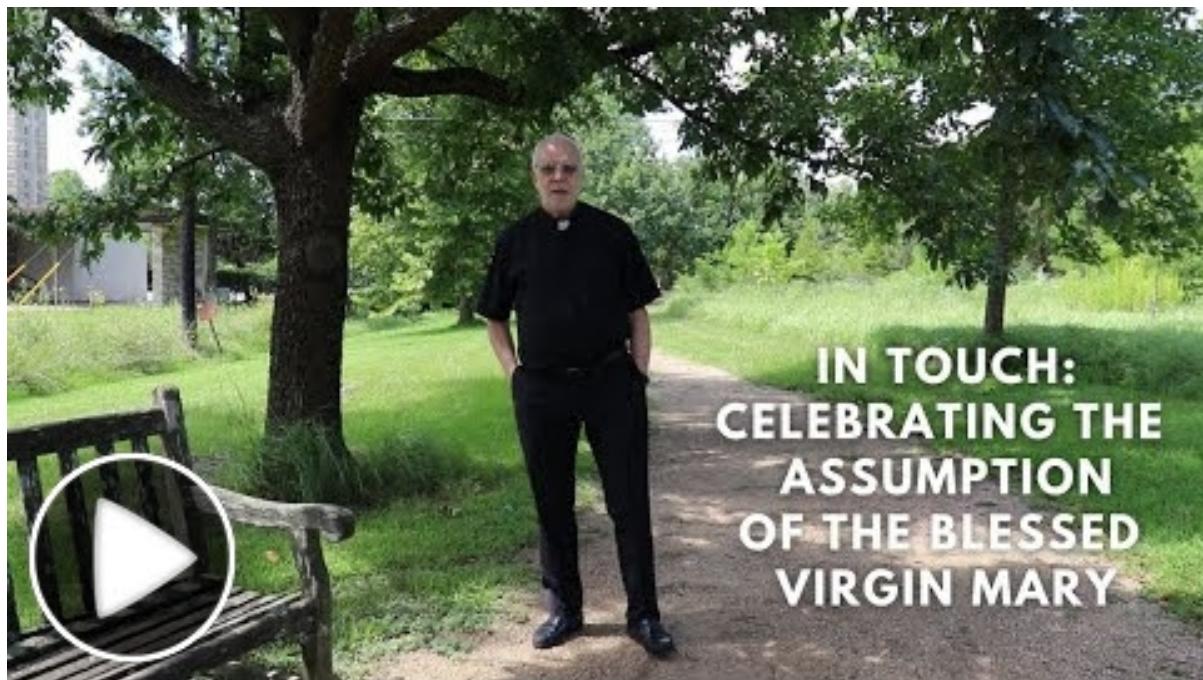

In and About St. Theresa Catholic Church- August 15, 2021



Sunday, we commemorate the bodily taking up of Mary, the mother of Jesus, into Heaven at the end of her earthly life. Father Phil desires us to live up to those maternal gestures of St. Mary.

Watch Fr. Phil's preview messages at our ***In Touch*** ***playlist*** on our ***YouTube channel*** by clicking [***here***](#).



BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL
St. Theresa's Chapel located in the corner of Haskell St. and Durford St. is open for silent prayer daily from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Adoration with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will continue on Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Church.



JOIN US THIS WEEKEND

We hope you can visit our sanctuary this Sunday, on the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or watch our live stream at 5:00 p.m. Saturday (Vigil Mass), 10:00 a.m., or 5:30 p.m. Sunday at <https://www.sttheresa.cc/online-mass> or on our [Youtube channel](#).

In addition to the live stream of our services, watch the [Homilies Playlist](#) on our [Youtube channel](#).

The parish will continue practicing safe health actions for all parishioners, visitors, and friends of St. Theresa.

