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## In and About St. Theresa - September 4, 2020

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Fr. Phil reflects on the life of service of Pier Giorgio Frassati and invites us to get involved serving the poor and vulnerable.

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# Get Involved

## We need you!

Do you feel called to serve in one of our St. Theresa's ministries, but are unsure where you can make the most difference? St. Theresa is currently looking for people that want to help us in the following areas:

- **ushers**
- **readers**
- **sacramental records**
- **communications**

Each of these positions plays a vital role in our community and the celebration of mass. For more information on how you can get involved, please contact **Jackie Dumoit** at [j.dumoit@sttheresa.cc](mailto:j.dumoit@sttheresa.cc)

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# Parish Schedule

Join us in person or online as we meet for the 22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time at 5:00 p.m. Saturday, 10:00 a.m., and 5:30 p.m. You may view St. Theresa's Mass on our website [sttheresa.cc/online-mass](http://sttheresa.cc/online-mass) or on our [Youtube channel](#)

***[For more information about attending Mass at St. Theresa, click here.](#)***

The reconciliation schedule will remain the same during the closure. Sunday obligation to attend Mass and Holy Days continues to be suspended. In-person gatherings on parish campuses are allowed only for programs of sacramental preparation. This permission for in-person catechetical gatherings does not include adult bible studies, conferences, or special presentations.

## **Previous Week Mass Attendance**

August 22 - August 23 Attendance

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass attendees - 121

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass attendees - 136

Sunday 5:30 p.m. Mass attendees - 98

Online views - 310

The church office will be closed until further notice, but our staff is working remotely to serve you, please see our parish directory at the end of this note.

If you have any questions, please call **713-869-3783** or email us at

[info@sttheresa.cc](mailto:info@sttheresa.cc)

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# WALGREENS FLU SHOT CLINIC

Available at St. Theresa on Sunday, September 6th, in the Gym from  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

If you like to save time, please fill in the first page of the Vaccine Administration  
Record (VAR)—Informed Consent for Vaccination\* in advance:

## Form

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St. Theresa's is conducting a clothing drive to assist a family who lost their home due to Hurricane Laura. The family is displaced and temporarily living with one of our parishioners. They have three boy toddlers and are in need of clothing, size 2T, 3T, and 4T, shoes, pillows, and blankets, new or slightly worn. Please contact **Mary**

**Ann Vigilio** to coordinate the delivery of the items at

[maryann.virgilio@sttheresa.cc](mailto:maryann.virgilio@sttheresa.cc)

Thank you for your compassion and generosity.

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### **RCIA Begins September 13th**

All are welcome! If you are a seeker, a baptized non-Catholic Christian, an open-minded doubter, raised in a non-Christian religion, or of no faith at all, and you want to learn more about God, Jesus, Christianity, and Catholicism, RCIA is the place for you.

Jesus invited those he met to “come and see,” so we are inviting you to come to explore, look around, reflect, and learn what it means to be Catholic and what we believe. If in doubt, join us for one session or two and decide from there. The door is open and God may be knocking in your life. This may be the invitation of a lifetime!

Join us on September 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. Our doors will open at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We are looking forward to seeing you. Come comfortable. Already we have a wonderful group forming for this year’s RCIA. For more information,

contact **Deacon Larry** at [deaconlarry@sttheresa.cc](mailto:deaconlarry@sttheresa.cc) or call the Church Office at **713-869-3783**. If you know someone that you would like to invite to RCIA, please pass this invitation on.

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## **ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON- HOUSTON**

### **Hurricane Laura Relief Efforts**

A special Hurricane Laura relief resource page has been set up at [www.archgh.org/laurarecovery](http://www.archgh.org/laurarecovery) for our neighbors in East Texas and Louisiana. This page will be updated as new information becomes available regarding the needs in Beaumont and Lake Charles in the aftermath of the storm.

Black Boxes will be available during this weekend masses for monetary donations.

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### Evil and the devil

Evil is manifested both physically and spiritually, through both the seen and the unseen.

The devil, as a fallen angel, leads the “dark powers” against God and his people. “Evil” is even part of the devil’s name!

The good news, however, is that we can rely on God’s grace, given through Jesus Christ, to defeat evil in *all* its forms.

