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**FT. BEND THERESIANS INVITE YOU TO A
DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION.**

**Women in Support of Women...
Reaching Out with Gospel Values**

When: **March 7th from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

Where: St. Theresa Catholic Church,
705 Saint Theresa Blvd.
Sugar Land, TX 77498

*Have you regretted making a poor decision?
Does it take you forever to make up your mind?*

Vanessa Callaway, Christian inspirational speaker, has developed eight guiding principles to help us bring the Love of Christ, the Word of God, into each and every decision we make. **Lunch included, \$20.00**

Inquiries: please contact Martha at 281-788-3318.

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On the cover:

Jan Brueghel the Elder.

The temptation of Jesus.

1600, oil on canvas.

Private collection, Belgian, Europe.

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 A SERMON BY ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT

The devil always acts according to the same manner. In the same way that he tempted Adam in Paradise, he tempted Christ in the desert, and he tempts every Christian in this world. First he tempted Adam by greed, vainglory and avarice, and overcame him by this temptation. Then he tempted Christ, the second Adam, in the same way; but in tempting he himself was overcome, because it was not just a man, but God, whom he was tempting. We share in both Adams, the first by the flesh and the second by the spirit. We must put off the old man with his actions (greed, vainglory and avarice) and put on the new man by confession and renewal, so as to restrain the unbridled heat of greed by fasting, to repress the uprising of vainglory by humble confession, and tread down the thick mud of avarice by contrition of heart. *Blessed are the poor in spirit*, says the Lord, meaning the humble and contrite of heart, *for theirs is the kingdom of heaven* (Mt 5,3).

24. Just as the devil tempted the Lord in the desert by greed, in the temple by vainglory and on the mountain by avarice; so he tempts us every day: by greed in the desert of fasting, by vainglory in the temple of prayer and Office, and by multiple avarice on the mount of dignity. While we fast, he tempts us by greed [St. Anthony is here referring to gluttony], wherein (as the verse goes) we may sin in five ways: "Hastily, sumptuously, excessively, eagerly, carefully."

HASTILY, before the proper time;

SUMPTUOUSLY, when taste is excited though appetite is depressed, with all kinds of sauces, decorations and fancy foods.

EXCESSIVELY, when we take more food than the body needs. Gluttons say, "We are bound to fast, so let us eat at one meal enough to make up for breakfast and supper." They are like locusts who, once they settle on a tree, do not leave it until they have eaten everything. The locust is all mouth, the image of a glutton who consists entirely of a greedy belly. They lay siege to their plate as to a castle, not abandoning it until they have consumed the lot. Their belly goes on rumbling until the plate is clean!

EAGERLY, rushing upon the food and, like a man about to do battle against an army, stretching out their arms, extending their hands, and just scoffing! At the table, they behave like the proverbial dog, who wants no companion in the kitchen.

CAREFULLY, demanding dainty foods that must be prepared, Oh! so precisely. Remember the sons of Eli in I Kings, who would not take cooked meat, only raw, so as to prepare it with greater care and delicacy (cf. 1S 2,15).

25. The devil tempts us in the temple of vainglory. In Matthew, the Lord gives this advice: *But thou, when thou shalt pray, enter into thy chamber and, having shut the door, pray to thy Father in secret.* (Mt 6,6)

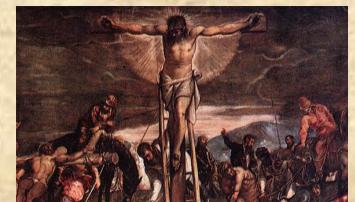
When you want to pray or do some good deed, enter into the secret chamber of your heart and close the door of your five senses, so as not to try to be seen, heard or praised. Luke says that Zacharias went into the Temple of the Lord at the hour of incense. At the time of prayer, which goes up like incense in the sight of the Lord, you must enter the temple of your heart and so pray to your Father; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you (cf. Lc 1,9).

26. On the mountain of transitory dignity we are tempted with the sin of multiple avarice. Avarice may be not only for money, but for eminence. The more misers have, the more they want; and when promoted, the higher they are the higher they want to go. So a greater fall ruins them, because "The winds blow hardest in the highest places"; and it was on the 'high places' that sacrifice was made to idols.

