

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
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**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**
Holy day of Obligation

Tuesday, December 31, 2019

5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass
7:30 p.m. (español),
9:30 p.m. Solemn Latin Vespers,
followed by Traditional Latin Mass

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

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

The Parish Office will be closed
Wednesday, January 1, 2020.

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On the cover (top right):

Santi, Raffaello.

The Holy Family.

17th century, oil on panel.

Private Collection.

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.

John Paul II - Sunday, 31 December 1978

The Sunday within the Octave of Christmas, that is, the present Sunday, unites, in the liturgy, the solemn memory of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The birth of a child always gives rise to a family. The birth of Jesus in Bethlehem gave rise to this unique and exceptional Family in the history of mankind...

The family of Nazareth, which the Church, especially in today's liturgy, puts before the eyes of all families, really constitutes that culminating point of reference for the holiness of every human family. The history of this Family is described very concisely in the pages of the Gospel. We get to know only a few events in its life. However what we learn is sufficient to be able to involve the fundamental moments in the life of every family, and to show that dimension, to which all men who live a family life are called: fathers, mothers, parents, children, The Gospel shows us, very clearly, the educative aspect of the family. "He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them" (Lc 2,51).

This submission, obedience, readiness to accept the mature examples of the human conduct of the family, is necessary, on the part of children and of the young generation. Jesus, too, was "obedient" in this way. And parents must measure their whole conduct with this "obedience", this readiness of the child to accept the examples of human behaviour. This is the particularly delicate point of their responsibility as parents, of their responsibility with regard to the man, this little and then growing man entrusted to them by God himself. They must also keep in mind everything that happened in the life of the Family of Nazareth when Jesus was twelve years old; that is, they bring up their child not just for themselves, but for him, for the tasks which he will have to assume later. The twelve-year-old Jesus replied to Mary and Joseph: "Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business?" (Lc 2,40).

The deepest human problems are connected with the family. It constitutes the primary, fundamental and irreplaceable community for man. "The mission of being the primary vital cell of society has been given to the family by God himself", the Second Vatican Council affirms. (Apostolicam Actuositatem AA 11). The Church wishes to bear a particular witness to that too during the Octave of Christmas, by means of the feast of the Holy Family. She wishes to recall that the fundamental values, which cannot be violated without incalculable harm of a moral nature, are bound up with the family. Material perspectives and the "económico-social" point of view often prevail over the principles of Christian and even human morality. It is not enough, then, to express only regret. It is necessary to defend these fundamental values tenaciously and firmly, because their violation does incalculable harm to society and, in the last analysis, to man...

What are these values? If we had to answer this question adequately, it would be necessary to indicate the whole hierarchy and the set of values which define and condition one another. But trying to express ourselves concisely, let us say that here it is a question of two fundamental values which fall strictly into the context of what we call "conjugal love". The first of them is the value of the person which is expressed in absolute mutual faithfulness until death: the faithfulness of the husband to his wife and of the wife to her husband. The consequence of this affirmation of the value of the person, which is expressed in the mutual relationship between husband and wife, must also be respect for the personal value of the new life, that is, of the child, from the first moment of his conception.

The Church can never dispense herself from the obligation of guarding these two fundamental values, connected with the vocation of the family. Custody of them was entrusted to the Church by Christ, in such a way as leaves no doubt. At the same time, the self-evidence of these values—humanly understood—is such that the Church, defending them, sees herself as the spokesman of true human dignity: of the good of the person, of the family, of the nations. While maintaining respect for all those who think differently, it is very difficult to recognize, from the objective and impartial point of view, that anyone who betrays conjugal faithfulness, or who permits life conceived in the mother's womb to be wiped out and destroyed, behaves in a way consistent with true human dignity. Consequently, it cannot be admitted that programmes which suggest, which facilitate, which admit such behaviour serve the objective well-being of man, the moral well-being, and help to make human life really more human, really more worthy of man; that they serve to construct a better society.