- Masks are recommended
- Hand sanitizer will be available by the narthex doors
- All pews will be available for use
- Distribution of the Precious Blood is still suspended.
- Reception of the Holy Eucharist may be received on the tongue, or in the hand
- We will continue to refrain from shaking hands at the Sign of Peace and from holding hands during the Our Father
- Collection baskets will be available at the beginning and end of Mass
- We will continue to disinfect the church after each Mass

- Holy Water fonts will remain empty for now

We thank you for showing care, love, and compassion for others. Let's continue praying for the end of this pandemic, for those who are suffering due to the Coronavirus Disease, and for those who suffer the loss of a loved one.

Please, find Cardinal DiNardo's [announcement here](#) on new modifications to current COVID-19 pandemic protocols.

Previous Week Mass Attendance

August 7th - August 8th

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass attendees - 149
Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass attendees - 288
Sunday 5:30 p.m. Mass attendees - 331
Online views - 468

The church office hours are Monday - Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please call **713-869-3783** or email us at info@sttheresa.cc



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Sharing your faith with the youth is one of the greatest joys of being Catholic. We are currently needing faith formation teachers for K-high school for the 2021-2022 school year. No experience is necessary, training will be provided, flexible schedules. Our goal is to create a community of faith for the whole family by supporting our teachers and creating an open and welcoming atmosphere. Not comfortable teaching? Aides, hall monitors, and support volunteers are also needed. Please contact **Tommy Cordova** at t.cordova@sttheresa.cc or **346-335-1816**, for more information.

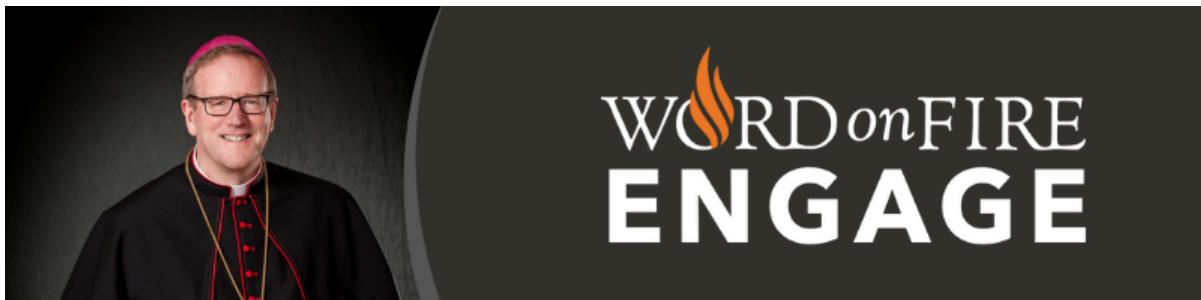


Children Liturgy of the Word

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Liturgy of the Word for Children is a program in which the Sunday scripture readings are proclaimed and explained on a level appropriate to children in grades pre-K – 2nd at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Adult volunteers are needed to lead scripture readings, reflection, and prayer.

Teen volunteers are needed to help the adults and facilitate discussions. All training will be provided and volunteers will work on a rotating basis. Please contact **Miriam Tipley** at miriam.tipley@sttheresa.cc or **346-335-1808**, if you'd like more information on helping with this important ministry.



THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

"In heaven, our Lady is with God. Our Lady's body is there, and the body of Christ is there."

- Caryll Houselander, English writer and mystic

Mary was assumed, body and soul, into heaven. What does this mean? This *doesn't* mean that Mary floated "up, up and away" into the clouds, but rather that she fully entered into that final harmony and union with God (*body and soul*), seeing God face-to-face, that goal to which we are all called.

Mary is the "model disciple," as St. Augustine noted, and, having been preserved from sin, she was preserved from corruption. Now Mary intercedes for us and cheers us on that we too might participate in this life-giving relationship with Jesus Christ.