Let us, then--who take the name Christian from Christ--with singlehearted devotion pray Jesus Christ the Son of God, and earnestly beg him to grant us that we may be led by the spirit of contrition into the desert of confession; so that in these forty days we may receive the remission of our sins. Then, renewed and purified, may we be found fit to enjoy the gladness of his holy Resurrection, and to be established in the glory of everlasting happiness. May he grant this, to whom be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 6, 2020



7:00 p.m. English
7:30 p.m. Español

FIRST FRIDAY
REPARATION VIGIL

March 6, 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

Altar flower sponsorship opportunities are still 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 registrarlos. 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 8 de Marzo 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 a las 7:00 p.m. **El próximo seminario es el Jueves 12 de Marzo del 2020** en el Salón FLC-A.

CONVALIDACIÓN DE MATRIMONIO



Las Bodas Comunales de la primavera están programadas para el **Sábado 21 de Marzo, 2020**.

Para las parejas que ya asistieron al Seminario Matrimonial aquí en Santa Teresa, se les pide que llamen a la oficina de la iglesia para incluirlos en el proceso formal de preparaciones finales.

Las Bodas Comunales de Otoño son el **Sábado 24 de Octubre, 2020**. Para las personas que no han asistido aun al Semanario también pueden llamar a la oficina para registrarse.

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 Rocío Padilla 832-573-3713 y Ana Perez 281-948-3349.

CORO FRATERNIDAD DE LA SANTÍSIMA VIRGEN MARÍA: El coro práctica los sábados a las 9:15 a.m. y cantan en la misa del domingo a las 8:00 a.m. o 2:00 p.m. Para mas información llamen al 281-494-1156.

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

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

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? Regístrese 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. María Elena Rico 281-277-5776.

ROSARIO GUADALUPANO: El rosario se reza cada segundo domingo del mes en la iglesia. 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 próximos retiros de ACTS. Esta experiencia ha transformado la vida de muchas personas, sólo falta que tú tomes la decisión de decirle SI al Señor.

Las fechas de retiros son:
Abril 2-5, 2020 Para Mujeres y Junio 18-21, 2020 Para Hombres
 Contactos para Inscripciones:
 Betty Rodriguez (713) 206-4959,
 Diana Galindo (281) 248-1252



¿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 1 de Marzo 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 UN SERMÓN DE SAN ANTONIO EL GRANDE

El diablo siempre actúa de la misma manera. De la misma manera que tentó a Adán en el Paraíso, tentó a Cristo en el desierto y tienta a todos los cristianos de este mundo. Primero tentó a Adán con codicia, vanagloria y avaricia, y lo venció con esta tentación. Luego tentó a Cristo, el segundo Adán, de la misma manera; pero en la tentación él mismo fue vencido, porque no era solo un hombre, sino Dios, a quien estaba tentando. Compartimos en los dos Adanes, el primero por la carne y el segundo por el espíritu. Debemos posponer al viejo con sus acciones (codicia, vanagloria y avaricia) y poner al nuevo hombre por confesión y renovación, para frenar el calor desenfrenado de la codicia por el ayuno, para reprimir el levantamiento de la vanagloria por la humilde confesión, y pisar el espeso barro de la avaricia por contrición de corazón. *Bienaventurados los pobres en espíritu*, dice el Señor, que significa humilde y contrito de corazón, *porque de ellos es el reino de los cielos* (Mt 5,3).

24. Así como el diablo tentó al Señor en el desierto con codicia, en el templo con vanagloria y en la montaña con avaricia; así nos tienta todos los días: por codicia en el desierto del ayuno, por vanagloria en el templo de oración y oficio, y por avaricia múltiple en el monte de la dignidad. Mientras ayunamos, nos tienta con avaricia [St. Anthony se refiere aquí a la glotonería], en donde (como dice el versículo) podemos pecar de cinco maneras: "Apresuradamente, suntuosamente, en exceso, con exageración, con cuidado".

APRESURADAMENTE, antes del tiempo apropiado;
SUNTUOSAMENTE, cuando el sabor está excitado aunque el apetito está deprimido, con todo tipo de salsas, decoraciones y comidas sofisticadas.
EXCESIVAMENTE, cuando tomamos más alimentos de los que el cuerpo necesita. Los glotones dicen: "Estamos obligados a ayunar, así que comamos en una comida lo suficiente para compensar el desayuno y la cena". Son como langostas que, una vez que se asientan en un árbol, no lo dejan hasta que se han comido todo. La langosta es toda boca, la imagen de un glotón que consiste completamente en una barriga codiciosa. Ponen sitio a su plato como a un castillo, sin abandonarlo hasta que hayan consumido el lote. ¡Su vientre sigue retumbando hasta que el plato está limpio!

