
In and About St. Theresa Catholic Church - September 17, 2021



St. Theresa Catholic Church-Memorial Park



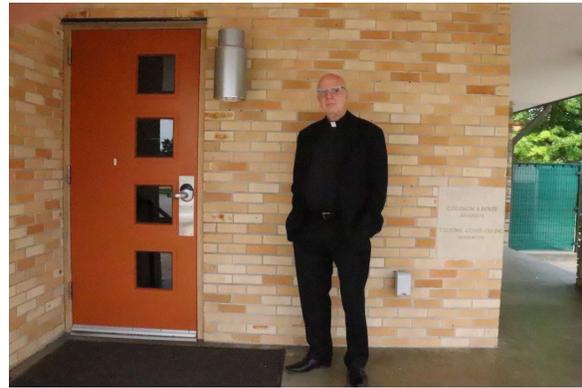
Jesus talks about how essential children are. Father Phil encourages us to treat our children well in their upbringing.

Do you want to listen to another message from Fr. Phil? Find them all on [In Touch playlist](#). Subscribe to our [YouTube channel](#) by clicking [here](#) and enjoy

much more content.



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.



THE PLACE WHERE WE PRAISE, WORSHIP, AND COMMUNE
You are always welcome at St. Theresa. Come in person or watch our live stream services 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
September 11th - September 12th**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass attendees - 154

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass attendees - 396

Sunday 5:30 p.m. Mass attendees - 221

Online views - 512

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



WE GOT YOUR BACK...PACKS!

Help us share the beautiful message of St. Theresa of simplicity and love in the ordinary events of life.

To celebrate our patron's feast day, St. Theresa Parish has partnered with Casa Juan Diego to collect backpacks and hoodies for the men they serve. Your hands can be St. Theresa's hands to ease the struggle these men face to live their lives.

Bring your donations to the church or office on or before our feast day weekend,

October 2nd and 3rd. Items can also be purchased at Amazon,
<https://a.co/bSRpP70>



FAITH FORMATION STARTS IN OCTOBER

K-6th Grade will meet twice a month on Wednesdays, starting October 6th.

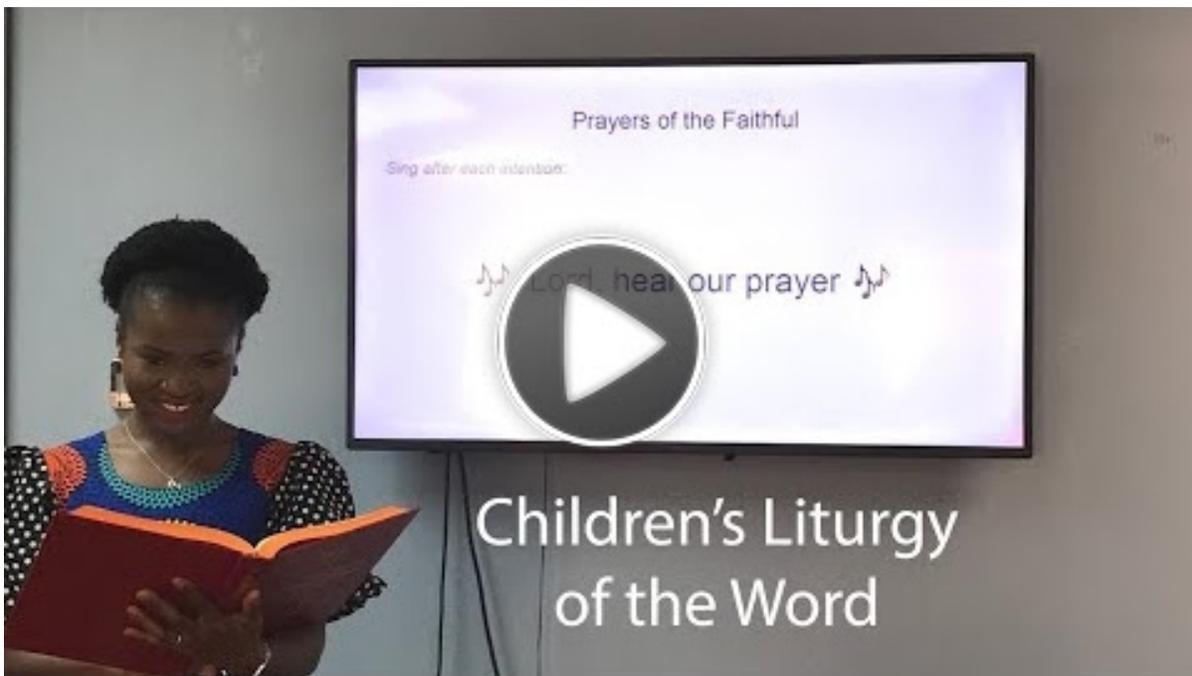
7th-8th Grade will meet twice a month on Sundays, starting October 10th.