We invite you to watch this video below from **Bishop Barron** on why Mary is so important to the Christian faith:



Questions for Additional Reflection:

- Do you truly believe that there is a life to come after death? Why or why not?
 - Do you ask Mary for her aid and intercession regularly?
 - How can you make time this week to honor Mary as Mother of God?
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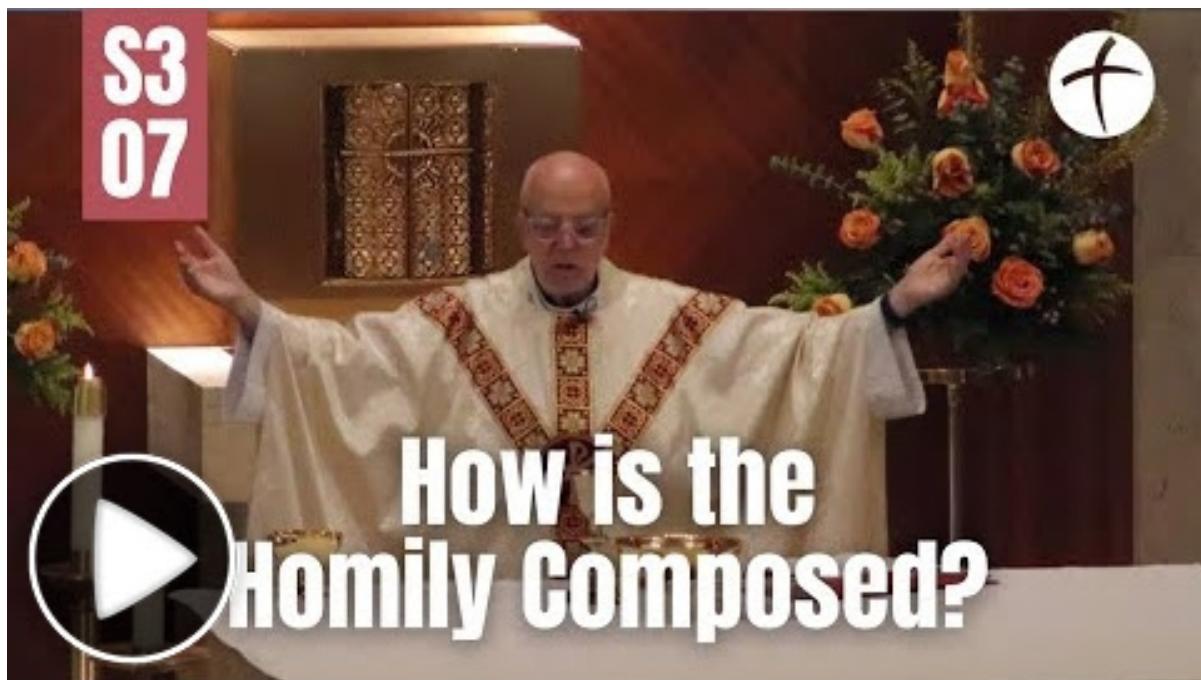
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WHY DO WE GO TO MASS?

Episode 7 of Season 3

Have you ever wondered how the priest and deacon come up with the homily every Sunday? Deacon Larry Vaclavik pulls back the curtain into the preparation and meaning of the homily.



Reflection questions:

1. What is the message coming from the homily?
2. How do homilies use present-day stories to help us understand scripture?
3. What is the goal of the priest and deacon putting together a homily?

Please share your comments and questions for Deacon Larry.

Hospitality Sunday



POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

As a precaution due to the increased number of COVID-19 cases in Houston, St. Theresa is suspending coffee and donuts following the 10:00 a.m. Mass until further notice.



Almsgiving

YOUR HELP ALLEVIATES THE DISTRESS OF THE PEOPLE IN NEED

St. Theresa will be helping out the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's weekly food fair on **September 4th, 7:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** Volunteers are needed to help distribute food outside in a mobile drive-thru food distribution. We normally see over 300 cars and need at least 15 volunteers. All volunteers wear masks and work outside or in an open warehouse where safety is a priority. No experience is necessary, open to individuals 14+. Please consider donating some of your time to this important ministry. Contact **Jackie Dumoit** at j.dumoit@sttheresa.cc, or **346-335-3413** to volunteer or for more information.

