

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
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## THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSSED VIRGIN MARY



MASS SCHEDULE  
**Friday, August 14 (Vigil)**  
**5:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, August 15**  
**8:30 a.m., & 11:00 a.m.**

The Parish Office will be closed  
**Friday, August 14, 2020**

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### On the cover:

Aivazovsky, Ivan  
*Jesus walking on water.*  
 1890, oil on canvas.  
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## 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)

Monday & 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. (Latin, Extraordinary Form)



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“Where words are many, sin is not wanting; but those who restrain their lips do well”  
(Proverbs 10:19).

The past few articles have focused on the illegitimate revelation of the faults of others (whether true or false). Revealing the **real** faults (as opposed to imagined ones or ones that I've heard second hand) of others who are not present, however, is sometimes legitimate. Fr. John Hardon reminds us that when “the revelation of another person's fault is necessary or very *useful, as in defense of self or of others*, no injustice is done in revealing it. This would be the case when the failing or defect is made known to parents, or superiors”, but not peers, for example.

We should be very careful in judging the necessity or usefulness of revealing such information, however, and carefully look into our motives and the good that is actually being sought. Some helpful questions in determining this would be: Does the person need to know this information? Why? How does this information make the other look? Is it rightfully mine to share? St. Francis de Sales' words quoted last week should be re-read on this point as well.

Thus, for example, teachers can legitimately make known to parents the faults of students entrusted to their care with the aim of helping the students. An abused spouse can make known the abuse to the police or responsible persons in order to protect themselves. In neither case should the information be shared at large.

It can also be legitimate to reveal the faults of others for the purpose of seeking counsel or to help in processing a situation. Seeking counsel is not the same as gossip or venting, and does not give us unlimited license to talk about others. “Seek counsel from every wise man”, Scripture says (Tob 4:18). The purpose of seeking counsel should be to help us form a judgment as to the best course of action in a given situation and the advice of a wise and prudent person can be invaluable in forming that judgment.

In seeking counsel, I should not ask anyone and everyone, but act with great prudence in what I say and whom I say it to. Someone who always agrees with me or who shares a negative view about a particular person is probably not the best candidate. Nor someone who cannot challenge me at times when necessary. Someone who will turn around and talk about what I have said should be excluded from the start. I should also be willing to share all relevant information (even if it makes me look bad) and not restrict ourselves to providing selective information to bias a person against the other.

Wise counsel can be a great boon in aiding us to live well, but we must be careful in the selection of friends or others whom we can confide in. Above all we should pray for the virtue of Prudence that we may know what is good and have the grace to do it.

May God bless you,  
**Fr. David Angelino**

**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. Los Papas y los deben asistir a una clase para los padrinos deben de ser mayores de (16) años, católicos y practicantes. Los sacramentos de la Comunión y confirmación, casamiento, comunión y confesión, los casados, deben de estar casados en una Iglesia Católica.

Por favor llamen a la oficina para inscribirse a la clase al 281-494-1156.

##### 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 10 de Septiembre** 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 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 Rocio Padilla 832-573-3713 y Ana Perez 281-948-3349.

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

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

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

**FRANCISCANOS DE MARÍA, MISIONEROS DEL AGRADECIMIENTO:** Informa que con motivo del **Covid-19** las reuniones las tenemos virtuales los martes a las 7:30pm, donde meditamos sobre el A.T., la misión del agradecimiento y el evangelio dominical. Para mayor información llamar a Elsa Galindo al 713-534-7395.

**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 capi-

lla del santísimo. Para mas información contac-  
tar a Alexandra Irady, 832-361-2450.

**MINISTERIO VOCACIONES:** Desea llevar el Crucifijo y Libro de Oraciones a su casa y rezar por vocaciones sacerdotiales y religiosas. Para mas información llame a la Sra. Maria 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 enseña 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 informa-  
ción llame al Sr. Oscar Santaella al 346-818-1205.



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

#### Acto de Comunión Espiritual

Jesús mío, creo que estás presente en el Santísimo Sacramento del altar. Te amo sobre todas las cosas y deseo reciberte en mi alma. Como en este momento no puedo recibirte sacramentalmente, entra a lo menos espiritualmente en mi corazón. Te abrazo como ya estuvieras allí y me uno completamente a ti. Nunca permitas que me separe de ti.  
**AMÉN**



**¿ESTÁ DIOS LLAMÁNDOTE A  
HACER ALGO MÁS?  
¡VEN Y EXPLORA LA  
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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!

