
In and About St. Theresa Catholic Church- August 22, 2021



The Eucharist, the Communion we share is something we take seriously. It brings joy to our hearts. Father Phil wishes we treat it with the reverence it deserves.

The ***In Touch*** ***playlist*** encloses past messages from Fr. Phil. Watch this series on our ***YouTube channel*** by clicking ***here*** and find more about St. Theresa's parish in Memorial Park.



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 14th - August 15th

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass attendees - 175

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass attendees -366

Sunday 5:30 p.m. Mass attendees - 231

Online views - 378

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

Due to the increase of COVID-19 cases, Hospitality Sunday and all social events and gatherings with meals have been canceled until further notice.





2021-2022 REGISTRATION FOR K-HIGH SCHOOL IS OPEN!

Registration is available online at <https://sttheresa.cc/faith-formation>

Faith Formation will be starting in October for more information please contact
Tommy Cordova at t.cordova@sttheresa.cc or **346-335-1816**.



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.

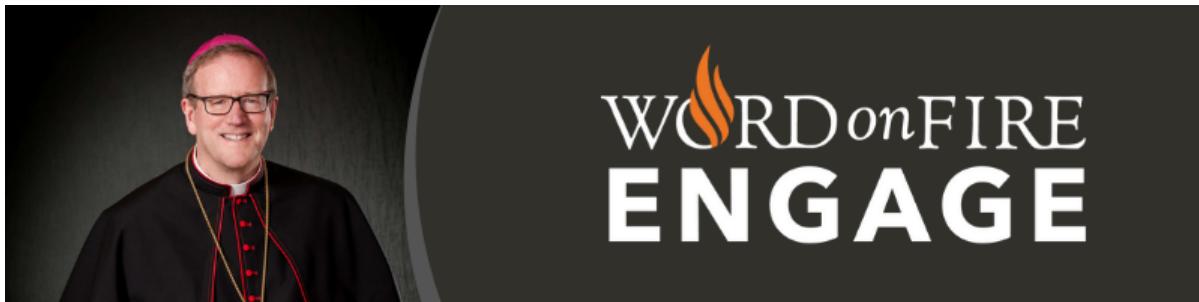


Children Liturgy of the Word

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.



TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?

The teachings of God have always been demanding.

From the time the Commandments were given (613 in total!) to the Israelite people, God has demanded more from us, and often these teachings present a challenge.

It's easier to grumble and turn away from the challenge but, as Joshua exhorts his followers, "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 21).

Many turn away from Jesus because of the difficulty of his teachings. Whether on marriage, the Eucharist, or poverty, many have left Christianity behind for easier pastures. But Peter stands his ground and speaks on behalf of us all: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6).

We've been called to live radically through our Baptism where God says to each person, just as he said to Jesus, "You are my son; you are my daughter." We become part of God's family with an invitation to a robust way of life, not mere servants bound to follow rules.

Watch this short video below from **Joseph Gloor**, producer at Word on Fire, from our new series Catholicism 101, to learn more about how our Baptism allows us to follow God with conviction:



Questions for Additional Reflection:

- What teachings of Christ or the Church do you struggle with?
- Who can you ask for help in the questions you carry?
- How can you make time to pray and ask Christ for clarity and courage this week?

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MAGISTERIAL TEACHING

Episode 8 of Season 3

Deacon Larry Vaclavik takes a deep dive into the magisterium of the Catholic Church which is the church's authority or office that gives an authentic interpretation of the Word of God.



Reflection questions:

1. As an ordinary Catholic, where do we find the official teaching of the church?
2. What is the reason for magisterial teaching?
3. What are the three teaching authorities of the church?

Please share your comments and questions for **Deacon Larry** at
deaconlarry@sttheresa.cc.

Now, you can listen to this series on your phone or car. Stay tuned every Thursday and follow this series with Deacon Larry as a host, available now on six new platforms, so you can't miss it!

Spotify: <https://open.spotify.com/show/2RxeS70XjwqljKHsyEHIEX>

Anchor: <https://anchor.fm/sttheresacatholicchurch>

Google Podcasts: <https://www.google.com/podcasts?feed=aHR0cHM6Ly9hbmNob3luZm0vcy82MzZkYzE1NC9wb2RjYXN0L3Jzcw==>
Breaker: <https://www.breaker.audio/renewed-8>
Pocket Casts: <https://pca.st/mqwwu2pw>
RadioPublic: <https://radiopublic.com/renewed-6Ljbr2>



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.



Almsgiving

CASA JUAN DIEGO

A huge thank you to all our parishioners who continue to donate food for Casa Juan Diego! This week Casa is asking for: new men's underwear size 30, 32, 34, 36; men's jeans size 30, 32, 34, 36; baby wipes, Similac baby formula (blue lid), pack n' play (used or new).



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.

