

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

LK 3:4, 6







hen Cardinal DiNardo came here in August to dedicate the beautiful new church and altar, he told us that we are the church; we are the altar and sacrifice. We are the living stones that show the Church isn't just bricks and mortar but the family of God. We are the ones who give our lives in the service of Jesus' good news.

North of here—in Spring, to be exact—there's another family of Christians like us. As they spread the Gospel to youth, families, and others, these Regnum Christi consecrated women are doing their best to make their whole lives like those of the first disciples. They live life in common, each one giving herself over to the Eucharist and to prayer (see Acts 2:42).

A couple of us from the St. Theresa Catholic Church staff got a chance to visit these consecrated women. I interviewed one of them, named Katie Tuttle, and I highly encourage you look on St. Theresa Catholic Church YouTube channel:

http://bit.ly/sttheresa-yt

One reason we made this video was to put a face to the religious men and women who are receiving our black box contributions this Sunday. Through my interview with Katie, we wanted to show how countless men and women from different religious communities had made their mark on her and, in turn, on the young people she works with today.

But as you'll see from Katie's story, she's let herself be renewed and transformed. She's given everything for the Gospel and for Jesus Christ. You don't have to become a member of a religious community or a consecrated person to do that (though

you could)! You can find a community and a guide to help you in your total commitment to Christ, right here in your own parish. For the motivation you need, stay tuned for bulletin letters and linked videos about vocation and renewal in the coming months. God's call is for everyone! Jesus is calling you, tugging at your heart—he wants to renew you! Let's be renewed together in the coming months.

John Knowles

Director of Liturgy



Holiday Mass Schedule

Monday, December 9, 2019Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Not a Holy Day of Obligation this Advent). 7:00 a.m. Mass | 12:10 p.m. Mass

Thursday, December 12, 2019

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe 5:00 p.m. Holy Rosary in the church 5:30 p.m. Procession departs from the church 6:30 p.m. Mass (Spanish) 7:30 p.m. Reception after Mass in the Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, December 24, 2019

Christmas Eve (Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord) 5:30 p.m. Mass 9:15 p.m. Live Nativity and Carols 10:00 p.m. Mass

Wednesday, December 25, 2019

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) 10:00 a.m Mass

Saturday, December 28, 2019

Vigil of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, December 29

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 8:00 a.m. Mass | 10:00 a.m. Mass 12:00 p.m. Mass (Spanish) | 5:30 pm. Mass

Church Office

Closed from Monday, December 23rd to Thursday, January 2nd. Returning to the regular schedule on Friday, Jan. 3, 2020.



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!



SPECIAL COLLECTION

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.



December 7-8, 2019:

Across the United States, hundreds of religious communities lack financial resources sufficient to meet the retirement and health-care needs of aging members. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection.

For more information go to www.retiredreligious.org

CHILDCARE SERVICE DURING MASS

(6 weeks old to 4-year-olds)

Please visit: www.sttheresa.cc/sunday-child-care Service is provided for the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

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CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM NOVEMBER

We welcome these new Catholics into the Roman Catholic Church by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Maximiliana Elizabeth Murray McDermott

Kennedy Marie Calvo
Colton Robert Calvo
Alana Marie Wiles
Giovanni Franco Cruz

RECENTLY DECEASED NOVEMBER

Alvin Paul Enclade
Robert T. Yokubaitis
Jo Bankston
Virginia Wheelis

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF MATRIMONY NOVEMBER

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

Paulina Valdez and Jonathan Schmitz

Rachel Thompson and Michael Kubanda

Lorena Deshon and Jaime Calderon

Andrea Lackups and Peter Hartley

Hillary Kim and Carlos Vences

Victoria Santiago and Oscar Qevedo

Erika Marcial and Pedro Loza

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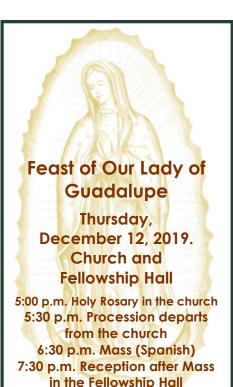
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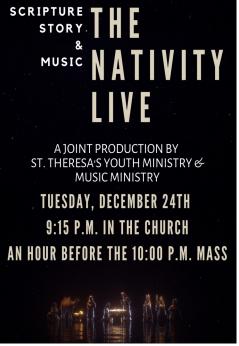
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EVERY 40 SECONDS, SOMEONE IN THE U.S. IS HAVING A STROKE!