High School will meet twice a month on Sundays, starting October 10th.

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**.



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 Tiple**y at miriam.tiple@sttheresa.cc or **346-335-1808**, if you'd like more information on helping with this important ministry.



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.



A ROSE FROM THE HEAVENLY GARDEN

Please join us in prayer for nine days starting **Thursday, September 23rd at noon**, for five minutes via Facebook [facebook.com/StTheresaMemorialPark](https://www.facebook.com/StTheresaMemorialPark) or YouTube [bit.ly/sttheresa-yt](https://www.youtube.com/bit.ly/sttheresa-yt).

Ask our patron saint to intercede for your special intentions as we approach her feast day on Friday, October 1st.



THE LAST AND SERVANT OF ALL

War and division are the consequences of sin. Our pride, envy, greed, and lust all try to dominate us for control. Disorder runs deep and it can be tempting to despair.

BUT the Good News is that God still has a plan for our lives and he sent Christ to provide us with his body as spiritual food and to show us the path forward through humility (not pride) that diffuses and disarms our self-centered egos. "The fruits of righteousness is sown in peace," St. Paul says, "for those who cultivate peace."

Watch this short video below from **Sr. Josephine Garrett** from our new series Catholicism 101, to hear more on how God calls us to be one in Him through prayer and transform our lives:



Questions for Additional Reflection:

- How would you describe your prayer life? Why, when, and how do you pray?
 - Pray the “Our Father” slowly. What phrase or phrases stand out for you?
Quietly reflect on these phrases, given to us by Jesus himself, and see what God puts on your heart.
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CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE STATE OF OUR PLANET

Pope Francis designated a day of prayer for our planet and displayed concern on how man has mistreated God’s gift to us. [Deacon Larry Vaclavik](#) discusses the church's view as well as stating that we have a responsibility to protect our environment.



Reflection questions:

1. What are we doing to protect our environment?

2. Can we do more to save the planet?
3. Do we respect the role each creature plays in our world?

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

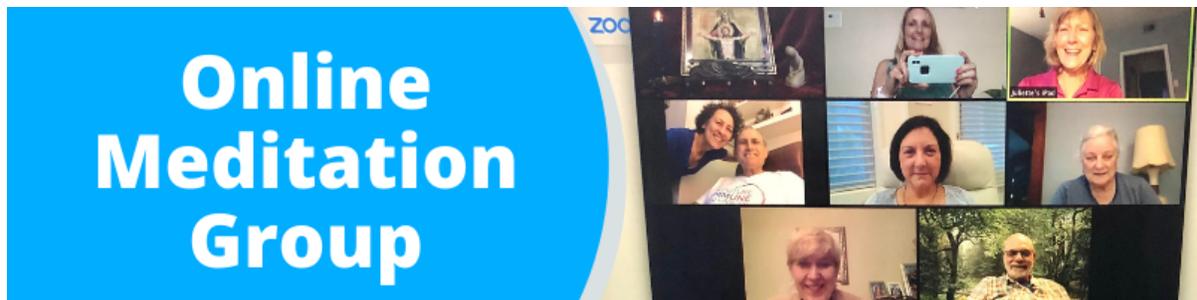
Stay tuned every Thursday and follow reNEWed on [Spotify](#), [Anchor](#), [Google Podcasts](#), [Breaker](#), [Pocket Casts](#), or [RadioPublic](#).



