

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
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 SemanaMonday-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:

Marcantonio Franceschini.

Christ and the woman of Samaria.

1700, oil on canvas,

Museum of Fine Arts,

Houston, TX.

Pope Benedict XVI
Ash Wednesday Homily 17 Feb 2010

With this moving invocation from the Book of Wisdom (cf. 11: 23-26), the Liturgy opens the Eucharistic Celebration of Ash Wednesday. In a certain way, these words introduce the entire Lenten journey; they establish the omnipotence of God's love as the basis, his absolute dominion over every creature which is expressed in infinite forgiveness and animated by the constant, universal desire for life. Indeed, forgiving someone is equivalent to telling him or her: I do not want you to die, but to live; I always and only want the best for you.

This absolute certainty sustained Jesus during the 40 days he spent in the Judean desert, after he had received Baptism from John in the Jordan. For him that long period of silence and fasting was a complete abandonment of himself to the Father and to his plan of love. The time was a "baptism", that is, an "immersion" in God's will and in this sense a foretaste of the Passion and of the Cross. Going out into the desert alone to remain there at length meant exposing himself willingly to the assaults of the enemy, the tempter who brought about Adam's fall and whose envy caused death to enter the world (cf. Sg 2,24). It meant engaging in battle with him, with nothing but the weapon of boundless faith to challenge him, in the omnipotent love of the Father. Your love is enough for me, my food is to do your will (cf. Jn 4,34): this conviction pervaded Jesus' mind and heart during his time of "Lent". It was neither an act of pride nor a titanic undertaking but rather a humble choice, consistent with the Incarnation and the Baptism in the Jordan, in the same vein of obedience to the merciful love of the Father, who "so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (Jn 3,16).

Our Lord Jesus did all this for us. He did it to save us, and at the same time to show us the path on which to follow him. Salvation is in fact a gift; it is the grace of God, but in order for it to make an impact on my life it requires my assent, an acceptance that is demonstrated in my actions in other words, the will to live like Jesus, to follow him. Following Jesus into the Lenten desert is therefore a prerequisite for participating in his Pasch, in his "exodus". Adam was banished from the earthly Paradise, a symbol of communion with God. Now, in order to return to this communion and thus to true life, to eternal life, it is necessary to cross the desert, the trial of faith not alone, but with Jesus! He has preceded us, as always, and has already won the battle against the spirit of evil. This is the meaning of Lent, the liturgical Season that every year invites us to renew our decision to follow Christ on the path of humility, in order to take part in his victory over sin and death.

...Dear brothers and sisters, Lent broadens our horizons; it orients us to eternal life. On this earth we are on a pilgrimage: "Here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city which is to come", according to the Letter to the Hebrews (He 13,14). Lent shows us the relativity of the goods of this earth, thus rendering us capable of the necessary sacrifices and free to do good. Let us open our world to the light of Heaven, to the presence of God among us. Amen.

RESERVE LA FECHA

Misión de Cuaresma
Padre Juan Pineda



Las Misiones de
Cuaresma serán:
Martes 14
de marzo de
7:00 p.m. a 9:00 p.m.

Miércoles 15
de marzo de
7:00 p.m. a 9:00 p.m.



CONOCIENDO LA BIBLIA

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

Papa Benedicto XVI Homilía del Miércoles de Ceniza 17 de febrero de 2010

Con esta conmovedora invocación, tomada del *Libro de la Sabiduría* (cf. *Sb* 11, 23-26), la liturgia introduce en la celebración eucarística del miércoles de Ceniza. Son palabras que, de algún modo, abren todo el itinerario cuaresmal, poniendo en su fundamento la omnipotencia del amor de Dios, su señorío absoluto sobre toda criatura, que se traduce en indulgencia infinita, animada por una constante y universal voluntad de vida. En efecto, perdonar a alguien equivale a decirle: no quiero que mueras, sino que vivas; quiero siempre y sólo tu bien.

