

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SAINT THERESA PARISH
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.

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-Novus Ordo)

On the cover:

Bloch, Carl.

The Sermon on the Mount.

1877, oil on copper.

The Museum of National History,
Hillerød, Denmark.**AD BEATISSIMI APOSTOLORUM**Encyclical of Pope Benedict XV
(September 3, 1914 – January 22, 1922)

Let the Princes and Rulers of peoples remember this truth, and let them consider whether it is a prudent and safe idea for governments or for states to separate themselves from the holy religion of Jesus Christ, from which their authority receives such strength and support. Let them consider again and again, whether it is a measure of political wisdom to seek to divorce the teaching of the Gospel and of the Church from the ruling of a country and from the public education of the young. Sad experience proves that human authority fails where religion is set aside. The fate of our first parent after the Fall is wont to come also upon nations....

But there is still, Venerable Brethren, a deeper root of the evils we have hitherto been deplored, and unless the efforts of good men concentrate on its extirpation, that tranquil stability and peacefulness of human relations we so much desire, can never be attained. The apostle himself tells us what it is: "The desire of money is the root of all evils" (*I. Tim vi. 10*). If any one considers the evils under which human society is at present laboring, they will all be seen to spring from this root.

Once the plastic minds of children have been molded by godless schools, and the ideas of the inexperienced masses have been formed by a bad daily or periodical press, and when by means of all the other influences which direct public opinion, there has been instilled into the minds of men that most pernicious error that man must not hope for a state of eternal happiness; but that it is here, here below, that he is to be happy in the enjoyment of wealth and honor and pleasure...

Christ our Lord, foreseeing the present state of things, definitely stated in his sublime Sermon on the Mount, what are the real "beatitudes" of man in the world; and thereby He may be said to have laid down the foundations of Christian philosophy...Now, the whole secret of this divine philosophy is, that what are called the goods of this mortal life have indeed the appearance of good, but not the reality; and, therefore, that it is not in the enjoyment of them that man can be happy. In the divine plan, so far are riches and glory and pleasure from bringing happiness to man that if he really wishes to be happy, he must rather for God's sake renounce them all: "Blessed are ye poor . . . Blessed are ye that weep now; . . . Blessed shall you be when men shall hate you and when they shall separate you, and shall reproach you and cast out your name as evil" (*Luke vi. 20-22*). That is to say, that it is through the sorrows and sufferings and miseries of this life, patiently borne with, as it is right that they should be, that we shall enter into possession of those true and imperishable goods which "God hath prepared for them that love Him" (*I. Cor. ii. 9*). This most important teaching of our Faith is overlooked by many, and by not a few it has been completely forgotten.

Hence it is necessary, Venerable Brethren, to revive it once more in the minds of all, for in no other way can individuals and nations attain to peace. Let us, then, bid those who are undergoing distress of whatever kind, not to cast their eyes down to the earth in which we are as pilgrims, but to raise them to Heaven to which we are going: "For we have not here a lasting city, but we seek one that is to come" (*Heb. xiii. 14*).

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.

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.

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"Come to me all of you." -Matthew 11:28

AD BEATISSIMI APOSTOLORUM

Encíclica del Papa Benedicto XV

(3 de septiembre de 1914 - 22 de enero de 1922)

Recuerden los Príncipes y Gobernantes de los pueblos esta verdad y consideren si es una idea prudente y segura que los gobiernos o los Estados se aparten de la santa religión de Jesucristo, de la cual su autoridad recibe tanta fuerza y apoyo. Que consideren una y otra vez si es una medida de sabiduría política tratar de divorciar la enseñanza del Evangelio y de la Iglesia del gobierno de un país y de la educación pública de los jóvenes. La triste experiencia prueba que la autoridad humana falla cuando se deja de lado la religión. El destino de nuestro primer padre después de la Caída suele caer también sobre las naciones...

Pero hay todavía, Venerables Hermanos, una raíz más profunda de los males que hasta ahora hemos estado descubriendo, y a menos que los esfuerzos de los hombres buenos se concentren en su extirpación, esa tranquila estabilidad y paz de las relaciones humanas que tanto deseamos nunca podrá alcanzarse. El mismo apóstol nos dice de qué se trata: "El deseo del dinero es la raíz de todos los males" (I. Tim vi. 10). Si alguien considera los males bajo los cuales la sociedad humana está trabajando actualmente, se verá que todos brotan de esta raíz.

Una vez que las mentes plásticas de los niños han sido moldeadas por escuelas impías, y las ideas de las masas inexpertas han sido formadas por una mala prensa diaria o periódica, y cuando por medio de todas las demás influencias que dirigen la opinión pública, se han inculcado en las mentes de los hombres ese pernicioso error de que el hombre no debe esperar un estado de felicidad eterna; sino que es aquí, aquí abajo, donde debe ser feliz en el disfrute de la riqueza y el honor y el placer...

