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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)
 9:30 p.m. Solemn Latin Vespers, followed by Mass

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:

Murillo, Bartolomé Esteban.

Saint John the Baptist pointing to Jesus.

1655, oil on canvas.

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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,

For the past two weeks of Advent, a number of Masses have been offered with the priest facing *ad orientem* or the same direction as the people. As I have mentioned in several homilies, Cardinal Robert Sarah (who is in charge of the Congregation for the Sacraments) suggested that Advent would be a good time for priests to offer Mass *ad orientem*, that is with priest and people facing “toward the Lord who comes, toward the east symbolized by the apse where the cross is enthroned” Mass is allowed to be offered either with the priest facing the people or facing with the people towards the Crucifix. (Actually, the most recent edition of the Roman Missal, approved by St. John Paul II, *assumes* that the priest is facing with the people because there are times when it says he should turn around to face the congregation.)

St. Augustine wrote that when we pray “we turn East, where heaven begins. And we do this not because God is there, as if He had moved away from the other directions on earth..., but rather to help us remember to turn our mind towards a higher order, that is, to God.” From the very earliest times, Christians would worship facing east. In Jerusalem, before someone was baptized they would turn west to renounce Satan before turning east to profess faith in Christ and be baptized.

Many people think the Mass is a memorial of the Last Supper. This notion seems to come from the words of Consecration and an overemphasis on the Mass as a meal. The Mass is a meal, but it is above all a sacrifice; it is the sacrifice of Calvary offered for our sins. During Mass we should pray as though we are at the foot of the Cross.

When the priest prays the Eucharistic Prayer, he is addressing God the Father on behalf of the faithful and offering the Body and Blood of Jesus for our sins. There are parts of the Mass when the priest is addressing the people, and he rightly faces them at those points. There are parts of the Mass, however, when the priest addresses God on behalf of the people and it is appropriate at those times for him to face with the people towards God.

In Advent, we look in a particular way to Christ’s 2nd Coming, and one of the ways to better emphasize that is for all, priest and people, to turn towards the Lord. Fr. Joseph Fessio, the founder of Ignatius Press, describes it thus:

“I don’t say Mass “with my back to the people” any more than Patton went through Germany with his “back to the soldiers.” Patton led the Third Army across Germany and they followed him to achieve a goal. The Mass is part of the Pilgrim Church on the way to our goal, our heavenly homeland. This world is not our heavenly homeland. We don’t sit around in a circle and look at each other. We want to look *with* each other and with the priest towards the rising sun, the rays of grace, where the Son will come again in glory on the clouds.”

May God bless you,
Fr. David Angelino

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7801 Bay Branch Drive
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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 el salón B1 o FLC 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: Les gustaría ser colaboradores de nuestra Madre Santísima la Virgen María para ayudarle a su Hijo a trabajar en su Reino con la misión del agradecimiento? Los Franciscanos de María empiezan un nuevo año de guía espiritual con el estudio bíblico del antiguo testamento guiado por su fundador, el Padre Santiago Martín. Todos están invitados. Martes de 7:00pm- 9:00pm salón B6. 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



Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial les invita a darse la oportunidad de vivir un fin de semana sin distracciones, un sacerdote y tres matrimonios les enseñarán una técnica de comunicación única y les proporcionarán las herramientas para continuar mejorando su relación matrimonial.

Para más información llamar a
Antonio y Marilu Gomez
832-541-6423



¿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 15 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,

Durante las últimas dos semanas de Adviento, se han ofrecido varias misas con el sacerdote orientado *ad orientem* o en la misma dirección que la gente. Como he mencionado en varias homilías, el Cardenal Robert Sarah (quien está a cargo de la Congregación para los Sacramentos) sugirió que el Adviento sería un buen momento para que los sacerdotes ofrezcan misa *ad orientem*, es decir, con el sacerdote y las personas mirando "hacia el Señor". quien viene, hacia el Este, simbolizado por el ábside donde se entroniza la cruz". Se permite ofrecer una misa ya sea con el sacerdote mirando a la gente o mirando con la gente hacia el Crucifijo. (En realidad, la edición más reciente del Misal Romano, aprobado por San Juan Pablo II, supone que el sacerdote se enfrenta con la gente porque hay momentos en que dice que debe darse la vuelta para enfrentar a la congregación).