Esta certeza absoluta sostuvo a Jesús durante los cuarenta días que pasó en el desierto de Judea, después del bautismo recibido de Juan en el Jordán. Ese largo tiempo de silencio y de ayuno fue para él un abandonarse completamente en el Padre y en su proyecto de amor; también fue un "bautismo", o sea, una "inmersión" en su voluntad, y en este sentido un anticipo de la pasión y de la cruz. Adentrarse en el desierto y permanecer allí largamente, solo, significaba exponerse voluntariamente a los asaltos del enemigo, el tentador que hizo caer a Adán y por cuya envidia entró en el mundo la muerte (cf. *Sb* 2, 24); significaba entablar con él la batalla en campo abierto, desafiarle sin otras armas que la confianza ilimitada en el amor omnipotente del Padre. Me basta tu amor, me alimento de tu voluntad (cf. *Jn* 4, 34): esta convicción habitaba la mente y el corazón de Jesús durante aquella "cuaresma" suya. No fue un acto de orgullo, una empresa titánica, sino una elección de humildad, coherente con la Encarnación y el bautismo en el Jordán, en la misma línea de obediencia al amor misericordioso del Padre, quien "tanto amó al mundo que le dio a su Hijo unigénito" (*Jn* 3, 16).

Todo esto el Señor Jesús lo hizo por nosotros. Lo hizo para salvarnos y, al mismo tiempo, para mostrarnos el camino para seguirlo. La salvación, de hecho, es don, es gracia de Dios, pero para tener efecto en mi existencia requiere mi asentimiento, una acogida demostrada con obras, o sea, con la voluntad de vivir como Jesús, de caminar tras él. Seguir a Jesús en el desierto cuaresmal es, por lo tanto, condición necesaria para participar en su Pascua, en su "éxodo". Adán fue expulsado del Paraíso terrenal, símbolo de la comunión con Dios; ahora, para volver a esta comunión y por consiguiente a la verdadera vida, la vida eterna, hay que atravesar el desierto, la prueba de la fe. No solos, sino con Jesús. Él —como siempre— nos ha precedido y ya ha vencido el combate contra el espíritu del mal. Este es el sentido de la Cuaresma, tiempo litúrgico que cada año nos invita a renovar la opción de seguir a Cristo por el camino de la humildad para participar en su victoria sobre el pecado y sobre la muerte.

...Queridos hermanos y hermanas, la Cuaresma ensancha nuestro horizonte, nos orienta hacia la vida eterna. En esta tierra estamos de peregrinación, "no tenemos aquí ciudad permanente, sino que andamos buscando la del futuro", dice la carta a los Hebreos (*Hb* 13, 14). La Cuaresma permite comprender la relatividad de los bienes de esta tierra y así nos hace capaces para afrontar las renuncias necesarias, nos hace libres para hacer el bien. Abramos la tierra a la luz del cielo, a la presencia de Dios entre nosotros. Amén.

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MASS INTENTIONS AND OFFERTORY

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, March 13, 2023

Weekday in Lent

- 6:45 a.m. ✕ Mario Dulyunan
- 8:30 a.m. ✕ Juan Fernando Echavarria
- 5:30 p.m. ✕ Fr. Robert Matzinger

Tuesday, March 14

Weekday in Lent

- 6:45 a.m. ✕ Martin & Ygnacia Villarreal
- 8:30 a.m. ✕ Roberto & Georgina Denham
- 5:30 p.m. ✕ Hilda Sondon

Wednesday, March 15

Weekday in Lent

- 6:45 a.m. ✕ Sulpicio & Josefina Mate
- 8:30 a.m. ✕ Rolando Sulit
- 7:00 p.m. ✕ Josefina Rodriguez & Carlos Martinez

Thursday, March 16

Weekday in Lent

- 6:45 a.m. ✕ Suzanne Linbeck Reynolds
- 8:30 a.m. Hamish & Mersy
- 5:30 p.m. ✕ Manuel Tamez

Friday, March 17

Weekday in Lent

- 6:45 a.m. ✕ Catherine Gallagher
- 8:30 a.m. ✕ Tom Noser
- 5:30 p.m. English Family

