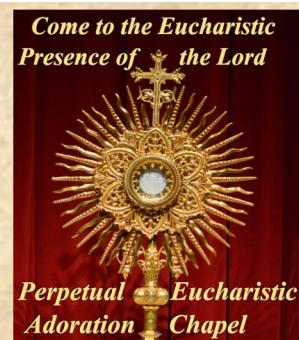


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EUCARIST ADORATION

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 or 281-844-4616.

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On the cover:

Stom, Matthias.

The Adoration of the Magi.

1630, oil on canvas.

National Museum, Stockholm, Sweden.

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,

Tomorrow, January 6th, concludes the 12 Days of Christmas as we celebrate the Epiphany of Our Lord (in recent years this feast day has been moved to Sunday, so this year we celebrate it a day early on the 11th day of Christmas). But the Christmas Season runs all the way through next Sunday with the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord.

I had a rather strange encounter after the 5:15pm Mass in the Community Center on Christmas Eve. After Mass I was in the back wishing a Merry Christmas to people as they were leaving, and a man told me "See you at Easter!". I did not recognize him and don't know if he was serious or just joking with me.

The sad truth is that Mass attendance among Catholics has plummeted in the past 50 or so years. In 1955, 75% of Catholics attend Mass weekly. That number dropped to 65% in 1965 and to 45% in the mid-2000s and dropped further to around 39% in 2017.

Many reasons can certainly be put forward to explain this decline and several come to mind: changing cultural trends, widespread secularization, disinterest in religion, changes to the Mass, more demanding work schedules, moral relativism which leads to the Church being seen as outdated, an increase in single-parent homes, and most importantly a loss of faith in the Eucharist occasioned—very likely—by the lack of reverence toward the Blessed Sacrament that has afflicted our churches.

We do not come to Mass for the music, although St. Theresa's has an excellent music program. Nor do we come for the fellowship, although that is a good thing to seek and I am very glad to see all of the people socializing outside after Mass. We do not come for the preaching; nor should we come out of a sense of obligation, or to continue a family tradition, or to feel good or get something out of Mass.

We come to Mass to worship God. The primary goal of the Mass is the glorification of God and only secondarily our own sanctification (and we are sanctified principally by giving God the glory that is His due). Judging the value of a Mass based on the quality of the preaching or how it makes me feel is to look at the Mass backwards.

On the Cross, Jesus offered the perfect sacrifice to God the Father. That same sacrifice is offered at every Catholic Mass and we strive to offer it as beautifully and reverently as possible—not primarily for our sake, but for God's. Again, we are sanctified by giving God the glory that is His due. May God grant us the grace, like the Magi we remember today, to offer Him right and fitting worship so that He may be glorified and we may be made holy.

May God bless you,
Fr. David Angelino

MORNING OF RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN



The ladies of the parish are invited to a morning of prayer on **Wednesday, January 8, 2020**

from 10:00 a.m. until noon in the Chapel.

The day includes adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, preached meditations, time for private prayer, and the opportunity for confession.

Altar flower sponsorship opportunities are available for this year.



In remembrance of a loved one, a donation toward an Altar arrangement is a lovely gesture.

Please call the parish office for more details:
281-494-1156

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 5 de Enero del 2020** 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,

Mañana, 6 de enero, concluyen los 12 días de Navidad mientras celebramos la Epifanía de Nuestro Señor (en los últimos años, este día festivo se ha trasladado al domingo, así que este año lo celebramos un día antes, el día 11 de Navidad). Pero la temporada navideña se extiende hasta el próximo domingo con la fiesta del Bautismo de Nuestro Señor.

Tuve un encuentro bastante extraño después de la misa de las 5:15 pm en el Centro Comunitario en Nochebuena. Después de la misa estaba en la parte de atrás deseando una feliz Navidad a la gente cuando se iban, y un hombre me dijo "¡Nos vemos en Pascua!". No lo reconocí y no sé si hablaba en serio o solo bromeaba conmigo.