¡EXAGERADAMENTE, corriendo sobre la comida y, como un hombre a punto de luchar contra un ejército, estirando los brazos, extendiendo las manos y simplemente burlándose! En la mesa, se comportan como el perro proverbial, que no quiere acompañante en la cocina.

CUIDADOSAMENTE, exigiendo alimentos delicados que deben prepararse, ¡Oh! tan precisamente Recuerde a los hijos de Elí en I Reyes, que no tomarían carne cocida, solo cruda, para prepararla con mayor cuidado y delicadeza (cf. 1S 2,15).

25. El diablo nos tienta en el templo de la vanagloria. ... En Mateo, el Señor da este consejo: *Pero tú, cuando ores, entra en tu habitación y, después de cerrar la puerta, ora en secreto a tu Padre.* (Mt 6,6)

Cuando quieras orar o hacer algo bueno, entra en la cámara secreta de tu corazón y cierra la puerta de tus cinco sentidos, para no intentar ser visto, escuchado o alabado. Lucas dice que Zacarías entró en el Templo del Señor a la hora del incienso. En el momento de la oración, que sube como incienso ante los ojos del Señor, debes entrar al templo de tu corazón y rezar así a tu Padre; y tu Padre que ve lo que se hace en secreto te recompensará (cf. Lc 1,9).

26. En la montaña de la dignidad transitoria somos tentados con el pecado de la avaricia múltiple. La avaricia puede ser no solo por dinero, sino por eminencia. Cuanto más avaros tienen, más quieren; y cuando son promovidos, cuanto más altos son, más altos quieren subir. Entonces una caída mayor los arruina, porque "Los vientos soplan más fuerte en los lugares más altos"; y fue en los "lugares altos" donde se hizo el sacrificio a los ídolos. ...

Permítanos, entonces, a los que tomamos el nombre cristiano de Cristo, con devoción sincera orar a Jesucristo, el Hijo de Dios, y rogarle sinceramente que nos conceda que podamos ser guiados por el espíritu de contrición al desierto de la confesión; para que en estos cuarenta días podamos recibir la remisión de nuestros pecados. Luego, renovados y purificados, que seamos aptos para disfrutar de la alegría de su santa resurrección, y que seamos establecidos en la gloria de la felicidad eterna. Que conceda esto, a quien sea honor y gloria por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.



SAINT THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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- THE GRIFFIN NEWS -

Upcoming Open House Dates

Thursday, March 19th at 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, April 16th at 9:30 a.m.

We are now accepting New Student Applications for grades PK3-Eighth grades for the 2020-2021 School Year.
For information, please contact Betty Pruski at 281-494-1157 or bpruski@sttheresacatholicschool.org

STCS Academics

Congratulations to our STCS Mathematics Team for their excellent performance at the 2020 Saint Agnes Middle School Math Competition. After taking 1st Place in the Engineering Round, our Griffins went on to place 1st in the Overall Competition. We are all very proud of their hard work and accomplishment.

A special thank you to our coaches, **Dr. Dulce Abascal** and **Mr. James Dietz**.



Math Team Members: Lance Alonte, Mariana Chapa, Megan Cung, Anastasia Dementyev, Lucas Fuller, Anna Granados, Jaclyn Khong, Anthony LeTang, Monica Martin, Aurelia Newcomb, Audrey Rendon, Danica Tran, and Dylan Tran.

STCS Athletics

Congratulations to our Varsity Boys Basketball Team for a fine season of superior sportsmanship and perseverance. They truly filled us with Griffin pride! Thank you to **Coach Nwoko**, **Coach Krall**, and **Coach Khan** for your outstanding leadership.



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.

SESIONES DE FORMACION LITURGICA

Estas sesiones son para todo aquel que sirve como Lector, *MESC, Sacristán o Monaguillo.

El clero y líderes de los ministerios estarán presentando sesiones de formación litúrgica que

LUGAR: IGLESIA

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HORA: 7:00 P.M



*MESC: Ministro Extra-Ordinario de la Sagrada Comunión.
Estas sesiones incluyen a todos los que llevan la Sagrada
Comunión a los enfermos, hospitalizados, etc.

LITURGICAL FORMATION SESSIONS

These sessions are for all who currently serve our parish as Lector, *EMHC, Sacristan or Altar Server.

