FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 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.

CONFESSION • 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:

König Ludwig
The Good Shepherd.
May 29, 2017
Private Collection.

St. Francis de Sales, *Introduction to the Devout Life* Chapter XXXVI. Of a Well-Balanced, Reasonable Mind.

REASON is the special characteristic of man, and yet it is a rare thing to find really reasonable men, all the more that self-love hinders reason, and beguiles us insensibly into all manner of trifling, but yet dangerous acts of injustice and untruth, which, like the little foxes in the Canticles (Cant. 2:15), spoil our vines, while, just because they are trifling, people pay no attention to them, and because they are numerous, they do infinite harm. Let me give some instances of what I mean.

We find fault with our neighbor very readily for a small matter, while we pass over great things in ourselves. We strive to sell dear and buy cheap. We are eager to deal with strict justice to others, but to obtain indulgence for ourselves. We expect a good construction to be put on all we say, but we are sensitive and critical as to our neighbor's words. We expect him to let us have whatever we want for money, when it would be more reasonable to let him keep that which is his, if he desires to do so, and leave us to keep our gold. We are vexed with him because he will not accommodate us, while perhaps he has better reason to be vexed with us for wanting to disturb him. If we have a liking for any one thing, we despise all else, and reject whatever does not precisely suit our taste. If some inferior is unacceptable to us, or we have once caught him in error, he is sure to be wrong in our eyes whatever he may do, and we are forever thwarting, or looking coldly on him, while, on the other hand, someone who happens to please us is sure to be right.

Sometimes even parents show unfair preference for a child endowed with personal gifts over one afflicted with some physical imperfection. We put the rich before the poor, although they may have less claim, and be less worthy; we even give preference to well-dressed people. We are strict in exacting our own rights but expect others to be yielding as to theirs; —we complain freely of our neighbors, but we do not like them to make any complaints of us. Whatever we do for them appears very great in our sight, but what they do for us counts as nothing. In a word, we are like the Paphlagonia partridge, which has two hearts; for we have a very tender, pitiful, easy heart towards ourselves, and one which is hard, harsh, and strict towards our neighbor. We have two scales, one wherein to measure our own goods to the best advantage, and the other to weigh our neighbors to the worst. Holy Scripture tells us that lying lips are an abomination unto the Lord (Prov 12:22), and the double heart, with one measure whereby to receive, and another to give, is also abominable in His Sight.

Be just and fair in all you do. Always put yourself in your neighbor's place, and put him into yours, and then you will judge fairly. Sell as you would buy, and buy as you would sell, and you're buying and selling will alike be honest. These little dishonesties seem unimportant, because we are not obliged to make restitution, and we have, after all, only taken that which we might demand according to the strict letter of the law; but nevertheless, they are sins against right and charity, and are mere trickery, greatly needing correction—nor does anyone ever lose by being generous, noble-hearted, and courteous. Be sure then often to examine your dealings with your neighbor, whether your heart is right towards him, as you would have his towards you, were things reversed—this is the true test of reason. When Trajan was blamed by his confidential friends for making the Imperial presence too accessible, he replied, "Does it not behoove me to strive to be such an emperor towards my subjects as I should wish to meet with were I a subject?"

MORNING OF RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN



The ladies of the parish are invited to a morning of prayer on Wednesday, May 3, 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

May 5, 2023 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Featuring: Dr. Kevin Clarke



FIRST FRIDAY
REPARATION VIGIL

May 5, 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

San Francisco de Sales, *Introducción a la vida devota* Capítulo XXXVI. De una Mente Bien Equilibrada y Razonable.

La RAZÓN es la característica especial del hombre y, sin embargo, es raro encontrar hombres realmente razonables, tanto más que el amor propio obstaculiza la razón y nos seduce insensiblemente a toda clase de actos insignificantes, pero peligrosos, de injusticia y falsedad que, como las zorras de los Cánticos (Cant. 2, 15), echan a perder nuestras viñas, mientras que, por ser insignificantes, la gente no les hace caso, y por ser numerosas, hacen un daño infinito. Permítanme dar algunos ejemplos de lo que quiero decir.

