

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
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ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON—HOUSTON



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Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest



The annual Free Throw Contest is open to all boys and girls ages 9 to 14. Come out and show your sharpshooting skills!

Date: **Sunday, January 19th**
 Location: **St. Theresa Family Life Center (Gym)**
 Time: **12:00 noon**

Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent.

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On the cover:
 Veronese, Paolo.
Baptism of Christ.
 1580, oil on canvas.
 The Courtlend Gallery, London.

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.

CONFESSION • 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.

**Pope Benedict XVI, Homily for the Baptism of Several Children
The Baptism of the Lord, 2008**

Today's celebration is always a cause of special joy for me. Indeed, the administration of the Sacrament of Baptism on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is one of the most expressive moments of our faith, in which we can almost see the mystery of life through the signs of the liturgy. In the first place, there is human life. It is represented here in particular by these 13 children who are the fruit of your love, dear parents, to whom I address my cordial greeting, which I extend to the godparents and the other relatives and friends present. Then comes the mystery of divine life which God gives to these little ones today through rebirth in water and the Holy Spirit. God is life, as some of the pictures that embellish this Sistine Chapel marvelously evoke.

Yet it does not seem out of place if we immediately juxtapose the experience of life with the opposite experience, that is, the reality of death. Sooner or later everything that begins on earth comes to its end, like the meadow grass that springs up in the morning and by evening has wilted. In Baptism, however, the tiny human being receives a new life, the life of grace, which enables him or her to enter into a personal relationship with the Creator for ever, for the whole of eternity. Unfortunately, human beings are capable of extinguishing this new life with their sin, reducing themselves to being in a situation which Sacred Scripture describes as "second death". Whereas for other creatures who are not called to eternity, death means solely the end of existence on earth, in us sin creates an abyss in which we risk being engulfed for ever unless the Father who is in Heaven stretches out his hand to us. This, dear brothers and sisters, is the mystery of Baptism: God desired to save us by going to the bottom of this abyss himself so that every person, even those who have fallen so low that they can no longer perceive Heaven, may find God's hand to cling to and rise from the darkness to see once again the light for which he or she was made. We all feel, we all inwardly comprehend that our existence is a desire for life which invokes fullness and salvation. This fullness is given to us in Baptism.

We have just heard the account of the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan. It was a different Baptism from that which these babies are about to receive but is deeply connected with it. Basically, the whole mystery of Christ in the world can be summed up in this term: "baptism", which in Greek means "immersion". The Son of God, who from eternity shares the fullness of life with the Father and the Holy Spirit, was "immersed" in our reality as sinners to make us share in his own life: he was incarnate, he was born like us, he grew up like us and, on reaching adulthood, manifested his mission which began precisely with the "baptism of conversion" administered by John the Baptist. Jesus' first public act, as we have just heard, was to go down into the Jordan, mingling among repentant sinners, in order to receive this baptism. John was naturally reluctant to baptize him, but because this was the Father's will, Jesus insisted (cf. Mt 3: 13-15).

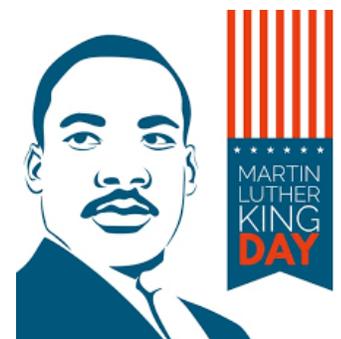
Why, therefore, did the Father desire this? Was it because he had sent his Only-Begotten Son into the world as the Lamb to take upon himself the sins of the world (cf. Jn 1: 29)? The Evangelist recounts that when Jesus emerged from the waters, the Holy Spirit descended upon him in the form of a dove, while the Father's voice from Heaven proclaimed him "my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased" (Mt 3: 17). From that very moment, therefore, Jesus was revealed as the One who came to baptize humanity in the Holy Spirit: he came to give men and women life in abundance (cf. Jn 10: 10), eternal life, which brings the human being back to life and heals him entirely, in body and in spirit, restoring him to the original plan for which he was created. The purpose of Christ's existence was precisely to give humanity God's life and his Spirit of love so that every person might be able to draw from this inexhaustible source of salvation. This is why St Paul wrote to the Romans that we were baptized into the death of Christ in order to have his same life as the Risen One (cf. Rom 6: 3-4). For this reason Christian parents, such as you today, bring their children to the baptismal font as soon as possible, knowing that life which they have communicated calls for a fullness, a salvation that God alone can give. And parents thus become collaborators of God, transmitting to their children not only physical but also spiritual life.

