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Pope Francis kisses the foot of a woman
at the Don Gnocchi Foundation in Rome. April 17, 2014.

Welcome, Pope Francis!
Papal Visit to the US † September 22-27



St. Theresa
MEMORIAL PARK
all are welcome.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time: September 20, 2015

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am,
11:30 am (Spanish), 5:30 pm

Daily Mass: Monday through Friday at 7 am,
Thursday at 6:30 pm

Holy Day Masses: 7 am, 12:10 pm, & 6:30 pm

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My Dear Parishioners,

What great joy to welcome Pope Francis to our country. May it be a blessing for the Church, our country and the world. He exemplifies well today the true charter of a teacher. The words from the Lord's own mouth in the Gospel of today's Mass echo true in his case, and hopefully in ours. "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be last and the servant of all." -Mark 9:35. An ancient title of the Pope is, Servant of the Servants of God.

The following quotes will help us reflect on his message of the Gospel at a time when its hearing is most needed and its acting upon imperative.

With every good wish,
Fr. Phil

"May no one use religion as a pretext for actions against human dignity and against the fundamental rights of every man and woman."

"Let no one use God as a shield while planning and carrying out acts of violence and oppression."

"The service of the common good is left once greed for money presides over the entire socioeconomic system, it ruins society, it condemns and enslaves men and women, it destroys human fraternity, it sets people against one another and, as we clearly see, it even puts at risk our common home."

"In a word: charity cannot be neutral, antiseptic, indifferent, lukewarm or impartial! Charity is infectious, it excites, it risks and it engages! For true charity is always unmerited, unconditional and gratuitous! Charity is creative in finding the right words to speak to all those considered incurable and hence untouchable."



Pope Francis hugging two former street children at a ceremony in Manila, Philippines

This Week

Monday, September 21

7:00 am Mass
6:30 pm Meditation Prayer Group, Mary Chapel
7:00 pm Young Adult Study Series, FH Lounge
7:00 pm Book Club, Brides Room
7:30 pm Men's Encounter, FH Board Room

Tuesday, September 22

7:00 am Mass
7:30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6:15 pm School Board, FH Board Room
6:30 pm Women's Encounter, Brides Room

Wednesday, September 23

7:00 am Mass
8:10 am School Mass
6:45 pm Baptism Class, Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm Spanish Prayer Group, Brides Room
7:00 pm Legión de María, Sacristy
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Church Choir Loft
8:15 pm Men's AA, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, September 24

7:00 am Mass
7:30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
5:30 pm Reconciliation
6:00 pm PTO, Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm Mass

Friday, September 25

6:45 am Rosary for Peace and Respect for Life
7:00 am Mass

Saturday, September 26

10:00 am Journey of Hope, FH Lounge
4:00 pm Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, September 27—St. Theresa Feast Day

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am RCIA, Fellowship Hall
10:00 am Mass
11:00 am Feast Day Picnic
5:30 pm Mass

Rosary for Peace and Respect for Life

September 25—Len Emge
October 2 & 9—Andrew Maul

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 19

5:30 PM Christine Bench †

Sunday, September 20

8:00 AM France & Clem Bilski †
10:00 AM Pro-Populo (Parishioners)
11:30 AM Stevenson Family
Mulvihill Family †
5:30 PM Librada Sherna †

Monday, September 21

7:00 AM Tom Dooley (L)

Tuesday, September 22

7:00 AM Hazel, Harold, Eve &
Deborah Vicknair †

Wednesday, September 23

7:00 AM Aurora Marifosque †
8:05 AM Michelle Marks †

Thursday, September 24

7:00 AM Peter Lam Phan †
Dorothy Hilligiest †
John Burns †
Marty Burns †
6:30 PM Mariya Johnson †

Friday, September 25

7:00 AM Janiecia Chatman †

Saturday, September 26

5:30 PM Nunzie & Jeanette Loria †
Pete and Vera Morello †

Sunday, September 27

8:00 AM Patricia Grizzaffi †
10:00 AM Pro-Populo (Parishioners)
11:30 AM Maru Alvarez Aldana †
5:30 PM Valentine Mock †

