

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON—HOUSTON



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“STEP UP” TO TITHING

The biblical concept of tithing encourages the faithful to return to God a full 10 percent of their earnings by participating in the local parish's weekly collection and other charities.

If a person does not yet tithe, they might consider “stepping up” to the 10 percent tithe by giving 5 percent of their weekly income to the parish collection this year, and gradually increasing the tithe amount by one percent each year, until they give 10 percent of their income in a weekly tithe.

A person taking home \$750.00 a week could step up to tithing by giving a weekly 5 percent offering of \$37.50 in the first year. After five years of one percent increases, they would reach a weekly 10 percent tithe of \$75.00. By setting a goal and budgeting to meet that goal, the weekly 10 percent tithe is achievable and sustainable.

We have agreed to bring each year to the house of the Lord the first fruits of our fields. The tithe of our fields we will bring to the Levites... and the Levites shall bring the tithe of the tithes to the house of our God.

—Nehemiah 10:36-39

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On the cover:

Castello, Bernardo
Christ giving the keys to St. Peter.
 1598, illumination on vellum.
 Louvre Museum, Paris.

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 Moral Reflections on Job

by Saint Gregory the Great, pope

“Whoever is mocked by his friend, as I am, shall call upon God, and he shall hear him” (Job 12:4). It happens that when the breath of popular favor accompanies his good actions, a weak-minded person is frequently diverted from virtue to those acts that elicit the praise of the crowd. So he gives up his own personal choices, preferring to remain at the mercy of whatever he hears from others. Thus, he rejoices not so much to become but to be called blessed. Eager for praise, he gives up what he had begun to be; and so he is severed from God by the very means by which he appeared to be commendable in God.

But sometimes a soul firmly strives for righteousness and yet is beset by men’s ridicule. He does what is admirable but he gets only mockery. He might have gone out of himself because of man’s praise; he returns to himself when repelled by their abuse. Finding no resting-place without, he cleaves more intensely to God within. All his hope is fixed on his Creator, and amid all the ridicule and abuse he invokes his interior witness alone. One who is afflicted in this way grows closer to God the more he turns away from human popularity. He straightway pours himself out in prayer, and, pressured from without, he is refined with a more perfect purity to penetrate what is within.

In this context, the words apply: “Whoever is mocked by his friend, as I am, shall call upon God, and he shall hear him.” For while the wicked reproach the just, they show them whom they should look to as the witness of their actions. Thus afflicted, the soul strengthens itself by prayer; it is united within to one who listens from on high precisely because it is cut off externally from the praise of men. Again, we should note how appropriately the words are inserted, “as I am”. There are some people who are both oppressed by human mockery and are yet deprived of God’s favorable hearing. For when the mockery is done to a man’s own sin, it obviously does not produce the merit that is due to virtue.

The simplicity of the just man is laughed to scorn. It is the wisdom of this world to conceal the heart with stratagems, to veil one’s thoughts with words, to make what is false appear true and what is true appear false. On the other hand it is the wisdom of the just never to pretend anything for show, always to use words to express one’s thoughts, to love the truth as it is and to avoid what is false, to do what is right without reward and to be more willing to put up with evil than to perpetrate it, not to seek revenge for wrong, and to consider as gain any insult for truth’s sake. But this guilelessness is laughed to scorn, for the virtue of innocence is held as foolishness by the wise of this world. Anything that is done out of innocence, they doubtless consider to be stupidity, and whatever truth approves of, in practice is called folly by their earthly wisdom.

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 Casamiento, comuniún y casamiento, 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? Regístrate después de misa o llame a Elvira Morales al 281-682-0626.

LA LEGIÓN DE MARÍA: El grupo se reúne los Lunes a las 6.30pm, en el salón de las conferencias que se encuentra ubicado detrás de la capi-

lla del santísimo. Para mas información contacatar 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 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

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
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!

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 las Reflexiones morales sobre Job
de San Gregorio Magno, Papa**

“Cualquiera que sea burlado por su amigo, como yo, invocará a Dios, y él le oirá” (Job 12: 4). Sucede que cuando el soplo del favor popular acompaña sus buenas acciones, una persona de mente débil se desvía con frecuencia de la virtud de aquellos actos que provocan el elogio de la multitud. Así que renuncia a sus propias decisiones personales, prefiriendo permanecer a merced de lo que escucha de los demás. Por lo tanto, no se regocija tanto por ser llamado sino por ser bienaventurado. Ansioso por recibir elogios, abandona lo que había comenzado a ser; y así, él es separado de Dios por los mismos medios por los que parecía ser encomiable en Dios.