Muy pronto criticamos a nuestro prójimo por las cosas pequeñas, mientras que en nosotros mismos pasamos por alto las grandes cosas. Nos esforzamos por vender caro y comprar barato. Estamos deseosos de tratar con estricta justicia a los demás, pero de obtener indulgencia para nosotros mismos. Esperamos que se dé una buena interpretación a todo lo que decimos, pero somos sensibles y críticos con las palabras de nuestro prójimo. Esperamos que nos deje tener lo que queramos por dinero, cuando sería más razonable dejar que se quede con lo que es suyo, si así lo desea, y dejar que nos quedemos con nuestro oro. Estamos enfadados con él porque no nos quiere acomodar, mientras que tal vez tenga mejores razones para enfadarse con nosotros por querer molestarlo. Si nos gusta algo, despreciamos todo lo demás y rechazamos todo lo que no se ajusta precisamente a nuestro gusto. Si algún inferior es inaceptable para nosotros, o lo hemos sorprendido una vez por error, es seguro que estará equivocado a nuestros ojos haga lo que haga, y siempre lo frustraremos o lo miraremos con frialdad, mientras que, por otro lado, alguien que nos complace seguramente tendrá razón.

A veces, incluso los padres muestran una preferencia injusta por un hijo dotado de dones personales sobre uno aquejado de alguna imperfección física. Anteponemos a los ricos a los pobres, aunque tengan menos derecho y sean menos dignos; incluso damos preferencia a las personas bien vestidas. Somos estrictos en exigir nuestros propios derechos, pero esperamos que los demás cedan en cuanto a los suyos; —Nos quejamos libremente de nuestros vecinos, pero no nos gusta que se quejen de nosotros. Todo lo que hacemos por ellos parece muy grande a nuestros ojos, pero lo que ellos hacen por nosotros no cuenta como nada. En una palabra, somos como la perdiz de Paflagonia, que tiene dos corazones; porque tenemos un corazón muy tierno, compasivo y fácil con nosotros mismos, y duro, áspero y severo con el prójimo. Tenemos dos balanzas, una en la que medir nuestros propios bienes en la mejor ventaja, y la otra para pesar a nuestros vecinos en la peor. La Sagrada Escritura nos dice que los labios mentirosos son una abominación para el Señor (Prov 12:22), y el corazón doble, con una medida para recibir y otra para dar, también es abominable a Su Vista.

Sea justo y equitativo en todo lo que haga. Ponte siempre en el lugar de tu prójimo, y ponlo en el tuyo, y entonces juzgarás con justicia. Vende como comprarías, y compra como venderías, y lo que estás comprando y vendiendo será igual de honesto. Estas pequeñas deshonestidades parecen sin importancia, porque no estamos obligados a hacer restitución, y después de todo, solo hemos tomado lo que podríamos exigir de acuerdo con la letra estricta de la ley; pero, sin embargo, son pecados contra el derecho y la caridad, y son meras artimañas, muy necesitadas de corrección, y nadie pierde nunca por ser generoso, noble de corazón y cortés. Asegúrense entonces de examinar a menudo sus tratos con su prójimo, si su corazón es recto hacia él, como lo sería hacia ustedes si las cosas fueran al revés; esta es la verdadera prueba de la razón. Cuando sus amigos confidenciales culparon a Trajano por hacer que la presencia imperial fuera demasiado accesible, respondió: "¿No me corresponde esforzarme por ser un emperador para mis súbditos como me gustaría encontrarme si fuera un súbdito?"

MASS INTENTIONS AND OFFERTORY

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, May 1, 2023

St. Joseph the Worker

6:45 a.m. Celebrant Intention 8:30 a.m. Celebrant Intention

5:30 p.m.

♣ Dcn. Frank & Karen Cromer

Tuesday, May 2

St. Athanasius

6:45 a.m.

8:30 a.m.

Maria Treviño

Angelica Perez

6:00 p.m.

Ana Miranda

Wednesday, May 3

Sts. Philip and James

6:45 a.m.

♣ Rodolfo Martinez
8:30 a.m.

♣ Juan Esteban Rodriguez
7:00 p.m.

♣ Gilma Rosa Zapata Vargas

Thursday, May 4

Weekday in Easter

6:45 a.m. Anna Nguyen 8:30 a.m.

Maria Dang 5:30 p.m.

Joseph D. Baker & Kenneth R. Sciba

Friday, May 5

Weekday in Easter

6:45 a.m.

8:30 a.m.

5:30 p.m.

David Brittain
Mario Salas

Fred Mora

Saturday, May 6

Weekday in Easter

8:30 a.m.

★ Lourdes & Elizabeth Bastillo
5:00 p.m.

★ Carmen Rodriguez Novola

Sunday, May 7

Fifth Sunday of Easter

6:30 a.m. Parish Family 8:00 a.m. ♣ Antonio Salazar Maya 10:00 a.m. ♣ Amanda Archibong 12:00 p.m. Arelly Revilla

2:00 p.m.