Next Week's Reader and EMHC Schedule

Saturday, September 26

5:30 pm (Team 2)
Peg Patrick
Roy Hughes

Sunday, September 27

8:00 am (Team 4)
Leonard Nowak
Sandy Nowak
10:00 am (Team 1)
Blanche D'Souza
Dan Ramsier
5:30 pm (Team 1)
Ann Bixby
Betty Bixby

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Stewardship

	Weekend of Sept. 12-13	Year to Date Fiscal Period starting July 1, 2015
Budget	\$20,769.08	\$272,957.89
Total Collected	\$15,056.41	\$229,742.83
Shortage	- \$5,712.67	- \$43,215.06

For the weekend of September 12-13,
168 known donors gave \$12,056.01.

Anonymous cash donors gave \$3,000.40.

Thank you for your generosity!

Our Black Box collection this week is for **St. Theresa Catholic School**.
Please be generous.

Sacraments

Baptism

Contact Ginger Tamborello or visit
our website for more information.

Confirmation

Contact Ginger Tamborello or visit
our website for more information.

First Communion & Reconciliation

Contact Terra Herce or visit our
website for more information.

Matrimony

Contact Patrick Miral or visit our
website for more information.

Reconciliation

Saturday
4 pm-5 pm
Thursday
5:30 pm-6:15 pm

Feast Day – September 27

Our Feast Day celebration will take place at the 10 am Mass on Sunday,
September 27, followed by a picnic lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

Please note - there will be no Spanish Mass that morning. If you
normally attend our Spanish Mass, we invite you to attend the 10 am
Mass so that we may celebrate with our entire church and school
community, as one body of Christ. For more information,
please call 713-869-3783 or email Enrique at e.benitez@sttheresa.cc.

A partir de la misa del 27 de Septiembre de las 10 am, comienza nuestro
festival (Feast Day) con un almuerzo en el salón de convivencias
(Fellowship Hall). **No habrá misa en español ese día.** Si usted
normalmente atiende esa misa, nos gustaría invitarle a que
nos acompañe en la misa de 10am para poder celebrar
como una comunidad unida en Cristo nuestro Señor.

Grief Workshop

Grieving the Loss of a Loved One?

Death is a natural part of life but the feelings that get stirred can be intensely challenging. You may feel lost, confused and overwhelmed.

We know there is a predictable course for grieving; however, each individual's response is unique. Taking the time to mourn the loss is the pathway to healing and, talking with others can help put things in perspective.

In this workshop, we will discuss the phases of the grieving process, what gets stirred up internally and in the family as roles shift; how we get stuck and what it takes to un-hinge the resistances; and, learn ways to accommodate the changes and find a new beginning. The format for the group will include discussion and lecture and will be offered on four consecutive Tuesdays here at St. Theresa starting on October 6, from 6:15 pm-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Catholic Marriage

Are you confused about Catholic Marriage?

Do you have questions about divorce or annulment?

Come and get informed Thursday evening, October 29, at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall with a talk, and answers to your questions, by Anne Bryant, J.C.L., Director of the Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

Young Adult Study Series

Please join us for the "Why does God matter?" study series from Fr. Barron's film series *Mystery of God*.

On four Mondays—September 14, September 28, October 12, and October 26

at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall Lounge.

For more information, please contact Andrew Maul
messyoungadults@gmail.com.

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Getting to Know St. Theresa...



Hi! My name is Kurt Kleeman. Born and raised south of Chicago in Lemont, IL, I attended Joliet Catholic High School known locally for a famous alum, Daniel "Rudy" Ruettiger and now me, of course! With a football scholarship in tow, I went on to earn a degree in sports management with a minor in marketing at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, IA. Following graduation, this Midwestern guy moved south where I've been for the last 5 years. In that time I've been lucky enough to earn a teaching certificate, find my passion, earn my Master's degree in education administration and start a family. I look forward to each new year at St. Theresa, given the infinite possibilities of our school community.



