

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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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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Brand, Johann Christian.

Parable of the workers in the Vineyard.

1769, 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,

The Catechism of the Catholic Church notes that with some sins, particularly those against justice, the “reparation for injustice committed requires the restitution of stolen goods to their owner” (CCC 2412). This is clear in the case of theft as one who has stolen goods is required, in so far as possible, to return them or the value of things taken.

Fr. John Hardon notes that “Not unlike the restitution called for in stealing, detraction demands reparation as far as possible to the injured person’s reputation. Often such reparation is next to impossible to make, either because of the number of people informed or the complexity of the situation.” This impossibility, he says, merely adds further weight to the warning given in Scripture “Consider how small a fire can set a huge forest ablaze. The tongue is also a fire.” (James 3: 5-6).

The story is told how St. Philip Neri addressed the issue with one woman who confessed gossip. For her penance, the saint told her to take a feather pillow to the top of the church bell tower and rip it open. She was then to go down and collect all the feathers that had been scattered throughout the city. She could not do it, but the point was made very clearly that once we have detracted others, the words are scattered and can never be gathered back. (Story from Edward Sri <https://www.catholiceducation.org/>, “The Feathers of Gossip”)

St. Francis de Sales is no less insistent:

He who unjustly takes away his neighbour’s good name is guilty of sin, and is bound to make reparation, according to the nature of his evil speaking; since no man can enter into Heaven cumbered with stolen goods, and of all worldly possessions the most precious is a good name. Slander is a kind of murder; for we all have three lives—a spiritual life, which depends upon the Grace of God; a bodily life, depending on the soul; and a civil life, consisting in a good reputation. Sin deprives us of the first, death of the second, and slander of the third. But the slanderer commits three [separate] murders with his idle tongue: he destroys his own soul and that of him who hearkens, as well as causing civil death to the object of his slander; for, as S. Bernard says, the Devil has possession both of the slanderer and of those who listen to him, of the tongue of the one, the ear of the other. (St. Francis de Sales Book III Ch. 29 On Slander)

There are certain circumstances which would excuse someone from making reparation for detraction or calumny. Restitution does not need to be made if the one detracted says that such reparation is not necessary, for example after apologizing directly to the person. It does not have to be made, also, if the matter happened so long ago and has been forgotten by all those involved. For example, John is not required to go and apologize to Paul for telling other people that Paul stole Mary’s pencil 30 years ago in 4th grade. Whether it was true or not, all involved have likely forgotten.

Lastly, reparation does not have to be made if it is simply impossible, but we should be very slow to judge the impossibility of making reparation. Perhaps all the feathers cannot be collected again, but at least some of them can and the person detracted apologized to.

Our speech can be used for great good or great harm and the saints often warn of the gravity of gossip. Let us pray to God for the grace to think well of others and not sin in our speech, and if we have sinned, to pray for the humility to make reparation.

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 Casamiento, comuniún y casamiento, los casados, deben de estar casados en la 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:
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 NUESTRO PÁRROCO

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica señala que con algunos pecados, particularmente aquellos en contra de la justicia, la “reparación por la injusticia cometida requiere la restitución de los bienes robados a su dueño” (CCC 2412). Esto es evidente en el caso de robo, ya que quien ha robado bienes está obligado, en la medida de lo posible, a devolverlos o el valor de los bienes incautados.

El Padre John Hardon señala que “Al igual que la restitución que se pide en el robo, la detracción exige una reparación en la medida de lo posible a la reputación de la persona lesionada. A menudo, esa reparación es casi imposible de realizar, ya sea por la cantidad de personas informadas o por la complejidad de la situación”. Esta imposibilidad, dice, simplemente agrega más peso a la advertencia dada en las Escrituras: “Considere cuán pequeño un fuego puede incendiar un enorme bosque. La lengua también es un fuego”. (Santiago 3: 5-6).

