

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
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Spend an Hour in Silence with Jesus*
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HOLY HOURS NEEDED

- Monday: 7am**
- Tuesday: 1am, 7am, 11am, 8pm,**
- Wednesday: 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am**
- Thursday: 7am, 8am, 10am, 1pm**
- Friday: 11am, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm, 6pm 7pm**
- Saturday: 2am, 12noon, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 6pm**
- Sunday: 7am, 8am, 10am, 11am, 2pm, 3pm**

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:

Mánes, Václay.
Jesus healing the blind man.
1832, oil painting.
National Gallery in Prague, Czech Republic.

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.

**St. Anthony of the Desert
on Matthew 6:21-34**

Therefore I say to you, be not solicitous for your life, what you shall eat, nor for your body, what you shall put on. Is not the life more than the meat: and the body more than the raiment? (Matthew 6:25)

I say to you, lest by care for things that are nothing you be held back from those that are eternal, be not solicitous (because this is to serve riches) for your life, your animal nature for which food and clothing are necessary. The commentary on the text says here, "Bread is prepared in the sweat of your brow. Labor must be expended, but care must be taken away, care that disturbs the mind with the fear that we may lose what we do not hang on to, that what we have worked for may fail." Is not your life more than food? The actual word is 'soul', but it means the life that food sustains. As if to say, God, who gave the greater things (life and the body) will also give the lesser (food and clothing). No-one should doubt these promises of Truth. If a man is as he should be, at once all things are added to him. They were made for him. Care distracts the mind, and when the mind is distracted it is divided, and when it is divided the devil seizes it and kills it.

We read in the Histories, on the story of Daniel, that Cyrus, wishing to capture the city of Babylon, divided the Euphrates some way from the city into several streams. The channel that flowed through the city was made fordable, and so by it the enemy entered the city under the wall, and king Balthassar was slain. The city is the soul, the Euphrates is the human mind, the channel is the grace of the Holy Spirit. When the devil wants to capture our soul, he first divides our mind by many cares. Some of them appear to be necessary, others appear to be fraternal charity; and as he thus divides it, the stream of compunction is dried up, and when it is dried up the city is captured, and reason perishes. I say to you, then, be not solicitous.

...Be not solicitous, therefore, saying: What shall we eat; or, What shall we drink; or, Wherewith shall we be clothed? (Matthew 6:31)

Here Jesus returns to what he said at the beginning of the passage, and stresses it even more fully, that we should live without solicitude. The commentary says of this text: "Here, he seems to criticize those who spurn the common food or clothing, and want food or clothing that is either finer or more austere than that of those with whom they live." *After all these things do the heathens seek (Mt 6:32).* In the future, no-one will care about them. What more can you expect of a heathen, who, because he has no faith, worries and wearies his mind with worldly cares? Care makes you like a heathen, a man without faith. *For your Father knoweth, that you have need of all these things (Mt 6:32).* He does not close his heart to his dear children, so listen to your Father and do not doubt. He does give, if only your faithlessness does not prevent it.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 27, 2020



**7:00 p.m. English
7:30 p.m. Español**

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

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

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 3 de Mayo 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 14 de Mayo del 2020** en el Salón FLC-A.

CONVALIDACIÓN DE MATRIMONIO



Las Bodas Comunales de Otoño están programadas para el **Sábado 24 de Octubre, 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.

Para las personas que no han asistido aun al Seminario también pueden llamar a la oficina para registrarse.

**Misión de Cuaresma
Diacono Pedro Salas
Diócesis de Galveston-Houston**



Rosario a las 6:00 p.m.

Las Misiones de Cuaresma serán:
Lunes 23 de marzo de 6:30 p.m. a 8:00 p.m.

Martes 24 de marzo de 6:30 p.m. a 8:00 p.m.
Miércoles 25 de marzo de 6:30 p.m. a 8:00 p.m.

CANCELADO

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.

