from it and its consequences in her Immaculate Conception. The Church Fathers refer to Mary as a tabernacle and reason that it would be highly unbecoming if God were to take on human flesh from someone who had (even for a moment) been the subject of sin.

In preserving Mary from Original Sin, God acted in a singular way to prepare a fit dwelling for His Son, and He continued to act throughout Mary's life by filling her with sanctifying grace and preserving her from sin. Adam and Eve were created without Original Sin, but they freely choose to sin. Mary was conceived without Original Sin and persevered in cooperating with God's grace to avoid sin during the whole of her life. Mary is God's masterpiece; she is not a god herself.

Our Lady, under the title of her Immaculate Conception, is the patroness of our archdiocese and of the United States. In these troubled times, in our church and our world, it can be easy to become discouraged and lose heart. Rather we should keep our gaze fixed on Christ and His Blessed Mother and ask in a special way for her prayers and intercession.

We may not be in a hierarchical position to bring about a purification in the Church, but we can work to purify our own hearts. Our prayers and penances can have a great effect in sanctifying the Church. May we look to Mary as an example, asking God for the grace to avoid sin and purify our hearts and minds. Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8). We have sinned, but God offers us His grace, especially in the Sacrament of Penance and Holy Communion. May we never allow our minds to be defiled by the desire for sin; "Create a clean heart in me, O God: and renew a right spirit within me" (Psalm 51).

Peace in Christ,  
**Fr. David Angelino**

## 2020 BAZAAR HELP NEEDED!

Volunteer Electrician  
to assist with  
electrical set-up.  
Live Auction co-chair

Please call the parish  
office 281-494-1156  
or email:  
[diane@sugarlandcatholic.com](mailto:diane@sugarlandcatholic.com)

### DEACON FRANK CROMER MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST



Join the men of St. Theresa at the monthly "Breakfast and Prayer before Business"

**Wednesday,  
December 11th**  
6:45 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.  
Family Life Center,  
Room A.

Continental breakfast  
and sharing the  
Word among friends.  
It's inspirational and  
interesting. There's  
no need to call;  
simply show up and  
bring a friend.

**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 12 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 inscríbase llamando al 281-494-1156. El seminario se ofrece cada otro mes, el segundo jueves. **El próximo seminario es el Jueves 9 de Enero del 2020 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.

### APARICIONES DE LA SANTÍSIMA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE



Las apariciones de La Virgen de Guadalupe se llevaran a cabo **hoy, Domingo 8 de Diciembre** a las 9:00 a.m. en el Centro Comunitario.

### MAÑANITAS A LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

**Jueves, 12 de Diciembre del 2019**



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

*Después del desayuno,  
por favor ayúdenos  
a limpiar.*

**Gracias por su cooperación.**



## **¿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 8 de Diciembre 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**

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 ADMINISTRADOR**

Hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Hoy, el 8 de diciembre, la Iglesia recuerda que, en su concepción, María fue preservada por una gracia singular de la mancha del pecado original. Cuando Adán y Eva pecaron en el jardín, rompieron la relación de justicia original que tenían con Dios. Como consecuencia, la naturaleza humana resultó herida en todas sus partes; el intelecto del hombre se oscureció, su voluntad fue sometida a concupiscencia (la tendencia al pecado), y su cuerpo fue sometido al sufrimiento y finalmente a la muerte.

Somos limpiados del pecado original en el bautismo que también establece nuestra relación con Dios por gracia. María, ya que estaba destinada a convertirse en la Madre de Dios, nunca fue tocada por el pecado original, pero fue preservada de él y de sus consecuencias en su Inmaculada Concepción. Los Padres de la Iglesia se refieren a María como un tabernáculo y razonan que sería muy impropio si Dios tomara carne humana de alguien que (incluso por un momento) había sido sujeto de pecado.

Al preservar a María del pecado original, Dios actuó de una manera singular para preparar una vivienda adecuada para su Hijo, y continuó actuando durante toda la vida de María al llenarla de gracia santificante y preservarla del pecado. Adán y Eva fueron creados sin el pecado original, pero eligieron libremente pecar. María fue concebida sin pecado original y perseveró en cooperar con la gracia de Dios para evitar el pecado durante toda su vida. María es la obra maestra de Dios; ella no es un dios ella misma.

