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AM I NOT HERE WHO
AM YOUR MOTHER?
ARE YOU NOT UNDER MY SHADOW
AND PROTECTION?
ARE YOU NOT IN THE
FOLDS OF MY MANTLE?
IN THE CROSSING
OF MY ARMS?

Third Sunday of Advent
December 17, 2017

Third Week of Advent

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Scripture Readings Summarized

The readings for the third Sunday of Advent remind us that the coming of Jesus, past, present and future, is the reason for our rejoicing.

The first reading tells us that we should rejoice because the promised Messiah is coming as our Savior and liberator, saving us by liberating us from our bondages.

The Responsorial Psalm of the day is taken from Mary's Magnificat, in which she exclaims: "My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit finds joy in God my Savior."

Paul, in **the second reading**, advises us to "rejoice always" by leading blameless, holy and thankful lives guided by the Holy Spirit, because Christ is faithful to his promise that he will come again to reward us.

Today's Gospel tells us that John the Baptizer came as a witness to testify to the Light, i.e., Jesus. The coming of Jesus, the Light, into the world is cause for rejoicing as he removes darkness from the world. We should be glad and rejoice also because, like John the Baptizer, we, too, are chosen to bear witness to Christ Jesus, the Light of the world. We are to reflect Jesus' Light in our lives so that we may radiate it and illuminate the dark lives of others around us. The joyful message of today's liturgy is clear. The salvation we await with rejoicing will liberate both the individual and the community, and its special focus will be the poor and lowly, not the rich and powerful.

Life MESSAGE

What should we do in preparation for Christmas?

The Jews asked the same question of John. His answer was: "Repent and reform your lives, and prayerfully wait for the Messiah." This means that we have to pray from the heart and pray more often. Our Blessed Mother, in her many apparitions, has urgently reminded us of the need for more fervent and more frequent prayer. Let us remember that the Holy Mass is the most powerful of prayers. We must become a Eucharistic people, receiving the living presence of Jesus in our hearts so that we may be transformed into His image and likeness. We encounter Jesus in all the Sacraments. Regular monthly Confession makes us strong and enables us to receive more grace in the Eucharist.

Let us also listen daily to God speaking

to us through the Bible. Perhaps, we may want to pray the rosary daily and fast once a week all year round, not just during Advent and Lent. After all, we sin all year round, so why not fast also all year round? Let us also find some spare time to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Let us forgive those who have offended us and pray for those whom we have offended. Finally, let us share our love with others in selfless and humble service, "doing small things but with great love" (Mother Teresa). As we prepare to celebrate Christmas and the coming of God into our lives we need also to remind ourselves that we have been called to be the means of bringing Jesus into other people's lives.

(Fr. Antony Kadavil)

We have a **building permit!**

As of Wednesday December 13th the City of Houston issued St. Theresa Church and School our official building permit. This week layout for both new buildings began. We hope to get Terracon back out to complete the additional soil testing in the coming week. We anticipate a 2-foot dig down and then backfill with select fill.



On Monday December 18th, a meeting will be held with some of the sub-contractors so we comply with C-3 guidelines, which is an Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston requirement. Real work has begun and we are getting ready to **“rock and roll.”**

We will keep you informed as we move forward in 2018! I want to thank you all for your continued support of this life changing project for the both the church and the school.



*Help us to reach our goal
to serve others*

2017 DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND

**Our goal is
\$117,000.00
and we are at
\$110,530.00**



**Thank you for all who
have contributed!**

by December 31st

Online Giving

There are several ways to access our online giving page:

- 1 Download a free QR code reader to your phone 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, 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



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.

Holiday Masses

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24: 5:30 pm and 10 pm

Christmas Day, Dec. 25: 10:00 am

Dec. 26: 12:00 pm

Dec. 27: 12:00 pm and 6:30 pm
Confessions 5:30 pm

Dec. 28 and 29: 7 am - Communion Service

Jan. 1: 12:10 pm

Jan. 2 and 3: 7 am - Communion Service

Jan. 3: 6:30 pm
Confessions 5:30 pm

Jan. 4 and 5: 7 am

Are you sure you are a register parishioner?

- Registering and updating your contact information is important to record your weekly/monthly /Holyday/Advancement contributions in a tax letter.
- If you need to update, add, or remove household members, please call our Parish office as soon as possible.
- Attending to Mass Weekly or events does not automatically make you a parishioner. Please be sure that there is a record under your name in case you need a document from our Parish.
- Keep in mind our Church Office Holiday schedule posted above.
- If you don't receive contribution envelopes please call the Parish Office if you have any questions about being a registered parishioner, or if you should register.

