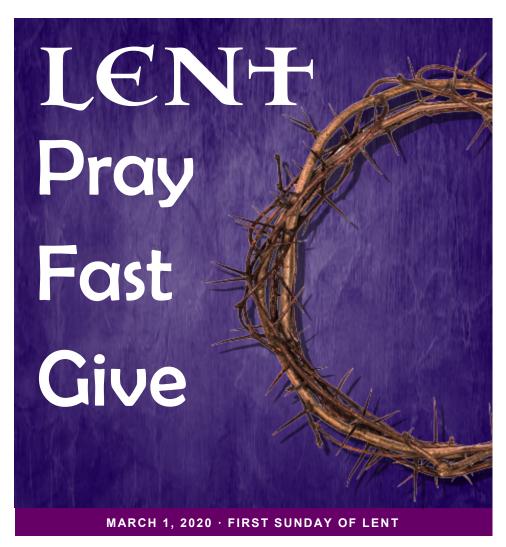


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FROM FATHER PHIL

My dear parishioners,

e no sooner begin the season of Lent than we are plunged into the mystery of how creation and humanity began, Genesis 2, before anything came to be. In our Gospel, Jesus is led into the desert to wrestle with his demons. Lent is our desert time, and like Jesus, we are called both to acknowledge our demons and confront them.

The desert is a: "Place of revelation and revolution. In the desert we wait, we weep, and we learn to love." Alan Jones, Soul-Making. It is indeed a time of interior searching and prayer. We need also the practices of the Church to help us be connected to the body of Christ. Bishop Robert Barron reminds us of ancient practices that help us do just that: "Lent is about doing the things that involve the body as much as the mind and heart. That involves the exterior of our life as much as the interior." Could Lent be described in that case as endeavoring to keep our lives balanced?



On Ash Wednesday, we were reminded of the need for three things that help us do just that, "follow the Church's recommendations and do three things: pray, fast, and give alms. And as you do, pray to draw closer to the Lord as the center of your life—and the reason you do everything." Bishop Barron.



Please hold me in prayer as I will be away all week long on an individually guided retreat.

Blessings for this joyful season,

Fr. Phil

LENT 2020

Stations of the Cross

Our Lenten tradition of observing the Stations of the Cross will begin on Friday, February 28th, in English at **6:15 p.m.** and continue every Friday during Lent until April 3rd.

Lent Soup Supper

Please join us every Friday during Lent at **7:00 p.m.** in the Narthex after the Stations of the Cross to enjoy fellowship and supper.

> *There is no charge for the supper, but a love offering is accepted.

Confession Times

Thursday 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. or by appointment Saturday 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

Holy Week Mass Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020

Regular Weekend Mass Schedule
Holy Thursday, April 9, 2020
6:30 p.m. Mass
Good Friday, April 10, 2020
3:00 p.m. Liturgy
Easter Vigil Saturday,
April 11, 2020
8:30 p.m. Mass

Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020 Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. In the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

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St. Theresa Catholic Church supplies Casa Juan Diego and CCSC with generous donations from our parishioners.

Please consider helping others during Lent by bringing the most needed items on Sunday Masses.

Casa Juan Diego is in need of the following items: wheel chairs, cooking oil in size for a family, adult diapers, wipes, pinto beans, dishwashing liquid, floor soap, and toilet tissue.

The top ten most needed donations items for **CCSS** are: dry Beans (1-pound or 2-pound bags; pinto, etc.), canned tomatoes, peanut butter, canned vegetables (low sodium preferred), canned meat (tuna, chicken, etc.), rice (1-pound or 2-pound bags), dry pasta (any type), canned Fruit (light syrup preferred), boxed cereal (low sugar preferred), and hearty canned soups.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adult Confirmation Classes begin **March 8th.**



If you are a baptized Catholic and have received your First Communion, but want to complete your Sacraments of Initiation through Confirmation then these classes are for you.

Please contact *Ginger Tamborello* for more information or to register.
g.tamborello@sttheresa.cc

Bishop Robert Barron's UNTOLD BLESSING Three Paths to Holiness

God calls each of us to become a saint, and He is ready to support us along the way by providing abundant blessings. Join us as we seek these blessings by participating in Bishop Robert Barron's program once a week on

Tuesdays from 6:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. in the blue room on the following dates:

March 3 March 10 March 17 (in the Red Room) March 24 March 31

April 7 April 14 April 21

Study Guide: \$15.
For more information, please contact **Kate Fitzgerald** at katefitz83@comcast.net

or call Veronica Benitez at 346-335-1809.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN

Friday, March 6, 2020 at 6:15 p.m. in the Church.

Lenten Soup Supper immediately following the Stations of the Cross in the narthex.





Do you...

- ...want to operate the screens at Mass?
- ...have a fine eye for detail in preparing slideshows?
- ...want to moderate a group of young people who could do these things?

Please contact **John Knowles**,
Director of Liturgy at

j.knowles@sttheresa.cc for more information about how we prepare and execute a video presentation at Mass, and how you can help serve.

ST. THERESA YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

St. Theresa Young Adults celebrated Fat Tuesday with Fr. Phil with great food and fellowship at King's Bierhaus at TC Jester Blvd.

If you want to join
St. Theresa Young Adult Group
please contact **Steph Szary** at
stephszary@gmail.com



CONTEMPORARY ISSUES COMMITTEE



Come and join us on
Wednesday, March 4th,
in the Blue Room
6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
For more information, please contact
Larry Payne
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Visit our gala site to locate our donation form or stop by the Church or School Office.