Contactos para Inscripciones:
Betty Rodriguez (713) 206-4959,
Diana Galindo (281) 248-1252

**VÍA CRUCIS VIVIENTE
Viernes 10 de Abril a las 11:00 a.m.**





**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 22 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.

San Antonio del desierto en Mateo 6: 21-34

Por eso te digo, no seas solícito con tu vida, con lo que comerás, ni con tu cuerpo, con lo que te pondrás. ¿No es la vida más que la carne, y el cuerpo más que el vestido? (Mateo 6:25)

Te digo que, para que no te preocupes por las cosas que no son nada, no seas solícito (porque esto es para servir riquezas) para tu vida, tu naturaleza animal para la que son necesarios alimentos y ropa. El comentario sobre el texto dice aquí: "El pan se prepara en el sudor de su frente. El trabajo debe gastarse, pero se debe quitar el cuidado, cuidado que perturba la mente con el temor de que podamos perder aquello a lo que no nos aferramos, porque para lo que hemos trabajado puede fallar ". ¿No es tu vida más que comida? La palabra real es "alma", pero significa la vida que sostiene la comida. Como si dijera, Dios, quien dio las cosas más grandes (la vida y el cuerpo) también dará las menos (comida y ropa). Nadie debe dudar de estas promesas de la Verdad. Si un hombre es como debería ser, de inmediato se le agregan todas las cosas. Estaban hechas para él. El cuidado distrae a la mente, y cuando la mente se distrae se divide, y cuando se divide, el diablo la agarra y la mata.

Leemos en las Historias, sobre la historia de Daniel, que Ciro, que deseaba capturar la ciudad de Babilonia, dividió el Eufrates de alguna manera desde la ciudad en varias corrientes. El canal que fluía a través de la ciudad se hizo vadeable, y así el enemigo entró en la ciudad debajo del muro, y el rey Baltasar fue asesinado. La ciudad es el alma, el Éufrates es la mente humana, el canal es la gracia del Espíritu Santo. Cuando el diablo quiere capturar nuestra alma, primero divide nuestra mente por muchos cuidados. Algunos de ellos parecen ser necesarios, otros parecen ser caridad fraterna; y cuando así lo divide, la corriente de compunción se seca, y cuando se seca, la ciudad es capturada y la razón perece. Te digo, entonces, que no seas solícito.

... No seas solícito, por lo tanto, diciendo: ¿Qué comeremos? o, ¿qué beberemos? o ¿con qué nos vestiremos? (Mateo 6:31)

Aquí Jesús regresa a lo que dijo al comienzo del pasaje, y lo subraya aún más, que debemos vivir sin solicitud. El comentario dice de este texto: "Aquí, parece criticar a aquellos que desdeñan la comida o la ropa común, y quieren comida o ropa que sea más fina o más austera que la de aquellos con quienes viven". Después de todas estas cosas, buscan los paganos (Mt 6:32). En el futuro, a nadie le importará. ¿Qué más se puede esperar de un pagano que, debido a que no tiene fe, se preocupa y agota su mente con preocupaciones mundanas? El cuidado te hace como un pagano, un hombre sin fe. Porque tu Padre sabe que tienes necesidad de todas estas cosas (Mt 6:32). Él no cierra su corazón a sus queridos hijos, así que escucha a tu Padre y no dudes. Él da, si solo tu infidelidad no lo impide.



SAINT THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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- THE GRIFFIN NEWS -

STCS ACADEMICS

Saint Theresa Catholic School is proud to announce that two of our Eighth-Grade students have placed in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston 2020 Middle School Poetry Fest. Lance Alonte and Patrick Krall will compete against fellow students from across the Archdiocese on April 21, 2020 at St. Francis de Sales Catholic School. The topic for this year’s anthology was the Beatitudes. Participants chose an aspect of the Beatitudes, writing in Western or Eastern form.

Lance and Patrick will have the opportunity to read their winning poetry submissions, and the rankings of the winners will be revealed at this celebration. From these rankings, a student poet-laureate will be announced. The judges for the Poetry Fest on April 21st are local, award-winning poets.



Lance Alonte wrote
“Fiat Voluntas Tua.”

He recounts Our Blessed Mother’s role in guiding him to discover and fulfill God’s Will.



Patrick Krall’s entry,
“Via Christi,”

is a first-person poem in which the speaker encounters St. John the Baptist.

