

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
S A I N T T H E R E S A P A R I S H
ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON—HOUSTON



SAINT THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH
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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

(Extraordinary Form)

5:30 p.m.

CONFSSION • 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-Novus Ordo)

On the cover:

Gallego, Fernando.

The Blessing Christ.

1494 - 1496, mixed media on board.

Prado National Museum,

Madrid, Spain.

**St. Francis de Sales *Introduction to the Devout Life*
Chapter XXXVII. Of Wishes.**

EVERYBODY grants that we must guard against the desire for evil things, since evil desires make evil men. But I say yet further, my daughter, do not desire dangerous things, such as balls or pleasures, office or honor, visions, or ecstasies. Do not long after things afar off; such, I mean, as cannot happen till a distant time, as some do who by this means wear themselves out and expend their energies uselessly, fostering a dangerous spirit of distraction. If a young man gives way to overweening longings for an employment, he cannot obtain yet a while, what good will it do him? If a married woman sets her heart on becoming a religious, or if I crave to buy my neighbor's estate, he not being willing to sell it, is it not mere waste of time? If, when sick, I am restlessly anxious to preach or celebrate, to visit other sick people, or generally to do work befitting the strong, is it not an unprofitable desire, inasmuch as I have no power to fulfil it? and meanwhile these useless wishes take the place of such as I ought to have,—namely, to be patient, resigned, self-denying, obedient, gentle under suffering,—which are what God requires of me under the circumstances. We are too apt to be like a sickly woman, craving ripe cherries in autumn and grapes in spring. I can never think it well for one whose vocation is clear to waste time in wishing for some different manner of life than that which is adapted to his duty, or practices unsuitable to his present position—it is mere idling and will make him slack in his needful work. If I long after a Carthusian solitude, I am losing my time, and such longing usurps the place of that which I ought to entertain—to fulfil my actual duties rightly. No indeed, I would not even have people wish for more wit or better judgment, for such desires are frivolous, and take the place of the wish everyone ought to possess of improving what he has. We ought not to desire ways of serving God which He does not open to us, but rather desire to use what we have rightly. Of course, I mean by this, real earnest desires, not common superficial wishes, which do no harm if not too frequently indulged.

Do not desire crosses, unless you have borne those already laid upon you well—it is an abuse to long after martyrdom while unable to bear an insult patiently. The Enemy of souls often inspires men with ardent desires for unattainable things, in order to divert their attention from present duties, which would be profitable however trifling in themselves. We are apt to fight African monsters in imagination, while we let very petty foes vanquish us in reality for want of due heed. Do not desire temptations, that is temerity, but prepare your heart to meet them bravely, and to resist them when they come.

Too great variety and quantity of food loads the stomach, and (especially when it is weakly) spoils the digestion. Do not overload your soul with innumerable longings, either worldly, for that were destruction,—or even spiritual, for these only cumbers you. When the soul is purged of the evil humors of sin, it experiences a ravenous hunger for spiritual things, and sets to work as one famished at all manner of spiritual exercises; —mortification, penitence, humility, charity, prayer. Doubtless such an appetite is a good sign, but it behooves you to reflect whether you are able to digest all that you fain would eat. Make rather a selection from all these desires, under the guidance of your spiritual father, of such as you are able to perform, and then use them as perfectly as you are able. When you have done this, God will send you more, to be fulfilled in their turn, and so you will not waste time in unprofitable wishes. Not that I would have you lose any good desires, but rather treat them methodically, putting them aside in one corner of your heart till due time comes, while you carry out such as are ripe for action. And this counsel I give to worldly people as well as those who are spiritual, for without heeding it no one can avoid anxiety and over-eagerness.

Altar flower sponsorship opportunities are available for the 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



CONOCIENDO LA BIBLIA

Todos están invitados a la clase
“Conociendo la Biblia”
en el Centro Comunitario
después de las Misa de 8:00 am.