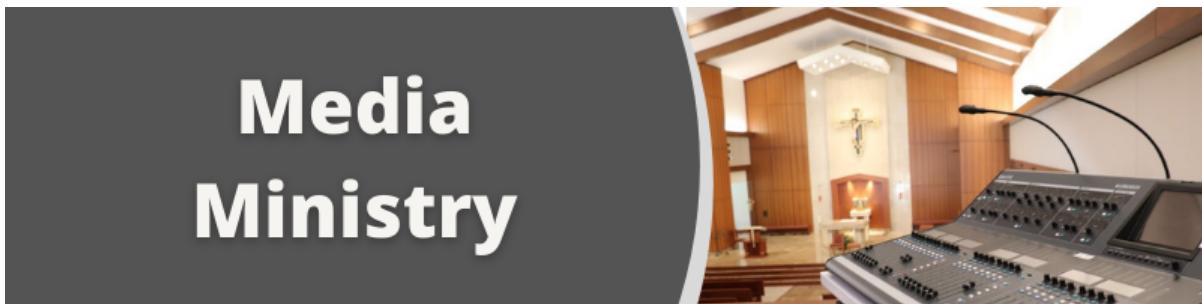
Young Adults Summer Events



**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!



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 21, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

Tom Wright

Keith Kaposta

Sunday, August 22, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Chris Favre

Sandra Derby

Sunday, August 22, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

Ann Bixby

Betty Bixby

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>



ALTAR FLOWERS
August 21st - August 22nd

- The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Mercedes Mosquera by Raul and Moy Wong
- The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Carlos Broughton by Mary Angela Broughton

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.



Mass Intentions

WEEK AUGUST 21st - AUGUST 22nd

Saturday, August 21, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

† Nunzie and Jeanette Loria
† Leo Thomas Wright
† Gilbert Ayala Sandoval
† John Brophy and Robert Barber
† Ronald Kowis

Sunday, August 22, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Pro-Populo (Parishioners)

Sunday, August 22, 2021, 1:00 p.m.

Victoria and Diego Ruiz (L)

Sunday, August 22, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

† James and Joan Mount
Maria Hutchings (L)
† Frank Tyerina Jr.

Monday, August 23, 2021, 7:00 a.m.

† Norman Chersky

Tuesday, August 24, 2021, 7:00 a.m.

† Gertrude Bravenec
† Gilbert Ayala Sandoval

Wednesday, August 25, 2021, 7:00

a.m.

† Bob and Anne

Wednesday, August 25, 2021, 8:05

a.m.

All Souls

Thursday, August 26, 2021, 7:00 a.m.

† Norman Chersky

Thursday, August 26, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

Diana Bui (L)

Friday, August 27, 2021, 7:00 a.m.

Peace for Anne



REJOICE PARISH COUNSELING

at St. Theresa

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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MATTHEW 28:20 *always*



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ONLINE GIVING/ MASS COLLECTION



AUGUST 21st- 22nd, IN THE NARTHEX AND ONLINE

This weekend the Black Box Collection will be for St Theresa Catholic School. St. Theresa School is a diverse educational community rooted in the Catholic faith and committed to providing students with a comprehensive, creative, and challenging program of studies. In a nurturing environment, students are encouraged to discover their full potential and to generously put their gifts at the service of God and others.

Thank you for your continuous support.

For more information about St. Theresa School go to sttheresaschool.cc or contact Kelly McCarty at k.mccarty@sttheresa.cc.

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, September 26th at the Co-Cathedral 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 a commemorative pin. For more registration information, visit www.archgh.org/weddingjubilee.

ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON HOUSTON OFFICE OF YOUNG ADULT AND CAMPUS MINISTRY

APOSTLES ON MISSION

Apostles on Mission is a 10-week formation program in leadership and evangelization for young adults in their 20s and 30s. The sessions in English will be held at the St. Dominic Chancery (2403 Holcombe Blvd.) on Mondays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. starting on September 13 and ending on November 15. The cost is \$35 per person. The deadline to sign up is September 7th at 11:59 p.m. For more information go to www.archgh.org/apostlesonmission or contact the **Office of Young Adult & Campus Ministry** at **713-741-8778** or yacm@archgh.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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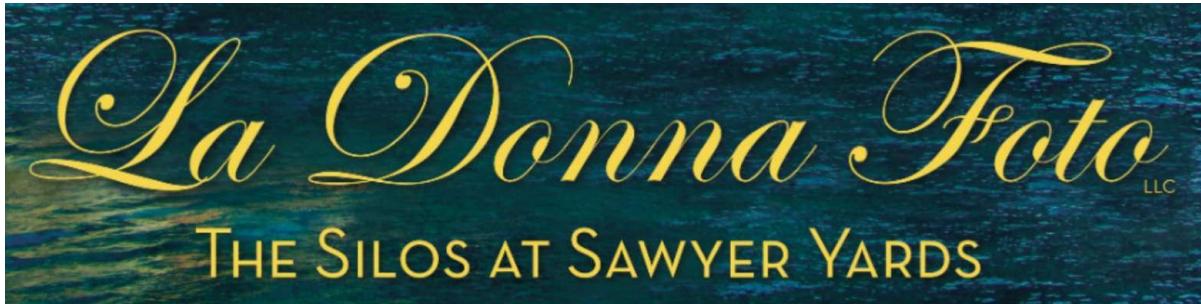
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