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



The offices will be closed **Monday, January 20, 2020** in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Day.

We will re-open Tuesday, January 21

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 dieciséis (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 inscribise llamando al 281-494-1156. El seminario se ofrece cada otro mes, el segundo jueves a las 7:00 p.m. **El próximo seminario es el Jueves 12 de Marzo 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 Kínder 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 MARIA: El coro práctica los sábados a las 9:15 a.m. y cantan en la misa del domingo a las 8:00 a.m. o 2:00 p.m. Para mas información llamen al 281-494-1156.

ESTUDIO BÍBLICO: El Grupo se reúne los domingos después de Misa de 8:00 a.m. (los meses de Agosto a Mayo). Para mas información llame a el Sr. Larry Ponce de León, 281-250-9651

DEVOCIÓN AL SAGRADO CORAZÓN: El primer viernes de mes en la capilla de la iglesia a las de 6:00 p.m. Información: Loreto Casillas 281-494-1156 o Maricela Ponce 832-896-8289.

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 biblico del antiguo testamento guiado por su fundador, el Padre Santiago Martin. 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? Regístrese después de misa o llame a Elvira Morales al 281-682-0626.

LA LEGIÓN DE MARIA: 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



**RITO DE INICIACION
CRISTIANA PARA
ADULTOS (RICA)**

**¿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 12 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.

**Papa Benedicto XVI, Homilía para el bautismo de varios niños
El bautismo del Señor, 2008**

La celebración de hoy es siempre para mí motivo de especial alegría. En efecto, administrar el sacramento del bautismo en el día de la fiesta del Bautismo del Señor es, en realidad, uno de los momentos más expresivos de nuestra fe, en la que podemos ver de algún modo, a través de los signos de la liturgia, el misterio de la vida. En primer lugar, la vida humana, representada aquí en particular por estos trece niños que son el fruto de vuestro amor, queridos padres, a los cuales dirijo mi saludo cordial, extendiéndolo a los padrinos, a las madrinas y a los demás parientes y amigos presentes. Está, luego, el misterio de la vida divina, que hoy Dios dona a estos pequeños mediante el renacimiento por el agua y el Espíritu Santo. Dios es vida, como está representado estupendamente también en algunas pinturas que embellecen esta Capilla Sixtina.

Sin embargo, no debe pareceros fuera de lugar comparar inmediatamente la experiencia de la vida con la experiencia opuesta, es decir, con la realidad de la muerte. Todo lo que comienza en la tierra, antes o después termina, como la hierba del campo, que brota por la mañana y se marchita al atardecer. Pero en el bautismo el pequeño ser humano recibe una vida nueva, la vida de la gracia, que lo capacita para entrar en relación personal con el Creador, y esto para siempre, para toda la eternidad. Por desgracia, el hombre es capaz de apagar esta nueva vida con su pecado, reduciéndose a una situación que la sagrada Escritura llama "segunda muerte". Mientras que en las demás criaturas, que no están llamadas a la eternidad, la muerte significa solamente el fin de la existencia en la tierra, en nosotros el pecado crea una vorágine que amenaza con tragarnos para siempre, si el Padre que está en los cielos no nos tiende su mano. Este es, queridos hermanos, el misterio del bautismo: Dios ha querido salvarnos yendo él mismo hasta el fondo del abismo de la muerte, con el fin de que todo hombre, incluso el que ha caído tan bajo que ya no ve el cielo, pueda encontrar la mano de Dios a la cual asirse a fin de subir desde las tinieblas y volver a ver la luz para la que ha sido creado. Todos sentimos, todos percibimos interiormente que nuestra existencia es un deseo de vida que invoca una plenitud, una salvación. Esta plenitud de vida se nos da en el bautismo.

