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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 10, 2017




Hurricane Harvey Relief Efforts

While we are very blessed that the School and Church campus sustained only minor damage, we know that many have suffered great losses. St. Theresa School diligently assessed the damage that our staff and school families have personally endured and created with the support of the school PTO a Hurricane Recovery Volunteer Group to help manage and organize ongoing coordinated efforts to match up those who can help, with those who need help. The school successfully created an online Safety Check-in and initiated a PTO/Homeroom Phone Tree. Nine school families and four staff members have been identified and assisted by our school parents using Sign-up Geniuses and Meal Trains supporting them during this time of hardship.

During the first days after the storm, the Church was able to redirect and connect many individuals, families and out of state organizations that contacted us during that time. Many donations to Casa Juan Diego have been received and delivered during these last two weeks. Our clergy has spent continuous hours at the George R. Brown center bringing peace and hope to the hearts of our fellow Catholic brothers and sisters in distress. Financial donations have been redirected to the Archdiocesan Hurricane Relief Fund and volunteers have been connected to either volunteer centers or directly to those who are in need. As we learn of more parishioners and families in need we ask you to keep them in your prayers and consider volunteering in our different ministries to help bring back normalcy to our beloved community.

Both the School and the Church put together many available materials with resourceful information accessible to our families. Even though there is plenty more to do, we would like to thank our many volunteers and staff members who have spent long hours helping those in need. Please visit our School and Church websites for more resourceful information about recovery, counseling and assistance.



Capital Campaign Update – After the Storm

Despite springing several new leaks in the church roof, our church and school buildings survived Hurricane Harvey quite well. In the past week, we have touched base with our contractor and vendors and they have all assured us that they are ready and able to proceed. We can, therefore, report that our campaign – “Our Church / Our School / Our Future” – will go forward as planned.

Last weekend, it was very moving to see so many parishioners and visitors seek out fellowship and the sacrament of Mass at St. Theresa. One family told us they were in Houston because their Rockport home had been destroyed. In another situation, we handed a bulletin to someone wearing several wristband IDs, indicating they were staying in a shelter. Many others reported that they were fine and had been helping others.

We all share the responsibility to preserve and improve both the structure and community of our church and school. We very grateful that so many have contributed to the Capital Campaign to assure our church and school will be here for the future.

Yours in Christ,
Cindy and Bill Featherston
Melissa and Robert Swanson
Capital Campaign Co-Chairs

After We Move Out of the Church, What Happens Next?

There will be a period of a few weeks and perhaps as long as a month or two between the move out and the actual start of construction in the Church. There are a number of preparations that have to be made before construction is started. These "get ready" steps include: covering and protecting some of the stained glass windows and permanent fixtures, removing and storing some of the other stained glass windows, removing and storing the Chi Rho with the Lamb of God from behind the altar, removing and protecting the marble from the altars, ambo and cantor podium, removing and/or refurbishing wood paneling and grill work, removing and storing the Stations of the Cross and the statues, moving the clergy vestments to the new sacristy in the pastoral center, relocating all of the liturgical supplies to the new Mass locations for storage and use. It is important to note that many of the features that are in the Church before construction will be utilized in the Church or other locations when we move back into the Church. In addition to the above pre-construction activities, the pews will be removed.



Pews

Some of the pews are being donated to a new parish in a low income area near Abbeville, Louisiana. We are glad that our neighbors will be able to put these pews to good use. Eventually the carpet will come up and finally there will be some asbestos abatement. After that, we should be ready for the construction to begin!

Does St. Theresa-Memorial Park have a Social Services Ministry?

Our church provides social services through its membership in the Christian Community Service Center (CCSC).

St. Theresa Church is one of 40 unique Christian churches that make up the membership of CCSC. By banding together, these churches maximize community resources and prevent duplication of services. In addition to the Food Pantry, JobNet, Back to School and Toy Drives, a big part of the mission of CCSC is to provide emergency services.

Emergency Services offers assistance with basic needs such as food, clothing, medical assistance, and rental /utility assistance. Often called "the heart and soul of CCSC," Emergency Services-Central is a special place where volunteers come together to work hand-in-hand, helping others in the community. Bilingual volunteers are always needed to adequately serve Spanish-speaking clients.

If you need assistance, please contact CCSC via their website:

www.ccschouston.org/emergencyservicescentral or phone 713-961-3993

Also, if you are able, please consider volunteering or donating to CCSC. Needs and opportunities are listed on their website.



AN EVENING OF REMEMBERING THROUGH THE SACRAMENTS

Friday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m.

In the church until 8:30 we will have an opportunity to share stories of our faith through song and worship, followed by drinks and refreshments.

