



My Dear Parishioners,

2016 promises to be an exciting year at St. Theresa Church and School! Many of you might remember that in 2013, we hosted a series of talks about Church architectural and liturgical design, and we began to work on plans to renovate, update and expand the seating capacity of the church. These conversations led to a revisiting of the master plans for this very special campus located at the edge of Memorial Park. In the two years that followed, a great deal of work has been done and shared with parishioners and school families as we thought about the growth of our church membership, Mass attendance and school enrollment. The first evidence of our plans is the conversion of the rectory into the parish offices and being renamed the Pastoral Center which is currently underway.

The current plans call for the church to be renovated from floor to ceiling, including seating, sound, lighting and air conditioning; the addition of a narthex that will accommodate an overflow for major feast days; a new two-story school building; a new rectory; and a central plant for the heating and air conditioning systems. We are now at the next stage of our planning in which we want to explore the parish's – that is, your - interest in the plans and the potential to fund these projects through a special capital campaign later this year. As we move forward, we need to test the feasibility of funding the plans that we have dreamed about now for so long.

The parish has retained the services of Guidance in Giving, a leading fundraising consulting firm that serves Catholic parishes across the United States. Our Guidance in Giving experts will lead us through the feasibility process in the coming weeks. This will involve sharing pictures and estimated costs with you, asking for feedback in the form of a parishioner survey and inviting a number of parishioners for face-to-face exploratory conversations with the consultants. Based on your input and that of your fellow parishioners, Guidance in Giving will present recommendations for how we should move forward and what we can accomplish in our next capital campaign.

Let's welcome the expertise of Guidance in Giving. Let's dream about how these new and renovated facilities can serve the parish for the next 50 years. Let's share our honest reactions to the plans and the questions about how we might pledge our financial support for these projects. There is no solicitation at this time. We are still learning, exploring, sharing, reacting and considering. It is important for young parishioners and more senior parishioners, newlyweds and empty-nesters, church families and school parents, large givers and modest givers – all to have their say, to pray and dream about the future of the parish – that is both the church and the school. Together let's see where the Lord calls us and which of these dreams are realized in the years ahead. After all, as Psalm 127 reminds us, "Unless the LORD build the house, they labor in vain who build."

With every good wish,

Fr. Phil

A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just.

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# Adult Faith Formation—Jan. 17 YEAR OF MERCY

How can we show others the mercy of God? How can our actions authentically reflect God's mercy.

Fellowship Hall @ 11:15 a.m.—12:30 p.m. All are welcome!...This course is intended for adults interested in fellowship through learning, prayer and acts of service.

Enrich your faith...Enjoy some refreshments... Meet people from your parish



# St. Theresa – The Little Flower Council 12866

Our Knights of Columbus – St. Theresa—The Little Flower Council 12866 will be selling Smoked Pork Shoulders for the Super Bowl for \$40.

Presales only at the weekend Masses on 1-24-16 and 1-31-16.

Pick up will be on Saturday, 2-6-16 between 5:30 pm and 7 pm

### SAVE THE DATE—GALA 2016

Our 2016 Gala theme has been chosen!

Kentucky Derby!

Save the date for our annual Gala—Saturday, April 30.

If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact

Kurt Kleeman—k.kleeman@stthereasa.cc or

Enrique Benitez—e.benitez@sttheresa.cc

or call the church office at 713-869-3783.



# **Steps for Students**

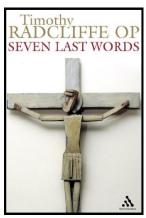
Save-the Date! Saturday, February 20, 2016, for the 11th Annual Steps for Students

5K Run/Walk!

Steps for Students is an annual Archdiocesan-wide event that raises awareness of the importance of a Catholic education.

Mass at the Co-Cathedral is held at 6:30 am prior to the 5K Run/Walk.

Please *Join* or *Donate* to the St. Theresa Team by visiting www.firstgiving.com/team/299705



## **Lenten Book Club**

We will be reading and discussing the book

Seven Last Words, by Timothy Radcliffe, OP.