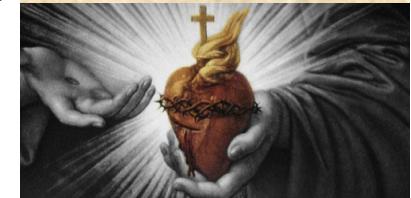
**FIRST FRIDAY
ORGAN CONCERT**

January 3, 2020
7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Featuring:
Dr. Kevin Clarke

**FIRST FRIDAY
REPARATION VIGIL**

January 3, 2020



9:00 p.m.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Consecration to the Sacred & Immaculate Hearts, & Holy Rosary

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

11:00 p.m.
Mass with Gregorian chant

**Morning of
Recollection for Women**

Due to New Year's Day, the monthly morning of recollection for women has been moved from the 1st Wednesday of the month to **Wednesday, January 8, 2020**.

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 29 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.

Juan Pablo II - Sunday, 31 December 1978

1. El domingo infraoctava del nacimiento del Señor, es decir, este domingo, une en la liturgia la solemne memoria de la Santa Familia de Jesús, María y José. El nacimiento de un niño, siempre inicia una familia. El nacimiento de Jesús en Belén introdujo a esta Familia única y excepcional en la historia de la humanidad...

La Familia de Nazaret que la Iglesia, especialmente en la liturgia de hoy, presenta a todas las familias, constituye efectivamente aquel punto culminante de referencia para la santidad de cada familia humana. Las páginas del Evangelio describen muy concisamente la historia de esta Familia. Apenas logramos conocer algunos acontecimientos de su vida. Sin embargo, aquello que sabemos es suficiente para comprometer los momentos fundamentales en la vida de cada familia, y para que aparezca aquella dimensión a la que están llamados todos los hombres que viven la vida familiar: padres, madres, esposos, hijos. El Evangelio nos muestra, con gran claridad, el perfil educativo de la familia. «Bajó con ellos, y vino a Nazaret, y les estaba sujeto,...» (Lc 2,51). Es necesaria, en los niños y en la edad juvenil, esta "sumisión", obediencia, prontitud para aceptar los maduros consejos de la conducta humana familiar. De esta manera también "se sometió" Jesús. Y con esta "sumisión", con esta prontitud de niño para aceptar los ejemplos del comportamiento humano, deben medir los padres toda su conducta. Este es el punto particularmente delicado de su responsabilidad paterna, de su responsabilidad en relación con el hombre, de este pequeño hombre que irá creciendo progresivamente, confiado a ellos por el mismo Dios. Deben tener presente también todos los acontecimientos acaecidos en la Familia de Nazaret cuando Jesús tenía doce años; esto es, ellos educaron a su Hijo no sólo para ellos, sino para El, para los deberes que posteriormente asumiría. Jesús a la edad de doce años respondió a María y a José: «¿No sabíais que es preciso que me ocupe en las cosas de mi Padre?» (LE 2,49).

Los problemas humanos más profundos están relacionados con la familia. Esta constituye la primera comunidad, fundamental e insustituible para el hombre. «La familia ha recibido de Dios esta misión. ser la primera y vital célula de la sociedad», afirma el Concilio Vaticano II (Apostolicam actuositatem AA 11). De esto también quiere la Iglesia dar un testimonio especial durante la octava de la Navidad del Señor mediante la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia. Quiere recordar que a la familia van unidos los valores fundamentales, que no se pueden violar sin daños incalculables de naturaleza moral. Con frecuencia las perspectivas de orden material y el aspecto "económico-social" prevalecen sobre los principios de la moralidad cristiana y hasta de la humana. No basta, pues, con lamentarse. Es necesario defender estos valores fundamentales con tenacidad y firmeza, porque su quebranto lleva consigo daños incalculables para la sociedad y, en último término, para el hombre...

