

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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The Parish Office will be closed on
Monday, September 7, 2020
 in observance of Labor Day.

We will re-open
Tuesday, September 8, 2020.



St. Vincent de Paul office will be closed on
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Friday, September 11, 2020.

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On the cover:

Raphael
Ezekiel's vision.
 1518, oil and wood
 Galleria Palatina, Florence, Italy

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)

ST. AUGUSTINE SERMON 32

On the words of the gospel, Mt 18,15 “If thy brother sin against thee, go, shew him his fault between thee and him alone;” and of the words of Solomon, he that winketh with the eyes deceitfully, heapeth sorrow upon men; but he that reproveth openly, maketh peace.

1). Our Lord warns us not to neglect one another's sins, not by searching out what to find fault with, but by looking out for what to amend. For He said that his eye is sharp to cast out a mote out of his brother's eye, who has not a beam in his own eye. Now what this means, I will briefly convey to you, Beloved. A mote in the eye is anger; a beam in the eye is hatred. When therefore one who has hatred finds fault with one who is angry, he wishes to take a mote out of his brother's eye, but is hindered by the beam which he carries in his own eye. A mote is the beginning of a beam. For a beam in the course of its growth, is first a mote. By watering the mote, you bring it to a beam; by nourishing anger with evil suspicions, you bring it on to hatred.

2. Now there is a great difference between the sin of one who is angry, and the cruelty of one who holds another in hatred. For even with our children are we angry; but who is ever found to hate his children? ... Nor do we discipline our children otherwise, than with a degree of anger and indignation; yet we should not discipline them at all, but in love to them. So far then is every one who is angry from hating; that sometimes one would be rather convicted of hating, if he were not angry. For suppose a child wishes to play in some river's stream, by whose force he would be like to perish; if you see this, and patiently suffer it, this would be hating; your patient suffering him, is his death. How far better is it to be angry and correct him, than by not being angry to suffer him to perish! Above all things then is hatred to be avoided, and the beam to be cast out of the eye. Great is the difference indeed between one's exceeding due limits in some words through anger, which he afterwards wipes off by repenting of it; and the keeping an insidious purpose shut up in the heart.

3. In order then that we may be able well to do and to fulfil what we have been admonished of to-day, let us first persuade ourselves to this, above all things to have no hate. For when there is no beam in thine own eye, thou seest rightly whatever may be in thy brother's eye; and art uneasy, till thou cast out of thy brother's eye what thou seest to hurt it. The light that is in thee, doth not allow thee to neglect thy brother's light. Whereas if thou hate, and wouldest correct him, how dost thou improve his light, when thou hast lost thine own light? For the same Scripture, where it is written, “Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer,” hath expressly told us this also. “He that hateth his brother is in darkness even until now.” Hatred then is darkness. Now it cannot but be, that he who hateth another, should first injure himself. For him he endeavors to hurt outwardly, he lays himself waste inwardly. Now in proportion as our soul is of more value than our body, so much the more ought we to provide for it, that it be not hurt. But he that hateth another, doth hurt his own soul. And what would he do to him whom he hateth? What would he do? He takes away his money, can he take his faith away? he wounds his good fame, can he wound his conscience? Whatever injury he does, is but external; now observe what his injury to himself is? For he who hateth another is an enemy to himself within. But because he is not sensible of what harm he is doing to himself, he is violent against another, and that the more dangerously. That he is not sensible of the evil he is doing to himself; because by this very violence he has lost the power of perception. Thou art violent against thine enemy; by this violence of thine he is spoiled, and thou art wicked. Great is the difference between the two. He hath lost his money, thou thine innocence. Ask which hath suffered the heavier loss? He hath lost a thing that was sure to perish, and thou art become one who must now perish thyself.

4. Therefore ought we to rebuke in love; not with any eager desire to injure, but with an earnest care to amend. If we be so minded, most excellently do we practice that which we have been recommended to-day; “If thy brother shall sin against thee, rebuke him between thee and him alone.” Why dost thou rebuke him? Because thou art grieved, that he should have sinned against thee? God forbid. If from love of thyself thou do it, thou doest nothing. If from love to him thou do it, thou doest excellently. In fact, observe in these words themselves, for the love of whom thou oughtest to do it, whether of thyself or him. “If he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.” Do it for his sake then, that thou mayest “gain” him.