▼ Juan Antonio Rodriguez
5:00 p.m.
Celebrant Intention

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	
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	\$28,991	\$16,955	\$45,946	
March 6 - March 12	\$21,873	\$8,651	\$30,524	
March 13 - March 19	\$30,475	\$11,218	\$41,693	
March 20 - March 26	\$29,044	\$7,913	\$36,957	
March 27 - April 2	\$36,530	\$15,902	\$52,432	
April 3 - April 9	\$41,390	\$15,902	\$57,292	
April 10 - April 16	\$26,324	\$10,141	\$36,465	
April 17 - April 23	\$25,401	\$8,031	\$33,432	

Parish Capital Campaign 2017 Totals as of April 23, 2023

Pledged \$3,231,249 Payments \$2,802,661 Adjustments \$422,827 Balance of Pledges \$5,761

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: \$1,813,460

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2023

Totals as of April 23, 2023

Goal \$176,000 Payments \$49,170 Balance \$126,830

180 participants

MAINTENANCE FUND STATUS

2021-2022 \$174,654 2022-2023 \$146,352

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.



¿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 <u>RICA</u> es para ti!

La próxima reunión de Iniciación será el **Domingo 30 de Abril 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**, **June 13, 2023**. For more information please contact Deacon James Anderson at 281-224-9986.





Easter is a great time to explore the Catholic faith!

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.

What is Mystagogy?

Our newly initiated "savor the mysteries" during these fifty days of Easter. This is a time to deepen their grasp of the paschal mystery through sharing in the Eucharist, meditating on the Easter scriptures and reflecting on the various parts of the Mass of the Faithful. This is a time for the community to connect more closely with our new Catholics. Our Neophytes wear white baptismal garments during the Easter season.



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

STCS STUDENTS SHINE IN POETRY CONTEST

Congratulations to STCS students Nikita Dementyev, Abigail Phalen, and Samantha Court for your outstanding performances in the *2023 Archdiocesan Middle School Sacred Poetry Contest*. Nikita and Abigail won 2nd Place honors in their grade categories. Samantha placed 1st in her grade category and was also named the 2023 Poet Laureate among all 800 entries.

The contest is sponsored in collaboration with Catholic Liberal Arts, an organization whose mission is to encourage ongoing growth in literary, artistic, and spiritual development of artists and writers so that the Cultural Patrimony and rich treasures of the Catholic Church may be more perfectly explored and used to draw all peoples to God.



To read Abigail, Nikita, and Samantha's poems, please go to: stcssugarland.org.



STCS WELCOMES NEW SCHOOL NURSE

Ms. Jaclyn Gamez will be joining the 2023-2024 staff.



Originally from San Antonio, Texas, Ms. Jaclyn Gamez moved to the Houston/Katy area in 2016. She obtained an Associate of Science from Northwest Vista College and graduated from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She is currently attending the University of Texas Medical Branch pursuing her Doctor of Nursing Practice to become a Family Nurse Practitioner. Her call to service has come in many forms over the past eleven years serving many populations from neonates, pediatrics, adolescents, adults, and geriatrics. Ms. Gamez's experiences working in occupational health, school nursing, emergency management, home health, hospice, and labor & delivery helped her find her true calling and passion to work with children. It has been rewarding to see them grow and emerge as strong and healthy individuals to be successful, function, and play a vital role in society.

Ms. Gamez has two beautiful children and is delighted they will be attending STCS. Her family feels blessed to embark on a new faithful journey to become a part of the STCS family. Being of Catholic faith, Ms. Gamez is passionate to work at STCS to not only provide compassionate care to the children and staff, but to be her best-self as a nurse and healer, with the intent to serve the Lord and our faith-based school community.

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.

EDUCATION GRANT OPPORTUNITY



St. Basil Council 4204 is offering **two** individual EDUCATION GRANTS in the amount of \$1,000.00 each to 2023 graduating **high school seniors**. The committee of Knights will review each essay and select the winners. The following rules will apply to the awarding of the grants:

The essay may be **HANDWRITTEN** or **TYPED**

The essay must be received by May 26, 2023 by: Grand Knight Gary Blanchette 3110 Pheasant Trail Dr, Sugar Land, TX 77498 Email: gb4204gk@gmail.com

The applicant's name should appear only on the coversheet and there shall be no reference to your name or the names of any members of your family in your essay, or you will be disqualified.

