

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
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.

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:

Rizi, Francisco.

The dream of Saint Joseph.
 1665, oil on canvas

Newfields,
 Indianapolis, Indiana.



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In recent years, the need to increase “active participation” at Mass has been seen as a need to increase the number of people who are actively doing something in the context of the liturgy. The term “active participation” in referring to the role of the laity at Mass was first used by Pope St. Pius X in a document on the need to revive Gregorian chant in parishes. Pope Pius XII said that active participation at Mass is nothing more than offering yourself as a victim on the paten (the gold vessel that holds the bread) with the priest.

This is not what most of us were taught. Participation at Mass is commonly thought of as verbal participation in saying the responses, singing with the choir, and standing/sitting/kneeling at the appropriate times. This is the most common presentation of the “active participation” that the Church calls for, but it is not what the Church means by the term. The Church primarily refers to our prayers: praying actively in our heart and not the mere words that we say.

This active, or full, participation does not require that we are engaged in some particular ministry at Mass either, although I would like to thank all of those who work to make our liturgies beautiful.

To take one example, under Pope St. John Paul II the Church taught that allowing extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion “is not intended for the sake of a fuller participation of the laity but rather,” to help provide for times when the number of ordinary ministers is not sufficient (*Redemptionis Sacramentum* 151). In a different document the Church said that “the habitual use of extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion at Mass” was an abuse that had to be eliminated where it had become the norm (On Certain Questions Regarding the Collaboration of the Non-Ordained Faithful in the Sacred Ministry Of Priest). We can understand “habitual use” to mean common practice or norm. The pope was saying that the common practice of using extraordinary ministers was not about active participation and should come to an end.

Pope Pius XII, mentioned above, says that we actively participate at Mass not by doing something or even making the responses, but rather by having the same “dispositions as those which the divine Redeemer had when He offered Himself in sacrifice: that is to say, [we] should in a humble attitude of mind, pay adoration, honor, praise and thanksgiving to the supreme majesty of God”. He continues that we must “assume to some extent the character of a victim,” by denying ourselves, doing penance, and making satisfaction for our sins. Active participation “means, in a word, that we must all undergo with Christ a mystical death on the cross so that we can apply to ourselves the words of St. Paul, ‘With Christ I am nailed to the cross’ (Gal.2:19)” (*Mediator Dei* 81).

May God bless you,
Fr. David Angelino

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



CHRISTMAS EVE
Saturday, December 24
 5:00 p.m.
 7:00 p.m.
 9:00 p.m. *Misa de Noche Buena*

Midnight of Christmas
 11:00 p.m. Office of Readings & Motets
 12:00 Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY
Sunday, December 25
 6:30 a.m.
 8:00 a.m. (español)
 10:00 a.m.
 12:00 p.m. Noon

Please note
 There will be
NO other Masses
 or Confession
 after the Noon
 Mass on Sunday.



Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

En los últimos años, la necesidad de aumentar la “participación activa” en la Misa se ha visto como una necesidad de aumentar el número de personas que están haciendo algo activamente en el contexto de la liturgia. El término “participación activa” al referirse al papel de los laicos en la Misa fue utilizado por primera vez por el Papa San Pío X en un documento sobre la necesidad de revivir el canto gregoriano en las parroquias. El Papa Pío XII dijo que la participación activa en la Misa no es más que ofrecerse como víctima en la patena (la vasija de oro que contiene el pan) con el sacerdote.

Esto no es lo que a la mayoría de nosotros nos enseñaron. La participación en la Misa se considera comúnmente como una participación verbal al decir las respuestas, cantar con el coro y pararse/sentarse/arrodillarse en los momentos apropiados. Esta es la presentación más común de la “participación activa” que pide la Iglesia, pero no es lo que la Iglesia quiere decir con el término. La Iglesia se refiere principalmente a nuestras oraciones: orar activamente en nuestro corazón y no las meras palabras que decimos.

Esta participación activa, o plena, tampoco requiere que estemos comprometidos en algún ministerio particular en la Misa, aunque me gustaría agradecer a todos los que trabajan para que nuestras liturgias sean hermosas.