San Agustín escribió que cuando oramos "giramos hacia el Este, en donde comienza el cielo. Y hacemos esto no porque Dios esté allí, como si se hubiera alejado de las otras direcciones en la tierra ..., sino más bien para ayudarnos a recordar volver nuestra mente hacia un orden superior, es decir, hacia Dios ". Desde el principio de los tiempos, los cristianos podían adorar viendo al Este. En Jerusalén, antes de que alguien fuera bautizado, se volvían hacia el Oeste para renunciar a Satanás antes de volverse hacia el Este para profesar fe en Cristo y ser bautizados.

Mucha gente piensa que la Misa es un memorial de la Última Cena. Esta noción parece provenir de las palabras de Consagración y un énfasis excesivo en la Misa como comida. La misa es una comida, pero es sobre todo un sacrificio; Es el sacrificio del Calvario ofrecido por nuestros pecados. Durante la misa debemos rezar como si estuviéramos al pie de la cruz.

Cuando el sacerdote reza la Oración Eucarística, se dirige a Dios Padre en nombre de los fieles y ofrece el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Jesús por nuestros pecados. Hay partes de la misa cuando el sacerdote se dirige a la gente, y con razón los enfrenta en esos puntos. Hay partes de la Misa, sin embargo, cuando el sacerdote se dirige a Dios en nombre de la gente y es apropiado en esos momentos que se enfrente con la gente hacia Dios.

En Adviento, miramos de manera particular la Segunda Venida de Cristo, y una de las formas de enfatizar mejor eso es que todos, sacerdotes y personas, se vuelvan hacia el Señor. El Padre Joseph Fessio, el fundador de Ignatius Press, lo describe así:

"No digo misa "de espaldas a la gente "más de lo que Patton pasó por Alemania con su "espalda a los soldados". Patton dirigió el Tercer Ejército a través de Alemania y lo siguieron para lograr un objetivo. La Misa es parte de la Iglesia Peregrina en el camino hacia nuestra meta, nuestra patria celestial. Este mundo no es nuestra patria celestial. No nos sentamos en un círculo y nos miramos. Queremos mirarnos el uno con el otro y con el sacerdote hacia el sol naciente, los rayos de la gracia, donde el Hijo vendrá nuevamente en gloria sobre las nubes".

Que Dios los bendiga,
Padre David Angelino

Mas anuncios en español, pagina 13....



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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 NET MINISTRIES RETREAT

Open to all High School Students

Monday, January 16, 2020
(Martin Luther King Day) for a Day Retreat.

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Net Ministries is a program where young adults just out of college dedicate a year of their life traveling around to different Catholic Parish's putting on Retreats. We get the privilege of hosting them at our parish! To support the cost of their program the retreat costs: \$40.

Get a registration form in the Main Office.
Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 5:00pm



**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 18, 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, December 16, 2019

Weekday in Advent

- 6:45 a.m. Elizabeth Bui
8:30 a.m. ✡ Bill Louviere

Tuesday, December 17

Weekday in Advent

- 6:45 a.m. Matthew O. Ebohon
8:30 a.m. ✡ Celestina Mariñelarena
5:30 p.m. Don Finnegan

Wednesday, December 18

Weekday in Advent

- 6:45 a.m. ✡ Annette O'Shea
8:30 a.m. ✡ Armando Rivera
7:00 p.m. ✡ Guillermo Sr. &
 Beatriz Meza

Thursday, December 19

Weekday in Advent

- 6:45 a.m. ✡ Charles Bubela
8:30 a.m. ✡ Bryant & Eric Parker
5:30 p.m. ✡ Sister Rosemary M.S.J