Saturday, March 18

Weekday in Lent

- 8:30 a.m. Lay Carmelites
- 5:00 p.m. Joseph Brian Vu

Sunday, March 19

Third Sunday of Lent

- 6:30 a.m. Isabel Hochhalter
- 8:00 a.m. ✕ Gilma Rosa Zapata Vargas
- 10:00 a.m. Daniela Reuvella
- 12:00 p.m. ✕ Monica Ngoo Ngun & Nazarius Ngu
- 2:00 p.m. Catalina Mendez
- 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 |
|-----------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| 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 |
| January 23 - January 29 | \$22,371 | \$8,159 | \$30,530 |
| January 30 - February 5 | \$27,459 | \$16,832 | \$44,291 |
| February 6 - February 12 | \$22,976 | \$8,041 | \$31,016 |
| February 13 - February 19 | \$25,559 | \$11,205 | \$36,764 |
| February 20 - February 26 | \$26,504 | \$9,652 | \$36,155 |
| February 27 - March 5 | \$28,857 | \$16,954 | \$45,811 |

PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2017

Totals as of March 5, 2023

Pledged \$3,231,249
 Payments \$2,801,775
 Adjustments \$422,827
 Balance of Pledges \$6,647

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: \$1,833,433

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2023

Totals as of March 5, 2023

| | |
|----------|-----------|
| Goal | \$176,000 |
| Payments | \$14,298 |
| Balance | \$161,702 |

50 participants

MAINTENANCE FUND STATUS

| | |
|-----------|-----------|
| 2021-2022 | \$174,654 |
| 2022-2023 | \$129,357 |

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 Mayo** 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 12 de Marzo 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, April 11, 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.

Lenten Scrutinies

The Scrutinies are solemn intercessions made by the faithful on behalf of those who were chosen by our Archbishop to receive the Easter sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. We pray that all evil will be removed from the Elect so nothing will stand in the way of God's graces as they prepare for initiation.

The First Scrutiny

We know the world is full of sin that can leave us thirsting for God's love. Drinking from the wells of sin only leave us thirsty again. In the first scrutiny, we name what leaves us thirsting for the Living Water that only Christ can offer, the Living Water that was offered to the Samaritan Woman and will be offered to our Elect when they enter the font at the Easter Vigil. We celebrate the first scrutiny at the 8 and 10 AM Masses today.



SAINT THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

www.stcssugarland.org

- THE GRIFFIN NEWS -

We are accepting New Student Applications for the 2023-2024 School Year for Grades Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, 5th, and 6th. For information or to schedule a Family tour, please contact Betty Pruski at 281-494-1157 or bpruski@sttheresacatholicschool.org

STCS TAKES 1st Place in DECATHLON

Our STCS Griffins took 1st Place at the Archdiocesan Level of the National Catholic Junior High Academic Decathlon. The team also took 1st Place in the Logic category. We are very proud of their accomplishment, and our prayers and good wishes go with them as the decathletes will now compete at the National Level on Saturday, March 25.



STCS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – SCHOOL NURSE

Saint Theresa Catholic School is seeking a full-time nurse for the 2023-2024 school year.

The School Nurse manages all processes related to the health and well-being of all STCS students. He or she provides assessment, screening, planning, intervention, evaluation, case management and/or referrals concerning the health and medical care needs of students for the purpose of minimizing absences due to illness, maximizing educational opportunities, and creating a healthy school climate.

The qualified individual will have at least an Associate's Degree in Nursing and licensure in the State of Texas. The Nurse must be a person of unquestioned integrity, must be well organized and detail-oriented, and must be firmly committed to maintaining the confidentiality of medical, academic, and financial records.

Qualified individuals must be a Registered Professional nurse, designated as R.N. as defined and determined by state law, and currently licensed in the state. The School Nurse must hold current certification in Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).

Send applications or inquiries to: tgoldak@sttheresacatholicschool.org

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.



Catholic Kids Camp

St. Theresa Catholic Church

July 10-14

Day Camp 7:30am-12:00pm

open to PRK-3 to 7th Grade



Old Testament Last Supper The Sacrifice The Mass The Miracles

- Register online. Go to our website or use QR Code
- Open to those going into PRK-3 - 7th grade in Fall 2023. (Those who are older can sign up to volunteer)
- \$30 a student for the entire week.



Lenten Fish Fry
is back and
we are back inside!!

