

NATIVITY OF THE LORD /
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
SAINT THERESA PARISH
ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON



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**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE
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)

On the cover (top right):Paelinck, Joseph. *The Holy Family*.
1820, oil on canvas. Getty Center,
Los Angeles, California.**On the cover (bottom left):**

Gerbrand van den Eeckhout.

The Nativity of the Lord.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Merry Christmas and happy Feast of the Holy Family!

In this Year of St. Joseph the feast of the Holy Family is one of the days where we can gain a plenary indulgence by praying “any legitimately approved prayer or act of piety in honor of St. Joseph” (see last week’s bulletin).

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that

The family is the *original cell of social life*. It is the natural society in which husband and wife are called to give themselves in love and in the gift of life. Authority, stability, and a life of relationships within the family constitute the foundations for freedom, security, and fraternity within society. The family is the community in which, from childhood, one can learn moral values, begin to honor God, and make good use of freedom. Family life is an initiation into life in society. (CCC 2207)

The family has come under severe attack in the past few decades in some obvious ways such as the legalization of no-fault divorce, widespread use of contraception and pornography, the legalization and attempts to normalize same sex marriage. There are also some more subtle attacks such as a general loss of respect for other people, and emails and cell phones that allow work to be taken home and invade evenings and weekends (especially Sundays).

The late Cardinal Caffara related that when he was asked by St. John Paul II to begin the Pontifical Institute for the Studies on Marriage and the Family, he wrote to Sr. Lucia, the last of the three children-visionaries at Fatima, to ask for her prayers. To his surprise she replied to his letter and wrote that “***the final battle between the Lord and the reign of Satan will be about marriage and the family.***” If Satan can succeed in corrupting the family then he will succeed in corrupting society and weakening the Church. We can see this playing out in the world around us.

How then can we work to defend and strengthen our families? First of all by prayer: praying together as a family before meals and in the evening; praying the Rosary together; attending Mass together. Prayer first of all asks for God’s grace and serves as a powerful witness to children, especially when the father takes the lead in prayer. Second by the witness of the parents. The moral education of children is incredibly important. If parents, in addition to giving proper instruction to their children, are also consistent in at least trying to live moral lives, children will learn to imitate virtue. If parents are constantly falling into vice, children will learn that too.

God offers us the Holy Family as an example to ponder and strive to imitate, but also as powerful intercessors. May the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph inspire in us a desire for holiness and virtue and assist us with their prayers.

May God bless you,

Fr. David Angelino



**¿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,

¡Feliz Navidad y feliz Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia!

En este Año de San José, la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia es uno de los días en los que podemos obtener una indulgencia plenaria rezando “cualquier oración o acto de piedad legítimamente aprobado en honor a San José” (ver el boletín de la semana pasada).

El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica enseña que

La familia es la *célula originaria de la vida social*. Es la sociedad natural en la que marido y mujer están llamados a entregarse en el amor y en el don de la vida. La autoridad, la estabilidad y una vida de relaciones dentro de la familia constituyen los cimientos de la libertad, la seguridad y la fraternidad dentro de la sociedad. La familia es la comunidad en la que, desde la infancia, se pueden aprender valores morales, comenzar a honrar a Dios y hacer un buen uso de la libertad. La vida familiar es una iniciación a la vida en sociedad. (CCC 2207)

La familia ha sido objeto de un severo ataque en las últimas décadas de algunas formas obvias, como la legalización del divorcio sin culpa, el uso generalizado de anticonceptivos y pornografía, la legalización y los intentos de normalizar el matrimonio entre personas del mismo sexo. También hay algunos ataques más sutiles como la pérdida generalizada del respeto por otras personas, y correos electrónicos y celulares que permiten que el trabajo se lleve a casa e invada las tardes y fines de semana (especialmente los domingos).

El difunto cardenal Caffara relató que cuando San Juan Pablo II le pidió que iniciara el Pontificio Instituto de Estudios sobre el Matrimonio y la Familia, escribió a Sor Lucia, la última de los tres niños videntes en Fátima, para preguntar por sus oraciones. Para su sorpresa, ella respondió a su carta y escribió que “*la batalla final entre el Señor y el reinado de Satanás será sobre el matrimonio y la familia*”. Si Satanás logra corromper a la familia, entonces logrará corromper a la sociedad y debilitar a la Iglesia. Podemos ver que esto se desarrolla en el mundo que nos rodea.

