

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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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.

CONFESIONES • 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:

Andrei Mironov
Sermon on the Mount.
 2022, oil on canvas,
 Private Collection.

How to Keep Your Children Catholic (abbreviated)
by Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J.

Channel of Grace. In His ordinary providence, God communicates His grace through other people. He uses believing Christians as channels of His grace of faith to others. He uses loving Christians as channels of His grace of charity to others. ...

What are we saying? We are saying that the first and most fundamental way in which parents can keep their children Catholic is for the parents themselves to be authentic, and I mean authentic, Catholics themselves. This is more than giving a good example. This is the mystery of serving as a conduit of God's grace to everyone whose life we touch. There is no one on earth who is a more important and indispensable channel of divine grace to children than their parents. God does work miracles. But, unless parents are expecting God to work a miracle, they must live a truly, fully Catholic life themselves if they expect their children to remain Catholic in today's Christless world.

Pray with and for the Children. No words can describe the necessity of a family praying together in order to obtain the blessings of God. At the heart of a Christian family is the supernatural life that requires constant light and strength to be sustained. Father Peyton's well-known statement, "The family that prays together stays together," is not a pious cliché. It is the verdict of twenty centuries of Christianity. Just a few practical recommendations: say the Rosary together, if possible, every day; recite the Angelus together at least once a day; say the grace before and after meals as a family; have a holy water font inside the front door for people to bless themselves as they enter the house; have at least a small shrine to our Lady inside the house; have a crucifix and some sacred pictures on the wall. Every one of the above recommendations was the way I was brought up from childhood by my widowed mother.

Train the Children to Understand their Faith. It is one thing to believe; it is something else to grasp what we believe. In today's academically sophisticated world there is no choice. Either understand your faith or lose it. It is not enough for parents to have their children know their prayers and memorize certain articles of faith. The children must grow in their faith. Parents must explain the meaning of what their children believe. Children ask questions from infancy about, "Who is Jesus? Where is God? Does God know what I am thinking? Why should I pray if God already knows what I need?" Moreover, children are now exposed to all kinds of confusion. One priest says one thing, another says something just the opposite. Children grow not only in size and weight. They grow in intelligence. Parents must make sure that their sons and daughters mature not only in body but also, and especially, in spirit. In the gospel of St. Matthew, our Lord gives the parable of the sower who went out to sow, all good seed, but not all on good ground. The first seed fell on the wayside. Immediately the birds of the air came down and picked up the seed lying on the hard ground. So the seed produced no fruit. When Jesus explained the meaning of this parable, He told His disciples the seed falling on the wayside symbolizes those who have received the word of God into their hearts, but fail to understand it. So what happens? The devil comes along and steals the word of God from their hearts. Of course, you parents must yourselves understand what you believe if you are to explain to your children the meaning of their faith.

Prayer

Let me close with a short prayer: "Mary, Mother of the Holy Family, obtain for us from Jesus the light we need to keep our children in the Catholic faith. Ask your Son to give us the strength we need to bring our families to heaven, to the arms of the loving God from whom they came. Amen."

**MORNING OF
RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN**



The ladies of the parish are invited to a morning of prayer on **Wednesday, February 1, 2023** from 10:00 a.m. until noon in the Chapel.

The day includes adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, preached meditations, time for private prayer, and the opportunity for confession.

FIRST FRIDAY ORGAN CONCERT

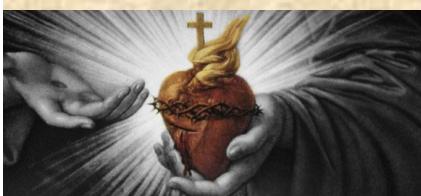
February 3, 2023
7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Featuring: Dr. Kevin Clarke



**FIRST FRIDAY
REPARATION VIGIL**

February 3, 2023



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

Cómo mantener a sus hijos católicos (abreviado)
por el Padre John A. Hardon, S.J.

Canal de Gracia. En Su providencia ordinaria, Dios comunica Su gracia a través de otras personas. Él usa a los cristianos creyentes como canales de Su gracia de fe para otros. Él usa a los cristianos amorosos como canales de Su gracia de caridad hacia los demás. ...