Upcoming Open House Dates

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

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A Special thank-you to the following sponsor for making our Griffin Day of Giving a huge success:

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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.

A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



The ancient fresco of Madonna del Soccorso (Our Lady of Help) in St. Peter's Basilica was restored with the support of the Knights of Columbus to mark the Year of Faith (2012-2013). Photo courtesy of Fabbrica di San Pietro/M. Falcioni.

O Mary,
you always brighten our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain
while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother,
you know what we need,
and we are confident you will provide for us
as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
the Divine Physician,
for those who have fallen ill,
for those who are vulnerable,
and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with
protecting the health and safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick
and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who took upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

*Under thy protection we seek refuge,
O Holy Mother of God.
In our needs, despise not our petitions,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis

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!



Lent is a good time to 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 25, 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.

Q Why are the elect presented with the Creed and the Lord's Prayer?



A Now that the elect have finished their initial formation and draw closer to the waters of Baptism, the Church finds them ready to receive and pray with the Creed and the Lord's Prayer. During the Third Week of Lent, the assembly "hands over" the Creed to the elect. The elect will "give back" or recite the Creed on Holy Saturday as part of the preparation rites. During the Fifth Week of Lent, the elect are given the Lord's Prayer, which will become their prayer as Christians. These presentations entrust to the elect the discipline of faith and prayer.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, March 23, 2020

Weekday in Lent

6:45 a.m. ✕ Tillie Svoboda
8:30 a.m. ✕ Abraham Loja

Tuesday, March 24

Weekday in Lent

6:45 a.m. ✕ David Brittain
8:30 a.m. Laura Cortez
5:30 p.m. ✕ Joseph Williams &
Alex Iglesias

Wednesday, March 25

The Annunciation of the Lord

6:45 a.m. ✕ Evaristo & Petra Tovar
8:30 a.m. ✕ Frank & John Janik
7:00 p.m. ✕ Parish Family

Thursday, March 26

Weekday in Lent

6:45 a.m. ✕ Juanita McCune
8:30 a.m. Marietta Racelis
5:30 p.m. ✕ Bruce Hirsch &
Joseph Ferreri

Friday, March 27

Weekday in Lent

6:45 a.m. ✕ Lorine Bubela
8:30 a.m. ✕ Conchita Chua
5:30 p.m. ✕ Shirley Medwedeff

Saturday, March 28

Weekday in Lent

8:30 a.m. Marayah Lindor
5:00 p.m. ✕ Hector Ponce de Leon

Sunday, March 29

Fifth Sunday of Lent

6:30 a.m. Parish Family
8:00 a.m. ✕ Holiber Blanco Sandi
10:00 a.m. ✕ Ebenezer Cachola
12:00 p.m. ✕ Jose & Rosario Tolosa
2:00 p.m. ✕ Consuelo Elizondo &
Federico Tristan
5:00 p.m. Richard S. Torres Jr.

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 23

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

Tuesday, March 24

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
6:00 p.m. Franciscanos de Maria, B6
6:30 p.m. Franciscans of Mary, B4
7:00 p.m. Holy Trinity Prayer, Chapel
7:00 p.m. Católico Básico, C.C.

Wednesday, March 25

9:00 a.m. Learn English Ministry, B1/7
6:00 p.m. Taller de Oración y Vida, B9
6:45 p.m. Faith Formation/Oratory, FLC-D
7:00 p.m. RCIA, FLC-A
7:00 p.m. RICA, B1/7
7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Prayer Team, FLC-B
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 26

9:00 a.m. Rosary Group, B6
6:30 p.m. Dios con Nosotros, FLC-B

Friday, March 27

9:00 a.m. Learn English Ministry, B1/7
7:00 p.m. Encuentro Matrimonial, B6/12
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross, Church
7:30 p.m. Estaciones de la Cruz, Iglesia

Saturday, March 28

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 29

9:15 a.m. Estudio de la Biblia, C.C.
9:30 a.m. RICA para Niños
9:30 a.m. RCIA Catechumens, FLC
10:00 a.m. RICA para Adultos, B1/7
10:00 a.m. CCE-Pre-K, B3, B4, B5
3:00 p.m. Faith Formation/High School, C.C.
3:30 p.m. Jubilate Deo Rehearsal
3:30 p.m. String Orchestra Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Rosary Group, Emmaus Chapel