La triste verdad es que la asistencia a misa entre los católicos se ha desplomado en los últimos 50 años. En 1955, el 75% de los católicos asisten a misa semanalmente. Ese número se redujo al 65% en 1965 y al 45% a mediados de la década de 2000 y se redujo aún más a alrededor del 39% en 2017.

Sin duda, se pueden presentar muchas razones para explicar esta disminución y se me ocurren varias: tendencias culturales cambiantes, secularización generalizada, desinterés en la religión, cambios en la misa, horarios de trabajo más exigentes, relativismo moral que hace que la Iglesia sea vista como obsoleta, un aumento en los hogares monoparentales, y lo más importante, una pérdida de fe en la Eucaristía ocasional, muy probablemente, por la falta de reverencia hacia el Santísimo Sacramento que ha afectado a nuestras iglesias.

No venimos a misa por la música, aunque Santa Teresa tiene un excelente programa de música. Tampoco venimos por el compañerismo, aunque es algo bueno buscar y estoy muy contento de ver a todas las personas socializando afuera después de la misa. No venimos a predicar; ni debemos venir por un sentido de obligación, o de continuar una tradición familiar, o de sentirnos bien o sacar algo de la misa.

Venimos a misa para adorar a Dios. El objetivo principal de la misa es la glorificación de Dios y solo secundariamente nuestra propia santificación (y somos santificados principalmente al darle a Dios la gloria que le corresponde). Juzgar el valor de una Misa basado en la calidad de la predicación o cómo me hace sentir es mirar la Misa al revés.

En la cruz, Jesús ofreció el sacrificio perfecto a Dios el Padre. Ese mismo sacrificio se ofrece en cada misa católica y nos esforzamos por ofrecerlo de la manera más bella y reverente posible, no principalmente por nuestro bien, sino por el de Dios. Nuevamente, somos santificados al darle a Dios la gloria que le corresponde. Que Dios nos conceda la gracia, como los Magos que recordamos hoy, para ofrecerle la adoración correcta y adecuada para que pueda ser glorificado y podamos ser santos.

Que Dios los bendiga,
Padre David Angelino



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

ACADEMICS

On Friday, December 13th, representatives from Grades 3-8 competed for the annual title of stellar speller at Saint Theresa Catholic School. Emerging victorious and winning the Elementary title was fifth-grader, **Samantha Court**; fourth-grader **Matilde Santizo** was a close second. The Middle School victor was sixth-grader, **Noah Tran**, with seventh-grader **Megan Cung** close on his heels. Both **Samantha** and **Noah** will go on to represent STCS in the Archdiocesan Spelling Bee in February. Congratulations to all of our top achievers in spelling!



Elementary Participants

3rd: Isaiah Nguyen & Uju Okeke

4th: My-Linh Junk & Matilde Santizo

5th: Samantha Court & Hanna Traslasheros

Middle School Participants

6th: Alexander Phan & Noah Tran

7th: Megan Cung & Anastasia Dementyev

8th: Emrie Holt & Elyse Tucker



FAITH & VIRTUE



In 2018-2019, then 7th graders, **Patrick Krall** and **Tobias Arayath**, founded the STCS Rosary & Adoration Club. In October of 2019, **Patrick** and **Tobias** were nominated for the NCEA *Youth Virtue, Valor, & Vision Award*.

Although they were not selected as one of the top ten recipients, they did receive recognition from the judging panel for their highly regarded work in promoting the Catholic faith in the wider community.

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.

PRAYER BEFORE MASS

Almighty and ever-living God, I approach the sacrament of Your only-begotten Son Our Lord Jesus Christ. I come sick to the doctor of life, unclean to the fountain of mercy, blind to the radiance of eternal light, and poor and needy to the Lord of heaven and earth. Lord, in your great generosity, heal my sickness, wash away my defilement, enlighten my blindness, enrich my poverty, and clothe my nakedness. May I receive the bread of angels, the King of kings and Lord of lords, with humble reverence, with the purity and faith, the repentance and love, and the determined purpose that will help to bring me to salvation. May I receive the sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood, and its reality and power. Kind God, may I receive the Body of Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, born from the womb of the Virgin Mary, and so be received into His mystical body and numbered among His members. Loving Father, as on my earthly pilgrimage I now receive Your beloved Son under the veil of a sacrament, may I one day see him face to face in glory, who lives and reigns with You for ever. Amen.