Para tomar un ejemplo, bajo el Papa San Juan Pablo II, la Iglesia enseñó que permitir a los ministros extraordinarios de la Sagrada Comunión “no tiene la intención de lograr una participación más plena de los laicos, sino más bien”, para ayudar a prever los momentos en que el número de ministros ordinarios/ministros no es suficiente (*Redemptionis Sacramentum* 151). En otro documento, la Iglesia dijo que “el uso habitual de ministros extraordinarios de la Sagrada Comunión en la Misa” era un abuso que debía eliminarse donde se había convertido en norma (Sobre ciertas cuestiones relativas a la colaboración de los fieles no ordenados en la Misa). Sagrado Ministerio Del Sacerdote). Podemos entender por “uso habitual” la práctica o norma común. El Papa estaba diciendo que la práctica común de usar ministros extraordinarios no se trata de una participación activa y debería terminar.

El Papa Pío XII, mencionado anteriormente, dice que participamos activamente en la Misa no haciendo algo o incluso dando las respuestas, sino teniendo las mismas “disposiciones que tenía el divino Redentor cuando se ofreció a sí mismo en sacrificio: es decir, [debemos] en actitud humilde de mente, rendir adoración, honor, alabanza y acción de gracias a la suprema majestad de Dios”. Continúa diciendo que debemos “asumir hasta cierto punto el carácter de víctima”, negándonos a nosotros mismos, haciendo penitencia y satisfacción por nuestros pecados. La participación activa “significa, en una palabra, que todos debemos pasar con Cristo una muerte mística en la cruz para que podamos aplicarnos las palabras de San Pablo: 'Con Cristo estoy clavado en la cruz' (Gal. 2:19)” (*Mediator Dei* 81).

Que Dios los bendiga,
Padre David Angelino

MASS INTENTIONS AND OFFERTORY

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 19, 2022

Weekday in Advent

6:45 a.m. Danielle Bishop
 8:30 a.m. ✕ Raphael & Doris Gijon
 5:30 p.m. Francisco Carrizales Jr.

Tuesday, December 20

Weekday in Advent

6:45 a.m. Father Greg Mirto
 8:30 a.m. ✕ Eric Bryant Parker
 5:30 p.m. Joseph A. & Jesse E. Sanchez

Wednesday, December 21

Weekday in Advent

6:45 a.m. Andrew Lee
 8:30 a.m. Jamie Sulit
 7:00 p.m. Manuel Olvera &
 Almalia Gallegos

Thursday, December 22

Weekday in Advent

6:45 a.m. Mimi Ahn
 8:30 a.m. ✕ Fely Labang
 5:30 p.m. Milana Maccio

Friday, December 23

Weekday in Advent

6:45 a.m. ✕ D.J. Traverso Sr.
 8:30 a.m. ✕ Mario Dulyunan
 5:30 p.m. Arely Revilla

Saturday, December 24

Weekday in Advent

8:30 a.m. ✕ William F. Hogan
 5:00 p.m. Jennifer Nguyen
 7:00 p.m. Pedro Cortes
 9:00 p.m. ✕ Candelario Salazar

Sunday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

12:00 a.m. Celebrant Intention
 6:30 a.m. ✕ Robert William Aalerud
 8:00 a.m. ✕ Jose Luis Muniz &
 Santiago Chairez
 10:00 a.m. Parish Family
 12:00 p.m. ✕ Janie & Joe Knezek

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 \$39,379

Week	Offertory	Online	Total
June 13 - June 19	\$23,826	\$736	\$24,562
June 20 - June 26	\$22,160	\$9,205	\$31,364
June 27 - July 3	\$19,387	\$17,976	\$37,363
July 4 - July 10	\$33,756	\$10,135	\$43,890
July 11 - July 17	\$23,744	\$8,679	\$32,423
July 18 - July 24	\$24,785	\$9,158	\$33,942
July 25 - July 31	\$23,697	\$10,406	\$34,103
August 1 - August 7	\$27,573	\$18,780	\$46,352
August 8 - August 14	\$22,902	\$8,854	\$31,756
August 15 - August 21	\$25,916	\$9,764	\$35,680
August 22 - August 28	\$22,556	\$9,745	\$32,301
August 29 - September 4	\$25,590	\$15,854	\$41,443
September 5 - September 11	\$23,186	\$11,668	\$34,853
September 12 - September 18	\$25,261	\$11,981	\$37,242
September 19 - September 25	\$26,145	\$7,994	\$34,139
September 26 - October 2	\$26,265	\$14,502	\$40,766
October 3 - October 9	\$26,160	\$10,908	\$37,068
October 10 - October 16	\$25,328	\$9,777	\$35,105
October 17 - October 23	\$24,152	\$7,843	\$31,994
October 24 - October 30	\$23,823	\$10,789	\$34,611
October 31 - November 6	\$28,160	\$14,007	\$42,167
November 7 - November 13	\$19,221	\$9,049	\$28,269
Society of African Mission	\$29,257	\$680	\$29,937
November 14 - November 20	\$23,749	\$8,644	\$32,393
November 21 - November 27	\$26,447	\$9,273	\$35,719
November 28 - December 4	\$28,158	\$14,873	\$43,031

PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2017

Totals as of December 4, 2022

Pledged \$3,231,249
 Payments \$2,766,337
 Adjustments \$313,647
 Balance of Pledges \$151,265

Our 2017 Capitol Campaign has ended.
 Current open pledges are still being received. Adjustments are being made to update pledges. Envelopes will discontinue when contributions end.

Current Parish Debt: \$1,865,632

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2022

Totals as of December 4, 2022

Goal	\$184,048
Payments	\$175,627
Balance	\$8,421

458 participants

MAINTENANCE FUND STATUS

2021-2022	\$174,654
2022-2023	\$113,977

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 12 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.



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 18 de Diciembre del 2022** 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 at 281-494-1156 ext. 228 to register.

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 14, 2023**. For more information please contact Deacon James Anderson at 281-224-9986.



**Do you have Catholic questions?
We have Catholic answers!**

Curious about the Catholic faith and the Rosary? Do we ‘worship’ Mary and the Pope? Attending Mass with a Catholic spouse, but are not Catholic yourself? In the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults we go in depth to answer some of these questions and much more. Come and see!

If you are seventeen years of age or older and are: unbaptized, baptized in another faith community, or a baptized Catholic who was not raised in the Catholic Church, then the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for you!

You may begin the process at any time during the year.

We are meeting virtually on Zoom. 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 paul@sugarlandcatholic.com prior to attending your first session.



SAINT THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

www.stcssugarland.org

- THE GRIFFIN NEWS -

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' VOLUNTEERING DAY



In the spirit of service to others, STCS students volunteered at the Catholic Charities' Mamie George Community Center. The students prepared and distributed produce and gifts for the Center's clients

Is God calling you to serve on our Advisory School Council?

Our School is currently seeking individuals who feel called to service on our Advisory School Council. The Saint Theresa Catholic Advisory School Council serves in an advisory capacity to the Pastor and the Principal of the School. Those eligible to be a member of the Council:

- *Shall be at least 25 years of age*
- *May not be a spouse, child, sibling, in-law, or parent of a school staff member*
- *May not be an executive of an organization with a similar mission and program structure*
- *May not be affiliated with an organization that is expected to fundraise for the same type of fundraising as that of a STCS Advisory Council member.*

In accepting a position on the Advisory School Council, the Council member will provide leadership assistance and support to STCS as follows:

- *Interest in and commitment to a Classical and Catholic education and a specific commitment to the mission and philosophy of the School*
- *Participation in committee work as related to the School's Long Range Strategic Planning Process*
- *Availability to attend meetings, periodic in-service programs, and fundraising events*
- *Ability to maintain high levels of integrity and confidentiality*
- *Ability to deal with situations related to the good of the educational ministry of STCS*
- *Capacity to give witness to Christian and moral values within the School and Parish communities. If non-Catholic, not opposed to the tenets of the Catholic faith*
- *Ability to maintain adherence to our Volunteer Code of Ethics and Safe Environment training.*

If you feel led to discover more about the opportunity to be a Council member, please contact our Principal, Mrs. Francesca Rice, for more information at frice@sttheresacatholicschool.org or 281-494-1157.

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.



SUGAR CANES OF SAINT THERESA

The Sugar Canes' regular monthly meeting is this **Wednesday, December 21, 2022**. We meet at our Parish Community Center at 11:30 am. We welcome all newcomers, age 50+, to attend our monthly meetings the 3rd Wednesday of each month - same place, same time. Everyone is to bring their own lunch. After a brief meeting we will play Bingo. Coffee, iced tea, water, and desserts will be provided by the Sugar Canes.

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

Interested in growing in your faith?
Interested in meeting others?
Come join us!