YOUNG ADULTS SMALL GROUPS

Our Young Adults Group is kicking off their small group faith formation studies with the Bishop Barron series, The Creed. Come join in our small group discussion and fellowship on **Monday nights from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. starting September 13th.**

For more information or to sign up email young-adults@sttheresa.cc



ST. THERESA MONDAY EVENING ROSARY AND LECTIO DIVINA

The Meditation Group is meeting online on Monday evenings for Rosary at 6:15 p.m. followed by Lectio Divina and meditation. Please call the parish office for more information at 713-869-3783.



BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

That Man Is You! is an interactive men's program that combines the latest findings of modern science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop authentic male leaders capable of transforming themselves, their families, and greater society. Join us for fellowship and faith. **We will be gathering at about 5:45 a.m. (the program will begin promptly at 6:00 a.m) in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday mornings.** All men are welcome. For more information, please contact **Chris Favre** at chrisfavre@gmail.com or **713-256-0057**. Learn more at tmiy.org.



Knights of Columbus

JOIN US IN CELEBRATION

The Knight of Columbus will have their Exemplification Ceremony for new Knights and 1st Degree Knights on Saturday, September 25th at 10:00 a.m. in the

Fellowship Hall for friends and family. For any additional questions, please contact
Michael Senteno at mgators@yahoo.com



TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO SERVE OTHERS

St. Theresa will be volunteering at the Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen on
Friday, September 24th, and Friday, October 8th.

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.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th

8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. in the Gym

St. Theresa partnered with Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center for our quarterly blood drive. Supply is low in the Houston area and each donation can save the life of 4 people. Sign-up here:

https://www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/336563 or email Jackie Dumoit, j.dumoit@sttheresa.cc to schedule an appointment.



COME AND MEET HOUSTON'S NEW POLICE CHIEF TROY FINNER

St. Theresa's will be holding a

Meet and Greet Lunch and Learn in the Fellowship Hall on

Wednesday, September 29th from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Houston Police Chief Roy Finner will introduce himself and address the most pressing issues in our community. The parish will be furnishing a boxed lunch for those that attend.

Please plan on attending this exciting event by [RSVPing](#) with a number of people in attendance. We need a headcount to ensure we have enough boxed lunches on hand. <https://bit.ly/TroyFinnerLunch>



Almsgiving

CASA JUAN DIEGO

This week Casa is asking for:

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.

- baby wipes
- Similac baby formula (blue lid)
- bottled water
- small bottles of cooking oil





I AM WITH YOU
MATTHEW 28:20 *always*

THIS FALL, GIVE YOUR GIFTS ONLINE



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- 3 Set up your donation or payment. That's it!

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Music
Ministry

Our Sunday evening Music Ministry is searching for a guitarist and a percussionist to play during the 5:30 pm Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your musical talents with the community.

Please contact **Eric DiMarzio** at DiMarzio.Eric@gmail.com.

Media Ministry



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, September 18, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

Roy Hughes
Chris Woelfel

Sunday, September 19, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Kenneth Yanowski

Donna Yanowski

Sunday, September 19, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

Nick Balsler

Allison Conlan

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

September 18th - September 19th

- The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Mercedes Mosquera by Raul and Moylam Wong.
- The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Angelina & Joe Saragusa by Suzanne Hardman
- 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** or at maryann.virgilio@sttheresa.cc to place your request two weeks in advance.

Thank you.



WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18th - SEPTEMBER 24th

Saturday, September 18, 2021, 5:00

p.m.

† Nunzie and Jeanette Loria

† Leo Thomas Wright

† Frances M. Sandoval

Tommie Lee Sedita (L)

† David Leslie

Sunday, September 19, 2021, 10:00

a.m.

Pro-Populo (Parishioners)

Sunday, September 19, 2021, 5:30

p.m.

† Deceased members of the Minter and
Coles Families

† Diane Kruger

† Adele Marshall

Monday, September 20, 2021, 7:00

a.m.

† Grace Goudeau

† Mercedes Mosquera

Tuesday, September 21, 2021, 7:00

a.m.

† Neil Kerrigan

Wednesday, September 22, 2021, 7:00

a.m.

All Priests especially Fr. Phil and Fr. Don

Wednesday, September 22, 2021, 8:05

a.m.

All Souls

Thursday, September 23, 2021, 7:00

a.m.

† Norman Chersky

Thursday, September 23, 2021, 6:30

p.m.

Diana Bui (L)

† Gustavo Martinez

Friday, September 24, 2021, 7:00 a.m.