The essay should be written in 3 SECTIONS or PARAGRAPHS.

Section I: Personal history, including length of residence in the Sugar Land area, high school activities, jobs, hobbies, and community involvement.

Section II: Goals in life, such as college, community, or technical school major/minor, desired vocation/job after graduation, and the name of the institution you plan to attend.

Section III: Respond to the following:

What is the relationship between the family and society?

References & Resources: Catechism of the Catholic Church: nos. 2196-2257, especially 2207-2213

The Second Vatican Council: Gaudium et Spes (Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World), Paragraphs 47-52

Pope St. John Paul II: Familiaris Consortio, especially paragraph 42-48

The contest is open to the children or grandchildren of all KC's who are members in good standing at Council 4204 and all registered members of St. Theresa Catholic Church of Sugar Land. The winners of the education grant and their families will be guests of the Knights of Columbus at their annual awards banquet in June.

Should there be any questions, please contact Grand Knight Gary Blanchette at gb4204gk@gmail.com

EDUCATION GRANT OPPORTUNITY



St. Basil Council 4204 is offering **one** individual EDUCATION GRANT in the amount of \$1,000.00 to an **eighth-grade student** entering a Catholic high school in the fall of 2023. The committee of Knights will review each essay and select the winners. The following rules will apply to the awarding of the grants:

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Knights of Columbus St. Basil Council 4204 21st Annual Charity Golf Tournament

FRIDAY, MAY 5TH, 2023
THE QUAIL VALLEY GOLF COURSE
MISSOURI CITY, TEXAS

Entry Fee: \$125 per individual; \$500 per team. (Includes green fee, range balls, shared cart, hamburger buffet lunch and prizes)

Format: Four-Player Team Scramble (Men and Women; Teams and Individuals Welcome) 8:30 A.M. Shotgun start followed by lunch, awards and prizes

Please make checks payable to:

Knights of Columbus Council 4204, Mail entry and checks to:

KC Charity Golf Tournament c/o Lloyd Waguespack

21343 Winding Path Way, Richmond, TX 77406

Website: http://www.kc4204.org For additional information

contact: Lloyd Waguespack - 713-899-2645 - Email:

<u>lloydwaguespack@comcast.net</u>

Gold Sponsor \$700.00

1-4 person team entry fee

1-Hole sponsor sign

Silver Sponsor
2-Individual entry fees
1-Hole sponsor sign

Bronze Sponsor
1-Individual entry fee
1-Hole sponsor sign

Hole Sponsor \$125.00 1-Hole sponsor sign on tee box

Beverage Cart Sponsor \$250.00 1-Special cart signage

Please return entry and check by: Tuesday, May 3rd, 2023

You are cordially invited to Breakfast with St. Macrina



The Sister Who Influenced St. Basil the Great and Their Family of Saints and Who Is Called the Mother of Eastern Monasticism

Presentation by Leslie Bohannon, M.A.T.S.

Saturday, May 20, 2023 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Youth Lounge at the Family Life Center Coffee and refreshments will be served 30 minutes before the presentation.

Seating is limited, please RSVP:

Susiemsykes@gmail.com



You created my inmost self, knit me together in my mother's womb. Psalm 139:13

Help us offer life to the unborn through the work of The Gabriel Project

We will distribute empty baby bottles on the date shown below.

Baby Bottle Pick Up Date: **April 29-30, May 6-7**

Baby Bottle Return Date: May 30 and 31



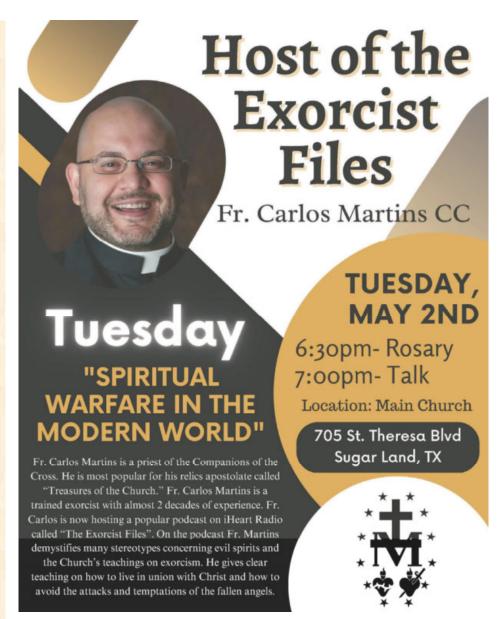
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS APRIL 30, 2023



The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2).

his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life.