Cristo nuestro Señor, previendo el presente estado de cosas, afirmó definitivamente en su sublime Sermón de la Montaña, cuáles son las verdaderas "bienaventuranzas" del hombre en el mundo; y por lo tanto se puede decir que Él sentó las bases de la filosofía cristiana... Ahora, todo el secreto de esta filosofía divina es que lo que se llama los bienes de esta vida mortal tienen ciertamente la apariencia del bien, pero no la realidad; y, por tanto, que no es en el disfrute de ellos que el hombre puede ser feliz. En el plan divino, las riquezas, la gloria y el placer están tan lejos de traer la felicidad al hombre, que, si realmente quiere ser feliz, debe más bien renunciar a todo por amor a Dios: "Bienaventurados los pobres... Bienaventurados los que lloráis ahora... Bienaventurados seréis cuando los hombres os odien, cuando os expulsen, os injurien y proscriban vuestro nombre como malo" (Lucas vi. 20-22). Es decir, que es a través de las penas y sufrimientos y miserias de esta vida, soportados con paciencia, como es justo que sean, que entraremos en posesión de esos bienes verdaderos e imperecederos que "Dios ha preparado para los que le aman" (I. Cor. ii. 9). Muchos pasan por alto esta enseñanza tan importante de nuestra Fe, y no pocos la han olvidado por completo.

Por eso es necesario, Venerables Hermanos, revivirla una vez más en la mente de todos, pues de otra manera los individuos y las naciones no pueden alcanzar la paz. Llamemos, pues, a los que están pasando por alguna angustia, que no bajen la vista a la tierra en la que estamos como peregrinos, sino que los eleven al Cielo adonde vamos: "Porque no tenemos aquí una ciudad duradera, pero buscamos la venidera" (Heb. xiii. 14).

MASS INTENTIONS AND OFFERTORY

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, February 14, 2022

Sts. Cyril & Methodius

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| 6:45 a.m. | Danielle Bishop |
| 8:30 a.m. | Esperanza &
Lorenzo Medina |
| 5:30 p.m. | Jimenez Ledesma Family |

Tuesday, February 15

Weekday in Ordinary Time

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| 6:45 a.m. | ⌘ Ricardo Ramirez |
| 8:30 a.m. | ⌘ Charlie Lopanec |
| 5:30 p.m. | ⌘ Maria Ana Villagomez |

Wednesday, February 16

Weekday in Ordinary Time

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| 6:45 a.m. | ⌘ Carmen Topacio |
| 8:30 a.m. | ⌘ Teodora Yu |
| 7:00 p.m. | ⌘ Serbando Bermudez &
Delores Pennda |

Thursday, February 17

The Seven Holy Founders

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| 6:45 a.m. | ⌘ Steve J. Sciba |
| 8:30 a.m. | Lawas Family |
| 5:30 p.m. | ⌘ Naomi Arpon |

Friday, February 18

Weekday in Ordinary Time

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| 6:45 a.m. | Anne Cimmino |
| 8:30 a.m. | ⌘ Ariel Alban |
| 5:30 p.m. | Chris Coforio & Family |

Saturday, February 19

Weekday in Ordinary Time

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| 8:30 a.m. | Lay Carmelites |
| 5:00 p.m. | ⌘ Pilar & Ireneo Lopez Sr. |

Sunday, February 20

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| 6:30 a.m. | Chinwo & Munachi Mbonu |
| 8:00 a.m. | ⌘ Moises Jarquin & Juan Torres |
| 10:00 a.m. | ⌘ Josephine Dise |
| 12:00 p.m. | ⌘ Romeo Del Puerto |
| 2:00 p.m. | ⌘ Elsa Isabel Narvaez |
| 5:00 p.m. | ⌘ Jesse & Joseph Sanchez |

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	Maintenance Fund
August 9 - August 15	\$20,163	\$10,688	\$30,851	
August 16 - August 22	\$21,304	\$10,259	\$31,562	
August 23 - August 29	\$27,424	\$11,177	\$38,600	
August 30 - September 5	\$19,490	\$15,967	\$35,457	
September 6 - September 12	\$24,947	\$9,526	\$34,473	
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	\$16,729	\$44,234	
October 4 - October 10	\$25,844	\$10,626	\$36,469	\$573
October 11 - October 17	\$20,583	\$10,602	\$31,185	\$13,682
October 18 - October 24	\$23,433	\$8,648	\$32,080	\$2,187
October 25 - October 31	\$24,583	\$11,249	\$35,831	\$8,024
November 1 - November 7	\$25,192	\$15,438	\$40,629	\$4,718
November 8 - November 14	\$22,535	\$10,510	\$33,045	\$41
November 15 - November 21	\$17,646	\$9,286	\$26,932	\$21
November 22 - November 28	\$24,293	\$12,937	\$37,229	\$90
November 29 - December 5	\$27,643	\$15,163	\$42,806	\$1,505
December 6 - December 12	\$20,131	\$10,069	\$30,201	\$742
December 13 - December 19	\$23,952	\$10,097	\$34,049	\$697
December 20 - December 26	\$19,797	\$10,593	\$30,390	\$1,607
December 27 - January 2	\$31,853	\$18,365	\$50,217	\$12,747
January 3 - January 9	\$18,216	\$12,968	\$31,184	\$350
January 10 - January 16	\$21,528	\$9,153	\$30,680	\$2,492
January 17 - January 23	\$20,145	\$9,833	\$29,978	\$1,138
January 24 - January 30	\$22,368	\$10,722	\$33,090	\$1,128
January 31 - February 6	\$23,711	\$16,137	\$39,847	\$2,107

PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2017

Totals as of February 6, 2022

910 Participants

Pledged \$3,231,249
Payments \$2,614,340
Adjustments \$4,500
Balance of Pledges \$612,409

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: \$1,969,589

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2021

Totals as of February 6, 2022

Goal	\$ 200,000
Payments	\$ 200,181
Balance	\$ -182.00

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 10 de Marzo** 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 13 de Febrero 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, April 12, 2022**. 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 accepting New Student Applications for the 2022-2023 School Year
for Grades Pre-K, 4th, 5th, 7th, and 8th grades.

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

A VERY SPECIAL THANK-YOU TO ALL WHO MADE OUR
2022 GRIFFIN DAY OF GIVING A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS!!

Because of your generosity, we surpassed our \$50,000 goal, and we have raised **\$57,200!!**



STCS SHINES at ARCHDIOCESAN MIDDLE SCHOOL STREAM FAIR

Congratulations to our STCS Scientists who took top honors in three of the five categories at the Archdiocesan Middle School STREAM Fair held on January 28, 2022, at Saint Mary of the Purification Catholic School.

Nikita Dementyev, 6th Grade

1st Place - Physical Science

Hanna Abascal Traslosheros, 7th Grade

3rd Place – Physical Science

Joseph Corridore, 7th Grade

1st Place – Earth & Space Science

Clare Hayes, 8th Grade

1st Place - Mathematics

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.



Interested in growing in your faith?

Interested in meeting others?

Do you like to read? **Come join us!**



What: St. Theresa Women's Book Club

When: 2x's a month (Wednesdays)

next meeting: **February 23** at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Youth Lounge

Questions? cbracksieck@gmail.com

Scan or click
here to register:

<https://tinyurl.com/2ks4jhuf>



Volunteer to Visit with Father Roy Oggero

Father Roy is back from the hospital and is slowly on the mend. It has been a difficult journey for him and we are in need of your help.

We need his friends and former parishioners to offer their time to sit with Fr. Roy. This is not a caregiver position as he is still under the care of the staff at St. Dominic's nursing home. We simply need volunteers to be with him and advocate for him when he needs help.



Sign up:
<https://bit.ly/33ISmdB>



SUGAR CANES OF SAINT THERESA

The Sugar Canes' regular monthly meeting will be **Wednesday, February 16, 2022**. We meet at our Parish Community Center at 11:30 a.m. After our brown bag lunch we will have a brief meeting followed by Bingo. We will continue to follow some restrictions, because of Covid, by having bottled water and wrapped pastries.

We welcome and invite all guests and newcomers, age 50+, to attend our monthly meetings the third Wednesday of each month - same place, same time.

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



CONFIRMATION RETREAT 2022

Huge Success!! Thank you to everyone for your prayers, especially those who signed up in the Adoration chapel to pray for us while we were on retreat. Please keep praying for our kids as they prepare for their Confirmation on May 13th!



NEEDED: Hamburger Booth Coordinator

**SILENT AUCTION**

Saint Theresa Catholic Church will be holding its annual Silent Auction online from noon on April 22, 2022 to 9:30 p.m. on April 30, 2022. Items will be previewed at the Bazaar April 30th, 2022, at 5:00pm - 9:30pm. Please consider donating an auction item to contribute to our fundraiser. When considering an item to donate please have it in new or like new condition and ready for the auction. No donation is too big or small!

We have created a list of the items that seem to bring in high bids. Please let us know if you are wishing to donate items so we can reach out to you. Email jvoges@gmail.com or text 832-566-2919. We would like to have the items by April 17, 2022, to be able to take pictures and load them on the Bidding Site.

However, late items will not be turned away!!

