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Jesus has shown me the only way that
leads to the fire of divine love: it is that of
a little child who, full of trust,
falls asleep in its father's arms.
St. Thérèse of Lisieux

The
story of a soul
begins at
home



Celebrating the
canonization of
St. Theresa's parents,
Louis and Zélie Martin.
October 18, 2015



St. Theresa
MEMORIAL PARK
all are welcome.

Feast of St. Thérèse of Lisieux: September 27, 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,

I do hope that you have a Happy Feast Day.

What a wonderful week to be celebrating our patron, St. Theresa. I am quite sure that your hearts were warmed also when The Pontiff, (from the Latin word, *pontifex*, meaning *Bridge Builder*) Pope Francis, addressed Congress on Thursday. What an impressive sight, The Servant of the Servants of God addressing some of the most powerful people in the country.

We have no need to be fearful of the message of the Gospel and the rich treasury that is the Church's teaching on social justice. Pope Francis spoke as an immigrant and a son of immigrants. He reminded us not to see refugees as a mere number that stand in need, but rather to see each one as a son or daughter of God, and therefore our brother and sister. Cardinal Bernardin speaks of the catholic social teaching in terms of a 'seamless garment,' i.e., all matters of life—conception, old age, natural death—are treated with dignity. We are unable to pick one moral issue to work for at the expense or neglect of another.

In Pope Francis we have a beautiful illustration of one who is great—in his faith, in his simplicity, and in his conviction that the message he brings is not in his name alone and is intended for all peoples. On the National Mall after his talk, he asked those who find prayer difficult or who have no faith, to send him his good wishes.

"A nation can be considered great when it defends liberty as Lincoln did, when it fosters a culture which enables people to 'dream' of full rights for all their brothers and sisters, as Martin Luther King sought to do; when it strives for justice and the cause of the oppressed, as Dorothy Day did by her tireless work, the fruit of a faith which becomes dialogue and sows peace in the contemplative style of Thomas Merton." —Pope Francis.

On this our feast day we rejoice. The same faith that belonged to a teenage girl in France in an enclosed Carmelite Convent motivates the successor of St. Peter to live out in work and action the prayer that Jesus made the night before He died, "May they all be one." Our celebration is best lived out in joy, gratitude, prayer and service to those most in need.

With every good wish,

Fr. Phil

This Week

Monday, September 28

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 29

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

Wednesday, September 30

7:00 am Mass
8:10 am School Mass
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, October 1

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, October 2

6:45 am Rosary for Peace and Respect for Life
7:00 am Mass
10:30 am DAR, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, October 3

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

Sunday, October 4

8:00 am Mass
8:30 am RCIA, Fellowship Hall
10:00 am Mass
11:30 am Mass in Spanish
5:30 pm Mass

Rosary for Peace and Respect for Life

October 2 & 9—Andrew Maul
October 16 & 23—Edward Ruhnke Jr.

Mass Intentions

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 †

Monday, September 28

7:00 AM Mary Urbanovsky †

Tuesday, September 29

7:00 AM Vincente and Cecilia Lam
Suong †

Wednesday, September 30

7:00 AM Jean Ferrata (L)
8:05 AM Helen Smith †

Thursday, October 1

7:00 AM Maria Victoria Zaayman †
6:30 PM Luther W. Domain †

Friday, October 2

7:00 AM Kimcuc Ngo †

Saturday, October 3

5:30 PM Michelle Marks †

Sunday, October 4

8:00 AM Marie Boston †
10:00 AM Pro-Populo (Parishioners)
11:30 AM Mary Odums †
5:30 PM Verla Bundick †

*For Mass intentions, contact Deandra in the church office.

Next Week's Reader and EMHC Schedule

Saturday, October 3

5:30 pm (Team 3)

Keith Kaposta

Andi Maceo

Sunday, October 4

8:00 am (Team 1)

Jack Barnett

Suzanne Clevenger

10:00 am (Team 2)

Donna Yanowski

Ken Yanowski

5:30 pm (Team 2)

Ann Bixby

Betty Bixby

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5901 Washington Ave.
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Stewardship

	Weekend of Sept. 19-20	Year to Date Fiscal Period starting July 1, 2015
Budget	\$22,700.83	\$295,658.72
Total Collected	\$15,823.37	\$244,683.19
Shortage	- \$6,877.46	- \$50,975.53

For the weekend of September 19-20,
148 known donors gave \$12,961.00 .
Anonymous cash donors gave \$2,862.37 .
Thank you for your generosity!

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

Sacraments

Baptism

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.

Confirmation

Contact Ginger Tamborello or visit
our website for more information.

Reconciliation

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

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...



Hello! I'm Melissa Iliski, and it is with great joy and fulfillment that I begin my third year as Principal of St. Theresa Catholic School. I hold a Bachelor of Science degree in Academic Studies, as well as a Masters in Educational Administration. I bring 16 years of successful teaching and leadership experience to my position as a principal. I have a passionate dedication toward the cultivation of a positive and inclusive school community that is focused on Faith, Service and Knowledge. I enjoy my role as an administrator and I strive to instill that joy in all the teachers, students and parents of St. Theresa School.



Hi, I'm Yen Fite. I was born in Vietnam before relocating to California via the Philippines, and finally settling in Houston, Texas. After graduating from the University of St. Thomas, I married the love of my life and accepted a position as an Auditor in the Oil and Gas Industry. In 2010, I gave birth to twin boys at only 28 weeks. They miraculously pulled through, and after three months in the NICU they came home in time for Christmas and my life has never been the same since. This is my first year working as the Staff Accountant for St. Theresa. In my free time I enjoy spending time with my family, cooking, and reading.

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

**2015
Harvest Party**
Theme:

Day of the Dead
Dia de los muertos

**Saturday
October 24**
6:30pm - 11:00pm
Fellowship Hall

Save the date!

Adult Study Opportunity

On October 4—We will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis!

With a brief overview of Pope Francis' "Laudato Si" encyclical and a dog/cat food drive benefiting "aniMeals on Wheels" and the beloved pets of Houston's homebound seniors. We gather on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 11:15 am - 12:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. This class is intended for adults interested in fellowship through learning, prayer and acts of service. All are welcome! Individuals who are single or married, with or without kids, young adults and wise parishioners. The class will combine lecture, guest speakers, group discussion, reading/video resources, communal prayer and group service projects. We'll focus on both theological study and learn how to put our faith into action. ENRICH YOUR FAITH...ENJOY SOME REFRESHMENTS... MEET FELLOW PARISHIONERS

St. Theresa Women's Club

St. Theresa Women's Club is responsible for purchasing items for communion and maintaining the altar along with various other projects. We not only need your support financially, but we need your support with our events. If you are able to help, please fill out our volunteer sheet below and place it in the box in the Narthex. This will allow us to make sure you are informed of any events you are interested in assisting with. We thank you in advance for your assistance in this very important ministry.

Name: _____

Home Number: _____

Cell Number: _____

Email Address: _____

I prefer to be contacted at my _____ home number _____ cell number _____ email address

I would like to help out with the following events:

_____ Donut Sunday _____ Breakfast Taco Sunday

_____ Fiesta Dinner/Lunch _____ Seafarers Boxes

_____ Cookbook Sales and Samples _____ Membership Drive

_____ Soup for Ash Wednesday

_____ No event in particular, contact me when you need help for an event

_____ No event in particular, just contact me when you need help with cooking/baking only

Questions? Contact Andi Maceo Bibler at
andimaceo@aol.com or 713-823-0216

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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