Debido a la **pandemia de COVID 19**, no podemos reunirnos en persona. Sin embargo, sabemos que el llamado del Espíritu Santo no se detiene. Si usted está interesado en creciendo en su relación con Jesucristo o simplemente tenga algunas preguntas acerca de Dios y la Iglesia Católica, estamos aquí para caminar con usted.

**Póngase en contacto con:  
Elsa Galindo al  
713-534-7395**

Si usted, su hijo o alguien a quien usted conoce, tiene entre 7 y 16 años de edad, no haya sido bautizado o ha sido bautizado en otra comunidad de fe, tenemos el proceso de RICA propio para cada grupo de diferentes edades. Las sesiones de Iniciación son todos los miércoles a las 6:30 pm. Por favor haga una cita en la oficina al teléfono 281-494-1156 para Registrar su Familia y los Niños antes de atender la primera sesión.

## DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

“El que mucho habla, mucho yerra; callar a tiempo es de sabios”  
(Proverbios 10:19).

Los últimos artículos se han centrado en la revelación ilegítima de las faltas de otros (ya sea verdadera o falsa). Sin embargo, **revelar** las fallas reales (a diferencia de las imaginadas o las que he escuchado de segunda mano) de otros que no están presentes, a veces es legítimo. El Padre John Hardon nos recuerda que cuando “la revelación de la culpa de otra persona es necesaria o muy útil, como en defensa de uno mismo o de los demás, no se hace ninguna injusticia al revelarla. Este sería el caso cuando la falla o el defecto se denuncie a los padres o superiores”, pero no a sus compañeros, por ejemplo.

Sin embargo, debemos ser muy cuidadosos al juzgar la necesidad o utilidad de revelar dicha información y analizar cuidadosamente nuestros motivos y el bien que realmente se busca. Algunas preguntas útiles para determinar esto serían: ¿Necesita la persona conocer esta información? ¿Por qué? ¿Cómo hace esta información para que se vea la otra? ¿Es legítimamente mío compartir? Las palabras de San Francisco de Sales citadas la semana pasada también deberían volver a leerse sobre este punto.

Así, por ejemplo, los maestros pueden dar a conocer legítimamente a los padres las fallas de los estudiantes que se les han encomendado con el objetivo de ayudarlos. Un cónyuge maltratado puede dar a conocer el abuso a la policía o las personas responsables para protegerse. En ningún caso la información debe ser compartida en general.

También puede ser legítimo revelar las faltas de otros con el fin de buscar asesoría o ayudar en el procesamiento de una situación. Buscar consejo no es lo mismo que chismear o desahogarse, y no nos da una licencia ilimitada para hablar sobre otros. “Busca el consejo de todo hombre sabio”, dice la Escritura (Tob 4:18). El propósito de buscar asesoramiento debe ser ayudarnos a formar un juicio sobre el mejor curso de acción en una situación dada y el consejo de una persona sabia y prudente puede ser invaluable para formar ese juicio.

Al buscar consejo, no debería preguntar a nadie ni a todos, sino actuar con gran prudencia en lo que digo y a quién se lo digo. Alguien que siempre está de acuerdo conmigo o que comparte una opinión negativa sobre una persona en particular probablemente no sea el mejor candidato. Tampoco alguien que no pueda desafiarlo a veces cuando sea necesario. Alguien que se dé vuelta y hable sobre lo que he dicho debería ser excluido desde el principio. También debería estar dispuesto a compartir toda la información relevante (incluso si me hace quedar mal) y no restringirnos a proporcionar información selectiva para sesgar a una persona contra la otra.

Un consejo sabio puede ser de gran ayuda para ayudarnos a vivir bien, pero debemos ser cuidadosos en la selección de amigos u otras personas en quienes podamos confiar. Sobre todo, debemos orar por la virtud de Prudencia para que podamos saber lo que es bueno y tener la gracia de hacerlo.

Que Dios los bendiga,  
**Padre David Angelino**



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For information, please contact Betty Pruski at 281-494-1157  
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# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Gabriel@sugarlandcatholic.com) with any questions or if you'd like to get involved!