Entonces, ¿cómo podemos trabajar para defender y fortalecer a nuestras familias? En primer lugar, con la oración: rezar juntos en familia antes de las comidas y por la noche; rezar juntos el Rosario; asistiendo a misa juntos. La oración ante todo pide la gracia de Dios y sirve como un poderoso testimonio para los niños, especialmente cuando el padre toma la iniciativa en la oración. Segundo por el testimonio de los padres. La educación moral de los niños es increíblemente importante. Si los padres, además de dar la instrucción adecuada a sus hijos, también son consistentes en al menos tratar de vivir una vida moral, los niños aprenderán a imitar la virtud. Si los padres caen constantemente en el vicio, los niños también lo aprenderán.

Dios nos ofrece la Sagrada Familia como ejemplo para reflexionar y esforzarse por imitar, pero también como poderosos intercesores. Que la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José nos inspire un deseo de santidad y virtud y nos ayude con sus oraciones.

Que Dios los bendiga,
Padre David Angelino

MASS INTENTIONS AND OFFERTORY

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 28, 2020

The Holy Innocents

6:45 a.m.	Edwardo Melara Rogel
8:30 a.m.	⌘ Leroy Urbanek & James Wenzel Jr.
5:30 p.m.	Celebrant Intention

Tuesday, December 29

Christmas Weekday

6:45 a.m.	⌘ Lynch Family
8:30 a.m.	Mariel Rae Gisella Ty
5:30 p.m.	Charles Lafond

Wednesday, December 30

Christmas Weekday

6:45 a.m.	⌘ Corrigan Family
8:30 a.m.	⌘ Roman & Mercedes Tatlongmaria
7:00 p.m.	⌘ Jose Guillermo & Jose Pilar Muñuz Ledo

Thursday, December 31

Christmas Weekday

6:45 a.m.	⌘ James Wenzel Jr. & Leroy Urbanek
8:30 a.m.	⌘ Juan Torres
5:30 p.m.	Kevin Boyle & Mireya Castro
7:30 p.m.	Parish Family

Friday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

6:45 a.m.	Celebrant Intention
8:00 a.m.	Celebrant Intention
5:30 p.m.	Parish Family
7:00 p.m.	Celebrant Intention

Saturday, January 2

Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

8:30 a.m.	⌘ Peter Dao
5:00 p.m.	⌘ Alice Stroyick

Sunday, January 3

Epiphany of the Lord

6:30 a.m.	Parish Family
8:00 a.m.	⌘ Pedro Mendoza & Angela Hernandez
10:00 a.m.	⌘ Amanda Archibong
12:00 p.m.	Antonio Medrad Family
2:00 p.m.	Candelaria Ordoñez
5:00 p.m.	⌘ Anita & Celso Rodriguez Jr.

One may request celebrant Mass intentions through our website ("contact us") or by visiting the parish office during regular business hours. Mass intentions are available two (2) months in advance only.

Saint Theresa Catholic Church

Offertory Comparisons During Pandemic

Weekly Offertory Goal \$42,049

Week	Offertory	Online	Total
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
Sept. 14 - Sept. 20	\$24,890	\$10,112	\$35,002
Sept. 21 - Sept. 27	\$24,117	\$9,734	\$33,851
Sept. 28 - Oct. 4	\$18,558	\$13,786	\$32,345
Oct. 5 - Oct. 11	\$17,083	\$11,700	\$28,783
Oct. 12 - Oct. 18	\$14,805	\$9,492	\$24,297
Oct. 19 - Oct. 25	\$14,752	\$8,642	\$23,394
Oct. 26 - Nov. 1	\$24,824	\$12,991	\$37,815
Nov. 2 - Nov. 8	\$20,922	\$13,949	\$34,871
Nov. 9 - Nov. 15	\$16,031	\$11,843	\$27,874
Nov. 16 - Nov. 22	\$17,996	\$10,077	\$28,072
Nov. 23 - Nov. 29	\$14,999	\$12,739	\$27,738
Nov. 30 - Dec. 6	\$21,415	\$13,770	\$35,185
Dec. 7 - Dec. 13	\$22,426	\$13,598	\$36,024

PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2017

Totals as of December 20, 2020

910 Participants

\$2.2 million Celebrated Goal - **REACHED**

\$3.2 million Challenge Goal - **REACHED**

\$5 million Victory Goal - **Short \$1,768,751**

Pledged \$3,231,249
 Payments \$2,433,956
 Adjustments \$3,000
 Balance of Pledges \$794,292

Thank you to all who has participated in our **2017 Capital Campaign**. We are proud to announce that the \$1,272,290 ADGH IGNITE goal for our parish has been met and paid in full.

Current Parish Debt : \$2,081,194

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2020

Totals as of December 20, 2020

Goal	\$ 205,000
Pledged	\$ 153,947
Payments	\$ 181,129
Balance	\$ 23,871

714 Participants

PREPARACIÓN PARA BAUTISMO INFANTIL

¡Les felicitamos por el nacimiento de su hijo/hija!
Por favor llamen a la oficina para inscribirse al
281-494-1156 ext. 228.

PREPARACIÓN PARA EL MATRIMONIO

Las personas que deseen contraer matrimonio aquí en la Iglesia de Santa Teresa son invitados a asistir a una entrevista de preparación matrimonial. Esto es obligatorio para comenzar el proceso de preparación. Es para las parejas que no están casadas 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 14 de Enero** en el Salón FLC-A.

INSCRIPCIÓN EN LA PARROQUIA

Solicitamos amablemente que todas las familias de nuestra parroquia estén registradas antes de registrarse para CCE o clases de preparación sacramental. Los formularios de registro y cambio están disponibles en el vestíbulo de la iglesia y en la oficina parroquial. Para actualizar la información en la parroquia, llame a la oficina parroquial de 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m. Lunes a Viernes.

Altar flower sponsorship opportunities are available for the new 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

BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR INFANTS

We congratulate you on your birth of your child!
Please call the office to register at
281-494-1156 ext. 228

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, February 9, 2021**. For more information please contact Deacon James Anderson at 281-224-9986.

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.



**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.



SAINT THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

www.sttheresacatholicschool.org

- THE GRIFFIN NEWS -

We are now accepting New Student Applications for the 2021-2022 School Year.

For information or to schedule a family tour, please contact Betty Pruski at
281-494-1157 or bpruski@sttheresacatholicschool.org

Upcoming Open House Dates

Thursday, January 7th @ 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 31st @ 11:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

In observance of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Saint Theresa Catholic School honored our Lady with a special program, Las Mañanitas, presented by our middle school students. The presentation included songs, poems, and a dance performed by the STCS Matachines.



Congratulations to our Saint Theresa Catholic School National Junior Honor Society Member and Inductees



Current Members: Megan Cung, Anastasia Dementyev, Aurelia Newcomb

2020-2021 Inductees: Natalia de los Reyes, Chimkasi Ezike, Clare Hayes, Jaclyn Khong, Adanna Okeke,

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.

FAREWELL FATHER MARTINS!

Beginning January 1, 2021 Cardinal DiNardo has assigned Fr. Martins as the parish administrator of St. Monica Church in Houston. St. Monica's had been served by a religious community that is leaving the diocese.



We have been blessed to have Fr. Martins here, even for a short time. Please pray for Fr. Martins and best wishes as he moves on to his next priestly assignment.



Fundraiser for:
St. Theresa Catholic Church
Sugar Land, TX

For each promo code redeemed during the 2020 Sugar Land Holiday Lights season, purchasers save \$2.00 off each adult ticket price, and \$2.00 is given back to the nonprofit.

Promo Code: STCC

To purchase tickets, visit SugarLandHolidayLights.com
or mention **St. Theresa Catholic Church**
in the TDECU Ticket Office at Constellation Field.