¿Qué estamos diciendo? Estamos diciendo que la primera y más fundamental forma en que los padres pueden mantener a sus hijos católicos es que los padres mismos sean auténticos, y me refiero a auténticos católicos mismos. Esto es más que dar un buen ejemplo. Este es el misterio de servir como conducto de la gracia de Dios para todos aquellos cuya vida tocamos. No hay nadie en la tierra que sea un canal más importante e indispensable de la gracia divina para los niños que sus padres. Dios hace milagros. Pero, a menos que los padres esperen que Dios haga un milagro, ellos mismos deben vivir una vida verdaderamente católica si esperan que sus hijos sigan siendo católicos en el mundo sin Cristo de hoy.

Ore con y para los niños. Ninguna palabra puede describir la necesidad de una familia que reza junta para obtener las bendiciones de Dios. En el corazón de una familia cristiana se encuentra la vida sobrenatural que requiere una luz constante y la fuerza para ser sostenidas. La conocida declaración del padre Peyton, "La familia que reza juntas se mantiene juntas", no es un cliché piadoso. Es el veredicto de veinte siglos de cristianismo. Algunas recomendaciones prácticas: recen el rosario juntos, si es posible, todos los días; Reciten el Ángelus juntos al menos una vez al día; Digan la oración de dar gracias antes y después de las comidas como familia; Tenga una fuente de agua bendita dentro de la puerta principal para que la gente se bendiga cuando entran en la casa; Tengan al menos un pequeño santuario a Nuestra Señora dentro de la casa; Tengan un crucifijo y algunas imágenes sagradas en la pared. Cada una de las recomendaciones anteriores fue la forma en que mi madre viuda me crió de la infancia.

Entrene a los niños para que entiendan su fe. Una cosa es creer; otra cosa es captar lo que creemos. En el mundo académicamente sofisticado de hoy, no hay elección. O entiendes tu fe o la pierdes. No es suficiente que los padres hagan que sus hijos sepan sus oraciones y memoricen ciertos artículos de fe. Los niños deben crecer en su fe. Los padres deben explicar el significado de lo que creen sus hijos. Los niños hacen preguntas desde la infancia acerca de: "¿Quién es Jesús? ¿Dónde está Dios? ¿Dios sabe lo que estoy pensando? ¿Por qué debo orar si Dios ya sabe lo que necesito?" Además, los niños ahora están expuestos a todo tipo de confusiones. Un sacerdote dice una cosa, otro dice algo todo lo contrario. Los niños crecen no solo en tamaño y peso. Crecen en inteligencia. Los padres deben procurar que sus hijos e hijas maduren no sólo en el cuerpo sino también, y, sobre todo, en el espíritu. En el evangelio de San Mateo, nuestro Señor da la parábola del sembrador que salió a sembrar, toda buena semilla, pero no toda en buena tierra. La primera semilla cayó en el camino. Inmediatamente bajaron las aves del cielo y recogieron la semilla que estaba en el suelo duro. Entonces, la semilla no produjo fruto. Cuando Jesús explicó el significado de esta parábola, les dijo a sus discípulos que la semilla que cae al borde del camino simboliza a aquellos que han recibido la palabra de Dios en sus corazones, pero no la entienden. ¿Así que lo que sucede? El diablo viene y roba la palabra de Dios de sus corazones. Por supuesto, ustedes mismos padres deben entender lo que creen si van a explicar a sus hijos el significado de su fe.

Oración

Permítanme terminar con una breve oración: "María, Madre de la Sagrada Familia, alcánzanos de Jesús la luz que necesitamos para mantener a nuestros hijos en la fe católica. Pídele a tu Hijo que nos dé la fuerza que necesitamos para llevar a nuestras familias al cielo, a los brazos del Dios amoroso de quien vinieron. Amén."

MASS INTENTIONS AND OFFERTORY

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, January 30, 2023

Weekday in Ordinary Time

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| 6:45 a.m. | Hector & Eric Aguilera |
| 8:30 a.m. | ✖ Steve DeGuia |
| 5:30 p.m. | ✖ Silvino Sanchez Molina &
Adolfo Sanchez Lopez |

Tuesday, January 31

St. John Bosco

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| 6:45 a.m. | Roberta Gardner |
| 8:30 a.m. | Kamyl Reyes |
| 5:30 p.m. | ✖ Lawrence Santiago |

Wednesday, February 1

Weekday in Ordinary Time

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| 6:45 a.m. | Celebrant Intention |
| 8:30 a.m. | Celebrant Intention |
| 7:00 p.m. | ✖ Melecio Isiordia |