LOAVES SOUP KITCHEN *Fishes* and



TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO SERVE OTHERS

St. Theresa will be volunteering at the Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen on **Saturday, August 21st, and Saturday, September 11th.**

Volunteers will help prepare and package a hot meal and then distribute about 300 to-go boxes to the homeless. Volunteers are still limited to 8 per shift and must be 15 years or older. Please email **Jackie Dumoit**, j.dumoit@sttheresa.cc, or **346-335-1813** to sign up.



Almsgiving

SANDWICHES FOR CASA JUAN DIEGO

St. Theresa wants to give a big thank you to Marita Hasou! She has been the wonderful parishioner bringing all the sandwiches to Casa Juan Diego each Tuesday morning. Even though we're a small parish, our generosity is mighty, and we've been filling Marita's car every week!



To participate in our Sandwich ministry, please make sandwiches in your home and drop them off on **Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m.** Sandwiches should be individually wrapped and can be hearty meat and cheese or made to your liking. Brown bag

lunches can be put together with an individually wrapped sandwich or two and a piece of fruit. For questions, please reach out to **Jackie Dumoit** at j.dumoit@sttheresa.cc or 346-335-1813.

YOUNG ADULTS SUMMER EVENTS



SMALL GROUPS INTEREST SESSION

August 25, 6:30 p.m.

If you're interested in small group faith studies, please join us to help us shape this at young-adults@sttheresa.cc!

Parish Financial Information



Collections Actual for July, 2021	.....	\$121,668
Monthly Budget	.....	\$115,100
Online Giving included in Total	.....	\$84,564
Online Participants	.....	424

Collection Activity (July, 2021 to June, 2022)

Year -to-Date Collections Income	.....	\$121,668
Year -to-Date Collections Budget	.....	\$115,100

Capital Campaign (as of 08/10/21)

Campaign Goal	.....	\$14,100,000
Total Amount Pledged	.....	\$13,836,991
Total Amount Received	.....	\$12,109,696
Participants	.....	836

We're very thankful for your continuous support and to those who generously increased their giving or added an additional gift to keep helping us to continue to fulfill our mission.



BE PART OF THE CHRIST-CENTERED SERVING TEAM

We need your talent! Operate the cameras and slides for weekend Masses to engage participants in the liturgy. Be an active part of this important ministry, contact **Stephen Schad at s.schad@sttheresa.cc.** One-on-one training is provided and no experience is necessary.

Lectors



Get to know your lectors. This week the following parishioners will be reading at mass:

Saturday, August 14, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

Chris Woelfel

Anne Coles

Sunday, August 15, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Kelly Wrobel

Sandra Derby

Sunday, August 15, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

Peter Nguyen

Gilda Mendoza

If you want to participate in this ministry, please contact **Jackie Dumoit** at

346-335-1813 or at j.dumoit@sttheresa.cc.

For more information about lectors, please go to <https://sttheresa.cc/lectors>

To register use this link <https://sttheresa.cc/liturgical-ministries>



Flower Guild

ALTAR FLOWERS August 14th - August 15th

- The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Angeline and Joe Saragusa by Susan Hardman.
- The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Janet Lodge by John Lodge

St. Theresa's Altar is adorned with flowers each week and is totally dependent upon donors who sponsor the flowers. Please consider sponsoring an arrangement with a donation of \$75.00 in memory of a loved one, a celebration of an anniversary, a First Holy Communion or Confirmation, a birthday, or any special event.

Please contact **Mary-Ann Virgilio** at **352-212-2961** to place your request two weeks in advance. Thank you.