Timothy Radcliffe is a priest and well-known writer,
and this book provides opportunity
for meditation on the last seven words
spoken from the cross.

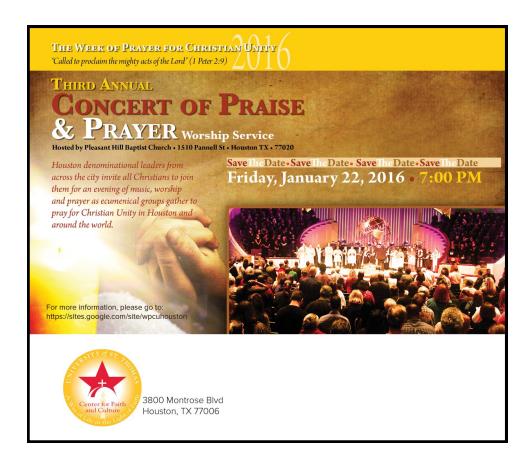
If you would like to participate,
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# **Bulletin and Online Advertising**

Please consider advertising your business in our weekly bulletin, on our website, or in our bi-weekly *In and About* electronic newsletter.

Advertising your business with us supports the production and printing cost of the bulletin each week, and any overage in advertisement revenue goes to support some of our local charities, including Casa Juan Diego, Christian Community Service Center and Magnificat House. So, your support of St. Theresa not only helps our parish, but extends a much-needed helping hand to those in our neighboring community.

If you would like more information on advertising your business with us, please contact Kathy Corbett at k.corbett@sttheresa.cc.



### Fr. Laurence Freeman

The World Community for Christian Meditation Presents

Fr. Laurence Freeman

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January 28 and 29, 2016



Thursday, January 28 at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church Stewards or Carpetbaggers? Seeing our home planet with love and wonder 6:00 pm light refreshments; 7:00 pm Presentation

12955 Memorial Drive Houston, TX 77079

Ample free on-site parking
For more info and to register, please visit:

mdumc.org/events and scroll down to January 28
to click on the Father Laurence Freeman event.

Friday, January 29 at Christ Church Cathedral Tolerance: Meditation and the new world order 7:30 pm Presentation 1117 Texas Ave.
Houston, TX 77002

Parking Garage @ corner of Texas and San Jacinto
For more info and to register, please visit:
<a href="mailto:christchurchcathedral.org/event">christchurchcathedral.org/event</a> and click on the event to the right called Fr. Laurence Freeman on Tolerance.

Fr. Laurence Freeman, Director of The World Community for Christian Meditation, travels worldwide teaching the contemporary renewal of the contemplative tradition as a way of prayer rooted in the Gospel, and a Christian spirituality of powerful relevance for us today.

### Strake Jesuit—Raffle Sales

Students from Strake Jesuit College Preparatory will be selling raffle tickets after all Masses this weekend, January 16-17.

Raffle tickets are \$5 per ticket or \$20 per book of 5 tickets.

The grand prize is a 2016 Lexus NX! Additional prizes are a 55" LG LED HDTV and a \$1,000 Visa gift card. The drawing will be held on Sunday, March 6, 2016, at the Strake Jesuit Spring Fling. The winner does not need to be present to win. Proceeds from the raffle will be used to provide financial aid to deserving Jesuit students. Please stop by the raffle sales table and help support these young men in their fundraising

efforts next weekend. Thank you!

# **Heart of Worship**

St. Laurence Catholic Church in Sugar Land invites you to attend HEART OF WORSHIP on Saturday, February 6, from 11:30 am to 9:00 pm. "Serve the Lord with Gladness" is the theme for this day filled with inspiring speakers, great music, Mass & Eucharistic Adoration.

Featured speakers are Bishop Brendan Cahill, Sr. Miriam Heidland and Ennie Hickman. Register online at <a href="https://www.stlaurence.org">www.stlaurence.org</a> or in person at the St. Laurence parish office.

Open to everyone 6th grade and older, the cost to attend is \$20 per person, which includes dinner by Maggiano's.