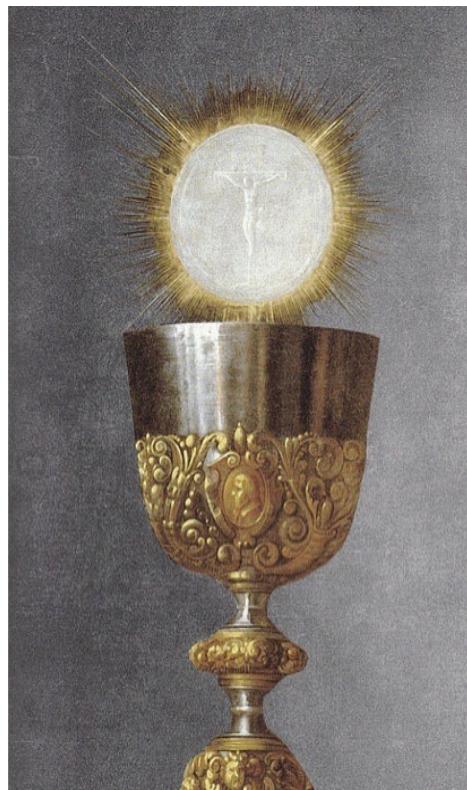
**It is always a good time to explore the Catholic faith, even in a pandemic!**

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!

Because of the **COVID 19 pandemic**, we are unable to gather in person, yet we know the call of the Holy Spirit does not stop. If you are interested in growing in your relationship with Jesus Christ or just have some questions about God and the Catholic Church, we are here to walk with you.

Contact Kelsey Pena at (281) 494-1156 ext. 222 or by e-mail: [kelsey.pena@sugarlandcatholic.com](mailto:kelsey.pena@sugarlandcatholic.com).

If you, your child or someone you know is between the ages of seven and sixteen, not baptized or baptized in another faith community, we have an RCIA process suited to your age group. Please contact Paul Stoessel at e-mail ([paul@sugarlandcatholic.com](mailto:paul@sugarlandcatholic.com)) prior to attending your first session.



## 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.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday, August 10, 2020**

*St. Lawrence*

6:45 a.m.	⌘ Lorenzo Medina
8:30 a.m.	⌘ Mr & Mrs. Joseph Manikath
5:30 p.m.	Rebecca Freeman

**Tuesday, August 11**

*St. Claire*

6:45 a.m.	Celebrant Intention
8:30 a.m.	⌘ Andry Roach
5:30 p.m.	Celebrant Intention

**Wednesday, August 12**

*Weekday in Ordinary Time*

6:45 a.m.	⌘ Placido Galindo
8:30 a.m.	⌘ Laura Davidson
7:00 p.m.	⌘ Diego Emilio Medina

**Thursday, August 13**

*Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus*

6:45 a.m.	⌘ Albert Hebert
8:30 a.m.	Houtz Family
5:30 p.m.	Celebrant Intention

**Friday, August 14**

*St. Maximilian Kolbe*

6:45 a.m.	⌘ Margarita Sierra
8:30 a.m.	Celebrant Intention
5:30 p.m.	Celebrant Intention

**Saturday, August 15**

*The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:30 a.m.	⌘ Patrocinio Zarate
11:00 a.m.	Celebrant Intention
5:00 p.m.	Parish Family

**Sunday, August 16**

*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

6:30 a.m.	Celebrant Intention
8:00 a.m.	⌘ Acacia Urquiza
10:00 a.m.	⌘ Jan Karwowski
12:00 p.m.	Parish Family
2:00 p.m.	⌘ Maria del Socorro Chavez
5:00 p.m.	⌘ Gerry Meraz

*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.*

## CONFESsion TIMES:

- Monday - Friday  
After the 6:45am and 8:30am Daily Mass
- Tuesday - Thursday  
After the 5:30pm Daily Mass (6:00pm on Wednesday)
- Saturday 3:15 p.m.  
**(Outdoor and Indoor Confessions available)**
- Sunday 4:00 p.m.
- **Any time** (inside or outside) by appointment, please call the office.