WEEK AUGUST 14th - AUGUST 20th

Saturday, August 14, 2021, 5:00 p.m.
Edmond & Mary Tarnowski †
† Celia Crusco
† Joe Tusa

Monday, August 16, 2021, 7:00 a.m.
† Phillip and Christine Tusa
† Jody Tusa

Tuesday, August 17, 2021, 7:00 a.m.

Pei Deng (L)
† Gilbert Ayala Sandoval
† Janet Lodge

Sunday, August 15, 2021, 10:00 a.m.
Pro-Populo (Parishioners)

Sunday, August 15, 2021, 5:30 p.m.
† James and Joan Mount
Maria Hutchings (L)
† Janet Lodge

† Peace for Anne
George Arevalo (L)
Ryan Oesterman (L)

Wednesday, August 18, 2021, 7:00 a.m.

† Nina DiCharry
† Dr. Carmel Dyer

Wednesday, August 18, 2021, 8:05 a.m.
2021 - 2022 School Year

Thursday, August 19, 2021, 7:00 a.m.
† Henrietta Vaclavik

Thursday, August 19, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
Diana Bui (L)
George Arevalo (L)
Ryan Oesterman (L)

Friday, August 20, 2021, 7:00 a.m.
† Grace Goudeau
† Mercedes Mosquera



PARISH COUNSELING SERVICES

Larry Freeney, Jr. is a Licensed Professional Counselor completing a Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision at Sam Houston State University. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with a Minor in Christianity (2014), and a Master of Arts in Counseling (2016) at Houston Baptist University.

In partnership with Rejoice Counseling Apostolate, Larry is now serving St.

Theresa's as a Parish Counselor. He will help our engaged couples prepare for marriage, offer a variety of support groups throughout the year, give presentations, and support Fr. Phil in his pastoral care of parishioners. You can learn more about our partnership with Rejoice at www.MyParishCounseling.com/sttheresa



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- 2 Select the collection or event of your choice.
- 3 Set up your donation or payment. That's it!

ONLINE GIVING/ MASS COLLECTION

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL



NOW ENROLLING, JOIN TODAY!

If you are looking for a new school home for your children (grades Pre-K 3 through 8th), come and learn more about St. Theresa Catholic School.

Contact **Kelly McCarty**, Admissions Director at k.mccarty@sttheresa.cc or **346-335-1706**.

JOB OPPORTUNITY



PART-TIME MAINTENANCE WORKER

St. Theresa is looking for a General Maintenance Worker who will perform general maintenance and repairs for assigned equipment and facilities including plumbing, electrical, basic carpentry, heating and cooling, and other systems.

Evening working hours 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Occasional weekend workdays availability is desired but not required.

For more information about this position, please go to <https://sttheresa.cc/employment>

Suitable candidates should send a cover letter and resume to **Enrique Benitez** at e.benitez@sttheresa.cc.

ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON HOUSTON

2021 WEDDING JUBILEE MASSES

Your love has been a testament of God's love, the living sign of the Sacrament of Marriage. To honor this achievement, Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, invites you to join him in a Eucharistic Celebration reminiscent of that time when you said "I do" before Him at the annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Jubilee Masses, hosted by the Family Life Ministry. The 50th Wedding Anniversary Jubilee Mass is set for Sunday, Sept. 26 at the CoCathedral of the Sacred Heart at 3 p.m. The 25th Wedding Anniversary Jubilee Mass is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 24 at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart at 3 p.m. Cardinal DiNardo will celebrate both Masses. A \$25 registration cost per couple includes an Archdiocesan certificate, special issue worship aid and commemorative pin. For more registration information, visit www.archgh.org/weddingjubilee.

ST JOHN PAUL II FOUNDATION TOGETHER IN HOLINESS

MARRIAGE CONFERENCE **Saturday, September 25, 2021**

Dynamic presentations, Mass, Reconciliation, and Eucharistic Adoration.