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, 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.



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:
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.

SAN AGUSTÍN SERMÓN 32

Sobre las palabras del evangelio, Mt 18,15 "Si tu hermano peca contra ti, ve y muéstrale su falta entre tú y él a solas"; y de las palabras de Salomón, el que guiña los ojos con engaño, hace llorar a los hombres; pero el que reprende abiertamente, hace la paz.

- 1). Nuestro Señor nos exhorta a no desentendernos recíprocamente de nuestros pecados; a no buscar que podemos reprochar, sino ver que podemos corregir. Efectivamente, dijo que solamente quien no tiene una viga en su ojo lo tiene capacitado para quitar la paja del de su hermano. Qué sea esto lo voy a indicar brevemente a Vuestra Caridad. La paja en el ojo es la ira; la viga, el odio. Por tanto, cuando alguien dominado por el odio corrige a otro que está airado, quiere quitar la paja del ojo de su hermano, pero se lo impide la viga que lleva en el suyo. La paja es el comienzo de la viga, pues, al formarse la viga, antes es una paja. Regando la paja, haces que se convierta en viga: nutriendo la ira con malas sospechas, haces que se convierta en odio.
2. Grande es la diferencia entre el pecado del que se está enojado y la crueldad del que odia. De hecho, nos enojamos hasta con nuestros hijos, pero ¿dónde se encuentra uno que odie a sus hijos? ... Ni siquiera nosotros disciplinamos a nuestros hijos de otra manera que con cierto grado de ira e indignación; pero no los castigariamos si no los amáramos. No todo el que se enoja odia; hasta tal punto es cierto, que, a veces, el no enojarse con una persona, aparece más bien como prueba de odio hacia ella. Suponte, en efecto, que un niño quiere jugar en el agua de un río, en cuya corriente puede perecer; si tú lo ves y lo toleras pacientemente, lo estás odiando; tu paciencia significa para él la muerte. ¡Cuán preferible sería enojarse y corregirlo antes de permitir que perezca por no enfadarte con él! Luego, ante todo, hay que evitar el odio y echar fuera la viga del ojo. Una cosa es que uno, enojado, se exceda en alguna palabra, que borra después con el arrepentimiento, y otra el mantener insidias guardadas en el corazón....
3. Persuadámonos, pues, en primer lugar, de esa diferencia para que podamos realizar bien y cumplir lo que se nos ha aconsejado hoy: evitar ante todo el odio. Pues sólo entonces, cuando en tu ojo no hay viga alguna, ves con claridad cualquier cosa que exista en el ojo de tu hermano, y te sientes incómodo hasta no arrojar de él lo que ves que le daña. La luz que hay en ti no te permite descuidar la luz de tu hermano. Pues, si le odias y le deseas corregir, ¿cómo corriges la luz tú que la has perdido? Pues esto lo ha dicho también claramente la Escritura misma, allí donde está escrito: Quien odia a su hermano es un homicida. Quien odia —dice— a su hermano, está aún en las tinieblas. El odio se identifica con las tinieblas. No puede suceder que quien odia a otro no se dañe a sí mismo antes. En efecto, intenta dañarle a él exteriormente, pero se asola en su interior. Cuanto nuestro espíritu es superior a nuestro cuerpo, tanto más debemos mirar por él para que no sufra daño. Daña a su espíritu quien odia a otro. ¿Y qué va a hacer al que odia? ¿Qué va a hacerle? Le quita el dinero; ¿acaso también la fe? Lesiona su fama, ¿acaso también su conciencia? Cualquier daño es exterior. Considera ahora el daño que se hace a sí mismo. Quien odia a otro en su interior es enemigo de sí mismo. Mas como no es consciente del mal que se hace, se ensaña contra la persona a la que odia, viviendo tanto más peligrosamente cuanto menos advierte el mal que se hace, pues con su crueldad perdió hasta la sensibilidad. Te ensaña contra tu enemigo; con tu crueldad él quedó desnudo, pero tú te has vuelto un malvado. Grande es la diferencia entre una persona desnuda y una malvada. Él perdió el dinero, tú la inocencia. Investiga quién sufrió un daño mayor. Él perdió una cosa perecedera, tú te has puesto a punto de perecer.
4. Por tanto, debemos corregir con amor: no deseando dañar, sino buscando la enmienda. Si somos así, cumplimos con exactitud lo que hoy se nos ha aconsejado: Si tu hermano peca contra ti, corrígele a solas ¿Por qué lo corriges? ¿Porque te duele el que haya pecado contra ti? En ningún modo. Si lo haces por amor a ti mismo, nada haces. Si lo haces por amor hacia él, tu acción es óptima. Advierte, además, en el mismo texto que amor ha de impulsar tu acción: si el amor a ti mismo, o el amor al hermano. Si te escucha, has ganado a tu hermano". Hazlo, pues, por él, para ganarlo a él....