**Next Fish Fry
March 17, 2023**
Serving every Friday
during Lent from 5:30 p.m.
till we sell out.

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

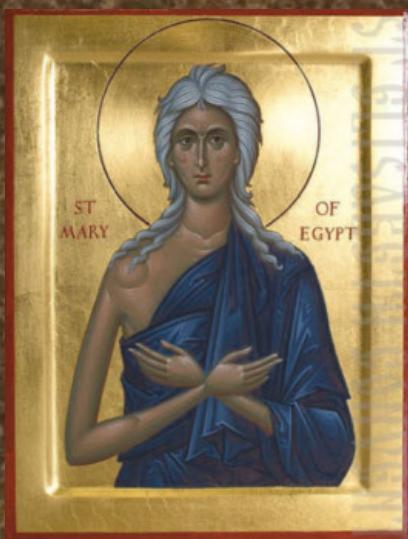
All this for \$15.00
per plate including drink.



Come on in, sit down
and enjoy a great meal
with your family, friends,
and fellow parishioners!
To go plates also available.

Brought to you by: Knights
of Columbus Council 4204
Knights in Action!!

BREAKFAST WITH A SAINT “Cloud of Witnesses” Series Presents



*St. Mary of Egypt Model of
repentance, her dramatic
conversion and life in the desert.*

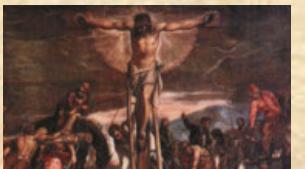
By Leslie Bohannon, M.A.T.S.

Saturday, March 25, 2023
10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Family Life Center, Youth Lounge

Coffee and refreshments will be served 30 minutes prior to the presentation. Please RSVP:
Susiemsykes@gmail.com

**THE WAY OF
THE CROSS**

Friday, March 17, 2023



7:00 p.m. English
8:00 p.m. Español

Garage sale donations drop-off begins April 10 in the community center

ADOPT A BOOTH 2023

| Booth | \$200 Level | \$500 Level | \$1,000 Level |
|--|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| Auction - Live PENDING—Need Co-Chair | | | |
| Auction - Silent | | | |
| Basketball Shootout | | | |
| Bean Bag Toss | | | |
| Beer/Wine | | | |
| Cake Walk | | | |
| Churros & Fruit Kabobs | | | |
| Concessions (hotdogs, popcorn, ice cream, pickles, cotton candy) | | | |
| Crawfish | | | |
| Duck Pond | | | |
| Face Painting, Hair & Nails | | | |
| Filipino Food Booth | | | |
| First Aid & Volunteers Booth | | | |
| French Fries | | | |
| Garage Sale | | | |
| Hamburgers | | | |
| Hidden Treasures | | | |
| Hi-Striker 15 ft | | | |
| Jail | | | |
| Kountry Kitchen | | | |
| Knock Down Bottles | | | |
| Margaritas | | | |
| Mexican | | | |
| Moon Walk | | | |
| Nigerian | | | |
| Plant Booth | | | |
| Raffle Booth | | | |
| Ring A Coke- School | | | |
| Rock n Roll Ride | | | |
| Rock Wall | | | |
| Skee Ball | | | |
| Sno-balls | | | |
| Soft Drinks, Tea & Lemonade | | \$500 | |
| Souvenirs & Things | | | |
| St. Dominic Rosary Shop | | | |
| St. Faustina Paint Class | | | |
| St. Joseph Woodshop | | | |
| St. Theresa Pot a Plant | | | |
| Stuffed Animals | | | |
| Turkey Legs & Sausage on a Stick | | | |
| Ven. Mary Book Corner | | | |
| Wheel Barrow Raffle—Sponsored by KCs | | | |
| Wizzer Ride | | | |
| Totals | \$ | \$500 | \$ |

\$20 per day wristband for unlimited rides

| \$5,000 Donation | \$10,000 Donation | \$15,000 Donation |
|---|--|---|
| - Large banner across school/admin building arches - Free food/beverage at the event for up to 5 attendees | - Secondary feature on banner across church face - Free food/beverage at the event for up to 10 attendees | - Primary feature on main event banner across church face - Free food/beverage at the event for up to 15 attendees |



Adoption Levels

\$200:

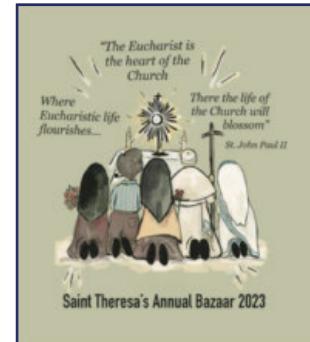
- ◆ Name or Company listed on sponsorship sign