Se cuenta la historia de cómo San Felipe Neri abordó el tema con una mujer que confesó un chisme. Para su penitencia, el santo le dijo que llevara una almohada de plumas a la parte superior del campanario de la iglesia y la abriera. Luego debía bajar y recoger todas las plumas que se habían esparcido por la ciudad. Ella no pudo hacerlo, pero se dejó muy claro que una vez que hemos desmerecido a los demás, las palabras se dispersan y nunca se pueden recuperar. (Historia de Edward Sri <https://www.catholiceducation.org/>, "Las plumas del chisme")

San Francisco de Sales no es menos insistente:

El que injustamente quita el buen nombre de su prójimo, es culpable de pecado y está obligado a reparar, según la naturaleza de su maldad; ya que ningún hombre puede entrar al cielo cargado de bienes robados, y de todas las posesiones mundanas, la más preciosa es un buen nombre. La calumnia es una especie de asesinato; porque todos tenemos tres vidas: una vida espiritual, que depende de la Gracia de Dios; una vida corporal, dependiente del alma; y una vida civil, consistente en una buena reputación. El pecado nos priva del primero, la muerte del segundo y la calumnia del tercero. Pero el calumniador comete tres asesinatos [separados] con su lengua ociosa: destruye su propia alma y la del que escucha, además de causar la muerte civil al objeto de su calumnia; porque, como dice San Bernardo, el diablo se apodera tanto del calumniador como de los que le escuchan, de la lengua de uno y del oído del otro. (San Francisco de Sales Libro III Cap. 29 Sobre la calumnia)

Hay ciertas circunstancias que excusarían a alguien de reparar por detracción o calumnia. No es necesario realizar una restitución si la persona a la que se le restó mérito dice que dicha reparación no es necesaria, por ejemplo, después de disculparse directamente con la persona. Tampoco tiene que hacerse, si el asunto pasó hace tanto tiempo y ha sido olvidado por todos los involucrados. Por ejemplo, no se requiere que John vaya y se disculpe con Paul por decirle a otras personas que Paul robó el lápiz de Mary hace 30 años en cuarto grado. Sea cierto o no, es probable que todos los involucrados lo hayan olvidado.

Por último, no es necesario reparar si es simplemente imposible, pero debemos ser muy lentos para juzgar la imposibilidad de reparar. Quizás todas las plumas no se puedan volver a recolectar, pero al menos algunas de ellas sí y la persona que se negó se disculpó.

Nuestro discurso se puede utilizar para un gran bien o un gran daño y los santos a menudo advierten de la gravedad de los chismes. Oremos a Dios por la gracia de pensar bien en los demás y no pecar en nuestro discurso, y si hemos pecado, orar por la humildad para repararlo.

Que Dios los bendiga,
Padre David Angelino



SAINT THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

www.sttheresacatholicschool.org

- THE GRIFFIN NEWS -

We are accepting New Student Applications for
3rd, 4th, & 7th Grade for the 2020-2021 School Year.

For information, please contact Betty Pruski at 281-494-1157
or bpruski@sttheresacatholicschool.org

SAINT THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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TO AN AFTERNOON OF FAMILY FALL FUN
ON
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH
1:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

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PUMPKIN PATCH
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MUSIC



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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!



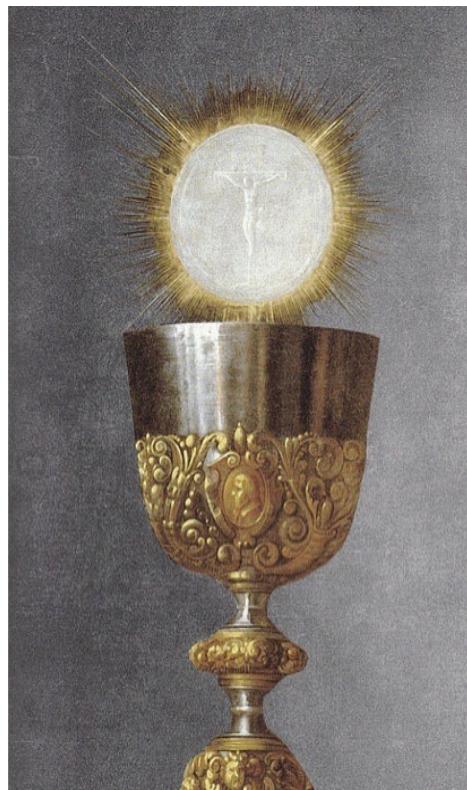
It is always a good time to explore the Catholic faith, even in a pandemic!