- ◆ Rocking Chairs
- ◆ Fishing \ Hunting Trips
- ◆ Homemade goodies: Cakes, Noodles, Pies, etc.
- ◆ Tablets
- ◆ Television
- ◆ Tools
- ◆ Bikes
- ◆ Camping items: Tent, Coleman Stove, Lantern, Ice Chest, etc.
- ◆ BBQ items: Grill, Utensils, Beer, Meat, Spices, Charcoal, etc.
- ◆ Spa Day: gift card to hair salons, nails, facials, waxing, etc.
- ◆ Weekend Getaways: gift cards to hotels, restaurants, etc.
- ◆ Vacation Homes
- ◆ Antiques items: Future, Lamps, Chest, Chairs, etc.
- ◆ Baskets: Kids Toys, Wine, Liquor, Movie\Game Nights, Gardening, etc.
- ◆ Event Tickets: Football Games, Baseball Games, Wine Tasting, etc.
- ◆ Jewelry
- ◆ Car Maintenance Gift Cards: Oil Changes, Car Washes, etc.
- ◆ Lottery Tickets
- ◆ Plants
- ◆ Handmade Projects: Wreaths, Welcome Boards, Quilts, etc.



HISPANICS OF TEXAS FOR LIFE
HISPANOS DE TEXAS POR LA VIDA

OPT FOR LIFE!

We are a local prolife nonprofit bilingual organization that prays in front of the abortion facility in Downton Houston. Our brochures are available at no charge during conferences. And occasionally, we submit press releases to the Spanish media. Currently, If you can help translate English prolife articles into Spanish, your assistance is appreciated. These articles promote the sanctity of life.

Or, if you are familiar with using a Weebly website which is the one we use, that would be of great help.

Please call **Raul Melchor** at **713-492-8998**.

Somos una organización local bilingüe, sin fines de lucro, que trabaja en favor de la vida y ora frente a los centros de abortos en el Centro de Houston. Nuestros folletos están disponibles sin costo alguno durante las conferencias. Y ocasionalmente, enviamos comunicados de prensa a los medios de comunicación hispanos. Actualmente; si usted puede traducir al español textos o artículos pro-vida que están en inglés necesitamos su ayuda.

Estos artículos promueven la santidad de la vida humana en el vientre. O, si usted está familiarizado con el uso del sitio de Weebly, eso sería de gran ayuda. Por favor llame a **Raul Melchor** al **713-492-8998**.

12 day Oberammergau Passion Play

*Frankfurt – Oberammergau – Lucerne –
Mt. Pilatus – Salzburg –
Castle of Franconia –
King Ludwig Castle – Munich*

August 22 - September 2, 2022
\$4,290.00 per person from Houston

Spiritual Director: **Fr. Gregorio Mirtó**
Tour Coordinators: **Dr. Mercedes Sulit**

For further information, please contact
Dr. Mercedes Sulit at 832-729-0906
or email: sulit.mercedes@yahoo.com

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GLORIA DE DIOS

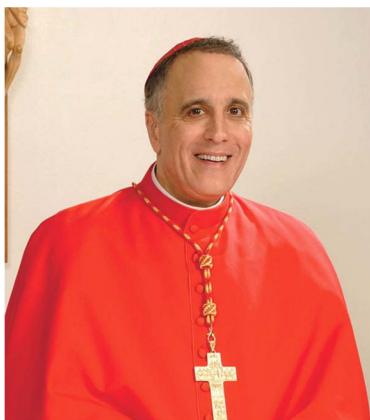
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Archbishop of Galveston-Houston

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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

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).**

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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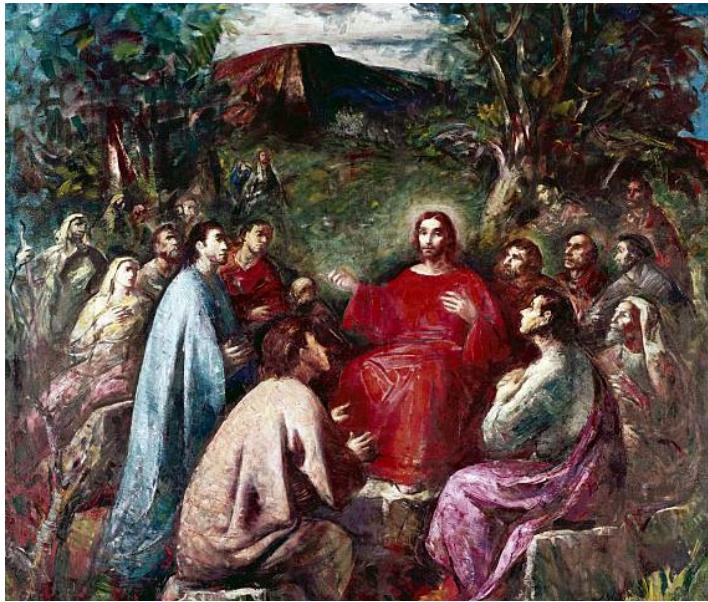


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