For more information, visit
SugarLandHolidayLights.com or call 281-240-4487

**This offer cannot be combined with any other discount or promotion.*



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD *Normally Holy day of Obligation*

Thursday, December 31, 2020

5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass
7:30 p.m. (español)

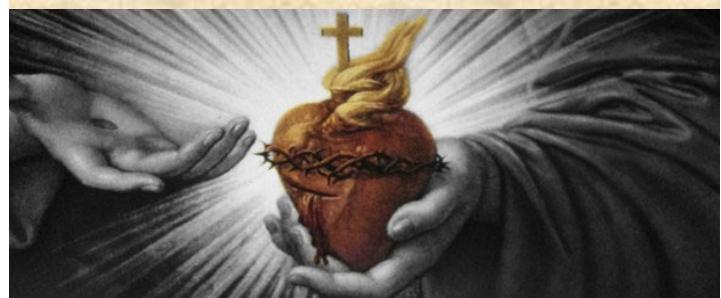
Friday, January 1, 2021

6:45 a.m., 8:30 a.m.
5:30 p.m. (Latin, Extraordinary Form),
7:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m. (Latin)

The parish office will be closed Monday, December 28, 2020 and Friday, January 1, 2021.

FIRST FRIDAY REPARATION VIGIL

January 1, 2021



9:00 p.m.

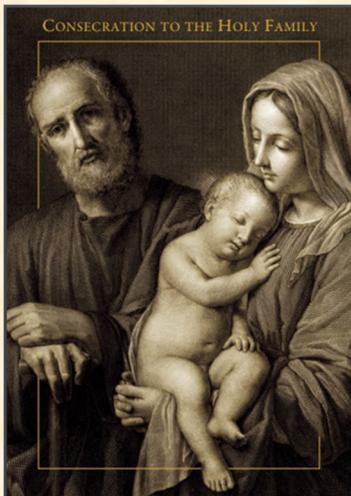
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Consecration to the Sacred & Immaculate Hearts, & Holy Rosary

9:45 - 10:45 p.m.
Confession available

11:00 p.m.

Mass with Gregorian chant

CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY



Families today face many struggles, both through cultural pressures and through personal struggles. Despite these struggles families have a great capacity for love and joy, a joy that is strengthened through the peace and truth found in Christ.

To help strengthen families and revitalize our parish, Fr. David Angelino and the Knights of Columbus are inviting each family in our parish to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family and to devote themselves to the ideal model of familial love set by Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

PROCESS / SCHEDULE

December 19th – 26th

1. **Daily Family Prayer** – Each family should pray together each day for a week.
2. **Fasting** - Families are strongly encouraged to fast from something during this week. Fasting should be from something that is normally consumed or an activity that is regularly done.
3. **Reconciliation** - Families are strongly encourage to go to confession prior to the Consecration (Sunday, December 27th)

December 27th

- Attend Mass and recite the “**Consecration to the Holy Family**” prayer together as a parish family.

**Please make a commitment
to consecrate your family
to the Holy Family.**



Knights of Columbus Contest Winners

The **Knights of Columbus** would like to thank all the students that participated in our youth contests and would also like to extend our congratulations to our first place winners.

Catholic Citizenship Essay Winners

8th Grade – Dylan Tran
11th Grade – Ikeobasi Ezike

Keep Christ in Christmas Winners

Age Group 5 - 7 - Kalina Dementyev
Age Group 8 - 10 - Thomas Hayes
Age Group 11 - 14 - Jaclyn Khong





St Vincent de Paul Society

good works

The Blessing of Belonging to a Family

(The paragraph below appeared in the SVdP bulletin insert last year at this time. We believe that living through the Covid-19 pandemic has made it even more relevant today.)

This Sunday we celebrate ‘The Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph’, the perfect loving family that all of us admire and in a humble way, aspire to emulate.

We believe that most of us here today have worried and stressed at some time over the well being of our children, but have had the blessing of knowing that a spouse, grandparent or a sibling was always there to help and support us no matter what. Imagine how difficult it would be if you were the **only** family to your children. No spouse or extended family willing to help you feed, clothe or provide shelter for your children. Many of the friends and neighbors that we try to help are trapped in this very situation. They need to work but are unable to hold down a job because they are caring for infants and small children at home. Daycare isn’t an option because the jobs available to them don’t pay well enough to afford it. Their family support network is usually a friendly neighbor, probably in the same situation, and access to ministries like our Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

Please remember these broken families and also the Vincentian volunteers throughout the Galveston/Houston Diocese who work tirelessly to give them hope at this time of Advent, they need your prayers.