SAINT THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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- THE GRIFFIN NEWS -



STCS Welcomes New Griffin Staff Members

Saint Theresa Catholic School joyously welcomes Pre-Kindergarten Teacher Aide, **Kathleen Lindsey**, and Second Grade Teacher Aide, **Yvette Escobar**, to the Griffin Community.

Pre-Kindergarten Teacher Aide: Ms. Kathleen Lindsey



Ms. Kathleen Lindsey earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in English literature with a minor in Women's Studies from Loyola University New Orleans. As an undergraduate, she served as a resident assistant on campus for two years, managing and mentoring up to fifty college students at a time. Outside of school, she spent time working with young children as a private tutor.

Prior to college, Ms. Lindsey attended St. Agnes Academy in Houston. Upon relocating to Texas after earning her bachelor's degree, she realized she wanted to pursue a career in education because she loved learning and working with children. Ms. Lindsey has worked with students ranging from Pre-K through Grade 8 as a substitute teacher and as an assistant in a before-and-after-school program. She is currently completing her alternative teaching certification to become a fully licensed teacher.

An avid art lover, Ms. Lindsey enjoys adding to her ever-growing record collection and dabbling in darkroom and digital photography. She looks forward to teaching at Saint Theresa Catholic School and feels very blessed for the opportunity to cultivate young minds and hearts as they grow in knowledge and in faith.

Second Grade Teacher Aide: Ms. Yvette Escobar



Originally from Corpus Christi, Texas, Ms. Yvette Escobar moved to Houston nearly eight years ago. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice and Psychology from Sam Houston State University. With over fifteen years of musical experience, she loves to share this passion with her students. She has even introduced very young children to the violin!

Ms. Escobar previously taught First Grade for one year and Kindergarten for five years at Saint Augustine Catholic School. While at Saint Augustine, she grew to love working with students. She is thrilled about the opportunity to share her joy of learning with the Grade 2 students here at Saint Theresa Catholic School!

Ms. Escobar looks forward to being a part of the classical learning that characterizes the program here at STCS, and hopes to encourage the children to learn all that they can. Already during her short time at Saint Theresa, she has enjoyed the various methods used to incorporate faith into everyday teaching, and she hopes to continue helping our students learn and grow.

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.



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Deacon Gilberto Rodriguez was born and raised and a life-long resident of Fort Bend County. He retired from the Oil and Gas industry, where he worked for 44 years. Deacon Rodriguez and Betty Jean his wife of 42 years has 5 children and 8 grand Children, and

WHEREAS, Currently, he serves as the permanent Deacon at St. Theresa-Sugar Land and the Archdiocese of Galveston Houston as the Western Deanery Board representative, and

WHEREAS Deacon Rodriguez serves as a Chaplain at the Fort Bend County Juvenile Justice Center on Golfview in Richmond. This consists of visiting with the children in Juvenile detention once a week and conducting "one on one" counseling sessions with those who need it, and

WHEREAS, Deacon Rodriguez promotes advocacy for the poor and marginalized. Deacon Rodriguez was involved in appealing to the Commissioner Court that Cares Act funding be made available to all especially the most vulnerable, which included the underserved, uneducated and undocumented in Fort Bend County, and

WHEREAS, Through the church Deacon Rodriguez coordinates a Food Pantry, works directly with clients to appeal to Catholic Charities for Rental and Utility payment assistance, and offers "charlas" (Talks) inviting immigration lawyers to assist in the legal process towards citizenship.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Ken R. DeMerchant, by the power vested in me as County Commissioner of Fort Bend County Texas, Precinct 4 acknowledge and present Deacon Gilberto Rodriguez, the July 2020 **"DeMerchant Spotlight Award"** for his dedicated service to our community and do hereby formally recognize



Deacon Gilberto Rodriguez

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of Fort Bend County to be affixed this 11th day of August 2020

Ken R. DeMerchant

Bienvenido

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Welcome

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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!