The clergy & ministry leaders will lead these compulsory liturgical formation sessions.

WHERE: CHURCH

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

For more information contact Seminarian Luis
Garcia at (281) 494-1156, ext. 206.



WORLD FAMOUS FISH DINNER

This Friday, **March 8th**, is the next Knights of Columbus Fish Fry dinners; they will continue every Friday through April 3rd. Dine-in or take-out at St. Basil Hall (across from the Church).

*Serving from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
or until they sell out.*



MORNING OF RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN



The ladies of the parish are invited to a morning of prayer on **Wednesday, March 4, 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.

FAITH FORMATION

SPRING RETREAT

March 13th-15th

**OPEN TO ALL HIGH
SCHOOL STUDENTS**

CAN COUNT TOWARDS ONE OF
THE RETREATS NEEDED FOR
CONFIRMATION.

Drop-Off: 5:00-5:30pm Friday, March 13th

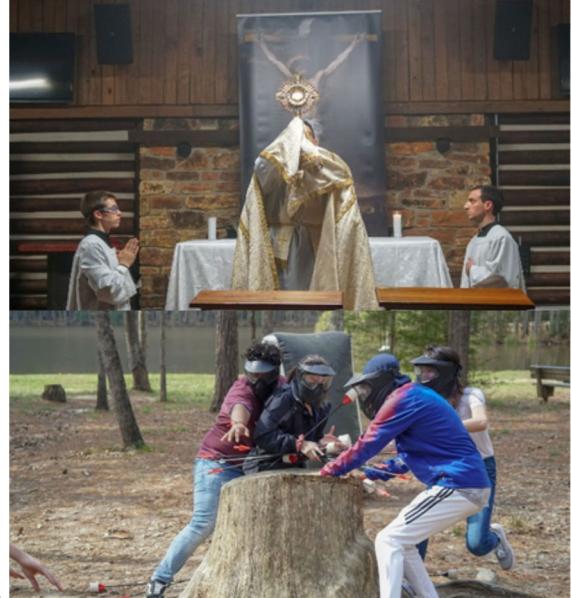
Pick-Up: 4:00pm Sunday, March 15th

Cost: \$145

Deadline to Register: March 1st



Retreat Location: Forest Glenn 34 Forest
Glen Road, Huntsville, TX 77340



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, March 2, 2020

Weekday in Lent

- 6:45 a.m. Celebrant Intention
8:30 a.m. Celebrant Intention

Tuesday, March 3

St. Katherine Drexel

- 6:45 a.m. ✕ Joseph Nguyen
8:30 a.m. ✕ Bill Louviere
5:30 p.m. ✕ Mary Woodlan

Wednesday, March 4

St. Casimir

- 6:45 a.m. ✕ Ken Williams
8:30 a.m. ✕ Martin Sanvictores
7:00 p.m. ✕ Edmundo S. Chavez

Thursday, March 5

Weekday in Lent

- 6:45 a.m. ✕ Alejandra & Victor Sulit
8:30 a.m. ✕ Esperanza Herrera
5:30 p.m. Kevin Freeman

Friday, March 6

Weekday in Lent

- 6:45 a.m. ✕ Tammy Sulit
8:30 a.m. ✕ Gloria G. Carrillo
5:30 p.m. Holy Souls

Saturday, March 7

Sts. Perpetua & Felicity

- 8:30 a.m. ✕ James & Patricia Linder
5:00 p.m. Holy Souls

Sunday, March 8

Second Sunday of Lent

- 6:30 a.m. Christopher Leal
8:00 a.m. ✕ Lucia Illogon
10:00 a.m. Daniel Cardinal DiNardo
12:00 p.m. Parish Family
2:00 p.m. Niño Dios
5:00 p.m. Lauren 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, March 2

- 6:00 p.m. Grief Minist. (español), FLC-D
6:00 p.m. Legion of Mary
7:00 p.m. Liturgical Formation, Church

Tuesday, March 3

- 10:00 a.m. Gathering Place, C.C.
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. Catholic 101, C.C.
7:00 p.m. Liturgical Formation, Church

Wednesday, March 4

- 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.
6:45 p.m. CCE-Elementary, School Build.
6:45 p.m. CCE-Middle School, School Build.
6:45 p.m. Faith Formation/Oratory, FLC-D
7:00 p.m. RCIA, FLC-A
7:00 p.m. RICA, B1/7
7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Prayer Team, FLC-B
7:00 p.m. Liturgical Formation, Church
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 5