Nuestra Señora, bajo el título de su Inmaculada Concepción, es la patrona de nuestra archidiócesis y de los Estados Unidos. En estos tiempos difíciles, en nuestra iglesia y en nuestro mundo, puede ser fácil desanimarse y decepcionarse. Más bien debemos mantener nuestra mirada fija en Cristo y en Su Santísima Madre y pedirle de manera especial sus oraciones e intercesión.

Puede que no estemos en una posición jerárquica para lograr una purificación en la Iglesia, pero podemos trabajar para purificar nuestros propios corazones. Nuestras oraciones y penitencias pueden tener un gran efecto en la santificación de la Iglesia. Que veamos a María como un ejemplo, pidiéndole a Dios la gracia de evitar el pecado y purificar nuestros corazones y mentes. Jesús dijo: "Bienaventurados los puros de corazón, porque ellos verán a Dios" (Mateo 5: 8). Hemos pecado, pero Dios nos ofrece Su gracia, especialmente en el Sacramento de la Penitencia y la Sagrada Comunión. Que nunca permitamos que nuestras mentes se contaminen por el deseo de pecar; "Crea un corazón limpio en mí, oh Dios: y renueva un espíritu recto dentro de mí" (Salmo 51).

Paz en Cristo,  
**Padre David Angelino**

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# SAINT THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

[www.sttheresacatholicschool.org](http://www.sttheresacatholicschool.org)

## -THE GRIFFIN NEWS-

### Upcoming Open House Dates

Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

We are now accepting New Student Applications for the 2020-2021 School Year.

For information, please contact Betty Pruski at 281-494-1157 or  
[bpruski@sttheresacatholicschool.org](mailto:bpruski@sttheresacatholicschool.org)

### STCS ATHLETICS

Congratulations to our Girls Varsity Volleyball Team for another great season. After moving to the Greater Houston Catholic Athletic Association 2A Central Division, our Griffins had many highpoints this year especially when they took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Silver Division at the Bayou City Volleyball Tournament. GO GRIFFINS!

### 2019 STCS GRIFFIN VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM



### STCS ACADEMICS

On October 5<sup>th</sup>, our STCS Chess Team participated in the annual Archdiocesan Chess Tournament at Saint Martha Catholic School in Kingwood, Texas. Our Griffins did us proud, bringing home 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Honors – missing 1<sup>st</sup> Place by only 1 point! Congratulations to our young chess wizards for a job well done!

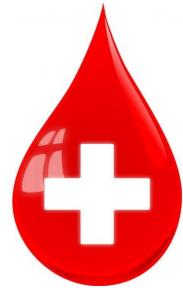
### 2019 STCS GRIFFIN CHESS TEAM





# BLOOD DRIVE

**Today, December 8, 2019  
7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**  
in the Knights of Columbus Hall.



The next blood drive is **today, 12/08/2019 from 7:30 am to 1:30 pm**. Give the gift of LIFE in our community! Our drive will have at least 4 double-red automation donating machines, that cuts down donation time. And a medical provider can use the double red blood immediately... Please, share among your family and friends!! Let's save even more lives! – **Paul Cinquemani, Blood Drive Chairperson, 832-594-6753**



**MAMIE GEORGE  
COMMUNITY CENTER**  
*Serving Fort Bend County*

**People of Faith.  
Helping People in Need.**



## To our friends at St. Theresa Catholic Church: Thank you!

Thank you for partnering with Catholic Charities to support our Fort Bend County neighbors in need. Come visit and see how we are impacting lives. Contact us for a tour or more information:

Matt Johns | [mjohns@CatholicCharities.org](mailto:mjohns@CatholicCharities.org) | 713-874-6659 | [CatholicCharities.org/MamieGeorge](http://CatholicCharities.org/MamieGeorge)

### Meet Someone You Helped: Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

Thanks to your support for the Mamie George Community Center (MGCC) in Richmond, Kenneth and Clothilda Mitchell don't have to worry about how they will feed the two young grandchildren in their care. Life brought many challenges. Kenneth needs a cane to move freely, after suffering a series of four strokes before he turned 60.

Because you help Catholic Charities, the Mitchells were able to turn to MGCC when they became homeless. With Catholic Charities' help, the Mitchells were able to get an apartment and are now living in their own home.

With your support, MGCC is the hub for Catholic Charities services in Fort Bend County, serving people in need of every age. We provide meals and wellness activities for seniors; food and financial assistance for low income individuals and families; guidance for parents; and support for women veterans. Thank you for walking with us as we respond to Christ's call to serve.