NUEVA PUBLICACIÓN



Felicidades a Eduardo De Jesús Vivanco en la publicación de su libro: **77 Oraciones de un pecador redimido!**

El libro está a la venta en
Amazon.com

San Francisco de Sales *Introducción a la vida devota* Capítulo XXXVII. De deseos.

TODOS están de acuerdo que debemos guardarnos del deseo de cosas malas, ya que los deseos malos hacen a los hombres malos. Pero digo aún más, hija mía, no deseas cosas peligrosas, como bailes o placeres, oficio u honor, visiones o éxtasis. No anheles las cosas lejanas; tal, quiero decir, que no puede suceder hasta muy lejos, como lo hacen algunos que por este medio se desgastan y gastan inútilmente sus energías, fomentando un peligroso espíritu de distracción. Si un joven cede ante los desmesurados anhelos de un empleo, y aún no puede conseguirlo por un tiempo, ¿de qué le servirá? Si una mujer casada pone su corazón en convertirse en religiosa, o si anhelo comprar la propiedad de mi vecino, él no está dispuesto a venderla, ¿no es una simple pérdida de tiempo? Si, cuando estoy enfermo, estoy inquieto por predicar o celebrar, por visitar a otros enfermos o, en general, por hacer un trabajo digno de los fuertes, ¿no es un deseo inútil, en la medida en que no tengo el poder para cumplirlo? y mientras tanto, estos deseos inútiles toman el lugar de los que debería tener, a saber, ser paciente, resignado, abnegado, obediente, amable bajo el sufrimiento, que es lo que Dios requiere de mí dadas las circunstancias. Somos demasiado propensos a ser como una mujer enferma, que ansía cerezas maduras en otoño y uvas en primavera. Nunca puedo pensar que sea bueno para alguien cuya vocación es clara perder el tiempo deseando una forma de vida diferente a la que se adapta a su deber, o prácticas inadecuadas para su puesto actual; es mera holgazanería y lo hará holgazanear en su trabajo necesario. Si anhelo una soledad cartuja, estoy perdiendo el tiempo, y ese anhelo usurpa el lugar de lo que debería entretenerte, cumplir con mis deberes reales correctamente. No, de hecho, ni siquiera quisiera que la gente deseara más ingenio o mejor juicio, porque tales deseos son frívolos y reemplazan el deseo que todos deberían tener de mejorar lo que tienen. No debemos desear formas de servir a Dios que Él no nos abre, sino más bien desear usar lo que tenemos correctamente. Por supuesto, con esto me refiero a verdaderos deseos serios, no a deseos superficiales comunes, que no hacen daño si no se complacen con demasiada frecuencia.

No deseas cruces, a menos que hayas soportado bien las que ya te han impuesto; es un abuso anhelar el martirio sin poder soportar un insulto con paciencia. El Enemigo de las almas inspira a menudo a los hombres con deseos ardientes de cosas inalcanzables, para desviar su atención de los deberes presentes, que serían provechosos por insignificantes que fueran en sí mismos. Somos aptos para luchar contra los monstruos africanos en la imaginación, mientras que dejamos que enemigos muy insignificantes nos vencen en la realidad por falta de la debida atención. No deseas las tentaciones, eso es la temeridad, pero prepara tu corazón para enfrentarlas con valentía y resistirlas cuando vengan.