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 21, 2020

St. Matthew

- 6:45 a.m. ✿ Antonio de Jesus Herrera
- 8:30 a.m. Shirley Westbrook
- 5:30 p.m. ✿ Timothy Edmund Marshall

Tuesday, September 22

Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 6:45 a.m. ✿ Jerry Sciba
- 8:30 a.m. ✿ Eloy & Anthony Rivera
- 5:30 p.m. ✿ Jeremy A. Zapalac & Julian Villarreal Jr.

Wednesday, September 23

St. Pius of Pietrelcina

- 6:45 a.m. ✿ Abraham Lojo
- 8:30 a.m. Ty Family
- 7:00 p.m. ✿ Carlos Rivas

Thursday, September 24

Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 6:45 a.m. Jill Pavlicek Family
- 8:30 a.m. ✿ Paulino Raz
- 5:30 p.m. ✿ Zoilo Zarate

Friday, September 25

Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 6:45 a.m. ✿ Conchita Pelayo
- 8:30 a.m. ✿ Deborah Foltyn Geno
- 5:30 p.m. ✿ Timothy Edmund Marshall

Saturday, September 26

Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 a.m. ✿ Remedios Paredes
- 5:00 p.m. ✿ Josephine Macabante

Sunday, September 27

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 6:30 a.m. Celebrant Intention
- 8:00 a.m. ✿ Maria Mora
- 10:00 a.m. ✿ Jerry Putman
- 12:00 p.m. Celebrant Intention
- 2:00 p.m. Parish Family
- 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 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
Aug. 31 - Sept. 6	\$18,676	\$14,239	\$32,915
Sept. 7 - Sept. 13	\$19,368	\$11,877	\$31,245

PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2017

Totals as of September 13, 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 September 13, 2020

Goal	\$ 205,000
Pledged	\$ 137,018
Payments	\$ 124,011

529 Participants



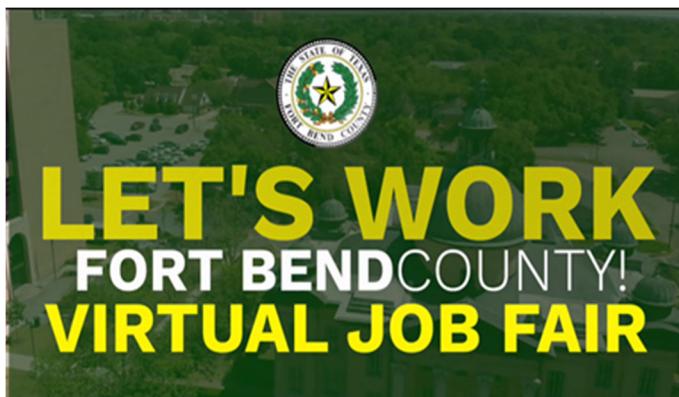
Workforce Solutions

Workforce Solutions in
Partnership with
Fort Bend County

Invites you to a
**VIRTUAL
JOB FAIR**

Wednesday,
September 23, 2020 -
Friday,
September 25, 2020
from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Please register at
<https://wrksolutions2.easyvirtualfair.com/>



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.

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
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.**

(Due by: November 22, 2020)



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



Peaceful and loving prayer outside abortion facilities have saved over 16,000 babies. Over a million individuals have participated – you can too! Christian Voices for Life is sponsoring prayer on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm outside an abortionist's office in southwest Houston, from Sept 23 to Nov 1. It is not too late to join us! See www.ChristianVoicesforLife.org/40-Days-for-Life or contact Marie McCoy at Marie@ChristianVoicesforLife.org for more information and a link to the sign-up.