- 9:00 a.m. Rosary Group, B6
6:30 p.m. Dios con Nosotros, B1/7
6:30 p.m. Lay Carmelites Meeting
7:00 p.m. Liturgical Formation, Church

Friday, March 6

- 9:00 a.m. Learn English Ministry, B1/7
7:00 p.m. Encuentro Matrimonial, B6/12
9:00 p.m. First Friday Vigil, Church

Saturday, March 7

- 9:00 a.m. Learn English Ministry, B1/7
9:15 a.m. Ensayo Coro Fraternidad
9:30 a.m. Rosary Group, B6
9:45 a.m. Legion of Mary

Sunday, March 8

- 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.
3:15 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

February 23, 2020	\$ 25,529
Online Giving	<u>\$ 3,255</u>
Total	\$ 28,784

Goal Offering	\$ 45,814
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (17,030)

PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2017
<i>Totals as of February 23, 2020</i>

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
<i>Totals as of February 23, 2020</i>

Goal	\$ 205,000
Pledged	
Payments	

Participants



Offering
Envelopes

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.

ADULT CONFIRMATION 18+



Starting April 1st, 2020 at 7:00 PM
EVERY WEDNESDAY FOR 8 WEEKS
 IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY.

ADULTS (18+) WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED AND MADE THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE THESE COURSES AND RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION.

**TO REGISTER YOU MUST EMAIL
GABRIEL@SUGARLANDCATHOLIC.COM
 WITH THE SUBJECT: ADULT CONFIRMATION**

YOU MUST OBTAIN A COPY OF YOUR BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

IF YOU ARE MARRIED OUTSIDE OF THE CHURCH THEN YOU MUST FIRST GET YOUR MARRIAGE CONVALIDATED.

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

IF YOU ARE AN ADULT AND YOU HAVE NOT YET MADE YOUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION THEN PLEASE CONTACT LYNDA KNOCHE FOR ASSISTANCE: LYNDA@SUGARLANCATHOLIC.COM



St. Theresa Catholic Church is looking for a program director for the Catholic Kid's Camp.

This is a rewarding experience that the parish presents to children in Preschool through Fifth grade. The program is 100% Catholic and provides a fun opportunity in teaching the fundamentals of the Catholic Faith.

If you are interested in being a program director or a co-director, please send an email to paul@sugarlandcatholic.com.

Origins of Christian Iconography

presented by
 Very Rev.
 Fr. Elias Rafaj SEOL,
 pastor of St. John
 Chrysostom Byzantine
 Catholic Church
 in Houston.



Saturday, March 28th
 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Family Life Center
 in the Youth Lounge

Breakfast Social at
 9:30 a.m.

Please contact
 Blanka Brhlik at
hblanka@yahoo.com
 to reserve your seat.

The Bible and the Church Fathers

FREE Childcare

Mondays at 6:30-7:30PM starting March 2nd

This Lent, grow in your faith alongside fellow parishioners as we watch and discuss this video series produced by the St. Paul Center. Each meeting will take place in the school library with a 30 minute episode followed by 30 minutes of guided discussion. Please join us for any or all meetings. To RSVP for free childcare, please call the church office at 281-494-1156.

Contact Billy and Renee Gibula at wgibula@gmail.com with any questions.



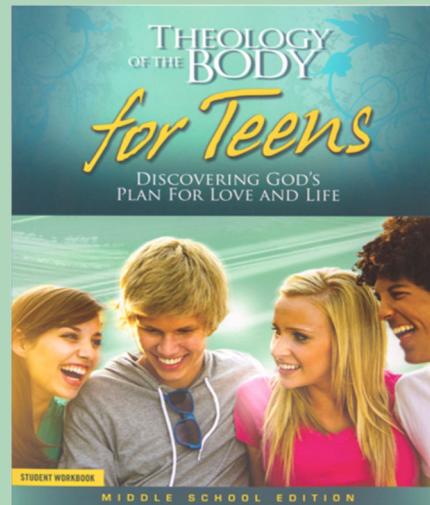
Guadalupanos Breakfast Tacos Sale

The Guadalupanos will sponsor a taco sale on **Sunday, March 22nd** after all the morning Masses. Proceeds go to support the Parish Capitol Campaign.