Demasiada variedad y cantidad de alimentos carga el estómago y (especialmente cuando está débil) estropea la digestión. No sobrecargues tu alma con innumerables anhelos, ya sean mundanos, porque eso fue destrucción, o incluso espirituales, porque estos solo te molestan. Cuando el alma se purga de los malos humores del pecado, experimenta un hambre voraz por las cosas espirituales y se pone a trabajar como alguien hambriento en toda clase de ejercicios espirituales; —Mortificación, penitencia, humildad, caridad, oración. Sin duda, tal apetito es una buena señal, pero le conviene reflexionar si es capaz de digerir todo lo que le gustaría comer. Más bien, haga una selección de todos estos deseos, bajo la guía de su padre espiritual, de aquellos que pueda realizar, y luego utilícelos tan perfectamente como pueda. Cuando hayas hecho esto, Dios te enviará más, para que se cumplan a su vez, y así no perderás el tiempo en deseos inútiles. No es que quiera que pierdas tus buenos deseos, sino que trátalos metódicamente, dejándolos a un lado en un rincón de tu corazón hasta que llegue el momento oportuno, mientras llevas a cabo los que están maduros para la acción. Y este consejo lo doy tanto a las personas mundanas como a las espirituales, porque sin prestarle atención nadie puede evitar la ansiedad y el exceso de entusiasmo.

MASS INTENTIONS AND OFFERTORY

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, October 18, 2021

St. Luke

- 6:45 a.m. ✿ Laura Davidson
- 8:30 a.m. ✿ Darlene Mae Da Silva
- 5:30 p.m. ✿ Lynne Anne &
 Louis Joseph Menesse

Tuesday, October 19

St. Isaac Jogues & Companions

- 6:45 a.m. ✿ Placido Galindo
- 8:30 a.m. ✿ Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Manikath
- 5:30 p.m. Celebrant Intention

Wednesday, October 20

St. Paul of the Cross

- 6:45 a.m. ✿ Jean Davidson
- 8:30 a.m. ✿ Pilipinas Patenia
- 7:00 p.m. ✿ German Francisco Portillo Mejia

Thursday, October 21

Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 6:45 a.m. ✿ Steve F. Sciba
- 8:30 a.m. ✿ Fred Mora
- 5:30 p.m. Peter Nguyen

Friday, October 22

St. John Paul II

- 6:45 a.m. Nate & Beth Stout Family
- 8:30 a.m. ✿ Slyvester Osifo
- 5:30 p.m. ✿ Sister Agnes Nguyen Thi
 Boa Quven

Saturday, October 23

Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 a.m. ✿ Teodora AP. Patenia
- 5:00 p.m. ✿ Richard Gohn

Sunday, October 24

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 6:30 a.m. Kim Vu
- 8:00 a.m. ✿ Francisco Tadeo Jaimes &
 Jose Reymond Jaimes
- 10:00 a.m. ✿ Rafael Mendez & Ronnie Waters
- 12:00 p.m. Parish Family
- 2:00 p.m. Frank Rivas Jr.
- 5:00 p.m. ✿ Oscar Luera & Tim Kana

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

Weekly Offertory Goal \$41,901

Week	Offertory	Online	Total
April 5 - April 11	\$19,218	\$11,986	\$31,203
April 12 - April 18	\$21,655	\$11,245	\$32,900
April 19 - April 25	\$19,683	\$9,136	\$28,819
April 26 - May 2	\$28,070	\$16,726	\$44,796
May 3 - May 9	\$23,401	\$11,517	\$34,918
May 10 - May 16	\$19,659	\$11,071	\$30,730
May 17 - May 23	\$22,197	\$12,740	\$34,936
May 24 - May 30	\$28,132	\$12,072	\$40,204
May 31 - June 6	\$22,133	\$14,198	\$36,330
June 7 - June 13	\$22,343	\$10,499	\$32,842
June 14 - June 20	\$24,666	\$11,946	\$36,612
June 21 - June 27	\$20,575	\$11,152	\$31,727
June 28 - July 4	\$25,660	\$20,354	\$46,013
July 5 - July 11	\$25,262	\$10,724	\$35,985
July 12 - July 18	\$23,034	\$10,936	\$33,970
July 19 - July 25	\$26,678	\$10,404	\$37,081
July 26 - August 1	\$22,793	\$7,123	\$29,916
August 2 - August 8	\$25,697	\$21,054	\$46,751
August 9 - August 15	\$20,164	\$10,688	\$30,852
August 16 - August 22	\$21,304	\$10,259	\$31,562
August 23 - August 29	\$27,424	\$11,176	\$38,600
August 30 - September 5	\$19,495	\$15,966	\$35,456
September 6 - September 12	\$24,947	\$9,525	\$34,472
September 13 - September 19	\$22,385	\$11,098	\$33,483
September 20 - September 26	\$26,628	\$9,196	\$35,824
September 27 - October 3	\$27,505	\$16,728	\$44,233
October 4 - October 10	\$25,843	\$10,625	\$36,468

PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2017

Totals as of October 10, 2021

910 Participants

Pledged \$3,231,249
Payments \$2,580,629
Adjustments \$3,000
Balance of Pledges \$647,619

Our 2017 Capitol Campaign has ended.
Current open pledges are still being
received. Thank you all for your
generous commitment to this
important parish campaign.

Current Parish Debt: \$2,004,666

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2021

**Totals as of
October 10, 2021**

Goal	\$ 200,000
Payments	\$ 157,230
Balance	\$ 42,770

645 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 11 de Noviembre** 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.



RITO DE INICIACION CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS (RICA)

**¿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!

La próxima reunión de Iniciación será el **Domingo 17 de Octubre del 2021** de 10:00 am a 12:00 pm en el salón B1/7. Estos encuentros informales están estructurados para responder a tus preguntas acerca de la Iglesia católica.

Póngase en contacto con: Elsa Galindo al **281-494-1156**

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.

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, December 14, 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 -

2021 STCS FALL FESTIVAL RAFFLE WINNERS

- \$4,000 Visa Gift Card – Luke Gagne
- \$2,000 Visa Gift Card – Mackenzie Neveaux
- \$1,000 Visa Gift Card – Gwen Sharq
- \$500 Visa Gift Card – Joan Hudson
- \$250 Visa Gift Card – Arayath Family

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Drive Thru Fish Dinner

Friday, October 22

Serving starts at 5:30 p.m.
till we sell out.

Fried fish dinner complete with coleslaw, green beans, hush puppies and French fries.

**Sorry no blackened
at this time.**

Plates are \$12.00 each,



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Hurricane IDA Disaster Relief Supply Drive

The Knights of Columbus Council 4204 would like to thank all the parishioners that donated to their disaster relief drive to support our neighbors in southern Louisiana after Hurricane Ida.

Over 4500lbs of water, food, tarps, cleaning supplies and baby items were donated and delivered to a small rural community 25 miles south of Houma, La. The area of Pointe Aux Chenes, Chauvin and Montegut was hard hit with massive devastation. The residents there were desperate for any kind of support, they were very happy to see us.

Thanks again St. Theresa for your continued support and prayers.

-Gary Blanchette
Grand Knight Council 4204



SUGAR CANES OF SAINT THERESA

There will be no Sugar Canes' meetings for October 2021 and November 2021 due to the Coronavirus. Look for details in future bulletins about our upcoming plans to re-start the meeting in December 2021. Also, all members will be notified about the plans for re-starting the meetings in December 2021. Continue to be safe and pray for all of us. Looking forward to seeing all of you in December 2021.

**God Bless! For more information, contact Carol Terral at
281-494-7527 or Cathy Mewis at 281-494-2482**

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Morning Prayer, part of the Liturgy of the Hours, is praying the Psalms and Scripture that lifts you above ordinary prayer.

Jesus and Mary prayed the Psalms - they knew them by heart. It's a beautiful way to start your day, knowing that the entire Church is praying with you and giving honor to God. When you come, we will assist you with the sequence of the prayers. Please join us about 8:00 AM before weekday Mass.

¡Confímate en tan solo 8 semanas! ¡No dejes pasar esta oportunidad!