Thursday, February 2

The Presentation of the Lord

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| 6:45 a.m. | ✖ Janie Sitka |
| 8:30 a.m. | ✖ Maria Francisca Fernandez |
| 5:30 p.m. | Celebrant Intention |

Friday, February 3

Weekday in Ordinary Time

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| 6:45 a.m. | Dominic Kolbe Freeman |
| 8:30 a.m. | ✖ Gilma Rosa Zapata Vargas |
| 5:30 p.m. | Irbing & Maria Jose Jimenez |

Saturday, February 4

Weekday in Ordinary Time

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| 8:30 a.m. | ✖ Santa Rita Antao |
| 5:00 p.m. | ✖ Carmen, Sandra, Julian &
Paola Alvarez |

Sunday, February 5

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| 6:30 a.m. | ✖ Silverio & Adela Celis |
| 8:00 a.m. | ✖ Miguel Martinez |
| 10:00 a.m. | Nicholas Archibong |
| 12:00 p.m. | Dr. Erik T. Garcia |
| 2:00 p.m. | Erick Ponce |
| 5:00 p.m. | Parish Family |

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
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
December 5 - December 11	\$23,745	\$11,724	\$35,469
December 12 - December 18	\$25,232	\$8,190	\$33,422
December 19 - December 25	\$24,050	\$10,218	\$34,268
December 26 - January 1	\$35,378	\$28,013	\$63,391
January 2 - January 8	\$29,587	\$11,861	\$41,448
January 9 - January 15	\$25,660	\$8,719	\$34,379
January 16 - January 22	\$25,665	\$10,379	\$36,044

PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2017

Totals as of January 22, 2023

Pledged \$3,231,249
Payments \$2,795,755
Adjustments \$422,365
Balance of Pledges \$13,129

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: \$1,843,686

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2023

Totals as of January 22, 2023

Goal	\$176,000
Payments	\$0.00
Balance	\$176,000

participants

MAINTENANCE FUND STATUS

2021-2022	\$174,654
2022-2023	\$125,126

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 9 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 29 de Enero del 2023** 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 [\(paul@sugarlandcatholic.com\)](mailto:paul@sugarlandcatholic.com) prior to attending your first session.



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GRIFFIN DAY GIVING



Get Ready for a Fun & Exciting Griffin Day of Giving!

On Monday, January 30, 2023, Saint Theresa Catholic School will host our annual **Griffin Day of Giving**. This is our school's 24-hour fundraising event to support our **Griffin Annual Fund**. This fund helps us to bridge the gap between tuition charged and tuition needed for each student at STCS and allows us to keep any tuition increases to a minimum.

This year's goal is to raise \$50,000, and we are fortunate to have a donor offering a dollar-to-dollar match up to **\$20,000!**

An Important Note About Our Griffin Annual Fund

The Saint Theresa Society is a group of lead benefactors in the **Griffin Annual Fund**. Annual membership in the society is open to everyone who makes a gift of \$1,000 or more to the Annual Fund.

- Members are invited to the **Griffin Gratitude Dinner** in recognition of their investment in Saint Theresa Catholic School.
- Members are listed in the **School's Annual Report**.
- All members of the Saint Theresa Society as of June 30, 2023, are considered **Charter Members and Griffin Day of Giving is the perfect time to join!**

We are very grateful to all those who choose to support our mission by making Saint Theresa Catholic School a charitable priority. With your support, we can continue to provide the academic programs and Christ-centered atmosphere that shapes and develops our students into critical thinkers who are positive influences in our community.

Please use the envelopes provided in the pews to make your donation, scan the QR code to donate online, or go to <https://sttheresacatholicschoolsugarland.factsmgtadmin.com/give/>.



Beginning on February 2nd, the Marian Antiphon sung at the end of Mass will change to the Ave Regina Caelorum
Scan below to listen:



*Cat Purificatione, vix
quintam in Lena Domini. A
Ave regina celorum
Ave domina angelorum
Salve radix et porta,
Ex qua mundo lux est
O aude gloriose,
Super omnes speciosa:
Vale valde decora,
Et pro nobis semper Cura
O. Dignare me laudare et
cara. Da mihi virtutem
hostes tuos. B.R.M.*

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TO PURCHASE, CONTACT:
ERINSERICE@GMAIL.COM



Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest



The annual Free Throw Contest is open to all boys and girls ages 9 to 14. Come out and show off your free sharpshooting skills!