\$500:

- ◆ 2 bazaar t-shirts
- ◆ 1 book of raffle tickets
- ◆ Name or Company listed on sponsorship sign

\$1,000:

- ◆ \$50 worth of tokens
- ◆ 4 bazaar t-shirts
- ◆ 2 books of raffle tickets
- ◆ Name or Company listed on large sponsorship sign



WHERE

Saint Theresa Church
705 St. Theresa Blvd.
Sugar Land, TX
281-494-1156

WHEN

April 22 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm
April 23 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

ITEMS NEEDED:

- *silent & live auction items
- *stuffed animals
- *cake walk items during bazaar

Alms giving Corner Donations needed!

Donations can be handed in to the main office with the subject "***Donation for Vocations- Religious Sisters Flight***" on an envelope. Cash, Credit and Checks are accepted. Checks can be made payable to "St. Theresa's Catholic Church". You can also donate online with online giving (Visit our website or scan this QR code, be sure to select "***High School Youth Ministry***")



The sisters of the order, "**Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary**" are flying in for our parish High School Spring Retreat! We have raised \$250 so far. We are flying in 3 of the sisters, each flight is \$552.96 The total with tax is \$1,658.88



Help fly one of our students for a "Come and See" retreat with the "Leaven of the Immaculate Heart of Mary" We have raised \$40 so far. The total cost of her ticket is \$406.80



SUGAR CANES OF SAINT THERESA

The Sugar Canes' regular monthly meeting is this **Wednesday, March 15, 2023**. We meet at our Parish Community Center at 11:30 am the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Instead of our usual brown bag lunch that day, we will enjoy a catered lunch of chicken fried steak, which is for **members only**. Cost is \$12.00 per person. Coffee, iced tea, water and dessert will be included. After our lunch we will have a brief business meeting followed by Bingo.

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

ADULT CONFIRMATION 18+



Starting EVERY **April 4** TUESDAY **FOR 8 WEEKS**

THE COMMUNITY CENTER

ADULTS (18+) WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED AND MADE THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE THESE COURSES AND RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION.

TO REGISTER YOU MUST EMAIL
GABRIEL@SUGARLANDCATHOLIC.COM
WITH THE SUBJECT: ADULT CONFIRMATION

YOU MUST OBTAIN A COPY OF YOUR BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

IF YOU ARE MARRIED OUTSIDE OF THE CHURCH THEN YOU MUST FIRST GET YOUR MARRIAGE CONVALIDATED.

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

¡Confímate en tan solo 6 semanas! ¡No dejes pasar esta oportunidad!

CONFIRMACIÓN PARA ADULTOS

El programa consiste de 6 clases. Una clase por semana de 2 horas.

**Calendario de Clases
de 6:30 pm a 8:30 pm
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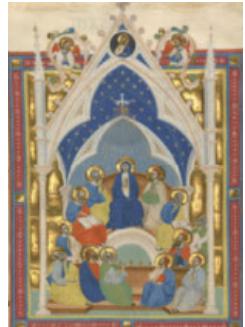
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The Image of The Divine Mercy

The Image of the Divine Mercy originates from a vision that St. Faustina had on February 22, 1931. In that vision she saw Jesus clothed in a white garment with his right hand raised in blessing. The image represents the risen Christ whose hands and feet bear the marks of the crucifixion. His left hand was touching His garment in the area of the heart, from where two large rays came forth one red and the other pale. When asked about their meaning, Jesus explained: The pale ray stands for the water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the blood which is the life of souls. These words indicate that the image represents the graces of Divine Mercy poured out upon the world, especially through the Sacraments of Mercy (Baptism and Penance), and the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the blood of souls, carrying life-sustaining food for our spiritual journey. These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when my agonized heart was opened by a lance on the cross (Diary, 299).

Jesus said to her: "Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You" (Diary, 327). I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over its enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory (Diary, 47, 48). I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and then throughout the world (Diary, 47).