Acabamos de oír el relato del bautismo de Jesús en el Jordán. Fue un bautismo diverso del que estos niños van a recibir, pero tiene una profunda relación con él. En el fondo, todo el misterio de Cristo en el mundo se puede resumir con esta palabra: "bautismo", que en griego significa "inmersión". El Hijo de Dios, que desde la eternidad comparte con el Padre y con el Espíritu Santo la plenitud de la vida, se "sumergió" en nuestra realidad de pecadores para hacernos participar en su misma vida: se encarnó, nació como nosotros, creció como nosotros y, al llegar a la edad adulta, manifestó su misión iniciándola precisamente con el "bautismo de conversión", que recibió de Juan el Bautista. Su primer acto público, como acabamos de escuchar, fue bajar al Jordán, entre los pecadores penitentes, para recibir aquel bautismo. Naturalmente, Juan no quería, pero Jesús insistió, porque esa era la voluntad del Padre (cf. *Mt* 3, 13-15).

¿Por qué el Padre quiso eso? ¿Por qué mandó a su Hijo unigénito al mundo como Cordero para que tomara sobre sí el pecado del mundo? (cf. *Jn* 1, 29). El evangelista narra que, cuando Jesús salió del agua, se posó sobre él el Espíritu Santo en forma de paloma, mientras la voz del Padre desde el cielo lo proclamaba "Hijo predilecto" (*Mt* 3, 17). Por tanto, desde aquel momento Jesús fue revelado como aquel que venía para bautizar a la humanidad en el Espíritu Santo: venía a traer a los hombres la vida en abundancia (cf. *Jn* 10, 10), la vida eterna, que resucita al ser humano y lo sana en su totalidad, cuerpo y espíritu, restituyéndolo al proyecto originario para el cual fue creado. El fin de la existencia de Cristo fue precisamente dar a la humanidad la vida de Dios, su Espíritu de amor, para que todo hombre pueda acudir a este manantial inagotable de salvación. Por eso san Pablo escribe a los Romanos que hemos sido bautizados en la muerte de Cristo para tener su misma vida de resucitado (cf. *Rm* 6, 3-4). Y por eso mismo los padres cristianos, como hoy vosotros, tan pronto como les es posible, llevan a sus hijos a la pila bautismal, sabiendo que la vida que les han transmitido invoca una plenitud, una salvación que sólo Dios puede dar. De este modo los padres se convierten en colaboradores de Dios no sólo en la transmisión de la vida física sino también de la vida espiritual a sus hijos.



SAINT THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

www.sttheresacatholicschool.org

- THE GRIFFIN NEWS -



Dear Saint Theresa Parish Family,

Saint Theresa Catholic School will be hosting our annual **Griffin Day of Giving** on Monday, February 3, 2020. This is a 24-hour social media driven fundraiser. We are in the process of garnering community sponsors. If you or someone you know would like an opportunity to have their business or organization highlighted, please note the following:

For a \$250.00 sponsorship, businesses and organizations receive valuable advertising space. This includes:

- Your business or organization logo and contact information on our 2020 Griffin Day of Giving Sponsors Banner which will hang in the Saint Theresa Parish Family Life Center for one year. This parish facility is utilized throughout the year by our parish families, school families, and the greater Sugar Land community in the evenings and on weekends.
- Your business or organization will be highlighted on our school's Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook accounts on the day of the event.
- Your business or organization will receive recognition for your generosity on the STCS page of the February 15th-16th, 2020 Saint Theresa Catholic Church Parish bulletin. This bulletin is also posted digitally on the Church's website.
- Your business or organization will receive recognition on the Saint Theresa Catholic School Website for your sponsorship of the 2020 Griffin Day of Giving.

If you or someone you know would like to take advantage of this advertising opportunity, please contact Betty Pruski in our School Office at 281-494-1157 or bpruski@sttheresacatholicschool.org.