In light of this celebration where we journey together celebrating our roots through remembrance and our future through hope and anticipation, we are seeking out those who have received sacraments here in the early years of our Parish.

If you have any information regarding this or names you would like to have submitted, please contact:

Patrick Miral at p.miral@sttheresa.cc or 713-869-3783 ext. 310.

Announcements

Our Last Mass in the Church Before Construction

The last Mass in the Church will be celebrated at **5:30 p.m.** on **Sunday, September 17**. After Mass we invite you to a special procession to the Gym. We hope you can help us with our final clean-up effort. We have some items to move out of this building before construction starts.

EMHCs Reminder

We will have a walk through training session for all EMHCs at **7 p.m.** on **September 11** in the gym. It is extremely important that all EMHCs attend. We want your experience as a Minister of the Holy Communion to be a prayerful one.

Spanish Mass *Misa Dominical*

Beginning September 24, Sunday Spanish Mass will move to 12:00 p.m.

Apartir del día 24 de Septiembre la misa de los Domingos será a las 12:00 p.m.

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San José Clinic has non-emergency medical, dental, pharmacy, and laboratory services, including walk-in appointments. Patient contributions have been waived for the time being.

The Clinic is located at

2615 Fannin Street, Houston, TX 77002,

has free parking, and is open 8 am to 5 pm, Monday-Friday.

713-228-9411 (<http://www.sanjosecclinic.org>)

They also have volunteer and corporate donation opportunities available.

St. Theresa **FEVST DAY!**

Celebrate with us a transformational year!

Sunday, October 1



Mass 10:00 a.m.
Food & Entertainment
11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

faith **Formation**

Faith Formation for students
four years old through 12th grade.

If you have not registered your
child, please register on-line at:

<https://sttheresa.cc/faith-formation>

You can also register at the
parish office during regular
office hours. Please contact

Janice Berger at 713-869-3783 or
j.berger@sttheresa.cc



St. Theresa
Early Childhood Center
is growing and growing...



STECC is now looking for a couple of
loving and nurturing people.

We care for and teach infants and
toddlers from 2 months-3 years.

All applicants must be willing to obtain
CPR/1st Aid, and 24 hours of training in
Early Childhood Development.

**Currently we have part-time/full-
time caregiver positions available!**

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

The Week Ahead

TODAY, Sunday, September 10

8:00 am Mass
 8:30 am RCIA
 10:00 am Mass
 11:15 am Marriage Orientation,
Pastoral Center
 11:15 am Sunday by Sunday, *Bride's Room*
 11:30 am Spanish Mass
 11:30 am Faith Formation, *FH*
 3:00 pm JOH, *Bride's Room*
 5:30 pm Mass

Monday, September 11

7:00 am Mass
 8:00 am First Eucharist Mass and Reception
 2:30 pm Book Group, *Brides Room*
 5:30 pm Mass Practice, *Gym*
 6:30 pm Meditation Prayer Group, *Mary Chapel*

Tuesday, September 12

7:00 am Mass
 7:30 am-10:00 pm Exposition of the
 Blessed Sacrament
 7:00 pm Women's Encounter, *FH Lounge*
 7:30 pm Men's Encounter, *Board Room*

Wednesday, September 13

7:00 am Mass
 5:30 pm Reconciliation
 6:30 pm Mass
 7:00 pm Spanish Prayer Group, *Brides Room*
 7:00 pm Legión de María, *Sacristy*
 8:15 pm Men's AA, *Fellowship Hall*

Thursday, September 14

7:00 am Mass
 6:00 pm Knights of Columbus, *FH*
 6:30 pm Women's Club, *Lounge*

Friday, September 15

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

Saturday, September 16

4:00 pm Reconciliation
 5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, September 17

8:00 am Mass
 8:30 am RCIA
 10:00 am Mass
 11:15 am Sunday by Sunday, *Bride's Room*
 11:30 am Spanish Mass
 11:30 am Faith Formation, *FH*
 5:30 pm Mass and Procession to the Gym

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 9

5:30 PM Nunzie & Jeanette Loria †
 5:30 PM Gus Arndt †

Sunday, September 10

8:00 AM Martha Cornicelli †
 10:00 AM Pro-Populo (Parishioners)
 11:30 AM Martha Rosales †
 Hernan Hernandez †
 Sophia Olivia Garcia †
 5:30 PM Leo Etlinger †

Tuesday, September 12

7:00 AM Jan Duncan (L)

Wednesday, September 13

7:00 AM For the conversion of
 sinners and the reparation
 of sins

Friday, September 15

7:00 AM Wil Dalferes †



Altar Flowers

*The flowers in front of the
 altar are in memory of :*

*Fred Lero by:
 Pat Lero*

*In honor of Helen Worden's
 96th Birthday by Betty Bixby*



Ever wonder what it would be like to have a group of women in your age group that you can laugh with, give back to the community with, and who share the same faith as you?
US TOO!