Saint Thomas Aquinas

THANKSGIVING AFTER MASS

I thank you, holy Lord, almighty Father, eternal God, who deigned to feast me, sinful and unworthy servant, with the precious body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, not for any merit of mine, but only because of your merciful goodness. And I pray that this Holy Communion, far from condemning me to punishment, may bring about my pardon and salvation, encompassing me with the armor of faith and the shield of a good will. By it let my vices be done away, all lustful desires extinguished. May it advance me in charity, patience, humility, obedience, and every other virtue. Let it be strong defense against the wiles of all my enemies, visible and invisible, allaying for me every disturbance of flesh and spirit, binding me firmly to you, the one true God, and bringing my last hour to a happy close. I pray, too, that it may be your pleasure to call my sinful self one day to that banquet, wonderful past all telling, where you, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, feast your saints with the vision of yourself, who are true light, the fulfillment of all desires, the joy that knows no ending, gladness unalloyed, and perfect bliss: through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint Thomas Aquinas

Catholic Date Night

Friday, January 10
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, January 8th. RSVP at 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!

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, January 6, 2020

Christmas Weekday
 6:45 a.m. ✕ Anna Thomas
 8:30 a.m. ✕ Rod Rodriguez Sr.

Tuesday, January 7

Christmas Weekday
 6:45 a.m. ✕ Bruce Hirsch &
 Werner Klesel Jr.
 8:30 a.m. ✕ Wayne Matthiesen
 5:30 p.m. ✕ Gorgina Denham

Wednesday, January 8

Christmas Weekday
 6:45 a.m. ✕ Laura Davidson
 8:30 a.m. ✕ Morris Voelkel
 7:00 p.m. ✕ Alex Iglesias

Thursday, January 9

Christmas Weekday
 6:45 a.m. ✕ Napoleon Sulit
 8:30 a.m. ✕ Macrina Bigcas
 5:30 p.m. ✕ Donald K. Lanham Jr.

Friday, January 10

Christmas Weekday
 6:45 a.m. Maria Dinh
 8:30 a.m. ✕ Wayne Matthiesen
 5:30 p.m. Geon Woo Kim

Saturday, January 11

Christmas Weekday
 8:30 a.m. ✕ Joseph Nguyen
 5:00 p.m. Toni Osifo

Sunday, January 12

Baptism of the Lord
 6:30 a.m. ✕ Rose Ann Carroll
 8:00 a.m. Guadalupanos
 10:00 a.m. Parish Family
 12:00 p.m. ✕ Ireneo & Pilar Lopez
 2:00 p.m. ✕ Anselmo Santizo
 5:00 p.m. Holy Souls

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, January 6

NO Events

Tuesday, January 7

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. Católico Básico, C.C.

Wednesday, January 8

9:00 a.m. Learn English Ministry, B1/7
 10:00 a.m. Women's Recollection, Chapel
 4:30 p.m. CCE-Elementary, School Build.
 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.
 6:45 p.m. Faith Formation/Oratory, FLC-D
 7:00 p.m. RCIA, FLC-A
 7:00 p.m. RICA, B1/7
 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 9

9:00 a.m. Rosary Group, B6
 6:30 p.m. Lay Carmelites Meeting, B4
 7:00 p.m. Spanish Pre-Marriage Seminar, FLC-A

Friday, January 10

9:00 a.m. Learn English Ministry, B1/7
 7:00 p.m. Date Night, C.C.