A Prayer for Families

We bless your name, Father, for sending your incarnate Son Jesus, to become part of a family, so that as he lived its life, he would experience its worries and its joys. We ask you, Father, to protect and watch over all our families, so that with the strength of your grace, its members may forgive, love and care for each other. May possess the priceless gift of your peace, and, as the Church is alive in their homes, bear witness in this world to your glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

—adapted from *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*

Sharing Sunday Update

99 families in the parish were signed up to participate in the ‘Sharing Sunday’ program this year, registering 317 children between the ages of new born and 17 years. Because of job losses due to the pandemic, many of these families are struggling to pay their rent and utilities, they were expecting a very bleak Christmas indeed. So thanks are due to all the parish family members who donated gifts for these needy children, Thank You! Our SVdP ministry also wants to thank all the volunteer members of Belinda Orsborn’s Sharing Sunday Team. Great Job Everyone!

Thanks for your Support in 2020

We thank all our loving parish members and organizations, too many to list, who have supported our SVdP ministry both spiritually and financially throughout this very difficult year. We thank each one of you for giving our Vincentians the opportunity to grow spiritually by serving the poor and needy in our community on your behalf. We are honored and blessed to be allowed to serve.

Detailed SVdP Report for
Utility assistance

Nov. 2020*	Nov. 2019
\$1,607.84	\$2,739.91

Housing assistance	\$975.00	\$3,753.54
Food Pantry**	\$1,248.31	\$2,665.74
SVdP Twin Payments***	\$450.00	\$250.00
Total Disbursements	\$4,281.15	\$9,409.19
Total Deposits	\$7,588.22	\$10,767.03
Client family members served	323	543
Bags of food distributed	256	398
Volunteer hours donated (est.)	165	361

* November was an unusually quiet month due to an uptick in Covid-19 cases causing people to stay home.

** Does not include value of donated food and diapers etc.

*** Twin payments to Holy Family SVdP and Holy Rosary SVdP to help two needy families.

What Food Do We Give To Those Who Need Help?

We stock around 48 different non perishable items that have been reviewed by a professional nutritionist, they include: cans of soups, meats, beans, vegetables, fruits, 1lb.dry beans, 1lb.rice, 2lb.flour, 2lb.sugar, vegetable oil, peanut butter, jelly, various pastas, breakfast cereals as well as personal care items like toothpaste, soap, diapers and baby wipes.

Why Small Sizes of Sugar, Rice, Beans and Flour?

As needy families usually pick up groceries every month, giving out 5 or 10 lb. sizes of sugar, rice, beans and flour would be too much to be consumed in a month. Also, because of our limited facility we are unable to obtain a city permit that would allow us to open and repackage food into smaller packages of 1 or 2lbs size.

Donations of Food and Personal Care Items Are Welcome!

The SVDP ministry can always use your help with donations of non-perishable foods like those listed above. Please leave only ‘food, diapers and personal care items’ in the donation boxes located just inside the Church and Chapel entrances. **Clothing and other items should be placed in the large blue SVDP donation box located in the parking lot area between the Family Life Center and the Emmaus Chapel.**

Unfortunately, we cannot accept donations of used electrical or electronic items for safety reasons, if you leave them we may have to pay to recycle them.

Please do not leave donated items near the office entrances as the office is not manned 24/7. Our business hours are Mondays and Fridays between 10:00am. and 1:00pm.

At this time members of the public are not allowed in the Pantry or SVdP Offices due to the pandemic. Please call 281-242-9149 when you arrive in the parking lot, clearly give your name and phone number and remain in your vehicle until we call you back with instructions.

-SVdP Staff

St. Vincent de Paul office will be closed on
Friday, January 1, 2021

Office will re-open on
Monday, January 4, 2021.



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.

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).**

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.

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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:

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