¿De qué valores se trata? Si debiéramos responder adecuadamente a esta pregunta, sería necesario indicar toda la jerarquía y el conjunto de valores que recíprocamente se definen y se condicionan. Sin embargo, intentando expresarnos concisamente, decimos que aquí se trata de dos valores fundamentales que entran rigurosamente en el contexto de aquello que llamamos "amor conyugal". El primero es el valor de la persona, que se expresa en la fidelidad mutua absoluta hasta la muerte: fidelidad del marido en relación con la esposa, y de la mujer en relación con el esposo. La consecuencia de esta afirmación del valor de la persona, que se manifiesta en la recíproca relación entre los cónyuges, debe ser también el respeto al valor personal de la nueva vida, es decir, del niño, desde el primer momento de su concepción.

La Iglesia jamás puede dispensarse de la obligación de salvaguardar estos dos valores fundamentales, unidos con la vocación de la familia. Su custodia ha sido confiada a la Iglesia de Cristo, de tal forma que no cabe la menor duda. Al mismo tiempo, la evidencia —humanamente comprendida— de estos valores hace que la Iglesia, defendiéndolos, se vea a sí misma como portavoz de la auténtica dignidad del hombre: del bien de la persona, de la familia, de las naciones. Aun respetando a cuantos piensan de distinta manera, es muy difícil reconocer, desde el punto de vista objetivo e imparcial, que se comporte a medida de la verdadera dignidad humana quien traiciona la fidelidad matrimonial, o bien quien permite que se anique o se destruya la vida concebida en el seno materno. En consecuencia, no se puede admitir que los programas que sugieren, facilitan o admiten tal comportamiento sirvan al bien objetivo del hombre, al bien moral, y que contribuyan a hacer la vida humana verdaderamente más humana, verdaderamente más digna del hombre; que sirvan a la construcción de una sociedad mejor.

Mas anuncios en español, pagina 10 y 13....



SAINT THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

www.sttheresacatholicschool.org

-THE GRIFFIN NEWS-

Upcoming Open House Dates

Friday, January 17th at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, January 26th at 11:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.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



On Tuesday, December 17, 2019, Saint Theresa Catholic School received notification that they were being awarded the distinction of being named a Cardinal Newman Society Catholic Education Honor Roll School. The Catholic Education Honor Roll (CEHR) is a national program recognizing schools committed to strong Catholic identity.

Recognized schools commit to and model the *Principles of Catholic Identity in Education*.

Dear Principal Newcomb,

Congratulations! We are pleased to inform you that Saint Theresa Catholic School has been recognized as a Catholic Education Honor Roll school! This honor is not bestowed on every school that applies, but only those schools distinguishing themselves in the areas of Catholic identity and academic excellence. Congratulations on a job well done!

In Christ,
Denise L. Donohue Ed.D.
[Catholic Education Honor Roll](#)
The Cardinal Newman Society
10432 Balls Ford Road, Suite 300
Manassas, VA 20109



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



THE BLESSING OF BELONGING TO A FAMILY

This Sunday we celebrate 'The Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph', the perfect loving family that all of us admire and in a humble way, aspire to emulate. We believe that most of us here today have worried and stressed at some time over the well being of our children, but have had the blessing of knowing that a spouse, grandparent or a sibling was always there to help and support us, no matter what. Imagine how difficult it would be if you were the **only** family to your children. No spouse or extended family willing to help you feed, clothe or provide shelter for your children. Many of the friends and neighbors that we try to help are trapped in this very situation. They need to work but are unable to hold down a job because they are caring for infants and small children at home. Daycare isn't an option because the jobs available to them don't pay well enough to afford it. Their family support network is usually a friendly neighbor, probably in the same situation, and ministries like our Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Please remember these broken families and also the Vincentian volunteers throughout the Galveston/Houston Diocese who work tirelessly to give them hope at this time of Advent, they surely need your prayers.