† Hazel, Harold, William, Eve and
Deborah Vicknair

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.



Hurricane Relief

Thank you to all the parishioners and school families who contributed to our Hurricane Ida food drive. We were able to collect 2 completely full bins of food plus monetary donations over \$1000! Your generosity has ensured that hurting families don't go hungry in the Houston Community. Thank you!



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

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.

WALK FOR ALZHEIMER'S

Held annually in more than 600 communities nationwide, the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's® is the world's largest fundraiser for Alzheimer's care, support, and research. This inspiring event calls on participants of all ages and abilities to join the fight against the disease.

Join the team of St. Theresa on Saturday, November 6th, at the University of Houston for a 5K walk.

It's not a race, but a leisurely walk so all ages can participate in this fun event. You can register or donate here, <http://act.alz.org/goto/sttheresa>, or please contact **Jackie Dumoit** at j.dumoit@sttheresa.cc for more information.

ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON HOUSTON

WHITE MASS FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

The Annual Archdiocesan White Mass for Healthcare Professionals will be held on **Saturday, October 23 at 5:00 p.m., at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.** Cardinal DiNardo, celebrant. For more information on the reception and speaker afterward, click [here](#) or visit the registration page, [here](#).

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: thebridgeovertroubledwaters.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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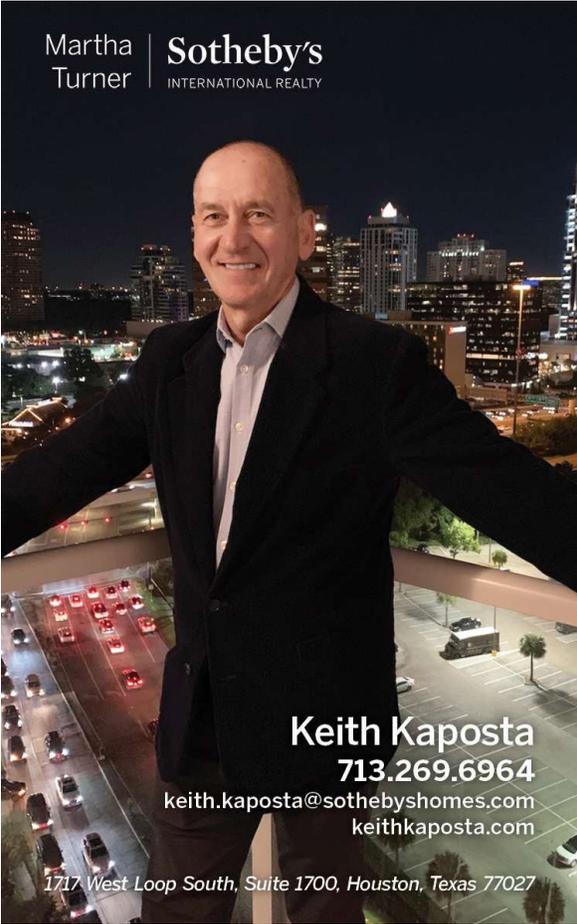



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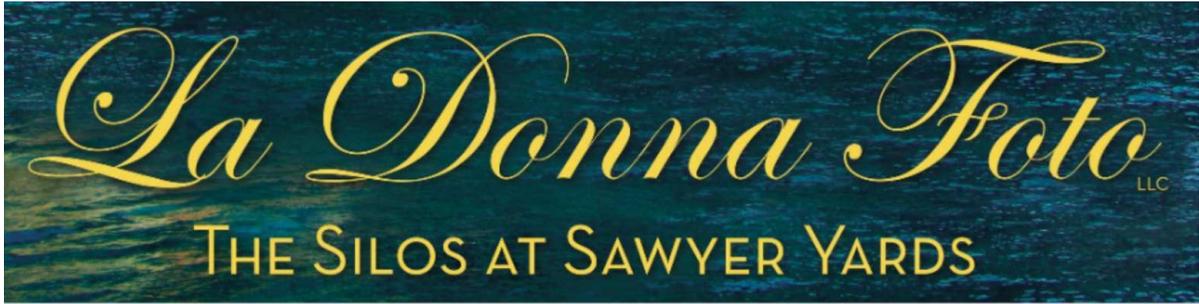
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