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.



HOW TO GO TO CONFESSION

In order to make a good confession, we first examine our conscience, asking God's help that we might know our sins and repent of them.

Rite of Reconciliation

Priest: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Penitent: Amen.

Penitent: **Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been (how long?) since my last confession. My sins are: (confess your sins). And for these, and all the sins of my life, I am truly sorry.**

Priest: (gives you spiritual counsel and assigns a penance for your sins)

Penitent: (Pray an *Act of Contrition*. For example):

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

—or—

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven, and the pains of hell; but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.

Priest: The priest prays the formula of absolution. At the conclusion, say, "Amen."

Priest: Go in peace.

Penitent: **Thanks be to God (do your penance as soon as possible).**

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

If guilty of serious (mortal) sin, one should go to confession right away, especially before receiving Holy Communion. A mortal sin consists in serious matter, that is known to be serious, and freely committed.

- 1. I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD, YOU SHALL NOT HAVE STRANGE GODS BEFORE ME.** Did I fail to love God, to make God first in my life, to thank Him and to trust Him as He deserves? Did I fail to pray each day? Have I deliberately doubted or denied my faith? Have I been involved in the occult or superstitious practices? In any of my previous confessions, did I deliberately conceal sins out of shame or pride?
- 2. YOU SHALL NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD YOUR GOD IN VAIN.** Did I curse or swear? Did I use God's name without respect, as a curse or to blaspheme? Have I used foul language or jokes?
- 3. REMEMBER TO KEEP HOLY THE SABBATH DAY.** Have I deliberately missed Mass on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation (this is serious matter)? Did I leave Mass early without a good reason? Am I regularly late for Mass? Did I receive Holy Communion in the state of mortal sin (this is serious matter)? Did I do unnecessary work on Sunday?
- 4. HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER.** Have I obeyed my parents? Do I respect others with lawful authority, especially teachers? Have I talked back? Did I fail to help at home or to spend time with my family?
- 5. YOU SHALL NOT KILL.** Did I give in to feelings of anger, jealousy, or hatred? Did I fight, give a bad example or cause scandal? Have I abused alcohol or drugs (this is serious matter)? Have I had or in any way permitted or encouraged abortion (this is serious matter)? Have I thought about suicide?
- 6. YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.** (These are usually serious matters). Did I consent to impure thoughts or glances? Passionate Kisses? Sinful touches? Was I immodest in dress or behavior? Did I look at pornography, impure books, magazines or videos? Am I guilty of masturbation (impurity with self)? Fornication (premarital sex), adultery (sex with a married person) or contraception (by pills, devices, etc.)? Do I avoid laziness, gluttony, idleness and the occasions of impurity?
- 7. YOU SHALL NOT STEAL.** Have I taken what is not mine? What or how much? Did I return it or make up for what I have stolen? Have I cheated on tests or home-work? Did I waste time at work?
- 8. YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOR.** Have I lied or gossiped? Do I always tell the truth? Did I reveal secrets that should have been kept confidential? Am I critical, negative or uncharitable in my speech?
- 9. YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOR'S WIFE.** Have I consented to impure thoughts? Have I encouraged them by stares, curiosity or impure conversations? Did I neglect to control my imagination or desire other people.
- 10. YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOR'S GOODS.** Am I greedy? Am I jealous of others for who they are or what they have? Am I moody? Do I work, study and keep busy to counter idle thoughts? Am I critical, negative, or uncharitable in my thoughts of others? Is my heart set on earthly possessions or on the reassures of Heaven?

"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy."

— Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium: The Joy of the Gospel*

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
 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, 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 Sammiguel, 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, Doris Gijon, Rosie Velasquez



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

-Indulgence. 500 days



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbor, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life.

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.

“The last will be first, and the first will be last” (Matthew 20:1-16a).

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