A NEW START

Many of the folk that we help are lacking hope for a better future. Recently though, we were impressed by a working mom raising three young boys on her own. This mom had a full time job that didn't quite pay all the bills. Every month she was a hundred or so dollars short and had to decide what bill was going to go unpaid that month. Eventually this caught up with her and she was unable to pay the rent. The family was evicted and had to move into a hotel. She said that because she had faith in God she never lost hope that things would get better, she had confidence in her abilities, and she had a plan. Against all odds she had managed to find a town home that was \$300 less a month than their previous apartment. With that extra \$300/month she would be able to pay all of the bills. She had the first month's rent covered but needed help with the deposit if she was going to be able to get that home. We realized that this was a chance for us to make a real difference in this family's life and give them a new start, but the deposit amount was much more than we would usually assist with. Then we considered; the mother had a full time job, she was making the best decisions available to her. There really wasn't much more that we could expect from her, she was giving it all that she had. We then decided that we should pay the deposit and secure an affordable home for this family and make their Christmas one of renewed Hope. This mother asked us to thank all of the St. Theresa parish members that made their 'new start' possible. Thank you!

Please continue to support our SVDP ministry financially and with your prayers so that we can continue to restore hope to our needy friends and neighbors, we firmly believe that all positive changes that we make in someone's life are the result of God working through us on your behalf.

Detailed SVDP Report for November 2019

Utility assistance	\$2,739.91
Housing assistance	\$3,753.54
Food Pantry*	\$2,665.74
SVdP Twin Payment**	\$250.00
Total Disbursements	\$9,409.19

Client family members served	543
Bags of food distributed	398
Volunteer hours donated (est.)	361

* Does not include the value of donated food and diapers etc.

** Twin payments to St. Thomas Aquinas SVdP to help a particularly needy family.

What Food Do We Give To Those Who Need Help?

We stock around 48 different non perishable items that have been reviewed by a professional nutritionist, they include: cans of soups, meats, beans, vegetables, fruits, 1lb.dry beans, 1lb.rice, 2lb.flour, 2lb.sugar, vegetable oil, peanut butter, jelly, various pastas, breakfast cereals as well as personal care items like toothpaste, soap, diapers and baby wipes.

Why Small Sizes of Sugar, Rice, Beans and Flour?

As needy families usually pick up groceries every month, giving out 5 or 10 lb. sizes of sugar, rice, beans and flour would be too much to be consumed in a month. Also, because of our limited facility we are unable to obtain a city permit that would allow us to open and repackage food into smaller packages of 1 or 2lbs size.

Donations of food and personal care items are welcome!

The SVDP ministry can always use your help with donations of non-perishable foods like those listed above. Please only leave 'food, diapers and personal care items' in the donation boxes located just inside the Church and Chapel entrances. Clothing and other items should be placed in the large blue SVDP donation box located in the parking lot area between the Family Life Center and the Emmaus Chapel.

Unfortunately we cannot accept donations of used electrical or electronic items for safety reasons, if you leave them we may have to pay to recycle them. Please do not leave donated items near the office entrances as the office is not manned 24/7. Our business hours are Mondays and Fridays between 10:00am. and 1:00pm.

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

-SVdP Staff

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.

Pick up 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, **January 8, 2020** 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 30, 2019
Octave of Christmas

- 6:45 a.m. ✕ Allie Estelle White
8:30 a.m. ✕ Don Finnegan

Tuesday, December 31
Octave of Christmas

- 6:45 a.m. ✕ Felino & Anastacia Castillo
8:30 a.m. ✕ Wayne Matthiesen
5:30 p.m. ✕ Jonathan Olivares

Wednesday, January 1
Mary, The Holy Mother of God

- 6:45 a.m. Celebrant Intentions
8:30 a.m. Parish Family
5:00 p.m. ✕ Richard Patronella
7:00 p.m. Sema Family

