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MEMORIAL PARK
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Lord,

MAKE US TURN TO YOU;
LET US SEE YOUR FACE
AND WE SHALL BE SAVED

First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2017

From Father Phil

My Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Theresa,



hope that you all had a good Thanksgiving. The national holiday of gratitude gives way to December and the darkest time of year, in the Church we call this season Advent. It is good to prepare, to wait. It is not easy, but it is important and it teaches us patience and an ability to delay gratification. It creates an opportunity to rest and reflect on that which is important.

As our parish and school renewal continues we make space for an interior change. I hope the following words of one the churches' finest teachers and writers from the last century will help all of us on our journey to new birth.

"Advent is the "sacrament" of the PRESENCE of God in His world, in the Mystery of Christ at work in History....

This mystery is the revelation of God Himself in His Incarnate Son. But it is not merely a manifestation of the Divine Perfections, it is the concrete plan of God for the salvation of men and the restoration of the whole world in Christ.

This plan is envisaged not as a future prospect but as a present *fact*. The "last things" are already present and realized in a hidden manner. The Kingdom of God is thus already "in the midst of us." But, the mystery can only be known by those who enter into it, who find their place in the Mystical Christ, and therefore find the mystery of Christ realized and fulfilled in *themselves*."

Lord Jesus, assuage our blindness and activate our hearts during this Advent, so that we may find your presence hidden in ourselves. May we unveil the mystery of Christ-with-us and work toward the true restoration of the whole world in your image. Let your light shine in our hearts so that we may always know the truth of your love.

Amen.

With every good wish and blessing,

Fr. Phil Lloyd

Pastor

*Christ calls us to reach
those who are sick or
in need, to bless them,
serve them, and
show them mercy.
The thousands of people
served by the ministries
of the Archdiocese of
Galveston-Houston need
your compassion and
generosity.*

God bless each of you who have generously responded in support of the 2017 Diocesan Services Fund. If you have heard Christ call and have not yet responded, please do so today. Our parish goal for 2017 DDF is \$117,000. With every parish family's full participation, we will surely exceed this amount and do our share to help so many in need, advancing the work of the Church in our community. After listening our deacons preach *please help us to meet our goal!* For those of you who have already responded with a gift, please accept our sincere gratitude.

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New St. Theresa
Catholic School
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Ceremony.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please check the bulletin, our website (www.sttheresa.cc), and social media for updates on the exciting changes happening at St. Theresa-Memorial Park.

Please contact **Enrique Benitez** (713-869-3783) for more information or text Father Phil (832-622-2227) if you would like to meet with him to discuss your gift.



*If it touches the heart and guides us
on our path it is a healing circle.*

The holidays can be tough and depressing for some. The shopping, the crowds, the hassle, travel, hosting, sad memories, loved ones long lost, unmet expectations, family, etc...

There will be a "healing circle" in St. Theresa's Church Office on
Dec. 12th from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The intention of this Healing Circle is to create a space where whatever is on our heart with regard to the holiday season can be shared in confidence, heard without judgement and accepted with care. We'll reflect on what our plans are, what we're anticipating and consider how we'd like to actually experience this holiday season.

If you plan to attend this Healing Circle, please RSVP to **Ed Halloran** at
halloraned@gmail.com

For more information on healing circles visit:
<https://healingcircleshouston.org/>



St. Theresa Catholic School in Memorial Park

**St. Theresa Eight Grade
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talk to donors about their
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Catholic School and about
their wishes for St. Theresa's
future generations.**



Now accepting applications PK3—8th grade for the 2018-2019 school year

Register at www.StTheresaSchool.cc

**Contact Kelly McCarty,
Director of Admissions at k.mccarty@sttheresa.cc**



Please remember to bring your unwrapped gift, by the designated due date that is located on the back of your ornament.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity towards others during this special time of year!



Steps for Students registration is open!

February 17, 2018

Visit

www.sttheresaschool.cc/steps-for-students

for more information and to register!

Train for the race with us! Join our team **every Thursday at 6:00 p.m. (Starting on 11/30).** We meet outside the Fellowship Hall and run/walk around Memorial Park.

Dates and deadlines for

2018 Marketplace health insurance:

You can enroll in or change 2018 Marketplace health insurance right now.

The 2018 Open Enrollment Period runs from:

November 1, 2017 to December 15, 2017.

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- 1 Download a free QR code reader to your phone and scan the image below:



- 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, and swipe your 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."

Announcements



Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Special Collection December 10:

Many elder religious worked for years for small stipends, leaving a large gap in retirement savings. Please prayerfully consider how can support this collection. For more information go to www.retiredreligious.org



Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve

5:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Christmas Day

10:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

If you would like to commit to one Holy Hour of Adoration during the Advent Season, please contact **Diana Sepulveda** at **713.542.4706**. Adoration Schedule is on Tuesdays & Thursdays: 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

HOLIDAY

Schedule



St. Theresa Church Office: closed from Dec. 21 to Jan. 2.