Los Guadalupanos tendrán una venta de tacos el **domingo 22 de marzo** después de todas las Misa de la mañana. Los ingresos van para apoyar a la Campaña Capital de la Parroquia.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY 6th to 8th Grades



Saturday, April 4, 2020
9:00 a.m. and ends with Mass at 5:00 p.m.
St. Theresa Catholic Church
Family Life Center

Presented by: Joseph and Victoria Mastrangelo

All 8 segments will be covered, reflecting Saint John Paul II's revolutionary teaching about our bodies, our sexuality and our future.

Cost: \$25.00 (includes lunch, snacks and workbook).
Register through the St. Theresa Parish Office (281 494-1156).
Questions: erinservice@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WEEKLY READINGS

Have you been missing the weekly readings? We are making some edits to the bulletin in order to make more space for our events.

If you would like the readings emailed to you daily go to the Catholic Bishop's website <http://www.usccb.org/bible/index.cfm>, click on "Today's Readings" and subscribe at the bottom of the page.



Mark your Calendars!

The Bazaar is May 2nd & 3rd
and we need your **HELP!**
Volunteer opportunities
are available.

If you are interested in volunteering please call the parish office, 281-494-1156 or email:

diane@sugarlandcatholic.com



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, April 3, 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, April 14, 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.



Detailed SVDP Report for January 2020

Utility assistance	\$2,954.84
Housing assistance	\$3,186.90
Food Pantry*	\$1,171.93
SVdP Twin Payment**	\$250.00
Total Disbursements	\$7,563.67
Client family members served	393
Bags of food distributed	303
Volunteer hours donated (est.)	380

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

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

God Has a Plan

Our Vincentian volunteers sometimes get stressed, worried and overwhelmed when helping a family or neighbor whose situation is so dire, it seems impossible for us to improve it. But not so for God. Vincentians often pray a prayer containing the phrase **"Let us never believe that the fruits of our apostolate are the result of our efforts alone, but are the result of God's plan working through us."** We may not always discern what God's plan is. For example it may be that a person's situation has to be so dire that mending a broken family relationship is the only action available that will truly fix things.

Sometimes it's more obvious what God's plan is, as was the case a week or two ago. We were approached for help by a Vincentian from a neighboring parish who told us about a young Christian woman, a refugee escaping religious oppression in Africa. Somehow, this young woman had managed to rent a small apartment for herself and her baby but had absolutely nothing in the apartment except a small bed. We were asked "Do you have any items of furniture such as a small chair that she could sit on to nurse the child?" Sadly we explained that because of lack of space, we didn't accept donations of furniture, so we couldn't help. A little later in the day when picking up the mail at the church office, the receptionist asked "Do you know someone who could use some furniture?" She explained a parishioner had called a short time ago wanting to donate used furniture! **As someone once said, "There are no coincidences, just little miracles."** We gratefully thank the many individuals and organizations that have supported us throughout the years, please continue to support our SVDP ministry financially and with your prayers. **We firmly believe that all positive changes that we make in someone's life are the result of God's plan working through us on your behalf.**

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, oatmeal, 1lb. sizes of dry beans, rice, 2lb. sizes flour, 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 far 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 SVdP 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



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, **March 4, 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.

We are sending 21 catechumens to the Rite of Election today. Bishop Sheltz will call them to the Easter sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Please pray for these Elect as they enter the phase of Purification & Enlightenment to purify their minds and hearts as they do penance as well as be enlightened with a deeper knowledge of Christ the Savior.

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.

Enrique Barajas
 Evelyn Bartos
 Daniel Billman
 Karen Cromer
 Doris Gijon
 Lynn Guess
 Deacon Glenn Haller
 Edith Hartensteiner
 Sharon Henry
 Cesar Luna
 Hertha Meyer
 Rita Nauck
 Tom Nauck
 Jeff Ploch
 Ana Cruz Rivas
 Bernadette Roberts
 Barbara M. Saenz
 Jeannine Scates
 Martina Spacek
 Dalhia Paloma Sparkman
 Shirley Westbrook
 Harriet Wolda
 John Wolda

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, 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 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, Consuelo Gonzalez, John Cromer, Frank Cole, David Britain, Galli Cribbs, Sr., Mike Reyes



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

-Indulgence. 500 days



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Grant, almighty God,
through the yearly observances
of holy Lent, that we may grow
in understanding of the riches hidden
in Christ and by worthy conduct
pursue their effects.

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.

*“One does not live on bread alone, but on every word
that comes forth from the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:1-11).*

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