Thursday, January 2
Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

- 6:45 a.m. ✕ Tammy Sulit
8:30 a.m. ✕ John Janik
5:30 p.m. ✕ Freddie I. Ambrosio

Friday, January 3
Christmas Weekday

- 6:45 a.m. Holy Souls
8:30 a.m. ✕ George Burks
5:30 p.m. Houtz Family

Saturday, January 4
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

- 8:30 a.m. Thomas Family
5:00 p.m. Catherine Labastillas

Sunday, January 5
Epiphany of the Lord

- 6:30 a.m. Pro-Life Intentions
8:00 a.m. Parish Family
10:00 a.m. Club Unidad
12:00 p.m. ✕ Amanda Archibong
2:00 p.m. Maria de la Paz
5:00 p.m. Ellamae Sophia Kim

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 30

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

Tuesday, December 31

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

Wednesday, January 1

NO Events

Thursday, January 2

- 9:00 a.m. Rosary Group, B6

Friday, January 3

- 9:00 a.m. Learn English Ministry, B1/7
7:30 p.m. Organ Concert, Church
9:00 p.m. First Friday Vigil, Church

Saturday, January 4

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

Sunday, January 5

- 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
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 15, 2019	\$ 25,521
Online Giving	<u>\$ 6,157</u>
Total	\$ 31,678
Goal Offering	\$ 45,814
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 14,136)

PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2017

Totals as of December 15, 2019

Next Goal	\$ 5,000,000
Pledged	\$ 3,205,135
Payments	\$ 1,682,641
909 Participants	

Current parish debt \$ 2,393,556

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

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2019

Totals as of December 15, 2019

Goal	\$ 205,000
Pledged	\$ 174,506
Payments	\$ 168,038

2019 DSF Balance
\$30,494.00

447 Participants

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"Come to me all of you." -Matthew 11:28



St. Theresa Catholic Church hosts in Partnership with Elite Medical Imaging a Preventive Ultrasound Health Screening on **Saturday, January 18, 2020 in the Family Life Center – Lounge.**

Ultrasound screenings are painless, non-invasive and contain no radiation. Eight preventive screenings will be offered: carotid artery, abdominal aorta, thyroid, liver, spleen, gallbladder and both kidneys. These screenings are not typically done at physician's visits or at annual check-ups, nor will insurance companies pay for them, unless you are symptomatic. Screenings will be offered to you for \$49 each or the full preventive package, (all 8 areas) for just \$150.00!

Flex spending accounts may be used, and all other forms of payment are accepted the day of the screening. Our radiologist recommends these screenings be considered on an annual basis as a preventive measure. Oftentimes results can change from one year to the next based on age, stress factors and lifestyle.

Appointments are required and will be offered on a first come first serve basis.

Please call 713-568-8331 today to Schedule your appointment!

“Prevention is the key to good health”



La Iglesia Santa Teresa organiza, en asociación con Elite Medical Imaging, una Evaluación Preventiva de Salud por medio de Ultrasonidos el **Sábado, 19 de Enero, 2019 en el Centro de Vida Familiar**

Los exámenes de Ultrasonido no son dolorosos, no son invasivos y no contienen radiación. Se ofrecerán 8 exámenes: Arterias Carótidas, Aorta Abdominal, Tiroides, Hígado, Bazo, Vesícula y los dos Riñones. Estos exámenes no suelen hacerse en su revisión anual y las compañías de seguro médico no cubren el costo de estos exámenes a menos que usted ya tenga algún síntoma. ¡Estos exámenes se ofrecen a usted por \$49 cada uno o el paquete completo de (8 áreas) por solo \$150!

Se pueden usar cuentas de gastos flexibles (Flex spending accounts), y todas las demás formas de pago se aceptan el día de la evaluación. Nuestro radiólogo recomienda que estas evaluaciones se consideren anualmente como una medida preventiva. A menudo, los resultados pueden cambiar de un año a otro según la edad, los factores de estrés y el estilo de vida.

Las citas son requeridas y se ofrecerán por orden de llegada.