*The Mitchells choose nutritious food from Trini's Market, a food pantry at Mamie George designed to guide people in need along the path to self-sufficiency.*

## Thank you for sharing Fr. Matthew Súniga with us!

Catholic Charities is blessed that Fr. Matthew now serves as our chaplain, appointed by His Eminence Cardinal DiNardo. Fr. Matthew celebrates Holy Mass each month for our staff, serves as a priestly presence at key events and gatherings, and provides uplifting messages for our entire staff. In addition, Fr. Matthew offers guidance as a member of the Advisory Board for the Mamie George Community Center in Richmond.



**Catholic Charities Chaplain  
Rev. Matthew Súniga**  
St. Theresa Catholic Church, Sugar Land



### SHARING SUNDAY CHRISTMAS GIFT PROGRAM



We encourage you to pull a tag from the Christmas tree and purchase a gift to share with those in need. The Christmas tree will be up from **November 23rd through December 8th**. On Sharing Sunday (**December 7th & 8th**), we ask that you bring your UNWRAPPED gift to any of the Sunday Masses. Gifts will be brought up to the steps of the sanctuary when requested.

#### WAYS TO HELP:

**Sharing Sunday**  
**December 7th & 8th** after each Mass  
*Help move gifts from the Church to the Community Center (trucks/vans welcome!)*

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

**Gift Distribution** will be  
**December 9th - December 10th**  
from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Gabriel@sugarlandcatholic.com) with any questions or if you'd like to get involved!

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

**Thank you for your Sock Orders!** Our High School teen's have raised **\$3,500**. This money will go towards our Confirmation teen's Rosaries and will help pay the cost for six teen's to go on the Confirmation Retreat. If you would like to sponsor or donate to our High School teen's, checks can be made payable to "St. Theresa's Catholic Church" with the Memo "High School Youth Ministry".

We will be at all of the Mass's **today, December 7th & 8th** handing out your ordered socks! If you weren't able to place your order, we will be accepting orders at this time.



**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, **December 11, 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 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](mailto:paul@sugarlandcatholic.com)) prior to attending your first session.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Monday, December 9, 2019

*The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

- 6:45 a.m. Souls in Purgatory  
 8:30 a.m. ✕ Bill Louviere  
 5:30 p.m. ✕ Josephine McLeod

### Tuesday, December 10

*Weekday in Advent*

- 6:45 a.m. ✕ Carolo Dinh  
 8:30 a.m. ✕ Macrina Bigas  
 5:30 p.m. ✕ Mary Meyers

### Wednesday, December 11

*St. Damasus*

- 6:45 a.m. ✕ Frank & Annie Osina  
 8:30 a.m. ✕ Emily Conole  
 7:00 p.m. ✕ Matilde Reyes

### Thursday, December 12

*Our Lady of Guadalupe*

- 6:45 a.m. ✕ Alex Sulit  
 8:30 a.m. Rita Children  
 5:30 p.m. ✕ Silberio Trevino

### Friday, December 13

*St. Lucy*

- 6:45 a.m. ✕ Rolando Sulit  
 8:30 a.m. ✕ Leona Luczak  
 5:30 p.m. ✕ Janie & Joe Knezek

### Saturday, December 14

*St. John of the Cross*

- 8:30 a.m. ✕ Anthony Nguyen  
 5:00 p.m. ✕ Jill Cutway

### Sunday, December 15

*Third Sunday of Advent*

- 6:30 a.m. Rose Rodriguez  
 8:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Eugenio Martinez  
 10:00 a.m. Parish Family  
 12:00 p.m. ✕ Armando Rivera  
 2:00 p.m. ✕ Celso Rodriguez Family  
 5:00 p.m. ✕ Ignacio & Gregoria Ruiz

*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, December 9

- 6:30 p.m. The King's Men Group, FLC-D  
 6:30 p.m. Kitchen Cleaning Training, C.C.

### Tuesday, December 10

- 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  
 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 Maria, B6  
 7:00 p.m. Franciscans of Mary, B4  
 7:00 p.m. Pre-Marriage Seminar, FLC-A  
 7:00 p.m. Catholic 101, C.C.