## SUNDAY OFFERTORY

August 2, 2020	\$ 16,328
Online Giving	\$ 14,505
Total	\$ 30,833

Goal Offering	\$ 42,049
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 11,216)

## PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2017

*Totals as of August 2, 2020*

Next Goal	\$ 5,000,000
Pledged	\$ 3,205,135
Payments	\$ 1,850,132

909 Participants

Current parish debt \$ 2,207,432

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

## DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2020

*Totals as of August 2, 2020*

Goal	\$ 205,000
Pledged	\$ 109,668
Payments	\$ 94,824

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Offering Envelopes

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# Knights in Action

## 100 MEALS PREPARED FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Knights of Columbus, Council 4204, prepared **100 meals** for the volunteers at Catholic Charity's food distribution at the Mamie George Community Center. A big thank you to the Catholic Daughter of America for providing cookies and brownies to include in the meals.



## IN SERVICE TO OUR PARISH



Knights of Columbus, Council 4204, removed a tree that fell in the yard of Fr. Greg's residence. The Knights armed with chainsaws and strong backs cut up the tree and moved it to the curb for pickup.



*Parish staff assisted the Knights.*

## R.C.I.A. Testimony for Johnny Venza

### COMING HOME: A JOURNEY OF FAITH



I was born and raised in Dallas, Texas. I was the second child in a family comprised of my parents and ultimately four children. Both of my parents were fully initiated Catholics. We only seldomly attended Mass, however, and I was never baptized as a child. My mom bought me a children's Bible when I was in elementary school. It quickly became one of my favorite books. I loved reading the story about Sampson. I prayed every night on my knees before going to bed. I made a lot of promises to God about the kind of adult I would be one day, some of which I kept, some of which I did not. I attended a protestant Bible camp for a few years in high school. One morning while I was there, way out in East Texas, and with the help of a kind camp counselor, I invited Christ into my heart. I always considered this moment to be a defining time in my faith and still do.

I went to a Catholic high school and then off to college in Austin. My nighttime prayers unfortunately fell by the wayside. I graduated college and met my future wife in law school. We were blessed with a child and were married in 2003 in the Methodist Church. We desired going to church and raising our son as Christian, although our different visions about how to go about doing that, combined with a ponderous spiritual inertia that had set in, led to those goals being put on a shelf, where they remained until 2017. In the summer of 2017, I was adrift in the world. My wife and I and our son had never attended church together as a family. We encountered a challenge that summer that led to us beginning to attend Mass regularly at St. Theresa shortly after Hurricane Harvey. We fell in love with St. Theresa Catholic Church and looked forward to seeing the congregation every Sunday. We especially cherished Father Eurel Manzano, who really had an impact on us. We will never forget his homily one Sunday about the Samaritan woman at the well and how he wove that passage into a narrative about his own journey and his love of his

mother and the little things she did to help foster his faith. We knew that we were ready to begin becoming Catholics and started attending RCIA Inquiry in July of 2018.

Those first inquiry sessions on Wednesday nights that summer were tough. I was called to speak out loud about my faith in a way that I had not since that summer camp encounter with Christ many years earlier. It required a major adjustment for me, as I have always been a private person. My son and I were accepted that fall in a beautiful ceremony. I will always be thankful to Joe Nilles for standing with me that day. The RCIA journey that ensued was filled with learning, self-reflection, some laughs, and a few tears. I was called to critically examine my relationship with people and with Christ. Along the way, my wife and I had our marriage convalidated in December of 2019 in a wedding presided over by Father Matthew Suniga.

Recently, my son and I were fully initiated, and my wife was confirmed and received her first Holy Communion. We are especially grateful to Father David Angelino for his prayers and the beautiful Masses he gave when we were initiated. His work at keeping the boat of St. Theresa pointed in the right direction, especially during this trying time, is an example of service to Christ that I hope to faithfully follow. Along the way, we learned much about the faith from the RCIA team and the other Candidates (especially Jerry Sharp) and Catechumens. The love the team showed to us over the nearly two years we spent in RCIA is something we will always cherish. I want to specifically thank my sponsor and Godfather, John Labus, for his prayers, advice and support throughout the process. The list of RCIA team members who made an impact on me is long, but it includes Lynda Knoche, Jeff Ellard, Joe and Karin Nilles, Jay and Lisa Thorseth, Charlie Crowell, Sam Gonzales, Kelsey Pena, Rick and Sandy Buffalono, Joseph and Celinda Mayes, Henrietta and Cheryl Popisil, Sandra Criner, and Star Hill. Y'all are the best! Hearing God's call to discipleship and acting on it has become the driving motivation in my life. Whereas I was adrift before, I now feel forever attached to Christ, and it is my fervent prayer that I will make a good Christian.