Por favor Llame al 713-568-8331 hoy para programar su cita!

“La prevención es la clave para la buena salud”

12 day Oberammergau Passion Play



Frankfurt – Oberammergau – Lucerne – Mt. Pilatus – Salzburg – Castle of Franconia – King Ludwig Castle – Munich

August 24 - September 4, 2020
\$4,290.00 per person from Houston

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

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

11 Días de Peregrinación a Tierra Santa



Tiberíades - Monte de las Bienaventuranzas - Nazaret - Belén - Jerusalén

Junio 14 - 24, 2020
\$3,350.00 por persona desde Houston, TX

Director espiritual: **Padre Gregorio Mirto**
Coordinador de la Peregrinación: **Mike Maltez**

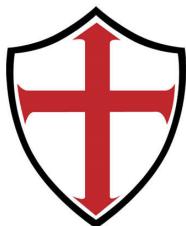
Para mas información comunicarse con Mike Maltez al 713-298-8589 o Ana Maltez al 713-269-8589, email: mmaltez23@yahoo.com

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.



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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

WEEKLY READINGS

December 30, 2019 through January 5, 2020

Monday:	1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40
Tuesday:	1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
Wednesday:	Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
Friday:	1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Jn 1:29-34
Saturday:	1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
Sunday:	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

LECTURAS SEMANALES

30 de Diciembre del 2019 al 5 de Enero del 2020

Lunes:	1 Jn 2:12-17; Lc 2:36-40
Martes:	1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
Miércoles:	Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lc 2:16-21
Jueves:	1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
Viernes:	1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Jn 1:29-34
Sábado:	1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
Domingo:	Is 60:1-6; Sal 72 (71); Ef 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José: Eclo 3:2-6, 12-14; Sal 128 (127); Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

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.

GUIDE FOR CONFESSION / GUÍA PARA LA CONFESIÓN

HOW TO GO TO CONFESSION

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

Rite of Reconciliation

Priest: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Penitent: Amen.

Penitent: Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been (how long?) since my last confession. My sins are: (confess your sins)

Priest: (gives you spiritual counsel and assigns a penance in atonement for your sins)

Penitent: (Pray an *Act of Contrition*, for example):

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

—or—

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven, and the pains of hell; but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life.

Priest: The priest prays the formula of absolution. At the conclusion, say, "Amen."

Priest: Go in peace.

Penitent: Thanks be to God. (do your penance as soon as possible).

COMO CONFESARSE

Para confesarse bien, hacemos una Buena examen de conciencia, pidiendo la ayuda de Dios para saber y arrepentir de nuestros pecados.

Rito de Reconciliación

Sacerdote: En el nombre del Padre, del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo.

Penitente: Amen.

Penitente: Bendígame, Padre, porque he pecado. Mi última confesión fue... (diga al Padre cuanto tiempo de su última confesión). Mis pecados son..

Sacerdote: (El sacerdote te aconsejara y te dará la penitencia)

Penitente: (Reza el *Acto de Contrición*:)

Señor Jesucristo, Hijo de Dios, ten piedad de mi, un pecador.

—o—

Dios mío, me arrepiento de todo corazón de todos lo malo que he hecho y de lo bueno que he dejado de hacer; porque pecando te he ofendido a ti, que eres el sumo Bien y digno de amor por encima de todas las cosas. Propongo firmemente, con tu gracia, cumplir la penitencia, no volver a pecar y evitar las ocasiones de pecado. Perdóname, Señor, por los méritos de la Pasión de nuestro Salvador Jesucristo. Amén.

Sacerdote: El sacerdote hace una oración de absolución. A la conclusión diga: "Amen."

Sacerdote: Puedes ir en paz.

Penitente: Gracias a Dios. (Haz la penitencia cuando salga del confesionario).

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
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 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.**

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HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of our house, delight one day in eternal rewards.

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

Amen.

“Do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him” (Colossians 3:12-21).

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