Date: Saturday, February 4th
Location: St. Theresa Family Life Center (Gym)
Time: 12:00 noon

Winners in each age level will compete immediately afterwards in the District Championship. First Place winners will receive a Champion Certificate

District winners will receive a First Place Medal and advance to the diocesan level of competition

All participants will receive a participation certificate

All participants are required to furnish proof of age (copy of birth certificate) and must have a signed parental consent form which will be provided at registration.

Why the White Crosses?



The white crosses on the church grounds is to remind us of all those infants that were **not allowed** to be born. Please join the Knights of Columbus in supporting Pro Life and in praying for an end to abortion.





First of all, a sincere **THANK YOU** to St Theresa parishioners for your support of SVdP in 2022 and for making it possible to offer food and financial assistance to those in need. Here we share with you the distribution of your gifts.

Detailed SVDP Report for

	Dec. 2022	Dec. 2021
Utility assistance	\$2,903.36	\$3,799.51
Housing assistance	\$3,600.00	\$1,600.00
Food Pantry*	\$3,004.94	\$418.68
Purchased Gift Cards	\$300.00	\$0.00
Furniture Assistance	\$499.99	\$0.00
SVdP Twin Payments**	\$0.00	\$1,030.00
Operational Expense***	\$0.00	\$59.24
Total Disbursements	\$10,308.29	\$6,907.43
Total Deposits	\$9,569.74	\$14,842.72
Client family members served	343	276
Bags of food distributed	469	247
Volunteer hours donated (est.)	326	221

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

** Twin payments in **2021** to St. Thomas Aquinas & Holy Family SVdP conferences to help three needy families.

*** U-Haul rental in **2021** to pick up food from Garcia MS. No U-Haul was needed in 2022 as Catholic Charities kindly donated the use of one of their trucks, complete with a driver.

2022 in Review

In Summary, in the 2022 calendar year, our SVdP ministry distributed food to 1,244 visitors to the food pantry, serving 4,487 family members. We distributed donated gift cards valued at \$1,460 helping 88 family members buy gasoline and prescription medicine. We spent \$117,120 providing direct aid such as: rental assistance (\$69,303), temporary lodging (\$3,561), utility bill assistance (\$42,559) and medical/funeral assistance (\$1,200). Considering COVID precautions, fifty-nine of these interviews to provide assistance were completed via telephone and email exchanges. This was made possible because our Vincentian case worker team, in addition to working at the pantry, also worked from home to ensure that our friends in need got the help and support that they needed to avoid eviction or utility disconnection. We also spent \$9,786 twinning with nearby SVdP conferences to help them assist particularly needy families and spent \$25,413 purchasing food for the pantry. We estimate that food from various school food drives and parish member donations amounted to around \$50,000!

Our total funding for 2022 was **\$154,306** consisting of \$134,306 from the Church, various ministries, and loving individuals. Plus \$20,000 of ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding. Our total expenses were **\$154,408**. We began 2022 with a bank balance of **\$11,885** and ended with **\$11,783**.

The Lord's budget always balances!

Do 'You' Need Emergency Help?

If you need help and have no one to turn to, please contact us by email at: stcc.svdp@gmail.com or leave a voice message at 281-242-9149. Include your name, address, telephone number and a short summary of your situation and needs. Someone will contact you. Please speak slowly and distinctly and repeat your details.

How You Can Donate Directly to Our SVdP Ministry

Donation checks made out to '*St. Vincent de Paul*' or envelopes containing money and labeled '*St. Vincent de Paul*' can be dropped into any collection basket at any Mass. These donations will be passed on to our SVdP ministry. You may also drop off funding donations at the Food Pantry most Mondays and Fridays between 10:00am and 1:00pm.

Knights of Columbus Delivers the Donations



KOC Council 4204 unloading the 7,000 lbs. of food for the SVdP pantry donated by the "Male Mentor Food Drive" at Garcia Middle School. Use of the truck and driver was courtesy of Catholic Charities. Thank You ! God Bless You!

Donations of Food & Personal Care Items Are Welcome!

The SVdP ministry can always use your help with donations of non-perishable foods still within their expiration dates. Sadly, however, we cannot accept donations of perishable frozen or fresh meat and produce.

Please do not leave fresh or frozen meat, produce or bread in the donation boxes located in the Church and Chapel entries. For health and safety reasons, we have no option but to trash these donations which may also contaminate other food donations. Only clothing and shoes should be placed in the large blue SVdP donation boxes located in the parking lot area between the Family Life Center and the Emmaus Chapel. Please do not leave non-clothing items as they will be trashed. Thank you for your consideration and understanding of these limitations. Our Food Pantry hours are Mondays and Fridays only between 10:00am and 1:00pm.