See how the devil operates and how God saves:



### Questions:

Do you believe in the devil? Why or why not?

What awareness do you have of unseen, spiritual evil? What, if any, experiences do you have with it?

From what specific evils does Jesus save us?

After watching, please add a comment sharing your thoughts, or ask any questions you have!

# Welcome to St. Theresa



## **Melissa Swanson is joining the parish finance department**

Melissa and her family have been attending St. Theresa since 2014. She graduated from The University of Texas at Austin with a BBA in accounting and has been a CPA for 25 years. Melissa and her husband, Robert have been active in the parish serving as co-chairs of the most recent capital campaign and as Eucharistic

ministers. They have a daughter who attends St. Theresa Catholic School, and Melissa has also been an active room-mom and volunteer. She is excited about this opportunity to be a part of the St. Theresa staff. If you need to contact **Melissa Swanson**, please send an email to [m.swanson@sttheresa.cc](mailto:m.swanson@sttheresa.cc)

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## Online Giving / Mass Collection

**For cash and check contributions please mail your envelope to St. Theresa Catholic Church on [6622 Haskell St.](#) | [Houston TX](#) | [77007](#)**

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# Sunday Homilies

 *St. Theresa*  
Catholic Church  
in Memorial Park  
homilies



St. Theresa Catholic Church's latest [\*Sunday Homily\*](#) is now available on YouTube!

Each one of us is called into the loving arms of the God of peace, as we are reminded in each Sunday's homily from St. Theresa Catholic Church in Memorial Park, Houston, Tex.

 *St. Theresa*  
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**2020-2021**

## **ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION**

**Faith Formation begins on Sunday, September 13th!**

### **Option 1 - Faith Formation at St Theresa**

September lessons will be completed at home. **We will begin class on St. Theresa's campus on October 11th.** Parents, please watch your email for additional details. Parents can pick up materials for Home Lessons on the dates listed below.

### **Option 2 - At Home Faith Formation**

Parents can pick up materials for Home Lessons on the dates listed below. Parents, please watch your email for additional details.

**Wednesday, September 2nd, at the Church Office from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, September 5th, at the Fellowship Hall from 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, September 6th, at the Fellowship Hall from 8:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. and  
11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, September 9th, at the Church Office from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Please contact **Janice Berger** with any questions at [j.berger@sttheresa.cc](mailto:j.berger@sttheresa.cc) or 713-869-3783 for more information. We are still registering for Faith Formation. To register, please go to <https://sttheresa.cc/ff-registration>

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## **HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION**

### **Confirmation 1 and Confirmation 2**

**Class begins virtually on Sunday, September 13th.**

**We will begin classes at St. Theresa on October 11th.**

Parents, please watch your email for additional details.

We are still registering for Faith Formation. To register, go to <https://sttheresa.cc/registration-high-school-faith-formation-grades-9-12> for High School Faith Formation. Please contact **Janice Berger** at [j.berger@sttheresa.cc](mailto:j.berger@sttheresa.cc) or **713-869-3783** for more information.

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# JOB OPENING



St. Theresa Catholic School is looking for a Bookkeeper, for more information please [click here](#) to contact **Melissa Ilski** or call the school office at **713-864-4536**.

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## STECC IS NOW ENROLLING

St. Theresa Early Childhood Center is now enrolling toddlers 10 - 23 months for the 2020-2021 school year.

Please visit our website [sttheresa.cc/ecc](http://sttheresa.cc/ecc)

We can't wait to have you join our STECC family.

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Join us on **December 4, 2020**, at Tour 18 Golf Course for St. Theresa's Annual Golf Tournament! All proceeds will benefit St. Theresa Catholic School and the School Tuition Assistance program.

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## FLOWER GUILD

**Altar Flowers: September 5 - September 6**

The flowers on the altar this weekend are in loving memory of Fred Lero by Patricia Lero

Flowers for the altar entirely depend on the sponsorship from your dedications. Schedule a dedication today! Please place your request two weeks in advance of your dedication date. For more information please contact **Mary-Ann Virgilio** at [maryann.virgilio@sttheresa.cc](mailto:maryann.virgilio@sttheresa.cc) or call 352-212-2961.