SUNDAY OFFERTORY

March 15, 2020	\$ 17,335
Online Giving	<u>\$ 5,612</u>
Total	\$ 22,947

March 8, 2020	\$ 24,089
Online Giving	<u>\$ 8,609</u>
Total	\$ 32,698

Goal Offering	\$ 45,814
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (22,867)

PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2017

Totals as of March 15, 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 March 15, 2020

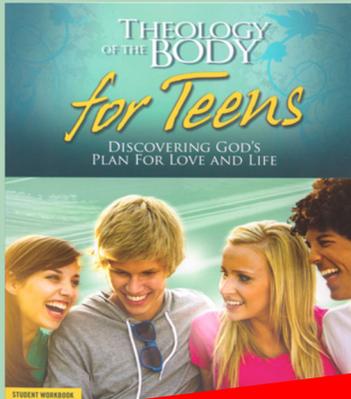
Goal	\$ 205,000
Pledged	\$ 31,062
Payments	\$ 18,150

91 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.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY 6th to 8th Grades



St. T

Present

All 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: erinserice@gmail.com



WORLD FAMOUS FISH DINNER

This is the next... dinners;... through Basil Hall... Church).
Serving from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm or until they sell out.



Live Stations of the Cross



Put on by...

3:00pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet (Main Church)
3:10pm - Stations of the Cross Starts (Front of the Church Steps)



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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 hiblanka@yahoo.com to reserve your seat.



POSTPONED

Would you like to be a sponsor of our bazaar T-Shirt? All sponsors will have their family or company name proudly listed on our shirt.

Sponsorship cost \$300.00

Please contact Diane Senger in the parish office at 281-494-1156 or email at diane@sugarlandcatholic.com



We need your **HELP!**
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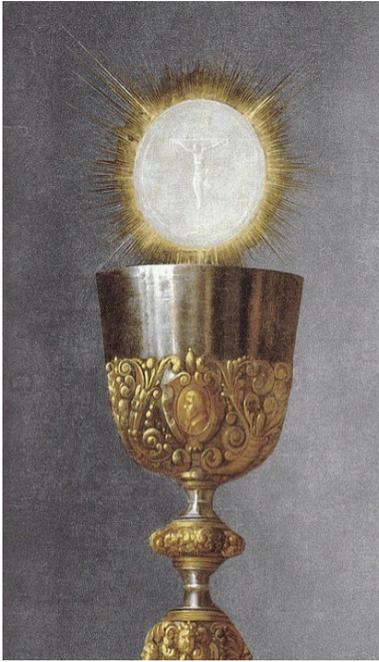
ONLINE GIVING

The parish website has instructions on how to register for convenient on-line giving. You will have full control of your contribution account and scheduling. This option can be a great way to support the church more consistently and strengthen your commitment to charity.

If you would like to begin online giving, visit the link on our website or call Diane Senger: 281-494-1156.

www.SugarLandCatholic.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Please use the following link to view the live-stream Mass in church:

<https://venue.streamspot.com/7596b517>

Currently we will live stream the 8:00 a.m. and the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Masses.



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.

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.

R.C.I.A Testimony for Tracy Rand

From the time of Barnabas escorting Saul to the apostles (Acts 9:26-27), Christians have given witness for those seeking baptism or reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church. Today, RCIA sponsors, team and community members give testimony concerning readiness for initiation.



Tracy has always recognized a closeness to God. She has been a Christian all of her life but not until St. Theresa's did she find the sense of community so integral to the Catholic Faith. She has witnessed firsthand the ministry of the Catholic Church to spread the Word of God and convert sinners towards the redeeming Body and Blood of Christ. Before she truly

encountered the Catholic Church, she felt lukewarm in her faith. She put nurturing her soul behind her normal daily duties.