281-242-9149

SVdP at St Theresa Catholic Church

115 Seventh St., Sugar Land, TX 77498

stcc.svdp@gmail.com



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

VOCATIONS CORNER



Confirmation Retreat

A visit from the sisters of the Leaven of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

This past weekend, we were blessed to have two of the LIHM sisters on retreat with us, Sister Chiara and Sister Blanche. We also had six of our seminarians on retreat with us! (Look at our wall) Keenan, Bill, Arturo, Raymond, John and James.

This was our annual Confirmation retreat for our High School students. One of the seminarians Arturo gave us a wonderful talk on the Eucharist right before Mass. Both of the sisters got to share their vocation stories and the love of God. They even joined us in archery tag and paint ball! Seminarian Bill, who will be a military chaplain, got to show off some of his skills in paint ball...don't get near him!

Fr. David was a witness to priestly vocations, as he spent almost the entire Saturday hearing everyone's confessions (80+) and celebrating Mass for us Friday, Saturday and Sunday!

We can't forget to mention how grateful we were to the seminarians who provided chant for us the first two Mass's and three of our St. Theresa school alumni who jumped right in to chant, Anastasia, Megan and Arabelle. These three girls took charge of the liturgical music Sunday, all on their own. Very grateful to St. Theresa's school for teaching them how to sing like angels! Ave Maria!

Let us pray in thanksgiving for our priests, seminarians and sisters for their living witness of heaven on earth.

The image is a promotional poster for a Middle School Retreat. In the top left corner, there is a red circular badge with the word "REGISTRATION" at the top and "\$35" in the center. To the right of the badge are three small square images: a close-up of hands holding a rosary, silhouettes of people with arms raised against a sunset, and a group of diverse teenagers sitting together indoors. The background features stylized orange and yellow mountain peaks. On the left side, text reads "FEB 18TH 8 AM - 9 PM" and "CHECK-IN STARTS 7:45AM". On the right side, it says "FOR ALL 6TH-8TH GRADES TEENS!" and "REGISTRATION DEADLINE JAN 31ST". The main title "MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT" is written in large, bold, white letters across the center. To the right of the title, smaller text reads "AT ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH SUGARLAND". In the bottom right corner, there is a QR code.

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Date: **Sunday, February 5, 2023**

Time: **2:00 p.m.**

The San Isidro Cemetery Association will hold a general meeting and Board of Directors election on **Sunday, February 5, 2023**. The meeting will be held at the Sugar Land Heritage Museum and Visitor Center, 198 Kempner Street, Sugar Land, TX and start at **2:00PM**. All persons who are interested in San Isidro Cemetery, the Board of Directors election and its operations are invited to attend this meeting.

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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:

Marilyn Cheaney, Jesse Rodriguez, Joe Larry Morales, Ociel Vences, Maria Flores de Jesus, Rosa Angelica Torres, Maria Ponce de Leon Onofre, Edward Charles Grant, Roland Hayes Caldwell, Tristan Berlanga, Cruz Velasquez, Elvira Merts, Elaine Koon, J. Antonio Salazer, Arturo Gonzalez, Teresita de Jesus Perfetti, Deborah Kowal, Timothy Lee Schumann, Lourdes Castillo, Thomas R. Noser, Fred Trliceck, Estelle J. Wheatley, Jose Leal, Salvador Nino, Joan Damon Simon, Lorenza C. Soriano, Pamela Memmer, Stephen J. Coluccio, Delthine Martinson, Lady Maria Onyebuchi, Roberto Muñoz, Efrain Gomez, Agpangulo Aranas, Miguel A. Gracia, Fabio H. Gamboa, Agnes Orji, Billy N. Pendergrass, Gordon White, Blanca Shinno, Georgie Mendel, Jesus Rodriguez, Reyes Z. Rivera, Betty Cartwright, Lupe Garcia, Maria Y. Moreno de Mendez, Louis A Brito, Lawrence J. Vargas, Agnes H. Carl, William E. Murray, Evelyn P. Bartos, Janie M. Sitka, Americo Arguello, Salvatore Puma, Allan Griffin, Thomas Nauck, Rudy Rodriguez Sr., Felipe Flores, John J. Swoboda, Thomas Justin, Bonifacio Rodriguez, Maria Mercedes Zaza



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