Pero a veces un alma se esfuerza firmemente por la justicia y, sin embargo, se ve acosado por el ridículo de los hombres. Hace lo que es admirable, pero solo recibe burlas. Pudo haber salido de sí mismo debido a los elogios del hombre; vuelve a sí mismo cuando es rechazado por el abuso. Al no encontrar un lugar de descanso en el exterior, se aferra más intensamente al Dios interior. Toda su esperanza está puesta en su Creador, y en medio de toda la burla y el abuso invoca solo su testimonio interior. Aquel que está afligido de esta manera se acerca más a Dios cuanto más se aleja de la popularidad humana. Enseguida se derrama en oración y, presionado desde fuera, se refina con una pureza más perfecta para penetrar en lo interior.

En este contexto, se aplican las palabras: "Cualquiera que sea objeto de burla de su amigo, como yo, invocará a Dios y él le oirá". Porque mientras los malvados reprochan al justo, les muestran a quién deben mirar como testigo de sus acciones. Así afligido, el alma se fortalece por la oración; está unida por dentro a quien escucha desde lo alto precisamente porque está aislada exteriormente de la alabanza de los hombres. Nuevamente, debemos notar cuán apropiadamente se insertan las palabras, "como soy". Hay algunas personas que están oprimidas por la burla humana y, sin embargo, privadas de la audición favorable de Dios. Porque cuando la burla se hace al propio pecado de un hombre, obviamente no produce el mérito que se debe a la virtud.

La sencillez del justo es objeto de burla. Es la sabiduría de este mundo ocultar el corazón con estratagemas, velar los pensamientos con palabras, hacer que lo falso parezca verdadero y lo verdadero falso. Por otro lado, es la sabiduría de los justos no pretender nunca nada para mostrar, siempre usar palabras para expresar los pensamientos, amar la verdad tal como es y evitar lo falso, hacer lo correcto sin recompensa y esté más dispuesto a soportar el mal que a perpetrarlo, a no buscar venganza por el mal y considerar como ganancia cualquier insulto por causa de la verdad. Pero esta inocencia es objeto de burla, porque los sabios de este mundo consideran la virtud de la inocencia como una tontería. Cualquier cosa que se haga por inocencia, sin duda lo consideran una estupidez, y cualquier verdad que apruebe, en la práctica es llamada locura por su sabiduría terrenal.



SAINT THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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- THE GRIFFIN NEWS -



STCS Begins the New School Year in High Gear!



We are overjoyed to welcome our students back to in-person and remote classes! On Wednesday, August 12, we enjoyed seeing the familiar smiles, hearing the ready laughter, and watching our spirited students leap and learn across campus. Our dedicated faculty clearly are making it possible for us to teach our Catholic faith—all at once—to students in the classroom, across the hall (for large classes that must be split in two segments to maintain social spacing), and even around the globe to Poland (for a pair of children whose flight back to the U.S. was delayed). Our parents have done an admirable job in partnering with the faculty and staff as we learn our way together through an uncertain situation.

We still have a few seats left in grades 3 and 7. Please continue to keep this remarkable community of young learners in your prayers as we accomplish what many area public schools have not even attempted.



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.



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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 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!



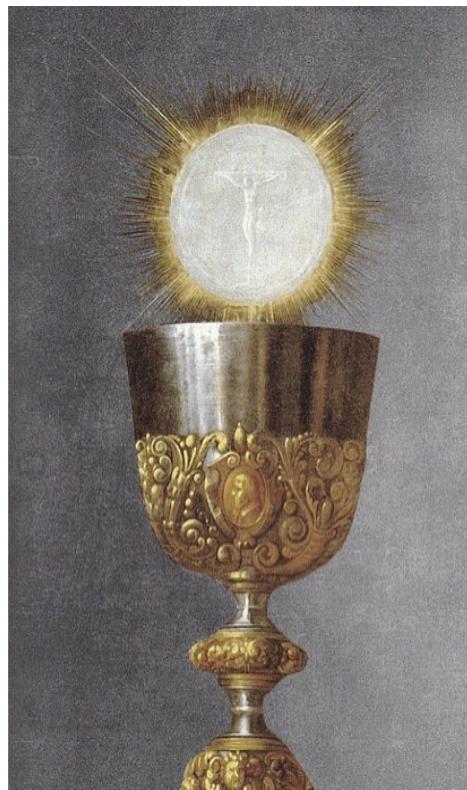
It is always a good time to explore the Catholic faith, even in a pandemic!

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.