Stroke Scan Plus will be at St. Theresa at the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, December 14, 2019, to provide life-saving, wellness ultrasound screenings. Stroke Scan Plus will be offering them to you for \$139 for all 7 combined ultrasound screening (Stroke, AAA, AFIB & organs). Insurance is NOT necessary and appointments are limited. Stroke Scan will be available at the church for you to register on December 7 & 8, 2019 or please call 832-437-7355 or toll-free 1-866-935-7226 to schedule an appointment today for you or a loved one. www.strokescan.com





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Come and join us this
Wednesday,
December 18th,
in the Blue Room
at 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
For more information, please
contact Larry Payne
at LJPayne06@aol.com

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

"For I was ill and you cared for me".
-Matthew 25-36

If you would like to serve in this ministry, or if you would like someone to bring
Holy Communion to you,
please contact the Church Office at 713–869–3783 or
Kelly Glanding Woelfel at kelly.glandingwoelfel@gmail.com.





St. Theresa 8th Graders Present Pictures with Santa!

When: Next Sunday, December 15, 2019 after 10 a.m. Mass

Where: St. Theresa School Gymnasium

Why: Fundraising Event for 2020 class trip to

Washington D. C.

Suggested donation of \$15.00 per family. Donuts, coffee, and juice will be served as well.

Your support is appreciated



Email Alert!

We are aware that scam emails have been sent on behalf of Fr. Phil. Please review his email address britishbulldog@sttheresa.cc
before opening any email from a different address.

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. outside the church office.

Dear volunteer,
The Outdoor Garden Ministry is
a great way to serve God, and
contribute to the beauty of our
church and community.

We are going to gather next week to get ready the flower beds throughout the parish complex for Advent.

Please contact Veronica Benitez at v.benitezesttheresa.cc or 713–869–3783 ext. 1809.

Bring some gardening tools. (We provide the plants).



The Harris County
Elections office has
selected St. Theresa
Catholic Church and
School to be a polling
place for the **Saturday**, **December 14th** election.

Registered voters who live in our community will be able to vote in the upcoming elections inside our **School Gym** from **7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**



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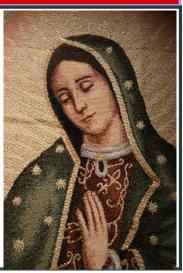
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Bienvenidos

Fiesta Patronal de la Virgen de Guadalupe

Jueves, 12 de Diciembre del 2019. En la iglesia y el Fellowship Hall

A las 5:00 p.m. Rosario en la iglesia A las 5:30 p.m. empezará la procesión saliendo desde la iglesia A las 6:30 p.m. Misa en español A las 7:30 p.m. Acompañenos a la recepción que habrá en el Fellowship después de la misa.



Bondad. Verdad. Belleza Presenta: Siete Pecados Capitales, Siete Virtudes Vivaces

Comience el viaje del pecado a la santidad

con el programa del Obispo Barron.
Este programa usa recursos para revisar
en su casa antes de cada sesión y el
grupo se reúne una vez por semana para
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martes en el cuarto azul de
7:00 p.m. a 8:30 p.m. durante
9 semanas en las fechas que se encuentran a mano derecha.

2019 2020
Dic. 10* Ene. 7 Feb. 4
Dic. 17 Ene. 14 Feb. 11
Ene. 21 Feb. 18
Ene. 28

Horario de Misas (en inglés)

Nochebuena

5:30 p.m. y 10:00 p.m.

Navidad 10:00 a.m. Registro y material por todo el curso: \$10.