Returning to the regular schedule on Wednesday, Jan. 3.

St. Theresa Catholic School: students will be off from Dec. 22 (at noon) to Jan. 8. Returning to their regular schedule on Tuesday, Jan. 9.

St. Theresa Early Childhood Center: closed from Dec. 22 to Dec. 26. Returning to their regular schedule on Wednesday, Dec. 27.



First Reconciliation and First Eucharist (Holy Communion) Parent Meeting

Our next **Parent Only** meeting for parents who are preparing their children for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist will be on

Tuesday, December 5th
at 6:30 p.m.
in the fellowship hall.

For additional information please contact **Janice Berger** at j.berger@sttheresa.cc or 713-869-3783, ext. 335.



Youth Ministry
upcoming volunteering events for the
middle school and high school stu-
dents of our parish/school family:

CCSC Christian Community Service Center

Jingle Bell

Express



Annual CCSC Jingle Bell Express

December 9th
 10:30 a.m. to noon

For more information go to:

[www.ccschouston.org/
 jinglebellexpress](http://www.ccschouston.org/jinglebellexpress)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

The homebound ministers are in need of a few more helping hands to volunteer to bring Communion to the parishioners of St. Theresa's that cannot join us at Mass each week.

The commitment is typically one weekend per month for an hour or two.

Please call the church office or Contact **Kelly L. Glanding-Woelfel**
kelly.glanding@woodgroup.com
 for more information.

We would love to have you join us in this important ministry!

DISCOVER THE ROOTS OF OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

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Dates, Times, Location

Morning and Evening Options
 Monday Evenings 7:00 PM to 9 PM
 Beginning Jan. 29, 2018 to April 9
 with a break on Mar. 5.

Friday Mornings 10:00 AM to Noon
 Beginning Feb. 2 to Apr. 13 with
 a break on Mar. 9

Registration, For More Information

All Meetings will be held at
 St. Theresa's Fellowship Hall.
 Workbooks are \$25.

For more info contact
Bob or Suzanne Shanley at
 832-797-7247 or 713-304-8759 or
bob@fphouston.com

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Alternative Giving and Sharing Christmas Joy!

Here is a wonderful way to honor those you love while supporting your neighbors in crisis who visit the Christian Community Service Center. Go to www.ccschouston.org and click the green "I Want to Donate" button.

Gearing Up for Cold Weather at Emergency Services-Central



Donations may be dropped off at 3434 Branard on weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., or Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

For more information, please contact **Courtney Hagen** at:
emergency_1@ccschouston.org or at
 713-961-3993.

FRESH FLOWERS NEEDED

We invite the parishioners of St. Theresa Catholic Church to sponsor altar flowers by choosing a weekend that has special meaning to you. Oftentimes, more than one person finds a certain date important, so flowers may be given in more than one name on any given weekend.

A suggested contribution of \$45 **per arrangement** will help support the weekly cost of altar flowers. Our normal arrangement options are two pedestal arrangements behind the altar, one arrangement in front of the altar, and/or one arrangement in front of the lectern.

Please turn in this order form & contribution **at least two weeks prior** to the weekend you would like the floral arrangement displayed.

For more information, please contact: **Pinky Concepcion 713-256-5972**

___ In Memory of _____

___ In Celebration of _____

___ In Honor of _____

Requested flower color(s): _____

Weekend Date for Flowers: _____

Sponsored by: _____

Phone#: _____

Flowers to be displayed:

___ In front of the altar

___ 2 pedestal arrangements behind altar

___ In front of lectern

Total Enclosed: _____

Please drop by office or mail to: **St. Theresa Catholic Church,**

Attn: Altar Flowers, 6622 Haskell Street, Houston, TX 77007



OPEN HOUSE 2018

ST. THOMAS HIGH SCHOOL

St. Thomas High School will host its
annual **OPEN HOUSE** on

Sunday, January 7
from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Talk to teachers and coaches, tour
classrooms, labs and athletic facilities.

Experience an afternoon with
the St. Thomas family.

See what awaits you as part of the
legendary St. Thomas brotherhood,
where tradition meets tomorrow.

RSVP Today at visit.sths.org



**St. Theresa Early
Childhood Center**



STECC is growing and thriving
and we are thankful for
all our blessings.

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and parishioners.

Contact **Cindy Clements**
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for more information.



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Noticias y Eventos

POR PADRE PHIL

Queridos feligreses y amigos de St. Theresa,

Espero que todos hayan tenido un buen Día de Acción de Gracias. La fiesta nacional de gratitud comienza el mes de diciembre y la época más oscura del año en la Iglesia a la que llamamos Adviento. Es bueno prepararse, esperar. No es fácil, pero es importante y nos enseña paciencia y la capacidad de retrasar gratificaciones. Crea una oportunidad para descansar y reflexionar sobre qué es importante.