All donations can be dropped off at the Church or School office.

https://sttheresa.cc/2020gala

Under the Big Top Gala Tickets

This event is ALMOST SOLD OUT!! If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please contact Cynthia Garza at the Church Office 713-869-3783 or cynthia.garza@sttheresa.cc More information at: bidpal.net/sttheresaunderthebigtop



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PRAYER OF SAINT RICHARD OF CHICHESTER

Thanks be to thee. my Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits thou hast given me, for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, day by day. Amen.

HORARIO DE CUARESMA

DOMINGOS MISA EN ESPAÑOL 12:00 p.m.

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7:00 P.M. Sopa Cuaresmal 7:45 p.m. Via Crucis



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Jueves de 7:00 p.m. a 8:30 p.m.

En la oficina de la iglesia en las siguientes fechas:

March 5 April 2 April 30

March 12 April 16 March 26 April 23

Costo: \$15. Para más información contacte a **Veronica Benitez** at **346-335-1809**.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, March 1

Black Box Collection: Black and Indian

Missions

Mexican Breakfast, FH

8:00 am Mass, Church

8:00 am First Communion Class, *Gym*

8:30 am RCIA, Office 10:00 am Mass, Church

11:00 am Sacramental Parent Meeting, FH

11:15 am Sunday by Sunday, *CR 12:00 pm Spanish Mass, Church 2:30 pm American Legion, FH

3:30 pm Marriage Orientation. *Blue Room*

5:30 pm Mass, Church

Monday, March 2

7:00 am Mass, Church

2:30 pm Sr. Carolyn Book Club, *CR*6:30 pm Meditation Group, *Office*7:00 pm Grupo de Oración, **CR*

Tuesday, March 3

7:00 am Mass, Church

7:30 am-9:00 pm Adoration, *Chapel* 6:15 pm Bishop Barron Session 1,

Blue Room

Wednesday, March 4

7:00 am Mass, Church

8:10 am Communion Service, *Church*6:00 pm Contemporary Issues Committee.

6:00 pm Contemporary Issues Committee

Blue Room

7:00 pm Legión de María, *CR* 8:15 pm Men's AA, *FH*

Thursday, March 5

6:30 am Women's AA, Office

7:00 am Communion Service, *Church* 7:30 am-9:00 pm Adoration, *Chapel*

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

6:30 pm Mass, *Church* 7:00 pm Obispo Barron session 2, *Office*

7:00 pm AA, Blue Room

7:30 pm Men's Encounter, *CR

Friday, March 6

6:45 am Rosary for Peace, *Church*

7:00 am Mass, *Church* 6:00 pm Spanish Less

6:00 pm Spanish Lessons, *Office* 6:15 pm Stations of the Cross for Children,

Church

7:00 pm Lenten Soup, Supper, Narthex

7:45 pm Via Crucis (español). Church

Saturday, March 7

Black Box Collection: Serving the Poor,

Immigrants, and Refugees

12:00 pm Rosary, *Chapel*

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

5:00 pm Mass, Church

* CR: Conference Room

* FH: Fellowship Hall

 Blue Room: Conference room next to the Fellowship Hall



ALTAR FLOWERS

St. Theresa is currently accepting donations for Altar Flowers for the Easter Season. Please note there are no flowers during Lent.

Please contact Mary-Ann Virgilio at maryann.virgilio@sttheresa.cc or call 713-869-3783.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 29

5:00 PM Wil Dalferes †

Nunzie & Jeanette Loria † Dominic Cegielski † Raul Caffesse †

Sunday, March 1

8:00 AM Nicole & Gabriel Nieto (L)

Bernie Daniels †

10:00 AM Pro-Populo (Parishioners) 12:00 PM Leyda & Jorge Rozette (L)

Ruben Arredondo †

5:30 PM Shannon, Benjamin, and Joe Lee (L)

Verian Darbonne Minter †
Dewey L. Coles. Jr. †

Monday, March 2

7:00 AM Isabel Vega (L)

Robert Siy †

Evan H. Wasserman †

Tuesday, March 3

7:00 AM Michelle Rozette & Brian

Archabal (L)
James Descant †
Laura Beth James (L)

Wednesday, March 4

7:00 AM Phillip, Christine & Jody Tusa †

8:10 AM Communion Service

Thursday, March 5

7:00 AM Communion Service 6:30 PM Laura Beth James (L)

Friday, March 6

7:00 AM Paul Moore †

Robert Siy † Rudy Vrana †

Saturday, March 7

5:00 PM Wil Dalferes †

Edward & Christine Bench †

Dominic Cegielski † Teresa Belandria †

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Please visit:

www.sttheresa.cc/ sunday-child-care

Service is provided for the

10:00 a.m. Mass. For more information please contact:

Melanie Leadingham at

melanie.leadingham@sttheresa.cc or call 713-869-3783.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

DURING THE 10:00 AM MASS (THE FIRST AND FOURTH SUNDAYS OF EACH MONTH)

Children ages 4 through 7 are dismissed before the Liturgy of the Word and gather to hear the Sunday Gospel reading in an age appropriate format.

Children then discuss the Gospel reading and complete an activity that supports the Gospel reading. Afterward, the children return to Mass before the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Children's Liturgy of the Word is led by "CMG Safe Haven" volunteers.

WE ARE GROWING!!! Please consider becoming a leader or

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