Para registrarse o para más información por favor contacte a Veronica Benitez al 713-869-3783 ext. 1809

*Queremos ofrecer nuestras disculpas a las personas que vinieron el martes pasado. Cancelamos por falta de registro pero empezaremos el 10 de Diciembre.
Gracias por su comprensión.

CONFESIONES



Las confesiones en español serán el segundo domingo de cada mes antes y/o después de la misa de español de las 12:00 p.m. con el padre Davila.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, December 8

Second Collection: Retired Religious Fund

Stroke Scan to speak

8:00 am Mass, Church 8:30 am RCIA. Office

Marriage Orientation, Blue Room 8:30 am

10:00 am Mass. Church

11:00 am Faith Formation. Blue Room. FH

11:15 am Sunday by Sunday, *CR Spanish Mass. Church 12:00 pm

Novena - Virgin Guadalupe. Church 1;00 pm

5:30 pm Mass. Church

Monday, December 9-Immaculate Conception

7:00 am Mass. Church 12:10 pm Mass. Church

6:30 pm Meditation Group. Office 7:00 pm Spanish Prayer Group, *CR

Tuesday, December 10

7:00 am Mass. Church

7:30 am-10:00 pm Adoration, Chapel

6:30 pm Women of the Little Way, Office 7:00 pm Obispo Barron Session I, Blue Room 7:00 pm Novena-Virgen de Guadalupe. CR

Wednesday, December 11

7:00 am Communion Service. Church 6:00 pm Bishop Barron Session, Office

6:30 pm 10 a.m.-Choir. Church 7:00 pm Legión de María, *CR 8:15 pm Men's AA, Blue Room

Thursday, December 12

6:30 am Women's AA. Office 7:00 am Mass. Church

7:30 am-10:00 pm Adoration, Chapel

5:00 pm Rosarv. Church 5:30 pm Guadalapana Procession, Church

5:30 pm-6:15 pm Reconciliation, Narthex

Mass. Church 6:30 pm

Women's Group. *CR 6:30 pm 7:00 pm AA. Blue Room 7:30 pm Men's Encounter. *CR

Friday, December 13

Rosarv for Peace. Church 6:45 am

Mass. Church 7:00 am

6:00 pm Spanish Class, Office

Saturday, December 14

9:00 pm Gardening Ministry, Outside Office

12:00 pm Rosary, Chapel

3:30 pm-4:30 pm Reconciliation. Narthex

5:00 nm Mass. Church

CR: Conference Room

* FH: Fellowship Hall

* Blue Room classroom next to the Fellowship

Hall

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 7

5:00 PM Edward & Christine Bench †

Wil Dalferes †

John Thomas Bravenec † Raul Caffesse (L)

Sunday, December 8

8:00 AM Michelle Jordan (L) 10:00 AM Pro-Populo (Parishioners) 12:00 PM Ms. Gutierrez (L)

Lummie Lou Love † 5:30 PM

Teresa Vale De Moreno †

Maria David † Enrique Ramirez †

Monday, December 9

Victor De Souza † 7:00 AM 12·10 PM Asher Austin (L)

Tuesday, December 10

7:00 AM Tracy Ann Franz Ligon †

Juan Arroyo (L) Edward Kilianski (L)

Wednesday, December 11 7:00 AM Communion Service

Thursday, December 12

7:00 AM Anthony & Natalie Adams † Joseph & Louis Adams † Dorothea Kristoff †

Michelle Marks †

6:30 PM Jo Marie Bankston †

Friday, December 13

7:00 AM Nikola Tesla † Jo Marie Bankston †

John Tillery †

Saturday, December 14

5:00 PM Wil Dalferes †

Lana Marie Eakin †

Leonard Clarence Bryan Jr †

Sunday, December 15

8:00 AM Father Phil (L) Pamela Slade †

10.00 AM Pro-Populo (Parishioners)

12:00 PM All Souls Jody Tusa † 5:30 PM

Teresa Vale De Moreno †

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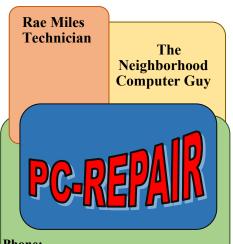
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