A medida que nuestra parroquia y la escuela continúan la renovación, hacemos espacio para un cambio interior. Espero que las siguientes palabras de uno de los mejores maestros y escritores de la iglesia del siglo pasado nos ayuden a todos en nuestro viaje hacia el nuevo nacimiento.

"El Adviento es el" sacramento "de la PRESENCIA de Dios en su mundo, en el misterio de Cristo trabajando en la Historia ...

Este misterio es la revelación de Dios mismo en su hijo encarnado. Pero no es meramente una manifestación de las perfecciones divinas, es el plan concreto de Dios para la salvación de los hombres y la restauración de la palabra completa en Cristo.

Este plan no se concibe como una perspectiva futura, sino como un hecho presente. Las "últimas cosas" ya están presentes y se realizan de manera oculta. El Reino de Dios ya está "en medio de nosotros". Pero el misterio solo puede ser conocido por aquellos que entran en él, que encuentran su lugar en el Cristo Místico y, por lo tanto, encuentran el misterio de Cristo realizado y realizado en sí mismos."

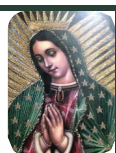
Señor Jesús, alivia nuestra ceguera y activa nuestros corazones durante el Adviento, para que podamos encontrar tu presencia escondida en nosotros mismos. Que revelemos el misterio de Cristo con nosotros y trabajemos hacia la verdadera restauración del mundo entero a su imagen. Deja que tu luz brille en nuestros corazones para que podamos conocer la verdad de tu amor. Amén.

Con grato aprecio y bendiciones,

Fr. Phil Lloyd

Párroco

**Misa de nuestra señora de Guadalupe
Patrona de las Americas
Misa a las 7:00 a.m.**



The Week Ahead

Sunday, December 3

All day Community Service Day
 8:00 am Mass, Gym
 8:30 am RCIA, Office
 10:00 am Mass-School Spirit Sunday, Gym
 11:15 am Sunday by Sunday, Gym Upstairs
 11:30 am Marriage Orientation, PC/Office
 12:00 am Spanish Mass, Gym
 5:30 pm Mass, Gym

Monday, December 4

7:00 am Mass, FH
 2:30 pm Sr. Carolyn Book Club, Office
 6:30 pm Meditation Prayer Group, Office

Tuesday, December 5

7:00 am Mass, FH
 7:30 am-10:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, FH Board Room
 6:30 p.m. Reconciliation Parent Meeting
 7:00 pm Women's Encounter, FH Lounge
 7:30 pm Men's Encounter, FH Lounge

Wednesday, December 6

7:00 am Mass, FH
 5:30 pm Reconciliation, FH
 6:30 pm Mass, FH
 7:00 pm Legión de María, Lounge
 8:15 pm Men's AA, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, December 7

6:30 am Women's AA, Office
 7:30 am-10:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, FH Board Room
 7:00 pm Godparent Class

Friday, December 8

6:45 am Rosary for Peace, FH
 7:00 am Mass, FH
 12:00 pm Holy Day Mass, FH
 5:30 pm Widows Support Group, Office
 6:30 pm Holy Day Mass, FH

Saturday, December 9

2:00 pm American Legion, FH
 4:00 pm Reconciliation, Gym
 5:30 pm Mass, Gym

Sunday, December 10

8:00 am Mass, Gym
 8:30 am RCIA, Office
 10:00 am Mass, Gym
 11:15 am Sunday by Sunday, Gym Upstairs
 11:30 am Faith Formation, FH
 12:00 am Spanish Mass, Gym
 5:30 pm Mass, Gym

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, December 3

8:00 AM Gerald Smith †
 10:00 AM Pro-Populo (Parishioners)
 12:00 PM Stevenson Family
 Mulvilhill Family
 5:30 PM Chester Abbey †
 Florence Sicola †

Monday, December 4

7:00 AM Anne (L)

Tuesday, December 5

7:00 AM All Souls

Wednesday, December 6

7:00 AM Msgr. Conally †
 6:30 PM Sybil Smith (L)

Thursday, December 7

7:00 AM Connie Hurley †
 John T. Bravenec †

Friday, December 8

7:00 AM Wil Dalferes †
 8:10 AM Hurricane Harvey Recovery
 12:10 PM Gus Arndt †
 6:30 PM Michelle Marks †

Saturday, December 9

5:30 PM Dewey Leonard Coles, Jr. †
 Jack Chapman Minter †
 Gus Arndt †

Sunday, December 10

8:00 AM Blanche Boston †
 10:00 AM Pro-Populo (Parishioners)
 12:00 PM Stevenson Family
 Mulvilhill Family
 5:30 PM Warren Wimberly †



Altar Flowers

We invite the parishioners of St. Theresa to sponsor altar flowers. Form on p. 6.

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Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.
(Spanish), 5:30 p.m.

Daily Mass: Monday—Friday at 7 a.m.,
Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Holy Day Masses: 7 a.m., 12:10 p.m., and
6:30 p.m.

Office Hours:
Monday—Thursday: 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Friday: 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00—1:00 p.m.