St. Faustina felt that the painted image was not even close in magnificence to vision she had of Our Lord, and wrote, "I felt very sad about it, but hid this deep in my heart. After she left the artist's house she went immediately to the chapel and wept a great deal. I said to the Lord, who will paint you as beautiful as You are? Then I heard these words: **Not in the beauty of the color; nor of the brush lies the greatness of this image, but in My grace**" (Diary, 313).

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PRAYER FOR THE SICK

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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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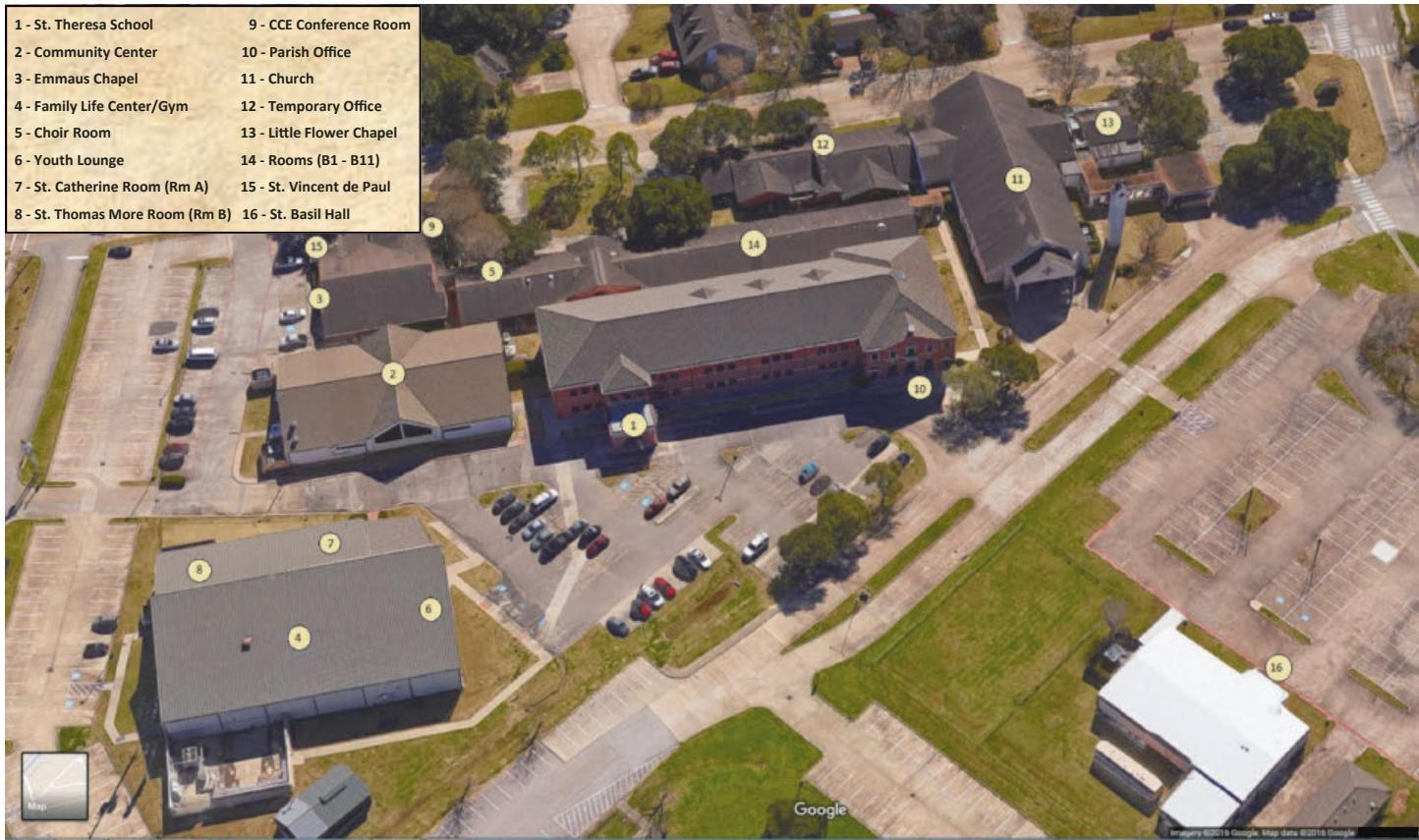
O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

"We have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world" (John 4:42).

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