Yours in Christ,
Dr. Mark A. Newcomb
Headmaster

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.

TEXAS RALLY FOR LIFE IN AUSTIN



Join others (and ride in comfort on a bus!) from St. Laurence to the annual Texas Rally for Life in Austin on **Saturday, January 25, 2020**.

We will depart at 7:10 am, attend a pro-life Mass with Cardinal DiNardo, at St. Bartholomew Church in Katy, Tx. After lunch there, we head to the March and Rally.

Hear inspiring speakers and be a part of a big pro-life crowd! Be home by 6:30 pm.

Online sign-up is available at www.stlaurence.org/respect-life or contact Edward at 832-310-4190 or dad22greatkids@gmail.com if you are interested in going.

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.



SUGAR CANES OF SAINT THERESA

The Sugar Canes' regular monthly meeting is this **Wednesday, January 15, 2020**. We meet at our Parish Community Center at 11:30 am.

We welcome all guests and newcomers, age 50 +, to attend our monthly meetings the 3rd Wednesday of each month - same place, same time.

Our annual dues - **\$10.00** per person is due at this meeting. After our brown bag lunch we will have a brief business meeting followed by Bingo. Coffee, iced tea, water, and desserts are provided.

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



Job Fair

Hosted by Epiphany Job Networks
No pre-registration required

Who: Career-minded, degreed professionals

When: Thursday, January 23, 2020
From 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Where: Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Church
1530 Norwalk
Katy, TX 77450

What to bring: Plenty of resumes!

For more information, contact 281-578-0707 or email at outreach@epiphanycatholic.org

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 15, 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.

Please pray for our catechumens as they are anointed with the oil of catechumens at the 8 am and 10 am masses today. This rite is to strengthen them on their journey to become disciples of Christ.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, January 13, 2020

St. Hilary

- 6:45 a.m. Rose Rodriguez
- 8:30 a.m. ✘ Dolia Guerrero

Tuesday, January 14

Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 6:45 a.m. ✘ Gussie Sciba
- 8:30 a.m. ✘ Alex Iglesias & Bruce Hirsch
- 5:30 p.m. ✘ Mario Serra

Wednesday, January 15

Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 6:45 a.m. ✘ Bernard Kristynik
- 8:30 a.m. ✘ Roland Salazar
- 7:00 p.m. ✘ Leobardo Sanchez

Thursday, January 16

Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 6:45 a.m. Elizabeth Bui
- 8:30 a.m. ✘ Kevin Voelkel
- 5:30 p.m. Carol Henneke

Friday, January 17

St. Anthony

- 6:45 a.m. ✘ Frank & Annie Osina
- 8:30 a.m. ✘ Sharon DeeDee Fincher
- 5:30 p.m. ✘ Petronilo & Ana Maria Martinez

Saturday, January 18

Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 a.m. Lay Carmelites
- 5:00 p.m. ✘ Madeline & Joe Ferreri

Sunday, January 19

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 6:30 a.m. ✘ Mitchell Tinsley
- 8:00 a.m. ✘ Emilio Ramirez
- 10:00 a.m. ✘ Sulpicio & Josefina Mate
- 12:00 p.m. Parish Family
- 2:00 p.m. ✘ Eloisa Ayala
- 5:00 p.m. Randy Freeman

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 13

NO Events

Tuesday, January 14

- 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 15

- 9:00 a.m. Learn English Ministry, B1/7
- 11:30 a.m. Sugar Canes, C.C.
- 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 16

- 9:00 a.m. Rosary Group, B6
- 6:00 p.m. Spiritual Enrichment Filipino Grp. B6

Friday, January 17

- 9:00 a.m. Learn English Ministry, B1/7

Saturday, January 18

- 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
- 9:45 a.m. Legion of Mary

Sunday, January 19

- 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
- 1:00 p.m. Domingo de Sacramento, C.C.
- 3:00 p.m. Faith Formation/High School, C.C.
- 3:30 p.m. Jubilate Deo Rehearsal
- 3:30 p.m. String Orchestra Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Rosary Group, Emmaus Chapel

SUNDAY OFFERTORY

January 5, 2020	\$ 32,248
Online Giving	<u>\$ 10,712</u>
Total	\$ 42,960
December 29, 2019	\$ 31,825
Online Giving	<u>\$ 5,817</u>
Total	\$ 37,642
Goal Offering	\$ 45,814
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (2,854)

PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2017

Totals as of January 5, 2020

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 22, 2019

Goal	\$ 205,000
Pledged	\$ 190,662
Payments	\$ 186,879

458 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.**

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**

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!