2023 marks the 60th
Anniversary of the World Day
of Prayer for Vocations. The
St. Alphonsus Liguori Apostolate
will be handing out after masses
today prayer cards which we ask
parishioners to take and pray with
your family for vocations to the
priesthood and religious life.
Please tell our priests words of
appreciation for all they do for us.



To the gentlemen of St. Theresa Parish:

The sun has full risen and shows a joyful Eastertide. **May 4, 6:45-8:15pm**, we will sing new songs to God on high and make fraternal merriment in the Parish Choir Room, just off the circle drive on 7th Street. We will arrange to have a keg of beer.

Per usual, no particular talent or musical intuition is required, and fussiness is furthermore undesired at this fest. No preparation is required--only recommend our festivities to some other fellow and help to fill the choir room with manly shouts and good humor. Music sheets will be provided.





St Vincent de Paul Society

good works

Our St Theresa Catholic School students began a March Friday morning happily arriving with canned goods donations to the SVdP pantry. The children were checking out the pantry shelves and deciding where their donation would go, and meeting the volunteers. In return they received many thankyou's for providing donations for those who come to our pantry for food on Mondays and Fridays.





What Food Do We Give To Those Who Need Help?

We stock around 48 different nonperishable items that have been reviewed by a professional nutritionist, they include: cans of soups, meats, beans, vegetables, fruits, 1lb.dry beans, 1lb.rice, 2lb.flour, 2lb.sugar, vegetable oil, peanut butter, jelly, various pastas, breakfast cereals as well as personal care items like toothpaste, soap, diapers and baby wipes.

Why Small Sizes of Sugar, Rice, Beans and Flour?

As needy families usually pick up groceries every month, giving out 5 or 10 lb. sizes of sugar, rice, beans and flour would be too much to be consumed in a month. Also, because of our limited facility, we are unable to obtain a city permit that would allow us to open and repackage food into smaller packages of 1 or 2lbs size.

Una mañana de viernes este Marzo, los estudiantes de la escuela Católica St Theresa llegaron con donaciones de artículos enlatados para la despensa de San Vincent de Paul. Los estudiantes mostraron interés en ver los estantes de la despensa, decidieron dónde poner sus donaciones, y conocieron y hablaron con los voluntarios. Ellos trajeron mucha energía y sonrisas a la despensa. De vuelta ellos recibieron muchas expresiones de aprecio por proveer donaciones tan valiosas para los que vienen a nuestra despensa cada Lunes y Viernes.

Do 'You' Need Emergency Help?

If you need help and have no one to turn to, please contact us by email or leave a voice. Include your name, address, telephone number and a short summary of your situation and needs. Please speak slowly and distinctly and repeat your details.

Necesita Ayuda de Emergencia?

Nuestro ministerio a SVdP está aquí para ayudar los miembros de la parroquia en tiempos de necesidad. Si necesita ayuda i no tienes a quien acudir, por favor contáctanos por email o déjanos un mensaje. Incluya su nombre, dirección, numero de teléfono, y un sumario breve de su situación y necesidades, y alguien los va a contactar. Si Ud. está llamando, por favor hable lento y repita los detalles.

SVdP at St Theresa Catholic Church 281-242-9149 115 Seventh St, Sugar Land 77498 stcc.svdp@gmail.com Mondays and Fridays, 10am-1pm

How You Can Donate Directly to Our SVdP Ministry

Donation checks 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 to be passed on to our SVdP ministry. You may also drop off funding donations at the Food Pantry Mondays and Fridays between 10:00am and 1:00pm. Corporate Matching Gift programs can be generous options also.

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. *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.

Detailed SVDP Report for	March 2023	March 2022
Utility assistance	\$1,702.47	\$2,823.10
Housing assistance	\$600.00	\$3,040.00
Food Pantry*	\$4,175.80	\$876.25
SVdP Twin Payments**	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Total Disbursements	\$8,564.90	\$8,055.35
Total Deposits	\$12,688.11	\$11,377.13
Family members in need served	402	265
Bags of food distributed	423	258
Volunteer hours donated (est.)	343	207

- * Does not include value of donated food and diapers etc.
- ** Twin payments made in March 2022 to St. Thomas Aquinas & St. Michael SVdP conferences to help two needy families.

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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O Lord, remember not our former iniquities, and forgive us our sins, for Thy Name's sake.

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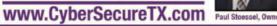
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Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

"I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

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