Friday, December 20

Weekday in Advent

- 6:45 a.m. All Holy Souls
8:30 a.m. ✡ Fred Mora
5:30 p.m. Fr. Ryan Stawaisz

Saturday, December 21

Weekday in Advent

- 8:30 a.m. Lay Carmelites
5:00 p.m. ✡ Joseph Meyers

Sunday, December 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 6:30 a.m. Parish Family
8:00 a.m. ✡ Bartolo Castellanos
10:00 a.m. ✡ Amanda Archibong
12:00 p.m. CDA
2:00 p.m. Francisco & Arminda Rivas
5:00 p.m. ✡ Francisco Yu

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 16

7:00 p.m. Grief Ministry, (español), FLC-D

Tuesday, December 17

- 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

Wednesday, December 18

- 9:00 a.m. Learn English Ministry, B1/7
11:00 a.m. Estudio de la Biblia, B4
11:30 a.m. Sugar Canes, C.C.
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 19

- 9:30 a.m. Rosary Group, B6
6:30 p.m. Dios con Nosotros, B1/7

Friday, December 20

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

Saturday, December 21

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

Sunday, December 22

- 9:15 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
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 8, 2019	\$ 28,930
Online Giving	\$ 7,800
Total	\$ 36,730

Goal Offering	\$ 45,814
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 9,084)

PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2017
Totals as of December 8, 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 December 8, 2019

Goal	\$ 205,000
Pledged	\$ 165,862
Payments	\$ 158,474

2019 DSF Balance
\$39,138.00

*Please participate by
December 23rd.*

443 Participants



If you are using our on-line option
for contributions and would like
your envelopes to be discontinued,
please inform the parish office.
281-494-1156.



SUGAR CANES OF SAINT THERESA

The Sugar Canes' regular monthly meeting is this **Wednesday, December 18, 2019**. We are having entertainment at the beginning of the meeting. We ask all members who are attending, please arrive by 11:00 a.m. at the Parish Community Center.

Instead of our usual brown bag lunch, we will enjoy a catered lunch. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Coffee, iced tea, water, and desserts are provided.

This lunch is for members only.

After our lunch, we will have a brief business meeting followed by Bingo.

**God Bless! For more information, contact
Carol Terral at 281-494-7527
or Cathy Mewis at 281-494-2482.**

DISPOSING OF SACRAMENTALS

The Catholic faithful may dispose of damaged or unused sacramentals such as rosaries, crosses, holy images, medals, and blessed palms by reverently burying or burning them at any time of the year. Books such as hand missals, bibles, and prayer books may also be disposed in this way.

Every June, the pastor invites parishioners to deposit their damaged or unused sacramentals in designated containers so that the sacramentals can be burned in a bonfire on June 23, the eve of the Solemnity of St. John the Baptist, which is a longtime custom of the Church. Until then, kindly refrain from depositing damaged or unused sacramentals at the entrances of the parish church and chapel, as there is little space for storing these articles on the parish campus.

Thank you.

Save the Date!



WHEN:
****Saturday, February 22, 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



@St. Theresa Catholic Church

*(A Mass in the FILIPINO Tradition Honoring the
Blessed Virgin Mary in Anticipation of Christmas)*

Saturday, December 21, 2019
7:00 PM MASS (English/Tagalog)

Main Celebrant: Rev. Greg Mrito

Concelebrants:

Rev. Matthew Suniga

Rev. Jose Tharayil

Rev. Eurel Manzano

RECEPTION @ The COMMUNITY CENTER

(Immediately Following the Mass)

Festivities Include the Following Highlights:

A Buffet of Filipino Dishes, Delicacies & Desserts

Display of Colorful "Paroles" ~ Christmas Gifts & Give Aways

Picture Taking with Santa Claus (Bring Your Own Camera)

Christmas Carols by Flos Cantum ~

Folk Dances by Tropical Rhythms ~ Dance the Night Away

EVERYONE WELCOME -ADMISSION FREE*

Sponsored By:

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

To Help, for More Details or Donations, Please Call:

Rudy & Ninfa Alcantara (281) 265-1048 ~ Rodrigo & Mercy Barrey (281) 491-8222

Billy & Gloria Batac (281) 242-6673 ~ Jim & Linda Claire (832) 603-0993

Drs. Noel & Violet Clarke (281) 342-3174 ~ Chris & Caroline Court (281) 750-1748

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Pete & Thelma Mantaring (832) 978-5679 ~ Rollie & Beth Martinez (832) 588-6149

Alex & Fely Melgarejo (281) 674-9816 ~ Ramon & Tessie Paguio (832) 868-8954

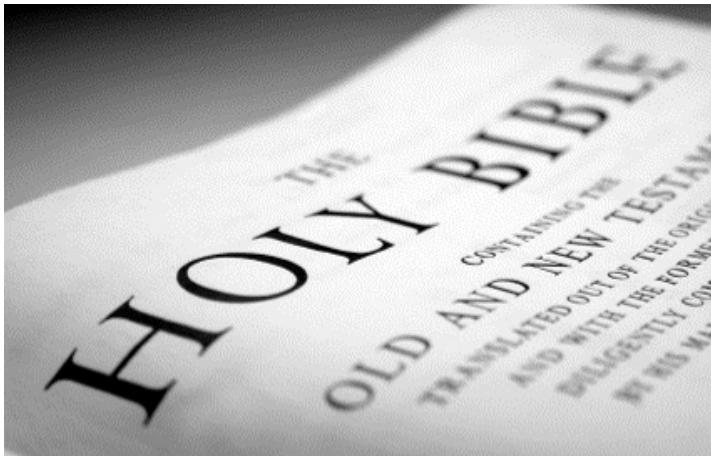
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Dan & Amy Sison (281) 980-7967 ~ Dr. Mercedes Sulit (281) 988-9194

Barry & Bernadette Staples (832) 668-6487 ~ Sam & Alyn Vivares (281) 302-6228



ANNOUNCEMENTS



WEEKLY READINGS

December 16, 2019 through December 22, 2019

Monday:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday:	Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
Thursday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
Friday:	Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45
Sunday:	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Third Sunday of Advent: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

LECTURAS SEMANALES

16 de Diciembre del 2019 al 22 de Diciembre del 2019

Lunes:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27
Martes:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
Miércoles:	Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
Jueves:	Jue 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lc 1:5-25
Viernes:	Is 7:10-14; Lc 1:26-38
Sábado:	Cant 2:8-14 o Sof 3:14-18a; Lc 1:39-45
Domingo:	Is 7:10-14; Sal 24 (23); Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Tercer Domingo de Adviento: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Sal 146 (145); Stgo 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

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, February 11, 2020**. 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.

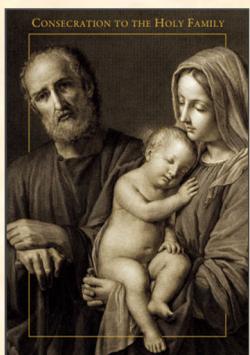
Grant us the grace to accept each other's faults and weaknesses. Protect us from harsh words and hurt feelings. Assist us to encourage one another's strengths and abilities. Lead us to mutual understanding and support.



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 21st – 28th

- Daily Family Prayer** – Each family should pray together each day for a week.
- 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.
- Reconciliation** - Families are strongly encourage to go to confession prior to the Consecration (Sunday, December 29th)

December 29th

- 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.



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

&
VIERNES 20 DE DICIEMBRE

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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

Congratulations, Fr. Vincent Dulock!



Father Vincent Dulock, CSB would like to invite the members of St. Theresa Parish to a special Mass in celebration of his 50th Anniversary of priestly Ordination and 60 years of Religious Life, to be held on

**Sunday, December 29, 2019
at 11:00 a.m.**
St. Laurence Catholic Church
3100 Sweetwater Blvd.
Sugar Land, TX

There will be a reception following the Mass.

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

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
 Patty Arnold
 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
 Maria Ines Montaño
 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 Rusca, 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



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.

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.

*"They will meet with joy and gladness,
sorrow and mourning will flee" (Isaiah 35:10).*

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