CONFIRMACIÓN PARA ADULTOS

Calendario de Clases

De 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
en el FLC-B

Martes, 19 de Octubre

Martes, 26 de Octubre

Martes, 2 de Noviembre

Martes, 9 de Noviembre

Martes, 16 de Noviembre

Martes, 30 de Noviembre

Martes, 7 de Diciembre

Martes, 14 de Diciembre

El programa consiste de 8 clases.
Una clase por semana.



Los efectos de la confirmación es la infusión plena del Espíritu Santo, como fue concedida en otro tiempo a los apóstoles el día de pentecostés.

-*Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica #1302*

La confirmación nos concede una fuerza especial del Espíritu Santo para difundir y defender la fe mediante la palabra y las obras como verdaderos testigos de Cristo, para confesar valientemente el nombre de Cristo y para no sentir jamás vergüenza de la cruz.

-*Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica #1303*

La asistencia a todas las sesiones es obligatorio.

Recomendamos ampliamente a todos los adultos de 17 años o más, y que desean ardientemente vivir su fe católica y que aún no han sido confirmados a tomar este curso. Esta es una extraordinaria oportunidad de recibir el Sacramento de la Confirmación en tan solo siete semanas. La confirmación no es, como muchos creen erróneamente, un simple acto público donde se nos reconoce como católicos. La confirmación es la infusión plena del Espíritu Santo. En la confirmación se nos concede una fuerza especial del Espíritu Santo, así como les fue concedida a los apóstoles en el día de Pentecostés. La confirmación Incrementa los dones del Espíritu Santo en ti. No pierdas esta oportunidad de unirte más profundamente a Cristo. -*Equipo de Confirmación en Español*

Las Clases se ofrecen totalmente gratis.

Se necesita el certificado de bautismo, y si estas casado debes de estar casado por la Iglesia Católica.

Nombre _____

Teléfono _____

Correo electrónico _____



NOVENA FOR LIFE



The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a **Novena for Life** to pray for a culture of life and civilization of love in our community, nation, and world from **October 23rd through October 31st**.

The novena will begin with a **Rosary on October 23rd** after the 5:00 pm Mass and end with the **Rosary for the Unborn on October 31st** after 10:00 am Mass.

We are asking families at St. Theresa to make a commitment to pray the “**Celebrate the Gospel of Life**” prayer in their homes on each of the nine days of the novena. The particular intention of this novena is **LIFE**, especially for those mothers that are contemplating an abortion.

Novena Schedule:

October 16, 17, 23 & 24 – Distribution of “**Celebrate the Gospel of Life**” prayer cards after each Mass

October 23 – Start of the Novena with a Rosary after 5:00 pm Mass

October 23 – October 31 – Pray the “**Celebrate the Gospel of Life**” in your homes

October 31 – End the Novena with the “**Rosary for the Unborn**” after the 10:00 am Mass at the monument of the unborn in front of the church.

Please make a commitment to pray the “*Celebrate the Gospel of Life*” for the nine days of the Novena. Together in prayer, we can bring about change.

CELEBRATE THE GOSPEL OF LIFE

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life: Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty and love to the people of our time. Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.



LIFE CHAIN is a nationwide, peaceful and prayerful public witness, against abortion. It is a time for prayerful self-analysis, repentance, and serious commitment to helping end abortion in our nation. Join members of our church as well as several area churches on Highway 6 and First Colony Blvd. to hold signs such as “Abortion Kills Children”, “Abortion Hurts Women”, and “Jesus Heals and Forgives.”

Life Chain will be held on Sunday, October 24th from 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm on Highway 6 and First Colony Blvd. (in front of CVS) in Sugar Land.

Please sign up at the table after Mass today, October 16th and 17th. For any questions, please contact Sam Gonzalez at 281-980-8762.



“In the spirit of Christian Love, commit to being peaceful, prayerful, and polite, in words and deeds”

Maintenance Appeal

My name is Michael Drab. I am the maintenance supervisor here at St. Theresa. I am here today to ask for your help and support for the maintenance needs of this parish.

