



MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN HEROES

Greater
love *hath no*
MAN *than this,*
that a man
his *life* *lay down*
for his
FRIENDS.
John 15:13



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all are welcome.

The Ascension of the Lord
May 28, 2017

My Dear Parishioners,

As the Easter Season draws to completion we celebrate The Ascension of the Lord. The instruction of Jesus to his apostles on that occasion was to "teach and observe all that I have commanded you." Matthew 28:20 I look back on my life on the many teachers that I have had, and give thanks. The experiences of being taught did not end on leaving seminary but have continued up until this day, and I sincerely hope until my last breath is taken.

Teachers come in all shapes, sizes and ages. They can be authors I have read and will never meet, occasional meetings with total strangers, witnessing an interaction between two people I do not know, a view of the Grand Canyon or a full moon on a beautifully clear night. The occasions are numerous if our hearts and minds are open. As pastor of St. Theresa I have been blessed by many of you by observing your reverence in Church, by your concern and love of those in need and many more reasons that would not fit on this page.

As our 8th graders move on to High School I am grateful to Mrs. Ilski and her wonderful staff. I hope and pray that our young people will continue to search for beauty and truth, both of which are reflections of God, that they will not be seduced by radicalization, "a process by which an individual or a group comes to adopt increasingly extreme, political, social or religious aspiration." As Catholics, what is offered to us is a sense of identity and belonging, a growing realization that God is not contained in the Church but rather the Church is in God. One author says that the Easter experience of the Apostles pushed them beyond tribal identity, as the Holy Spirit gives them the ability to speak the language of their hearts clearly. (Spong)

In the wake of Manchester last week, and the deaths of Coptic Christians on Friday, we are called to see deeper, into our own hearts and the hearts of others, with confidence that beyond nationality, beliefs and what at times might seem like insurmountable differences, we are all in the heart of God.

Happy and safe Memorial Day,
Fr. Phil



Capital Campaign Update: The New Baptismal Font

One of the first things we see when we enter many Catholic churches is a pool of water. Baptism is our "door" to the Church. It is the way we enter Christ's family. The baptismal font reminds Catholics that every time we come to Eucharist we come through Baptism. We dip our hand in the water and mark ourselves anew with that sign in which we were baptized—the Sign of the Cross.

The following criteria can be helpful when choosing the design for the font:

1. There should be one font that will accommodate the baptism of both infants and adults. This symbolizes the one faith and one baptism that Christians share. The size and design of the font should facilitate the dignified celebration for all who are baptized at the one font.
2. The font should be large enough to supply ample water for the baptism of both adults and infants. Since baptism in Catholic churches may take place by immersion in the water, or by infusion (pouring), fonts that permit all forms of baptismal practice are encouraged.
3. Because of the essential relationship of baptism to the celebration of other sacraments and rituals, the parish will want to choose an area for the font that visually symbolizes that relationship.

Some churches choose to place the font near the entrance to the church. Confirmation and the Eucharist complete the initiation begun at baptism; marriage and ordination are ways of living the life of faith begun in baptism; the funeral of a Christian is the final journey of a life in Christ that began in baptism; and the sacrament of penance calls the faithful to conversion and to a renewal of their baptismal commitment. Placing the baptismal font in an area near the entrance or gathering space where the members pass regularly and setting it on an axis with the altar can symbolize the relationship between the various sacraments as well as the importance of the Eucharist within the life and faith development of the members.

Sources:

St. Anthony Messenger, A TOUR OF A CATHOLIC CHURCH

Built of Living Stones: Art, Architecture, and Worship (USCCB), November 2000

Online Giving

Online Giving is an easy and flexible way to manage your donations to *St. Theresa* to make one-time or recurrent donations.

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1

Download a free **QR code reader** to your phone such as “QR Scanner, QR Code Reader, Scan Barcode Pro” and scan the image on the right:



2

You can also go directly on your smart phone or tablet to:
www.sttheresa.cc/give

3

Use our electronic kiosk located in the Church Narthex, and swipe your credit or debit card directly.