Hello, my name is Enrique Benitez, and I am very excited to be part of the Mission Advancement and Development team here at St. Theresa. I grew up in beautiful Puebla, Mexico, and moved as fast as I could to Texas! I have been living here in Houston for a little over 15 years. I previously worked for an advertising agency for 10 years, and later five years for the Catholic Schools Office in the Archdiocese. My wife Veronica and I have two children and we love sharing our gifts and talents with our community. I also like playing sports, fishing and meeting new people!

HELPFUL NUMBERS

Houston Police

For Emergency/Life Threatening Calls: 911

Non-Emergency Calls: 713- 884-3131

www.houstonpolice.org

Domestic Violence

The Bridge Over Troubled Waters

24 Hour Hotline: 713-473-2801

www.thebridgeovertroubledwaters.org

Narcotics Anonymous (NA)

713-661-4200

www.na.org

Sex Addicts Anonymous (SAA)

713- 405-1142

www.houstonsaa.org

Counseling (Grief, Family, etc.)

Catholic Charities:

713-526-4611

www.catholiccharities.org

Families of Addicts

Al-Anon Family Groups

713-683-7227

www.al-anon.alateen.org

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

713-686-6300

www.aa.org

Overeaters Anonymous (OA)

713-973-6633

www.oahouston.org



Catechetical Sunday



This weekend, the Church celebrates Catechetical Sunday with the theme "Safeguarding the Dignity of Every Human Person." At the 10 am Mass, those whom the community has designated to serve as catechists are called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel.

Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. Please pray for all those who teach in our school and in our Faith Formation program.

Marriage Group

Pope Francis is seeking ways of helping married couples who have been divorced. As pastor, I continue to be available for these caught in the pain of separation and divorce through counseling.

At the moment, we do hold a group once a week for twelve on occasions throughout the year for those who have experienced the trauma of divorce.

This pain can carry added grief for people of faith. After ten years of facilitating groups for addicts and their families in London, and as a result of a course I recently completed in Family Therapy, I wish to offer a safe container in the form of a group for people who have questions about marriage, while they are still in relationship. It might be for couples who are recently married and have the usual teething troubles of "two becoming one." It could be empty-nesters, as their children leave for college or new adventure. My hope is that such a group, with all of the expected confidence needed for people to share their vulnerability, would be something of a preventative nature. If you are interested, please call my office. If I am not available, please leave me a message. I will assess the response and base a spiritual and therapeutic action on the needs shared. -Fr. Phil

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Job Opening

Assistant Director of Music—St. Theresa, located adjacent to Memorial Park is a young and yet well-established parish. In existence for 68 years, the parish serves approximately 2300 families, young couples and singles from areas that are just inside Houston's inner loop. St. Theresa is a cosmopolitan parish serving members and visitors from around the world. There is a small but engaged Spanish-speaking community that celebrates at the 11:30 am Sunday Mass. With a growing elementary and middle school, St. Theresa is blessed to have an ever-expanding community of young people and young families. Known for its "all are welcome" hospitality, St. Theresa is a community that is faithful to its Catholic heritage and yet tends to be more casual and less formal in its liturgical style. We stress hospitality and community participation.

St. Theresa Catholic Church in Memorial Park is currently seeking an Assistant Director of Music. This person will accompany all Masses, rehearsals, special services, funerals and weddings and will assist the Director of Music with preparation for special feast days (Christmas, Easter, etc.) and concerts/events.

Skills:

Proficient in sight-reading. Excellent piano accompaniment skills for soloists and choirs. Must be able to lead the assembly through strong playing and performance on piano and organ. Excellent improvisation skills a plus. Directing/Conducting skills would also be helpful.

Familiarity with Catholic liturgy preferred but not required.

Responsibilities:

- Minimum five (5) Masses per week: 1 Saturday, 4 Sunday
- 2 - 3 choir rehearsals per week: typically Wednesday
- 1 school Mass per week (during school year)
- Available for special feast days and events (Christmas, Easter, First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation, etc.)
- Available for funerals and weddings as needed (paid extra).

To apply, please send resume and cover letter to Kathy Corbett, k.corbett@sttheresa.cc.

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