I have experienced working at other parishes of various sizes. The maintenance needs of parish ministry take a lot of planning and money. Our major and immediate concern right now, is Air Conditioning. We have 9 buildings and 42 separate heating and air conditioning units. Some air conditioning units are the size of the ones in your houses and apartments, others are larger for commercial use. And we have one industrial-sized chiller that provides air conditioning for the school and parish office. The freeze back in February of this year hit us hard. For the school and parish offices, we had to replace a 120,000 dollar chiller, which thankfully the majority was covered by insurance. And due to the old age of our existing units, we have had to replace 6 units so far. Totaling over 75,000 dollars.

The bad news is that we are just getting started. Many of the smaller and commercial-sized units are nearing their end and will need to be replaced. Heating and Air Conditioning is every parish's number one expenditure. But like all parishes, the air conditioning needs are just a tip of the iceberg when it comes to operations. This past year alone, in addition to all the AC systems that I have mentioned, we've had to replace a fire panel for the church and community center, with all its smoke detectors, fire-pull stations, and strobe lights. All for around 30,000 dollars. We have also had to replace 4 water heaters costing us about 20,000 dollars.

Going forward: there will be other expenditures that our parish will need.

- Converting the FLC gym lights, and the parking lot lights to LED: 20,000 Dollars.
 - Stripping and repainting of parking lots: 12,000 dollars.
 - Re-piping of the baptismal font: 25,000 dollars.

And other projects that we haven't priced yet. Such as...

- New roofs for church and surrounding buildings
 - Replacing the tile floor in the church

Other parishes don't have 42 HVAC systems, yet they already have their own dedicated maintenance offering envelope. Which is why we have just added it to the packages of offer envelopes that you all get in the mail monthly.

About 10 years ago, a family donated to help replace one AC unit for the Chapel. 2 years ago, a family donated all the LED lights inside this church and the chapel. And just recently, a parishioner donated to have our sprinkler systems repaired and the lighting system for the monument sign outside to be replaced. While we are grateful for their support, we do need more. In knowing what we are up against for the next three years, we ask you to please be generous.

Thank you,
Michael Drab

For more information contact Daniela at the parish office or through email: daniela@sugarlandcatholic.com

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Omnipotent and eternal God, the everlasting Salvation of those who believe, hear us on behalf of Thy sick servant, **N.**, for whom we beg the aid of Thy loving mercy, that, with his bodily health restored, he may give thanks to Thee in Thy church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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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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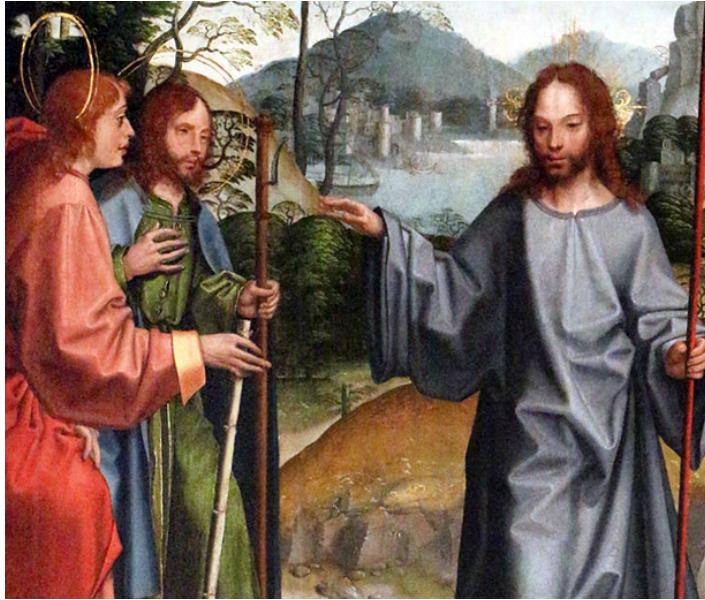
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