(Early bird special: cost is just \$15 if you register before January 15.)
This event attracts hundreds of people from around the archdiocese and even other countries, so advance registration is recommended.

For more info, go to <a href="www.stlaurence.org">www.stlaurence.org</a> or call the St. Laurence parish office at 281-980-9812.

If you would like to submit an announcement for our bulletin, please send it to: <a href="mailto:bulletin@sttheresa.cc">bulletin@sttheresa.cc</a>.



St. Rose of Lima Altar Guild Chocoholic Games Party & Silent Auction Friday, February 5, 2016 – 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm

St. Rose West Hall – 3600 Brinkman, Houston 77018 Donation \$10.00 per person (includes light dinner) Tickets may be purchased at Church Office or online at: www.stroselima.org/parish/fundraising-events Tickets may be picked up at Will Call on day of event. For reservations call or email Louise Bratton 713-898-6566; louise.bratton@yahoo.com

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www.houstonpolice.org

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713-661-4200 www.na.org

Sex Addicts Anonymous (SAA)

713-405-1142

www.houstonsaa.org

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Catholic Charities: 713-526-4611

www.catholiccharities.org

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**Al-Anon Family Groups** 

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## **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 Application for Annulment

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

#### **This Week**

#### Monday, January 18

7:00 am Mass

6:30 pm Meditation Prayer Group, Mary Chapel

7:00 pm Book Club, Brides Room 7:30 pm Boy Scouts, FH Board Room

#### Tuesday, January 19

7:00 am Mass

7:30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

6:00 pm Finance Council, FH Lounge 7:00 pm Camp Logan, Fellowship Hall

#### Wednesday, January 20

7:00 am Mass

8:30 am Northwest Deanery, Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Baptism Class, Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Women's Encounter, FH Board Room

7:00 pm Spanish Prayer Group, Brides Room

7:00 pm Legión de María, Sacristy

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Church

8:15 pm Men's AA, Fellowship Hall

#### Thursday, January 21

7:00 am Mass

7:30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

5:30 pm Reconciliation

6:30 pm Mass

6:30 pm RCIA, Fellowship Hall

7:30 pm Men's Encounter, FH Board Room

#### Friday, January 22

7:45 am Rosary for Peace and Respect for Life

8:00 am Mass

#### Saturday, January 23

4:00 pm Reconciliation

5:30 pm Mass

#### Sunday, January 24

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

January 22 & 29—Gene Boriskie February 5 & 12—Edward Ruhnke, Jr.

#### **Mass Intentions**

#### Saturday, January 16

5:30 PM Christine Bench †

Frank D'Armata †
Michelle Bharath †
Rose Bharath (L)

#### Sunday, January 17

8:00 AM Clement J. Bilski †

10:00 AM Pro-Populo (Parishioners)

11:30 AM All Souls

5:30 PM Robert (Bob) Jankowski †

#### Monday, January 18

7:00 AM Marie Emge †

#### Tuesday, January 19

7:00 AM Tracy Ligon (L)

#### Wednesday, January 20

7:00 AM Jennifer Espejo (L)

8:05 AM Frances Possarelli (L)

#### Thursday, January 21

7:00 AM Tracy Ligon (L)

6:30 PM Michelle Marks †

#### Friday, January 22

7:00 AM Frances Diamond †

#### Saturday, January 23

5:30 PM Nunzie & Jeanette Loria †

Joe Loria Jr. † John Lanik Jr. † Adolf (Sonny) Kainer †

#### , tao.. (oo....), . ta..

Sunday, January 24 8:00 AM Elton Kunze †

10:00 AM Pro-Populo (Parishioners)

11:30 AM Stevenson Family & Mulvilhill

Family †

5:30 PM Brooks Hamilton †

# Next Week's Reader and EMHC Schedule

Saturday, January 23 5:30 pm (Team 3)

Roy Hughes

Peg Patrick

Sunday, January 24

8:00 am (Team 1) Chris Woelfel

Herman Sutter

10:00 am (Team 2)

Jim McCollom

Patti Price

5:30 pm (Team 2)

Ann Bixby

Betty Bixby

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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