### Wednesday, December 11

- 6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast, FLC-A  
 9:00 a.m. Learn English Ministry, B1/7  
 11:00 a.m. Estudio de la Biblia, B4  
 4:30 p.m. CCE-Elementary, School Build.  
 5:00 p.m. Learn English Ministry, B9  
 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-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, December 12

- 9:30 a.m. Rosary Group, B6  
 6:30 p.m. Lay Carmelites Meeting, B3  
 6:30 p.m. Dios con Nosotros, FLC-B

### Friday, December 13

- 9:00 a.m. Learn English Ministry, B1/7  
 7:00 p.m. Encuentro Matrimonial, B-6/12  
 7:00 p.m. Date Night, C.C.

### Saturday, December 14

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

### Sunday, December 15

- 9:15 a.m. Estudio de la Biblia, C.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  
 2:00 p.m. Legion of Mary Meeting, FLC-A  
 3:00 p.m. Faith Formation/High School, C.C.  
 3:30 p.m. Jubilate Deo Rehearsal  
 3:30 p.m. String Orchestra Rehearsal  
 5:00 p.m. Crecimiento Nivel 1, FLC-B  
 6:00 p.m. Rosary Group, Emmaus Chapel

## SUNDAY OFFERTORY

December 1, 2019	\$ 33,916
Online Giving	<u>\$ 7,577</u>
Total	\$ 41,493
November 24, 2019	\$ 22,294
Online Giving	<u>\$ 4,589</u>
Total	\$ 26,883
Goal Offering	\$ 45,814
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 4,321)

## PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2017

*Totals as of November 17, 2019*

Next Goal	\$ 5,000,000
Pledged	<b>\$ 3,205,135</b>
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

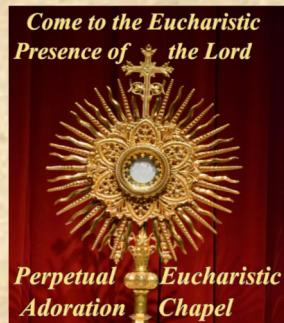
*Totals as of November 17, 2019*

Goal	\$ 205,000
Pledged	<b>\$ 164,173</b>
Payments	\$ 155,964

**2019 DSF Balance**  
**\$40,827.00**

*Please participate by December 23rd.*

436 Participants



## EUCCHARIST ADORATION

### HOLY HOURS NEEDED

*"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth."*  
Saint Teresa of Calcutta

**Monday:** 4am, **7am**, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12noon, 5pm, 6pm, 11pm

**Tuesday:** 12 midnight, 1 am, 2am, 6am, 7am, 5pm, 7pm, 8pm

**Wednesday:** 12 midnight, 6am, **7am**, **8am**, **10am**, 11am, 1pm, **8pm**, **9pm**

**Thursday:** **4am**, 9am, 8pm

**Friday:** 12 midnight, 2am, 3am, **4am**, 6am, 10am, 11am, 12noon, 2pm, **5pm**, **7pm**

**Saturday:** 2am, **5am**, 2pm, 11pm

**Sunday:** 12 midnight, 1 am, 2am 7pm

Hours listed that are in bold print are the most urgent to fill, however these or ANY hour that you would like to sign up for would be great! Contact, Rebecca Freeman [rebecca@sugarlandcatholic.com](mailto:rebecca@sugarlandcatholic.com) or 281-844-4616.

### KITCHEN CLEANLINESS TRAINING



All apostolates or other parish groups that use the Community Center's kitchen for cooking, or for any other food preparation, are asked to participate in a kitchen cleanliness training on **Monday, December 9 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Community Center. This training will ensure that anyone using the kitchen can maintain the safety and cleanliness of food preparation equipment and surfaces during and after each use. **At least one representative of each apostolate or group that uses the Community Center kitchen should attend this training.** If you have any questions, please contact Diane Senger or Fr. Matthew Suniga at 281-494-1156. Thank you.

# Save the Date!



**WHEN:**  
**Saturday, January 11, 2020**

**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

### COOKING TEAMS NEEDED AND FUN VOLUNTEERS TO HELP PLAN EVENT

#### NO ENTRY FEE

Online registration form and advanced ticket purchasing available soon

To participate as entry or volunteer, please call 281-494-1156 (Diane Senger)

**BENEFITING**  
2017 Capital Campaign A Living Sacrifice, Holy and Acceptable to God



**REFLEXIONES DE ADVIENTO:**

# PREPARANDO UN PESEBRE

EL SEMINARISTA LUIS GARCÍA TE INVITA A DESCUBRIR CUÁLES SON LAS ANTÍFONAS DE ADVIENTO. VEN CON EL CORAZÓN ABIERTO PARA RECIBIR EL MENSAJE DE LOS PROFETAS MIENTRAS ESPERAMOS LA LLEGADA DE NUESTRO SEÑOR JESUCRISTO.