To anyone considering becoming Catholic, I would say to prepare for a commitment that will be challenging, maybe more than you think, but that will result in you becoming part of the body of Christ, which for me has been a source of real peace and joy.

-Johnny Venza

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



### 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. 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. Please call the office to register for the class at 281-494-1156.

**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, August 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.



## Food Pantry Back in Operation

*Mondays and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.*

Currently we are providing curbside delivery of food. Clients please call **281-242-9149** from the parking lot to check in. You will be asked your name, address and phone # and will be given instructions on how to proceed.

**No members of the general public will be allowed into the offices at this time.**

-SVdP Staff

# SAVE LIVES ON THE SIDEWALK

A peaceful, prayerful presence outside an abortion clinic has shown to be effective in preventing abortion, even without any direct interaction. Sidewalk advocates are trained to also approach women entering the clinic, offering help and hope to redirect them to a nearby pregnancy help center.

**Prayer provides the foundation of all we do.  
Prayer Warriors Needed, Both on site and at home**

**On site: at 8200 Wednesbury Lane,  
Houston (Sharpstown)**

**Just one hour /month** –or more - to provide prayer support and security for sidewalk advocates working 8:30 to 11:30 am on Mondays and Thursdays or other times.

While we have NOT experienced any problems, and expect none, we want to do everything we can to protect the sidewalk advocates. Prayer volunteers can be ready to take pictures/video of any incident, and call police if needed.

**At home: Receive weekly emails to remind you to pray.**  
You will also receive reports of any hopeful results.

Contact Marie McCoy: 281-610-3986 or  
[Marie@ChristianVoicesforLife.org](mailto:Marie@ChristianVoicesforLife.org)



Sidewalk Advocates for Life is a peaceful, prayerful sidewalk advocacy program that trains people how to most effectively offer loving, life-affirming alternatives to women and men entering the abortion facility.

For more information, see  
[www.sidewalkadvocates.org/](http://www.sidewalkadvocates.org/)

## SANCTUARY BEAUTIFICATION TEAMS

Saint Theresa Parish is forming a corps of volunteers to assist with maintaining the cleanliness and appearance of sacristies, confessional, narthex/foyer, and chapel/sanctuary.

Team members will also assist with candle preparation and decorating on special liturgical feast/seasons. We hope to operate as five teams, with one team working every Saturday of each month. The teams will also assist the parish priests with any needs they may have as well as various parish projects on an as-needed basis.

Contact the parish office  
for more details at 281-494-1156

## - NEW - RECEPTION COMMITTEE

Get involved! Meet new people! Join a group of parishioners who plan the parish receptions. (set-up, decorate, serve, replenish, tear-down)

Contact the parish office  
for more details at 281-494-1156

## THANKSGIVING AFTER MASS

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

*Saint Thomas Aquinas*

# 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  
 Lillie Beserra  
 Patricia Beserra  
 Daniel Billman  
 Camila Cortez  
 Karen Cromer  
 Roxane Gautreau  
 Doris Gijon  
 Lynn Guess  
 Deacon Glenn Haller  
 Edith Hartensteiner  
 Bernice Hebert  
 Sharon Henry  
 Charles Lafond  
 Pam Memmer  
 Fred Meyer  
 Hertha Meyer  
 Rita Nauck  
 Tom Nauck  
 Ann Neslony  
 Fr. Roy Oggero  
 Jeff Ploch  
 Beverly Riggs  
 Ana Cruz Rivas  
 Francisco Rivas  
 Bernadette Roberts  
 Barbara M. Saenz  
 Matthew Schooneuwolff  
 Martina Spacek  
 Mateo Alexander Sparkman  
 Baldemar Torres  
 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, 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, Barbara Baker, Alex Cava, María de Jesús Sam Miguel, Jane Haygood, Jeannine Scates, Ariana Cortez, Benjamin Ejiofor, Edgardo Peralta, James Arnold, Fernando Caycedo, Enrique Avellaneda Jaimes, Jennie Mendoza, Monsignor Gerry Cernoch, Julian Villarreal, Jr.



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

*-Indulgence. 500 days*



## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Almighty every-living God,  
whom, taught by the Holy Spirit,  
we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray,  
to perfection in our hearts the spirit of  
adoption as your sons and daughters, that we  
may merit to enter into the inheritance  
which you have promised.

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

**Amen.**

*"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid" (Matthew 14:22-33).*

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