4

Desktop users can login to our website www.sttheresa.cc, click on the “Giving” button on the top green navigation bar and select “Donations”.

Parents!



We have a “Summer Spot” available! If your child is between the ages of 18 months and 2 years and you need childcare between June 2 and August 11, STECC has space for you!

Contact Cindy Clements at c.clements@sttheresa.cc for more information!



Pentecost Celebration

"We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God."

- Acts 2:9-11

Join us at the 10 am Mass on Sunday, June 4, to celebrate the birthday of the Church, and the diversity of our parish!

After Mass, we will have lunch in the Fellowship Hall and we ask that you bring your favorite pastry from your own heritage to share!

You are encouraged to dress in the native dress of your culture for Mass.

Sign Up Party & Private Group Tours

A limited number of spots are available for the following "Sign Up Parties" that were offered at the recent St. Theresa "Black & White Gala". Contact the church office at **713-869-3783** to purchase.



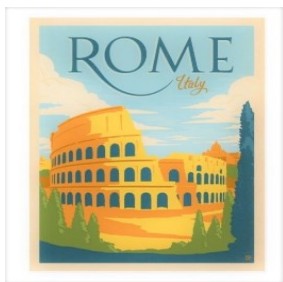
"White Linen Night" at St. Theresa, Friday, June 2nd (6:30pm)

Join Fr. Phil in the Rectory for cocktails and a light buffet prepared by Chef Guillermo "Memo" Marcos. Hosted by Melissa & Anjay Ilski and Cindy & Bill Featherston. (Guests are encouraged to wear white.)
\$75.00 per guest.



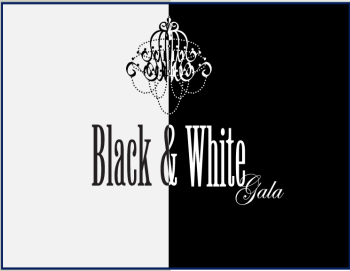
Rice University Walking Tour & Picnic Lunch Saturday, June 10th (10:30am)

Parishioners and Rice University "super fans" Betty Bixby and Ann Bixby will provide an insider's view of the Rice University campus.
Tour will include a picnic lunch. \$50.00 per guest.



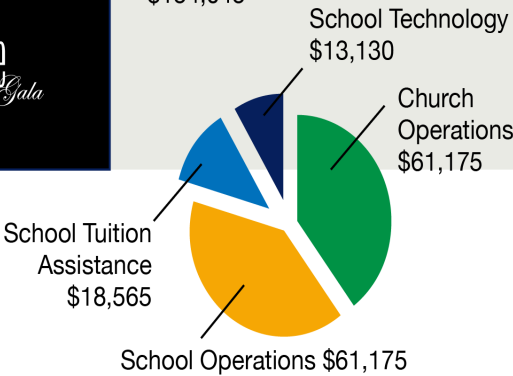
Private Tour - "Gladiators: Heroes of the Colosseum" Wednesday June 21st (4pm)

A behind-the-scenes look at the lives of the gladiators through original armor and related archaeological objects never before seen outside of Italy. The inner workings of the Colosseum will also be explored. Donated by the Houston Museum of Natural Science. \$35 per guest.