MIERCOLES 4 & 18 DE DICIEMBRE  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

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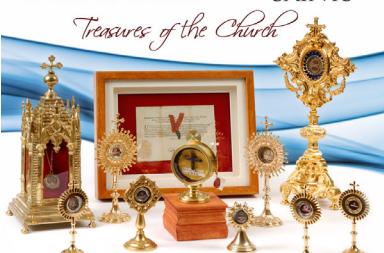
VIERNES 20 DE DICIEMBRE  
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

EN LA CAPILLA DE SANTA TERESA  
(LOS MIERCOLES EMPEZAREMOS CON LA SANTA MISA)

**Sacred Heart Parish  
(507 S. 4th Street, Richmond, TX)**

SACRED RELICS OF THE SAINTS

*Treasures of the Church*



Welcomes you to a teaching and exposition over 150 Sacred Relics. **Monday, December 16th at 6:30 pm.**

Presented by Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross.

## CELEBRATION FOR OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



**Thursday, December 12, 2019**

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

*After the breakfast, your help in clean-up would be much appreciated!*

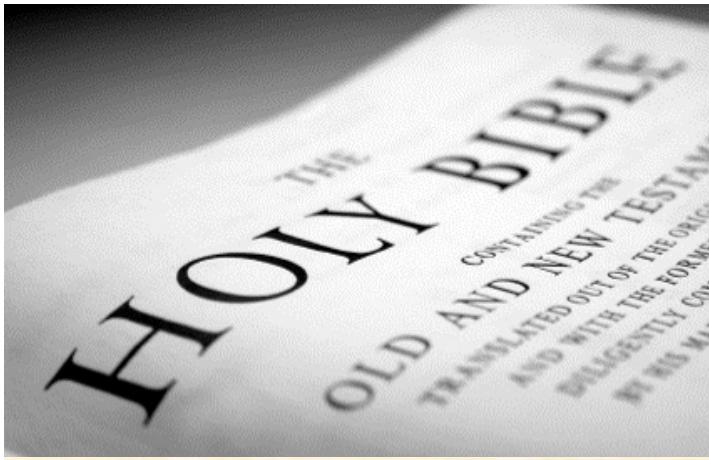
**Please join us!**

## ENTRENAMIENTO DE LIMPIEZA DE COCINA



Todos los apostolados u otros grupos parroquiales que usan la cocina del Centro Comunitario para cocinar, o para cualquier otra preparación de alimentos, deben asistir a un entrenamiento de limpieza de la cocina el lunes 9 de diciembre a las 6:30 pm en el Centro Comunitario. Este entrenamiento asegurará que toda persona que use la cocina pueda mantener la seguridad y la limpieza de los equipos y superficies de preparación de alimentos durante y después de cada uso. **Al menos un representante de cada apostolado o grupo que use la cocina del Centro Comunitario debe asistir a este taller.** Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con Diane Senger o el Padre Matthew Suniga al 281-494-1156. Gracias.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## WEEKLY READINGS

*December 9, 2019 through December 15, 2019*

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|------------|--|
| Monday:    | Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38  |
| Tuesday:   | Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14  |
| Wednesday: | Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30   |
| Thursday:  | Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47 |
| Friday:    | Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19   |
| Saturday:  | Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13  |
| Sunday:    | Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11                                       |

**Second Sunday of Advent:** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

## LECTURAS SEMANALES

*9 de Diciembre del 2019 al 15 de Diciembre del 2019*

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|------------|--|
| Lunes:     | Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ef 1:3-6, 11-12; Lc 1:26-38   |
| Martes:    | Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14  |
| Miércoles: | Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30   |
| Jueves:    | Zac 2:14-17 o Ap 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lc 1:26-38 o Lc 1:39-47 |
| Viernes:   | Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19   |
| Sábado:    | Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13  |
| Domingo:   | Is 35:1-6a, 10; Sal 146 (145); Stgo 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11                             |

**Segundo Domingo de Adviento:** Is 11:1-10; Sal 72 (71); Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

**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 7, 2020.**

**PRE-MARRIAGE SEMINAR:** This pre-marriage seminar is to commence the marriage preparation for all couples who wish to be married within St. Theresa's Catholic community. It is held on the second Tuesday of every other month at 7:00 pm. It provides an opportunity for couples to learn about the Catholic Church's theology of matrimony and begin the process to properly receive this great sacrament of the Church. Couples will learn details of how to plan and prepare for their wedding day and matrimony thereafter. Please pre-register by calling 281-494-1156. The next seminar will be **Tuesday, December 10, 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.

**CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY**

Families today face many struggles, both through cultural pressures and through personal struggles. Despite these struggles families have a great capacity for love and joy, a joy that is strengthened through the peace and truth found in Christ.

To help strengthen families and revitalize our parish, Fr. David Angelino and the Knights of Columbus are inviting each family in our parish to [consecrate](#) themselves to the Holy Family and to devote themselves to the ideal model of familial love set by Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

**PROCESS / SCHEDULE****December 21<sup>st</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>**

1. **Daily Family Prayer** – Each family should pray together each day for a week.
2. **Fasting** - Families are strongly encouraged to fast from something during this week. Fasting should be from something that is normally consumed or an activity that is regularly done.
3. **Reconciliation** - Families are strongly encouraged to go to confession prior to the Consecration (Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>)

**December 29<sup>th</sup>**

- Attend Mass and recite the “**Consecration to the Holy Family**” prayer together as a parish family.

**Please make a commitment  
to consecrate your family  
to the Holy Family.**

**Catholic Date Night**

**Friday, December 13**

**7:00 p.m.**



Join us for Date Night the 2nd Friday of this month at **7:00 PM in the Community Center**. If you have been looking for a way to get out for a nice evening and share your faith with that special person in your life, then this is the event you have been looking for! This is also an evening to spend with old friends and to make new ones.

If you are new to the parish, Date Night is a great venue for connecting with your fellow parishioners. We will have an excellent dinner, drinks, fellowship, and an opportunity to learn and discuss the reasons we are Catholic. The cost is \$10 per person (pay at the door). Any and all adults are welcome. Dates are not necessary; this is just an opportunity to have a good meal and a good time.

**Free Child Care is Available IF  
you RSVP by Wednesday,  
December 11th. RSVP at  
[www.catholicdatenight.net](http://www.catholicdatenight.net)**

**Is Date Night for couples or for singles?** Both! Date

Night is for adults. We just call it Date Night, because it is a chance for people to get out of the house and have a good time.

**Is Date Night only for Catholics?** No. We are going to be exploring the beauty and richness of the Catholic faith, but this is open to anybody who is open to it.

**Is Date Night only for St. Theresa Parishioners?**

No. Feel free to bring friends from other parishes... provided you RSVP!

**Do I need to have a date?**

No. Many people come by themselves,

**Why must I RSVP?** Dinner is prepared from scratch by volunteers, and we want to provide the best experience possible.

**Be kind... RSVP!**

# 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  
 Brittany Dodson  
 Maria Elvira  
 Maria Ewah  
 Paula Flores  
 Rev. Timothy Gahn  
 Andrea Catalina Garcia  
 Maria Elena Garcia  
 Doris Gijon  
 Fernando Gomez  
 Martha Gonzalez  
 Wilda Guidry  
 John Hallberg  
 Deacon Glenn Haller  
 Edith Hartensteiner  
 Wayne Heitman  
 Fera Henri  
 Joanne Henry  
 Gio Hernandez  
 Sylvia Hernandez  
 Tyler Hill  
 Augustine Hoang  
 Linda Kasper  
 Arnold Knoche  
 Shirley Kreimeyer  
 Debbie Kutra  
 Alfredo Hernandez Lara  
 Carlos Alberto Lopez  
 Julia Luna  
 Corelie Malcaba  
 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  
 Jeff Ploch  
 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  
 Harriet Wolda  
 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, Joseph Anthony Guerreiro, 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 English, Mary Magnon, Julia G. Moreno, Gwen Salisbury, Don Finnegan, Betty Parker, Dennis Deruytter, Larry Klaus, Richard Patronella, Carlos Russa, Alex Iglesias, Wayne Matthieson, Abraham Loja, Elaine Helton, Loida Abaigar, Matilde Torres, Erwin Matura, Frances Woellert, Victoria Regalado de Gurrola, Cosuelo Gonzalez



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

*-Indulgence. 500 days*



## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company.

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

*“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” (Matthew 3:1-12)*

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