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### **Impostor priest email/texting scams**

Recently, there have been several reports of fraudulent email solicitations for financial support, usually in the form of gift cards, coming from email accounts identifying as Father Phil. St. Theresa Catholic Church or Father Phil would never make such appeals to the parish community. Please notify the church office immediately if they receive any unfamiliar donation requests at **713-869-3783**. See this previously issued related [\*consumer alert\*](#) from the Texas attorney general in regards to these scammers.

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## **ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON- HOUSTON**

### **Resources for Parishioners in Need**

**Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston** continues to serve people in need during the COVID-19 pandemic through all of its programs. Food pantries are open for drive-through food distribution at three locations: Guadalupe Center in Houston; Mamie George Community Center in Richmond; Beacon of Hope Center in Galveston. For hours and other information, [click here](#) or call the COVID Assistance Line at 713-874-6521.

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# ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON- HOUSTON

## Vocations Discernment Opportunities

### Samuel Group for Single Women

*Approaching vocational discernment with peace, joy, and confidence*

A discernment group for young women, ages 19-30, who will meet together once a month for six months in order to study, pray, and discover their individual vocations or lifetime call from God. The program begins in September and includes refreshments, talks, meditation, adoration, and confession. See the flyer [here](#).

*Special Note:* Participants in Samuel Group are not simply committing to attend one meeting a month, they are committing to a journey. This means that, outside of the meetings, they *must* continue contemplating and working on what they learn during the meetings, including discussing their journey and working with a spiritual director.

To register, please use the web link: [www.bit.ly/samuelgroup2020](http://www.bit.ly/samuelgroup2020)

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## HELPFUL WEBSITES

**Houston Police:** If you have a life-threatening emergency, call **911**. Non-Emergencies: [www.houstonpolice.org](http://www.houstonpolice.org)

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:** [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

**American Red Cross:** [redcross.org](http://redcross.org)

**Domestic Violence:** [thebridgeovertroubledwaters.org](http://thebridgeovertroubledwaters.org)

**United Way of Greater Houston:**  
[www.unitedwayhouston.org](http://www.unitedwayhouston.org)

**Christian Community Service Center:** [www.ccschouston.org](http://www.ccschouston.org)

**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Center:**  
[suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat](http://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat)

**Narcotics Anonymous (NA):** [www.na.org](http://www.na.org)

**Sex Addicts Anonymous (SAA):** [saa-recovery.org](http://saa-recovery.org)

**Counseling (Grief, Family, etc.):** [www.catholiccharities.org](http://www.catholiccharities.org)

**Families of Addicts:** [al-anon.org/](http://al-anon.org/)

**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA):** [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org)

**Overeaters Anonymous (OA):** [www.oahouston.org](http://www.oahouston.org)

# Parish and School Directory

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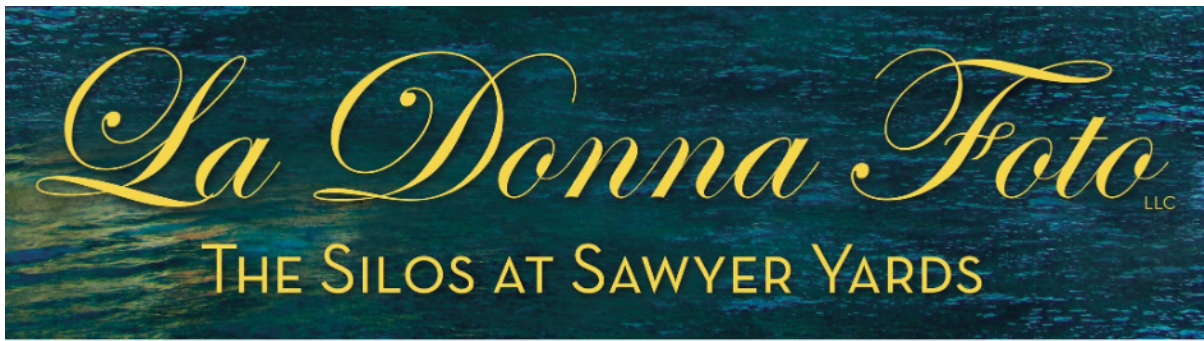
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