Join us for fellowship & faith. New book starts
January 11, 2023
Book: Rediscover the Saints by: Matthew Kelly

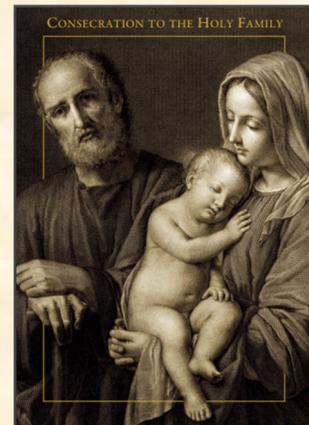


EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY
YOUTH LOUNGE @ 7PM
ROSARY @ 6:40PM OPTIONAL

To register scan code or click here
<https://forms.gle/aQlt2c5yyAvdJQY69>
Questions? contact Carolyn:
cbracksieck@gmail.com



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 24th – January 1st

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, January 1st)

January 1st

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



Consecration brochures will be available after each Mass on December 17 & 18.

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



For inquiries please contact:
The Samahang Filipino of St Theresa
832-212-2251
713-533-2843
281-794-6755
281-794-6755

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

ST. LAURENCE HIRING MAINTENANCE/CUSTODIAN POSITION

St. Laurence Catholic Church in Sugar Land is seeking a maintenance/custodian person to work Sunday 6:00am-2:00pm and Monday-Thursday, 7:30am-3:30pm. General knowledge of building systems is a plus. Job duties include: set-up/take down of tables, chairs, and equipment; changing light bulbs; general plumbing and electrical; performing other tasks and simple repairs, as assigned, to maintain a safe and productive environment. Please submit a resume or contact Sheila Stulak, Facilities Director, at sstulak@stlaurence.org, 281-980-9812. INFO: stlaurence.org/parish-job-opts

WANT TO SEND A CARD
TO A PRIEST THAT HAS
SERVED AT SAINT THERESA
PARISH IN THE PAST?

Fr. Stephen B. Reynolds
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
6646 Addicks Satsuma Rd
Houston, TX 77084-1599

Fr. Eurel Manzano
St. Mary's Seminary
9845 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77024

Fr. Matthew Suniga
St. Mary's Seminary
9845 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77024

Fr. Martins C. Emeh
St. Monica Catholic Church
8421 W Montgomery Rd.
Houston, TX 77088

Fr. Luis Garcia
St. Helen Catholic Church
2209 Old Alvin Rd.
Pearland, TX 77581

Fr. Justin Cormie
Our Lady of Fatima
1705 8th Street
Galena Park, TX 77547

Fr. Kingsley Nwoko
St. Luke the Evangelist
11011 Hall Rd.
Houston, TX 77089

Fr. Carlos De La Torre
St. Alphonsus Church
9217 E. Avenue L
Houston, TX 77012-2727

Fr. Christopher Nguyen
St. Matthias Catholic Church
302 Magnolia Blvd
Magnolia, TX 77355-8535

Fr. Roy J. Oggero
c/o St. Dominic Village
Tower Building Room 506
2401 Holcombe Blvd.
Houston, TX 77021-2023

Donation of Altar Arrangement
December 18, 2022



In Memory of
George Sr. & Carmen Morales

*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

**PARISH MEN'S
SINGING NIGHT**



**Thursday, January 5, 2023
6:45pm in the
Parish Choir Suite**

Twelfth night, twelfth night!
Join us for our greatest Men's
Singing Night yet, **January 5,**
**at 6:45pm in the Parish
Choir Suite.** The Parish Choir
Suite is at the east end of
the walkway alongside the
circle drive on 7th Street.

Let's plan for beer, and possibly
hot cider if the weather suggests
it, and all the most grand and
elevating Christmas carols,
including of course a rousing
chorus of "We three kings"
and "The First Nowell." As
always, this is an evening of
unabashed, vigorous singing
and camaraderie. Bring your
sons, bring your friends,
bring your neighbor. Come
and exercise your voice!

Note well: This Men's Singing
Night has been TRANSFERRED
from the last Thursday of
December to January 5. We
will not meet December
29. Please come for singing
and good cheer on Thursday,
January 5, the eve of the
Epiphany, 6:45pm, in the
Parish Choir Suite.