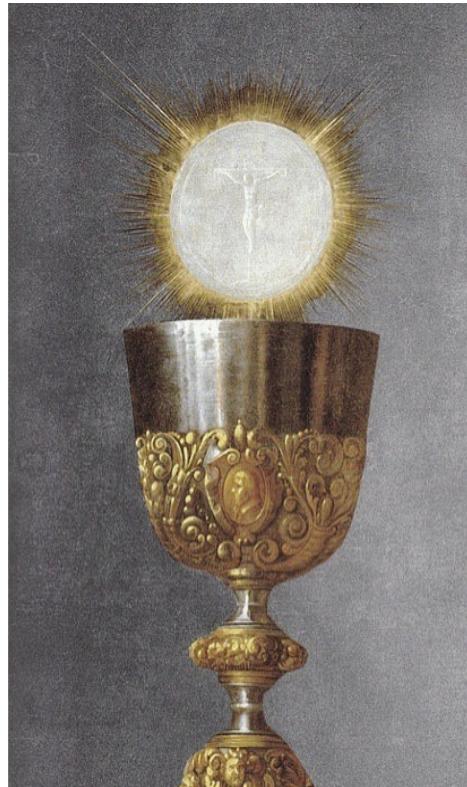
It is always a good time to explore the Catholic faith, even in a pandemic!

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, September 7, 2020

Weekday in Ordinary Time

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| 6:45 a.m. | Sam & Marilyn Vivares |
| 8:30 a.m. | ⌘ Adolfo Umengan |
| 5:30 p.m. | ⌘ Louis Menesse |

Tuesday, September 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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| 6:45 a.m. | Celebrant Intention |
| 8:30 a.m. | ⌘ Martin Rivera |
| 5:30 p.m. | Celebrant Intention |

Wednesday, September 9

St. Peter Claver

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| 6:45 a.m. | Celebrant Intention |
| 8:30 a.m. | ⌘ Loretta McVey |
| 7:00 p.m. | Laura Liliana Cortez |

Thursday, September 10

Weekday in Ordinary Time

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| 6:45 a.m. | Celebrant Intention |
| 8:30 a.m. | ⌘ Basil & Bridget Abonyi |
| 5:30 p.m. | ⌘ Raymond Meraz |

Friday, September 11

Weekday in Ordinary Time

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| 6:45 a.m. | ⌘ Jesus Luspo |
| 8:30 a.m. | ⌘ Consuelo Rodriguez |
| 5:30 p.m. | ⌘ Jose Mangabat Castro |

Saturday, September 12

The Most Holy Name of Mary

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| 8:30 a.m. | Celebrant Intention |
| 5:00 p.m. | ⌘ Richard Patronella |

Sunday, September 13

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| 6:30 a.m. | ⌘ Donald Berger |
| 8:00 a.m. | ⌘ Maria delaPaz |
| 10:00 a.m. | Parish Family |
| 12:00 p.m. | ⌘ Anita & Brain Almeida |
| 2:00 p.m. | ⌘ Luis Roman |
| 5:00 p.m. | Celebrant Intention |

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
Aug. 17 - Aug. 23	\$16,960	\$10,335	\$27,295
Aug. 24 - Aug. 30	\$15,293	\$11,972	\$27,265

PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2017

Totals as of August 30, 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 30, 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 pillowcases and baby blankets. Below is a sneak peek of a selection of masks.

In need of cotton and flannel fabrics for our ministry.