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!

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.

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.

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

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

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

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

“Prevention is the key to good health”

“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



WHEN:
Saturday, February 22, 2020
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Teams Needed — Register Now

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

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

Zydeco Music ★ Free Games for the Kids ★
 Dessert Station ★ Hotdog Station ★
 Kona Ice ★ Adult Beverage Station

NO ENTRY FEE



TICKET PRICE:
\$20 VIP Pass
\$10 Adults (4 samples)
\$5 Kids' (12 & under)
(2 samples or 2 hot dogs)



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 13, 2020 through January 19, 2020

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

LECTURAS SEMANALES

13 de Enero del 2020 al 19 de Enero del 2020

Lunes: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Mc 1:14-20
Martes: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mc 1:21-28
Miércoles: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mc 1:29-39
Jueves: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mc 1:40-45
Viernes: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mc 2:1-12
Sábado: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mc 2:13-17
Domingo: Is 49:3, 5-6; Sal 40 (39); 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Sal 29 (28); Hch 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

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.

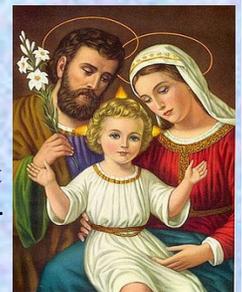
PRAYER FOR MY FAMILY

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.



COFRADIA DEL STO. NIÑO

GALVESTON-HOUSTON ARCHDIOCESE



CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THE
ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST
IN HONOR OF SEÑOR STO. NIÑO (*Holy Child Jesus*)

Saturday, January 25, 2020

SAINT THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH

705 SAINT THERESA BLVD, SUGAR LAND, TX 77498

TEL: 281.494.1156

Rosary - 9:15 AM | Procession - 10:00 AM | Holy Mass - 11:00 AM

Celebrant:

Fr. Eurel Manzano

Concelebrants: *Invited Priests*

**PLEASE
WEAR
RED**

Fellowship will follow after the

mass at the Community Center

You may bring your statue of the Santo Niño for the procession and "Sinulog"

— For more details, contact: —

Margie D. Calo 281.980.4711 (h) • 713.498.7359 (c)

Ave Lawas 281.530.9507 (h) • 832-725.6041 (c)

Alyn Vivares 281.302.6228 (h) • 832.788.5778 (c)

Pepin Zozobrado 281.933.8101(h) • 281.989.3782 (c)

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.

Martina Spacek
Dalhia Paloma Sparkman

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 Guerrero, Marina Wong Jim, Florentino Pardillo, Marcos Luna, Thomas Doellman, Jose Garcia, Rosa Waguespack, Gerry Doyle, Bernice Guess, Don Mario Serra Ty, Cajetan Almeida, Mary Anola Lee, Melitona Aldovino, Chloe McFall, Roseller Englis, Mary Magnon, Julia G. Moreno, Gwen Salisbury, Don Finnegan, Betty Parker, Dennis Deruyter, 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



BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you.

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.

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” (Matthew 3:13-17)

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| 1 - St. Theresa School | 9 - CCE Conference Room |
| 2 - Community Center | 10 - Parish Office |
| 3 - Emmaus Chapel | 11 - Church |
| 4 - Family Life Center/Gym | 12 - Temporary Office |
| 5 - Choir Room | 13 - Little Flower Chapel |
| 6 - Youth Lounge | 14 - Rooms (B1 - B11) |
| 7 - St. Catherine Room (Rm A) | 15 - St. Vincent de Paul |
| 8 - St. Thomas More Room (Rm B) | 16 - St. Basil Hall |