Saturday, January 11

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 12

9:15 a.m. Estudio de la Biblia, C.C.
 9:30 a.m. Catequesis/Catecismo, Escuela
 9:30 a.m. Católico Básico Repuesto, FLC-D
 9:30 a.m. RICA para Niños
 9:30 a.m. RCIA Catechumens, FLC
 10:00 a.m. RICA para Adultos, B1/7
 10:00 a.m. CCE-Pre-K, B3, B4, B5
 1:00 p.m. Sacrament Sunday, C.C.
 3:00 p.m. Faith Formation/High School, C.C.
 3:15 p.m. Spanish Baptismal Class, FLC-A
 3:30 p.m. Jubilate Deo Rehearsal
 3:30 p.m. String Orchestra Rehearsal
 6:00 p.m. Rosary Group, Emmaus Chapel

SUNDAY OFFERTORY

December 22, 2019	\$ 129,755
Online Giving	<u>\$ 5,289</u>
Total	\$ 135,044

Goal Offering	\$ 45,814
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 89,230

PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2017

Totals as of December 22, 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
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DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2019

Totals as of December 22, 2019

Goal	\$ 205,000
Pledged	\$ 174,506
Payments	\$ 169,665

2019 DSF Balance
\$30,494.00

447 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.

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**

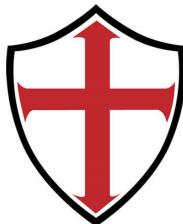
Para mas información comunicarse con Mike Maltez al 713-298-8589 o Ana Maltez al 713-269-8589, email: mmaltez23@yahoo.com

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.



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



[facebook.com/TSGtx1001](https://www.facebook.com/TSGtx1001)

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

January 6, 2020 through January 12, 2020

Monday:	1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

LECTURAS SEMANALES

6 de Enero del 2020 al 12 de Enero del 2020

Lunes:	1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Martes:	1 Jn 4:7-10; Mc 6:34-44
Miércoles:	1 Jn 4:11-18; Mc 6:45-52
Jueves:	1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Lc 4:14-22a
Viernes:	1 Jn 5:5-13; Lc 5:12-16
Sábado:	1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30
Domingo:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Sal 29 (28); Hch 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

Solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor: Is 60:1-6; Sal 72 (71); Ef 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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, 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.

JOIN US!
THE KING'S MEN
LEADER. PROTECTOR. PROVIDER.
www.thekingsmen.org

Men's Spiritual Formation Group

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

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

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




**CATHOLIC
MUTUAL
GROUP**

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM CHANGE

The CMG (Catholic Mutual Group) online training is replacing VIRTUS. The training consists of 3 vignette style training videos that are approximately 60 minutes. A criminal background check is included and must be completed.

The training is available in English and Spanish.
We will no longer offer live training. All Safe Environment training will only be available online.

- All new employees and volunteers will complete the Safe Haven online training program instead of VIRTUS PGC training.
- All individuals must complete the training and complete a background check prior to the start of employment and/or volunteer service.
- The 5 year anniversary date is still in place. Individuals who recently attended VIRTUS will not be due to complete refresher training until they have reached their 5 year anniversary date.
- As the 5-year anniversary is reached, individuals will need to log into CMGConnect with their previous personal VIRTUS user Id and 1234 as the password. **Once you log into the CMGConnect account, you will be able to change your password.** If you do not remember your user Id, you may contact the following:

1. Rosa Michel, 281-494-1156 or rosa@sugarlandatholic.com
2. Daphne Woods, 1-800-6108 ext. 2375 or dwoods@catholicmutual.org
3. CMG at cmgconnect@catholicmutual.org

The following individuals below will now be required to complete Safe Haven online training as well:

1. Individuals who have never attended training.
2. Individuals who are now due to refresher training and had not attended VIRTUS training.
3. Individuals who are currently due and have not attended VIRTUS training.
4. Individuals who are out of compliance or past due.

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.

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



SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

O GOD, who on this day revealed your only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory.

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 were overjoyed at seeing the star; and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage." (Matthew 2:1-12)

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