If you're a woman in your 20s or 30s, married or single, with kids or without kids, and would like to get to know the women in your community, please join us

**Thursday, September 21—6:30 - 8:00 pm
in the Church Office**

Meetings will be every third Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm.

If you'd like, please bring a snack or beverage to share. Additionally, you are welcome to bring a friend!



10 Day Holy Land Pilgrimage

Cana - Tiberias - Bethlehem - Mt. Beatitudes - Nazareth
Jerusalem - Mt. of Olives



June 20 - 29, 2018
\$3,490.00 Per Person From Houston

Spiritual Director: Rev. Philip Lloyd
St. Theresa Catholic Church--Houston, TX
Tour Coordinator: Mrs. Simone Doudna



**Help support the Houston Coalition for Life
and the Blue Blossom Crisis Pregnancy
Centers by participating in their annual
Run/Walk for Life.**

WHEN:

Saturday, September 23, 2017

WHERE:

**All Saints Catholic Church
215 E 10TH Street, Houston TX 77004**

TIME:

8AM-11AM

**Please go to HoustonCoalition.Com
to register or call 713-395-1330**



SPIRITAN CHINA EDUCATION FUND
FOR ADVANCED FORMATION

2ND CHINA CHURCH FORUM

**Friday, Sept. 15, 2017— 6:00-8:30pm
(Free Admission)**

**St. Michael Catholic Church Parish
Life Center (Room A)**

1801 Sage Rd., Houston, TX 77056

Saturday, Sept. 16, 2017

**University of St. Thomas-Scanlan
Room**

**4000 Mt. Vernon St. Houston, TX
77006**

HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS AND WEBSITES

HOUSTON POLICE:

If you have a life-threatening emergency, call **911** and stay on the line until someone answers.
Don't hang up.

HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT:

311 or 713- 884-3131
www.houstonpolice.org

HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT:

311

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD:

713-578-3000
281-464-4852
281-464-4853
281-464-4854
281-464-4855

CENTER POINT ENERGY:

713-207-2222

TEXAS UNITED WAY:

211

FEMA:

Registration - 1-800-621-3362

NATIONAL EMERGENCY CHILD LOCATOR CENTER:

1-866-908-9570

AMERICAN RED CROSS:

1-800-RED-CROSS
If you're looking to volunteer, you can visit redcross.org.

DISASTER DISTRESS HOTLINE:

1-800-985-5990

FEMA: Registration:

www.disasterassistance.gov

AMERICAN RED CROSS:

Registration:
safeandwell.communityos.org

AMERICAN RED CROSS - SHELTER:

www.redcross.org/get-help/disaster-relief-and-recovery-services/find-an-open-shelter

AMERICAN RED CROSS - VOLUNTEER:

www.redcross.org/volunteer/become-a-volunteer#step1

HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF FUND:

<http://www.archgh.org/harveyrelief>

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF GALVESTON HOUSTON:

713-874-6654
You also can text:
"CCUSADISASTER" to 71777.
www.CatholicCharities.org

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER:

3230 Mercer - Houston, TX 77027
713-961-3993
www.ccschouston.org

STATE BAR OF TEXAS:

Legal Hotline - 1-800-504-7030

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NATIONAL VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTER:

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CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

We welcome these new Catholics into the Roman Catholic Church by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. May God's many blessings and graces be with them and their families as they grow in wisdom and spiritual strength.

Cecilia Marie Dassey
Cameron Joseph Le
Janie Eve Gutierrez
Kaitlin Rose Amoned
Emma Victoria Yarotsk
Adam Landon Ramirez
Casen Anthony Miculka
Richard Rafael Gould
Santiago Alexander Oropeza



CELEBRATION OF MATRIMONY

We congratulate those couples, who received the Sacrament of Marriage. May God bless them each and every day and enlighten you with His grace.

Adam James Shoemaker and Courtney Alyssa Shoemaker
Stephanie Woods and Gregory Keogh
Jamie Mantle and Lucia Salazar
Kara Jones and Andy Mueller
Raul Ernesto Wong and Moylam Lima Wong
Sandra de la Camara and Brian Langen
Ellen Elizabeth Reid and Doyle Anthony Adams Jr.
Angie Jones and Jason Scofield
Michelle Meaux and Sean Anger
Kate Olivi and Todd Michael Schneck
Fred Quila and Kimmaly Santhavi

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announcement for our bulletin,
please send it to:

STCCBulletin@StTheresa.cc

Submissions are due by Wednesday

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