As her oldest was approaching school age, Tracy found out that her husband's employer offered tuition assistance to Catholic education. Thrilled to give her children this incredible gift, she began searching for the right school. Little did she know, this would begin an incredible journey that will cumulate in her Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion at this Easter Vigil. Our parish school also brought us together as friends. After a decade, we have developed a wonderful bond. I have truly witnessed a transformation in her that only Jesus could create. You may know Tracy too! Over the past 10 years, she has been very active in volunteering at our Parish school as well as a faithful attendee to our Annual Bazaar and Catholic Date Nights. She is very approachable and has never met a stranger. She fits right in our St. Theresa Community.

During her son's 8th grade year, Tracy chaperoned the school's overnight retreat. After spending time with our teachers and fellow parents, Tracy heard God speak to her loud and clear. Now was the time to nurture her soul. She made the conscious decision to grow her relationship with Jesus Christ. I'll never forget how excited she sounded when she told me that she was entering the RCIA process. It has been incredible to watch God's transformation in Tracy's life. When we started the RCIA process, like many, we approached it as a means to an end. With the RCIA team's loving guidance and support, Tracy is noticeably more at peace and tranquil as she puts her trust more and more in our Lord Jesus Christ. Tracy has truly taken to heart the process behind growing closer to Christ.

In almost every conversation we have, she references something that was revealed to her through the Word of God. Life continues to throw trials and tribulations in her path and each week the Gospel speaks to her. She is truly making a concerted effort to filter her view and decisions through Jesus Christ. Tracy longs to stay for the entirety of the Mass and to participate in the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Valerie, her sponsor says she is honored to stand by Tracy's side in her journey. They both joyfully await this glorious Easter as Tracy joins the Body of Christ in Baptism, Confirmation & First Holy Communion.

-RCIA Team

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



COME AND JOIN US!

HELP SAVE LIVES BY PRAYING
FOR AN END TO ABORTION

Members of St. Theresa's will be praying outside of the
Women's Center on
8200 Wednesbury Ln
on Mondays and Thursdays 8:30am - 1:30pm
Beginning March 2 - April 2



40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses.

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
 Roxane Gautreau
 Doris Gijon
 Lynn Guess
 Deacon Glenn Haller
 Edith Hartensteiner
 Jane Haygood
 Bernice Hebert
 Sharon Henry
 Hertha Meyer
 Rita Nauck
 Tom Nauck
 Jeff Ploch
 Beverly Riggs
 Ana Cruz Rivas
 Bernadette Roberts
 Barbara M. Saenz
 Jeannine Scates
 Martina Spacek
 Mateo Alexander 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 Brittain, Galli Cribbs, Sr., Mike Reyes

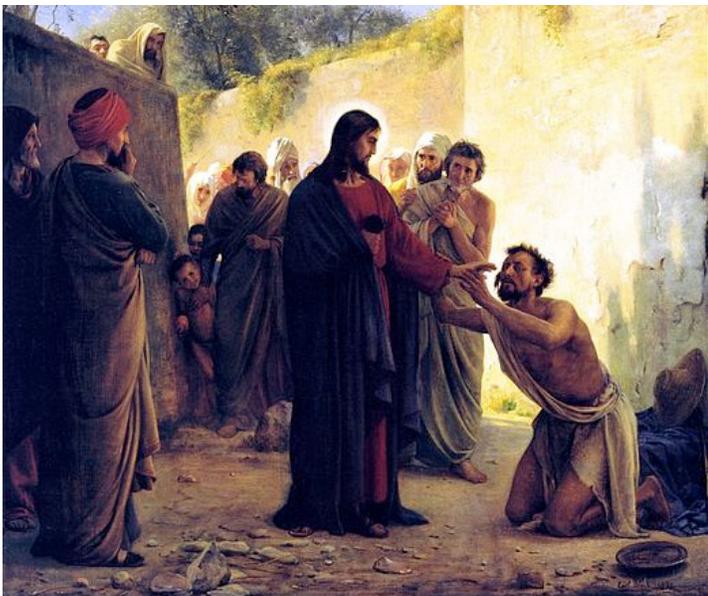


**O Lord, remember not our former iniquities,
 and forgive us our sins, for Thy Name's sake.**
-Indulgence. 500 days

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come.

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.



“You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord” (Ephesians 5:8-14).

Saint Theresa Catholic Church

705 Saint Theresa Boulevard
Sugar Land, Texas 77498

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