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) 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 24, 2020

St. Bartholomew

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| 6:45 a.m. | Daniel Family |
| 8:30 a.m. | ⌘ Don Finnegan |
| 5:30 p.m. | Celebrant Intention |

Tuesday, August 25

Sts. Louis & Joseph Calasanz

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| 6:45 a.m. | Thomas Nguyen |
| 8:30 a.m. | ⌘ Tien Tran |
| 5:30 p.m. | ⌘ Monsignor Gerry Cernoch |

Wednesday, August 26

Weekday in Ordinary Time

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| 6:45 a.m. | ⌘ Gedeon Family |
| 8:30 a.m. | ⌘ Josephine DeSantis |
| 7:00 p.m. | Bertha Elena Ollarves |

Thursday, August 27

St. Monica

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| 6:45 a.m. | ⌘ Franklin Pavlicek |
| 8:30 a.m. | ⌘ Paul Pham Cong Tuyen |
| 5:30 p.m. | Celebrant Intention |

Friday, August 28

St. Augustine

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| 6:45 a.m. | ⌘ Angelina & Manuel Castro |
| 8:30 a.m. | Rodolfo Garriel M.D. |
| 5:30 p.m. | Celebrant Intention |

Saturday, August 29

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

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| 8:30 a.m. | ⌘ John Van Quang Tran |
| 5:00 p.m. | ⌘ Priscilla Michell |

Sunday, August 30

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| 6:30 a.m. | Celebrant Intention |
| 8:00 a.m. | ⌘ Bartolo Rodriguez |
| 10:00 a.m. | ⌘ Jill Cutway |
| 12:00 p.m. | ⌘ Antonio de Jesus Herrera |
| 2:00 p.m. | ⌘ Jose Enriquez-Cordova |
| 5:00 p.m. | Parish Family |

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.

Saint Theresa Catholic Church

Offertory Comparisons During Pandemic

Weekly Offertory Goal \$42,049

Week	Offertory	Online	Total
March 9 - March 15	\$17,335	\$5,409	\$22,744
March 16 - March 22	\$1,087	\$7,827	\$8,914
March 23 - March 29	\$13,540	\$10,349	\$23,889
March 30 - April 5	\$17,917	\$14,814	\$32,731
April 6 - April 12	\$20,145	\$12,828	\$32,973
April 13 - April 19	\$4,457	\$12,649	\$17,106
April 20 - April 26	\$9,026	\$12,024	\$21,050
April 27 - May 3	\$24,023	\$16,806	\$40,829
May 4 - May 10	\$21,411	\$12,430	\$33,841
May 11 - May 17	\$15,847	\$10,222	\$26,069
May 18 - May 24	\$16,204	\$8,445	\$24,649
May 25 - May 31	\$13,121	\$10,402	\$23,523
June 1 - June 7	\$18,247	\$13,244	\$31,491
June 8 - June 14	\$1,520	\$10,940	\$12,460
June 15 - June 21	\$15,614	\$9,800	\$25,414
June 22 - June 28	\$11,676	\$9,405	\$21,081
June 29 - July 5	\$19,865	\$13,469	\$33,334
July 6 - July 12	\$15,716	\$11,664	\$27,380
July 13 - July 19	\$13,157	\$9,437	\$22,594
July 20 - July 26	\$14,450	\$14,369	\$28,819
July 27 - Aug. 2	\$16,328	\$14,505	\$30,834
Aug. 3 - Aug. 9	\$18,991	\$12,647	\$31,638
Aug. 10 - Aug. 16	\$15,526	\$9,685	\$25,211

PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2017

Totals as of August 16, 2020

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

909 Participants

Current parish debt \$ 2,173,461

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

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2020

Totals as of August 16, 2020

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

311 Participants

Saint Theresa's Sewing Ministry



Saint Theresa's sewing ministry is off to a nice start during our new pandemic norm with face masks as the present fashion statement. While searching for unique fabrics and brainstorming for fresh ideas, we have started selling our masks for \$5.00 each. Please call the office at 281-494-1156 if interested in seeing what we have in our inventory. We also have a fabric inventory for custom made items. Below is a sneak peek of a selection of masks. Future ideas are prayer blankets and pillowcases – all blessed by one of our clergy.



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QUESTIONS? CONTACT BRIAN & TINA LITTLE

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PRAYER BEFORE MASS

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

Saint Thomas Aquinas

THANKSGIVING AFTER MASS

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

Saint Thomas Aquinas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donation of Altar Arrangement
August 23, 2020

In Memory of
Betty Jo Parker



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

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.

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.



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



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/



Knights of Columbus

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

Open to all Catholic students currently in grades 8 - 12.

\$50.00 - award for first place winners in each grade. Winning essays will be forwarded to the next level of competition. Essays, at each grade level, that advance all the way to the **International level** will receive:

\$300.00 - for First Place

\$100.00 - for the two runner ups

ALL ESSAYS ARE DUE BY OCTOBER 16, 2020

The **Essay Guidelines and Entry Form** can be downloaded from:
<http://www.kc4204.org/>

For more detailed information, please contact Sam Gonzalez at 281-980-8762 or via e-mail at GonzalezSam29@gmail.com

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
 Nancy Crockett
 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 Schoonewolf
 Amanda Schuster
 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., Clara Nowak Dullea



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

-Indulgence. 500 days



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found.

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 are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church” (Matthew 16:13-20).

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