Registration: \$59 / couple or \$35 / individual

Early Bird: \$49 / couple or \$29 / Individual

Discount available through August 2nd. Scholarships are available. For more information or to register, visit togetherinholiness.org or email

th@forlifeandfamily.org

HOUSTON COALITION FOR LIFE

JOIN US FOR OUR RUN/WALK FOR LIFE 2021

Please join us for a family day in the Heights for our 13th Annual Run/Walk for Life on **Saturday, September 11th. anytime between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.** Register to walk or run. Distance options include a 2-mile walk or a 5K run.

Funds raised will benefit Houston Coalition for Life's Blue Blossom Pregnancy Centers; Big Blue, Baby Blue, and our Main Office. Your support will help us continue to offer free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, and Christian Counseling to women who need our help and save moms and babies from the devastation of abortion. For more information go to <https://www.houstoncoalition.com/events/run-walk-for-life-2021>

TEXAS CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF BISHOPS

CCUSA AND TEXAS CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF BISHOPS ADDRESS MINISTRY WITH MIGRANTS

The Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops has joined with Catholic Charities USA in a statement supporting the work of Catholic Charities with migrants.

"We praise the tireless efforts of the Catholic Charities member agencies at the border and throughout the country in their ministry to migrants," the two organizations state. "With constantly changing conditions, surges in border crossings, limited facilities, the media spotlight, and the pressures of regulatory efforts designed to curtail their humanitarian work, they march on caring for one human life at a time — whether it be a fearful child, a parent seeking to provide for his or her family or a potential victim of human trafficking. In caring for the stranger, they are the hands of Jesus Christ."

The full statement, which includes information on the integral role the Catholic Church and other faith entities have in caring for migrants and local communities, is available at the link below.

<https://txcatholic.org/ccusa-and-texas-catholic-conference-of-bishops-address-ministry-with-migrants/>

HELPFUL WEBSITES

- Alcoholics Anonymous (AA): www.aa.org
- American Red Cross: redcross.org
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: www.cdc.gov
- Christian Community Service Center: www.ccschouston.org
- Counseling (Grief, Family, etc.): www.catholiccharities.org
- Domestic Violence: thebridgeontroubledwaters.org
- Families of Addicts: al-anon.org/
- Houston Police: If you have a life-threatening emergency, call **911**. Non Emergencies: <https://www.houstontx.gov/police>
- Narcotics Anonymous (NA): www.na.org
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Center: suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat
- Overeaters Anonymous (OA): www.oahouston.org
- Sex Addicts Anonymous (SAA): saa-recovery.org
- Texas Department of Family and Protective Services www.txabusehotline.org
- United Way of Greater Houston: www.unitedwayhouston.org

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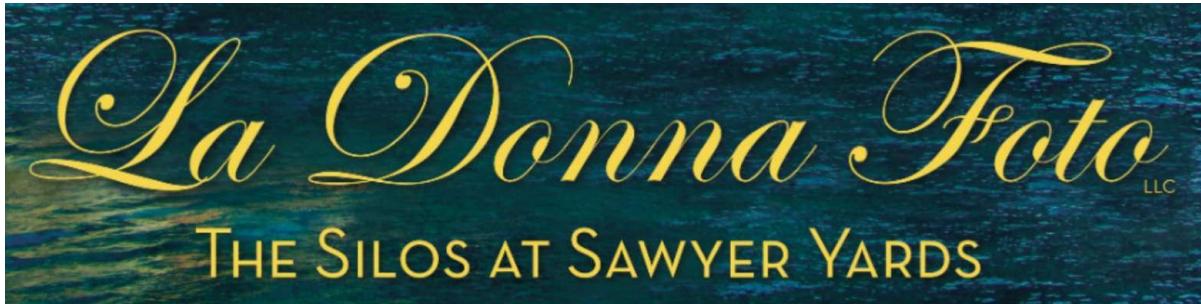
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