**Masks - 3 sizes – toddler to adult - \$5.00 each
Pillowcases - \$10.00 each
Baby Blankets - \$20.00 each
Prayer Blankets - coming soon**

Seafarers HOLIDAY GIFT WISH LIST

Note: full-sized items are much preferred over small travel size

Hairbrush/Comb	Mechanical Pencils / Pens	Soap & Shampoo
Magnets	Deodorant Dental Floss	Key Chains
T-Shirts (new) / Socks	USB Flash Drives	Playing Cards
Nail Clippers	Baseball Caps (new)	Texas Souvenirs
Q-Tips / Kleenex	Word Search/Sudoku	Personal Note or Card
Toothbrush / Toothpaste	Lip Balm / Lotion	Hot Chocolate
Pocket-Size Notebooks	Flashlight / Batteries	Needle & Thread
Shaving Cream	Gum & Hard Candy / Popcorn	Gold Bond Powder / Cream
Earbuds / Headphones	Christmas Wrapping Paper / Scotch Tape	2021 Calendars
Band-Aids (fabric)	Shoebox size boxes (cardboard or plastic)	Disposable Razors

Saint Theresa's parish office elves are collecting items for seafarers Christmas gift boxes. These boxes will be gifted to the seafarers in the Port of Houston Ship channel. Crew sizes average 22 seafarers to gift per ship. In 2019, over 10,561 gifts were distributed on board 426 ships which represented more than 60 different countries. Please select items of choice and drop-off at the parish office during weekday business hours. **If you have questions, please call 281-494-1156.**





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 AT-HOME CONFERENCE
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 AND MORE!

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 QUESTIONS? CONTACT BRIAN & TINA LITTLE
 281-773-4014 - BTLITTLE2@ME.COM

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, October 13, 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.



Knights of Columbus

Famous Fish Dinner

Tired of those Covid-19 Dinners at home?

Let the Knights do the cooking for you!

Our famous fish dinner is back for drive through service only on **Friday, September 18th** from 5:30 till we sell out. Fried fish dinner complete with coleslaw, green beans, hush puppies and French fries.



You don't even have to get out of your car,
we will bring it to you!!

Brought to you by:
Knights of Columbus Council 4204
Knights in Action!!

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

Knights in Action!

Knights Distribute Food at Catholic Charities

Knights of Columbus, Council 4204, help distribute food to those in need at Catholic Charity's Mamie George Community Center in Richmond. If you would like to be of service to our parish and our community, please consider joining the Knights of Columbus by contacting Sam Gonzalez (GonzalezSam29@gmail.com) or by going to www.kc4204.org.



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
 Julia Luna
 Pam Memmer
 Fred Meyer
 Hertha Meyer
 Rita Nauck
 Tom Nauck
 Ann Neslony
 Ann Odima
 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.

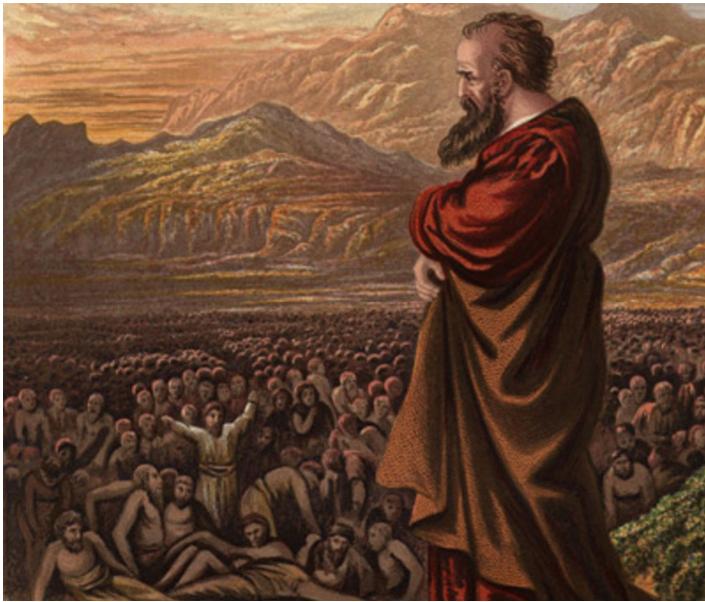
We remember with gratitude, and pray for God's mercy upon:

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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

O God, by whom we are redeemed
and receive adoption, look graciously
upon your beloved sons and daughters,
that those who believe in Christ
may receive true freedom
and an everlasting inheritance.

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.

"Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law"
(Romans 13:10).

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