713-869-3783

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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
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bob@fpchouston.com

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Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration Schedule

Tuesdays & Thursdays:
7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

If you would like to commit to
one Holy Hour of Adoration
during the Advent Season,
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Diana Sepulveda

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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

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INTERFAITH SERVICE DAY

Thank you
to all St. Theresa
volunteers
that participate on the
Interfaith Service Day,
newly renamed
Mercy/Mitzvah/Sadaqah Day,
with Brith Shalom and
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at the
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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 until **December 15, 2017.**

To enroll go to www.healthcare.gov or call **1-800-318-2596**

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





St. Theresa Catholic School in Memorial Park

Congratulations
to our
Spelling Bee winners
Mandy Nguyen (6th-8th)
and
Jacob Prochaska (3rd-5th)
and alternates
Presley Vann and
Ava Bocock!
Mandy and Jacob will
move on to compete in the
Archdiocesan round
early next year.



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



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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: July 19, 2015

St. Theresa *Catholic Church* 2018 Media Kit

- Print Bulletin : 600 prints per week
- Online Advertisement: In and About eblast (frequency: bi-weekly with 1,200 subscribers.
- Website Advertisement: (six months and one year only.
(Average monthly visits: 2,200)

For More information contact: *Nancy Loncarich* at
nancy.loncarich@sttheresa.cc or 713-869-3783 ext. 334
or *Veronica Benitez* at **v.benitez@sttheresa.cc**

Bienvenidos

EN ESPAÑOL



Noticias y Eventos

¿Estás seguro de que estás registrado en la parroquia?

- Registrar y actualizar la información de contacto es importante para que sus donaciones semanales/ mensuales/ por días festivos/ y de Campaña Capital queden registrados para en su carta de impuestos.
- Si necesita actualizar, agregar o eliminar miembros de la familia, llame a nuestra oficina parroquial lo antes posible.
- Asistir a misa cada semana o participar en eventos no lo convierte automáticamente en feligrés. Asegúrese de que haya un registro bajo su nombre en caso de que necesite un documento de nuestra Parroquia
- Tenga en cuenta nuestro horario de vacaciones de la Oficina Parroquial:

**Desde el 21 de diciembre hasta el 2 de enero
la oficina estara cerrada.**

Volviendo al horario regular el miércoles, 3 de enero.

- Si no recibe sobres de contribución, llame a la Oficina Parroquial si tiene alguna pregunta sobre cómo puede registrarse como feligrés o si solo tiene que actualizar su información.

El teléfono de la oficina es el

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The Week Ahead

Sunday, December 17

St. Theresa Eight Grade Bake Sale

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

Monday, December 18

7:00 am Mass, FH

2:30 pm Sr. Carolyn Book Club, Office

6:30 pm Meditation Prayer Group, Office

Tuesday, December 19

7:00 am Mass Our Lady of Guadalupe, FH

7:30 am-10:00 pm Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament, FH Board Room

7:00 pm Women's Encounter, FH Lounge

7:30 pm Men's Encounter, FH Lounge

Wednesday, December 20

7:00 am Mass, FH

5:30 pm Reconciliation, FH

6:30 pm Mass, FH

7:00 pm Legión de María, Lounge

7:00 pm Spanish Prayer Group, Office

8:15 pm Men's AA, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, December 21

6:30 am Women's AA, Office

7:00 am Mass, FH

7:30 am-10:00 pm Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament, FH Board Room

Friday, December 22

6:45 am Rosary for Peace, FH

7:00 am Mass, FH

Saturday, December 23

Office Closed until Jan. 3rd

4:00 pm Reconciliation, Gym

5:30 pm Mass, Gym

Sunday, December 24

Office Closed until Jan. 3rd

8:00 am Mass, Gym

10:00 am Mass, Gym

11:15 am Sunday by Sunday, Gym Upstairs

12:00 am Spanish Mass, Gym

5:30 pm Mass-Christmas Eve, Gym

10:00 pm Mass-Christmas Eve, Gym

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, December 17

8:00 AM Mario Avila †

Gus Arndt †

Joey Hayden †

10:00 AM Pro-Populo (Parishioners)

11:30 AM Martha Rosales †

5:30 PM Leo Etlinger †

Monday, December 18

7:00 AM Hazel, Harold, Eve, Deborah &
William Vicknair †

Tuesday, December 19

7:00 AM Phillip & Christine Tusa †

Wednesday, December 20

7:00 AM Josephine Tamborello †

6:30 PM Bob McFall †

Thursday, December 21

7:00 AM Fred Lero †

Friday, December 22

7:00 AM Michelle Marks †

Saturday, December 23

5:30 PM Rose Ragusa †

Edward & Christine Bench †

Marianna Johnson (L)

Sunday, December 24

5:30 PM Michelle Marks †

10:00 PM Captain Walter Thomas
Broughton †



Altar Flowers

We invite the parishioners of
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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.