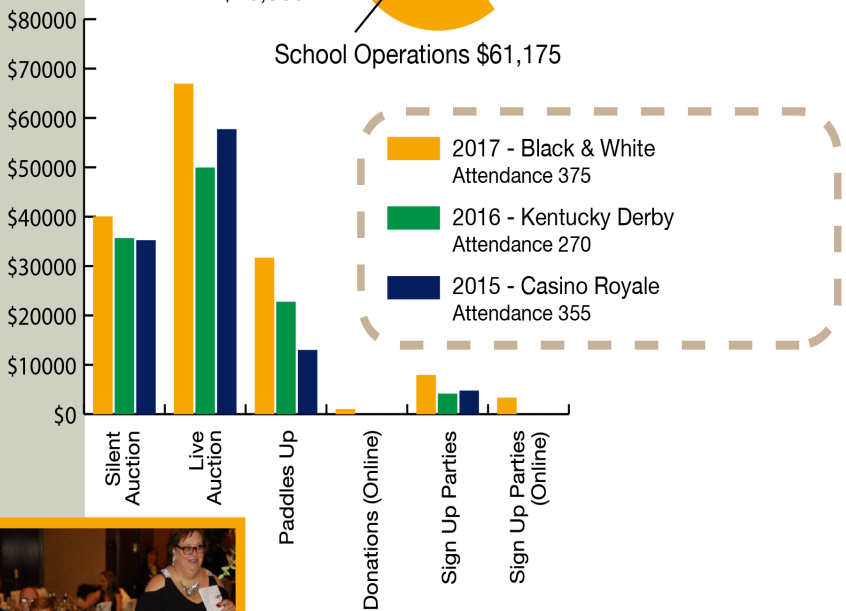


70th Annyversary Gala

Total Net Income as of 5/26/2017
\$154,045



Friday, April 28, 2017
Omni Hotel





Registration Information

Faith Formation registration begins June 1st!!

Parents, if you child is anywhere from Pre-K to High School, register them for Sacramental preparation and growth in their Catholic faith.

You can register online at www.sttheresa.cc

For more information please contact Janice Berger at j.berger@sttheresa.cc or 713.869.3783 ext. 335



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The Capitol, The Library of Congress,
The Arlington National Cemetery,
The White House and so many other
stops along the way.



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or contact Kelly McCarty, Director of Admissions at k.mccarty@sttheresa.cc

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

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

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www.aa.org

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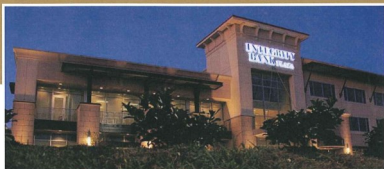
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The Week Ahead...

TODAY, Sunday, May 28

8:00 am Mass
10:00 am Mass—School Spirit Sunday
11:15 am Sunday by Sunday, Bride's Room
11:30 am Spanish Mass
5:30 pm Mass

Monday, May 29

7:00 am Mass
6:30 pm Meditation Prayer Group, Mary Chapel
7:00 pm Book Club, Brides Room

Tuesday, May 30

7:00 am Mass
7:30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
4:00 pm JAM Children's Choir, Bride's Room
6:00 pm Cubs, Board Room
6:00 pm Spanish Choir, Bride's Room
7:30 pm Men's Encounter, Board Room

Wednesday, May 31

7:00 am Mass
6:30 pm Women's Encounter, FH Lounge
7:00 pm Spanish Prayer Group, Brides Room
7:00 pm Legión de María, Sacristy
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft
8:15 pm Men's AA, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, June 1

7:00 am Mass
7:30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
5:30 pm Reconciliation
6:30 pm Mass

Friday, June 2

6:45 am Rosary for Peace and Respect for Life
7:00 am Mass
8:00 am School Mass

Saturday, June 3

10:00 pm Adult Confirmation, FH
4:00 pm Reconciliation
5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, June 4

8:00 am Mass
10:00 am Mass
11:00 am Pentecost Celebration, FH
11:15 am Marriage Orientation, Ch. Office
11:15 am Sunday by Sunday, Bride's Room
11:30 am Spanish Mass
5:30 pm Mass

Sacraments

Baptism

Contact Ginger Tamborello or visit our website for more information.

First Communion & Reconciliation

Contact Janice Berger or visit our website for more information.

Matrimony

Application for Annulment

Contact Patrick Miral or visit our website for more information.

Confirmation

Contact Janice Berger or visit our website for more information.

Reconciliation

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

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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