**You're Invited...
Join Us!**

A CHRISTMAS BENEFIT DINNER DANCE
for St. Theresa Catholic Church-Sugarland

When: Tuesday, December 20, 2022

Where: St. Theresa Community Center

Time: 6:30 PM -11:00 PM

6:30 Registration ~7:00 Dinner

Ticket Cost: \$25.00 per person

Includes Buffet Dinner of Filipino Food and Holiday Favorites!
and the rest of the night to ... Dance, Dance, Dance !

Suggested Attire: Christmas or Sunday Best

Music By: DJ Edgar (Ehgay) Solis

Limited Capacity: Buy Your Tickets Now!

For Tickets, Please Call:

Ninfa Alcantara (281) 814-8817 ~ Dr. Veronica Archibong (281) 685-1638 ~ Celia Clarete (281) 782-6072
Drs. Noel & Violet Clarke (281) 342-3174 ~ Tony & Divine Diza (713) 628-7485 ~ Diana Galindo (281) 248-1252
Marina Samonte (281) 236-0450 ~ Angelina Sarmiento (281) 416-9700 ~ Alyn Vivares (832) 788-5778

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2023 ANNUAL PARISH BAZAAR

SATURDAY APRIL 22 6:00 PM – 11:00 PM
SUNDAY APRIL 23 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Saint Theresa Catholic Church
 705 St. Theresa Blvd., Sugar Land, TX 77498

Chairpersons needed in the following list of categories:

- **General Chairperson** – Oversee all aspects of bazaar
- **Vice-Chairperson** – Assist the General Chairperson
- **Treasurer** – Coordinate token booths & accounting room
(Thanks Rosa!)
- **Booth Chairperson** – Coordinate all the different booths & their needs
- **Volunteer Chairperson** – Organize volunteers for bazaar & manpower sign-up weekend
- **Entertainment** – Search & schedule community entertainment
- **Advertising** – Coordinate all advertising, announcements, & social media
- **Sponsorship** – Coordinate all sponsors & adopt a booth sign-up
- **Supplies** – Organize & maintain food & general supplies for the bazaar
- **Rentals** – Schedule & coordinate drop-off & pick-up of rental items such as rides, fans, coolers, tables, chairs, & other items

This is a great opportunity to get involved, meet fellow parishioners, and serve the parish!

Please call or email Diane Blanchette to learn more about our annual bazaar.

diane@sugarlandcatholic.com

281-494-1156

PRAYER BEFORE MASS

Almighty and ever-living God, I approach the sacrament of Your only-begotten Son Our Lord Jesus Christ. I come sick to the doctor of life, unclean to the fountain of mercy, blind to the radiance of eternal light, and poor and needy to the Lord of heaven and earth. Lord, in your great generosity, heal my sickness, wash away my defilement, enlighten my blindness, enrich my poverty, and clothe my nakedness. May I receive the bread of angels, the King of kings and Lord of lords, with humble reverence, with the purity and faith, the repentance and love, and the determined purpose that will help to bring me to salvation. May I receive the sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood, and its reality and power. Kind God, may I receive the Body of Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, born from the womb of the Virgin Mary, and so be received into His mystical body and numbered among His members. Loving Father, as on my earthly pilgrimage I now receive Your beloved Son under the veil of a sacrament, may I one day see him face to face in glory, who lives and reigns with You forever. Amen.

Saint Thomas Aquinas

THANKSGIVING AFTER MASS

I thank you, holy Lord, almighty Father, eternal God, who deigned to feast me, sinful and unworthy servant, with the precious body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, not for any merit of mine, but only because of your merciful goodness. And I pray that this Holy Communion, far from condemning me to punishment, may bring about my pardon and salvation, encompassing me with the armor of faith and the shield of a good will. By it let my vices be done away, all lustful desires extinguished. May it advance me in charity, patience, humility, obedience, and every other virtue. Let it be strong defense against the wiles of all my enemies, visible and invisible, allaying for me every disturbance of flesh and spirit, binding me firmly to you, the one true God, and bringing my last hour to a happy close. I pray, too, that it may be your pleasure to call my sinful self one day to that banquet, wonderful past all telling, where you, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, feast your saints with the vision of yourself, who are true light, the fulfillment of all desires, the joy that knows no ending, gladness unalloyed, and perfect bliss: through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint Thomas Aquinas

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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Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

*"The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
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