



St. Theresa Catholic Church-Memorial Park (Houston)

In and About

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The image shows the church building at night, illuminated by warm lights. Above the building is a dark banner with the church's logo (a stylized cross in a circle), the text "St. Theresa Catholic Church in Memorial Park", and the phrase "all are welcome" in a script font. To the right of the building is a vertical column of small white dots.



ADAPTING TO LIFE'S UNEXPECTED TURNS

Father Phil talks about navigating life's unpredictable pathways and discerning the will of God through Faith and community.

Father Phil is an inspiring spiritual leader who delivers insightful messages relevant to today's world. Whether you are a lifelong Catholic or just beginning to explore your faith, Father Phil's messages will surely uplift and inspire you too. Watch his [In Touch](#) series at our [YouTube Channel](#).



EXPERIENCE THE BEAUTY OF CATHOLIC WORSHIP

Join us as we praise the Lord and celebrate the richness of the Catholic faith at St. Theresa. Our welcoming community opens its arms to visitors and parishioners alike. Come and be part of our uplifting services, where reverence fills our hearts and voices unite in worship. Join us at 7:00 a.m. Monday - Friday, 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays, 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Sundays, with a Spanish Mass on the last Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

On **Monday, September 4th**, our office will be closed in observance of Labor Day. Returning to regular schedule on **Tuesday, September 5th**.

SANDWICH MINISTRY UPDATE

Please note that there will be no sandwich drop-off on **Monday, September 4th**, due to Labor Day. Regular sandwich drop-offs can be made on **Tuesday, September 5th**.

MASS LIVE STREAM AND ON-DEMAND

Are you sick or homebound? Watch our Live Streamed Weekend Masses at sttheresa.cc/online-mass or on our [YouTube channel](#). In addition to the live stream of our services, watch the [Homilies Playlist](#).

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Restore yourself to grace on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., and by appointment, please call **Fr. Phil** at **346-335-1803**.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WITH EXPOSITION

Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the main Sanctuary.

LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN HELP YOU

The parish 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



A PLACE FOR YOU

Lindsey and Stuart Seger are parishioners at St. Theresa in Memorial Park. Lindsey tells us about her inquisitive journey at St. Theresa's RCIA, how she has found support, and feels people's warmth at St. Theresa. Stuart's love for others grew as he rediscovered faith in Lindsey's RCIA journey. He remarked that following the path of St. Theresa of Lisieux, doing little things can change lives.

Renewed Podcast is available on:

Anchor: anchor.fm/sttheresacatholicchurch

Spotify: open.spotify.com/show/2RxeS70XjwqljKHsyEHIEX

Apple Podcast: podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/renewed/id1576557779



WHAT DO I BELIEVE?

If you are a Christian or a practicing Catholic, you might often say *I believe in God*. Imagine just for a moment that these four words are a gateway to understanding your life on earth and an invitation to a truly meaningful existence.

Why should we talk about what we believe instead of just getting on with life? We invite you to watch this short video below from Fr. Stephen Gadberry - a combat war veteran and American Ninja Warrior.



Do you feel any different about your beliefs after watching this video?

Additional Questions for Reflection:

- Can you say “I believe in God” with sincere honesty?
- If not, what questions do you have, and how can you get the answers?
- How would you describe “God” in your own words?
- Who is Jesus for you?

If you want to access all of Word on Fire’s videos:

1. Click on the video, and a Flocknote window will open with the newsletter.
2. Click the orange button under the video that says “Check them out.”

3. A Word on Fire window is going to open. Scroll down to select a video that you like to watch.



REGISTRATION FOR K-HIGH SCHOOL IS OPEN!



Registration for Faith Formation and Sacrament Preparation is officially open. This is an excellent opportunity to nurture your child's faith journey. Explore our engaging programs and prepare your young ones for the sacraments with us.

Secure your child's spot today and embark on a meaningful spiritual growth adventure. To learn more, reach out to **Tommy Cordova** at **346-335-1816** or t.cordova@sttheresa.cc.

Register Here



FTCM REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2023 IS NOW OPEN

Join the Formation Toward Christian Ministry (FTCM) and strengthen your commitment to Jesus. Experience authentic Catholic teachings led by qualified instructors with Master's or Doctoral degrees in theology. FTCM is a core program

by the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, required for catechist, catechetical leader, and youth ministry leader formation. Fall 2023 registration is open now.

- **Catholic Beliefs, on Mondays, August 28th, September 11th, 18th, 25th, and October 2nd.**
- **Christology, on Mondays, October 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, and November 6th.**
- **Sacraments, on Mondays, November 13th, 20th, 27th, December 4th, and 11th.**

All courses are taking place in the Fellowship Hall from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Are you ready to take the next step in your faith journey? Take the opportunity to deepen your spiritual growth and embrace your calling to serve. Visit archgh.org/oec/ftcm/registrationguide for a comprehensive step-by-step guide on registering and becoming part of this transformative experience.

For more information, please contact **Tommy Cordova** at t.cordova@sttheresa.cc.

Food Drive

JOIN US IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE

We will host a food drive with the help of our Knights of Columbus for CCSC and Casa Juan Diego from **September 3rd to September 17th**. Let's come together as a community to collect the most needed items and positively impact the lives of those in need. Let's fill our pantry shelves and hearts with compassion.

The items they need most are tuna or canned chicken, tomato sauce, canned vegetables (any type), instant coffee, peanut butter, baby formula, boxed cereal, canned meat, canned fruit, can openers, and feminine pads.

These items can be conveniently delivered directly to the parish office. Donations from other brands are also accepted. Thank you for your generosity.

Amazon Wish List

Any items purchased in-store can be dropped off directly at the parish office during office hours until Sunday, September 17th, or bring your donations to any of the Masses. If you have any questions about this food drive, please get in touch with Claudia Blanco for more information at c.blanco@sttheresa.cc.

"The Letter" Film



A BETTER FUTURE IS IN OUR HANDS

St. Theresa is hosting a movie screening of "The Letter - A Message For Our Earth" on **Tuesday, September 26th at 6:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall**, as part of the global movement for the Season of Creation, an annual month-long season when Christian communities pray and act to protect creation.

"The Letter" tells the story of a journey to Rome of frontline leaders to discuss the encyclical letter *Laudato Si'* with Pope Francis. The exclusive dialogue with the Pope included in the film offers a revealing insight into the personal history of Pope Francis and stories never seen since he became the Bishop of Rome. For more information and to see the trailer, please visit theletterfilm.org.

Our History Matters Series



ARE YOU CURIOUS ABOUT THE STORIES THAT HAVE SHAPED OUR AMERICAN HISTORY?

Join us on **Tuesday, September 19th, at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall** for "The U.S. Civil War and the Myth of the Lost Cause" talk. Discover the realities behind the myths as Roy Hughes examines the complexities of the U.S. Civil War.

RSVP Here

You will also be treated to a delicious lunch, and as the talk concludes, you can engage in a question-and-answer session. Mark your calendar and immerse yourself in a journey through history. For more details about this event, please email **Claudia Blanco** at c.blanco@sttheresa.cc.

Mass for the Care of Creation



INVITATION FROM CARDINAL DANIEL DINARDO

Join us in honoring the gift of our planet at a special Mass for the care of creation on **Tuesday, October 3rd, at 6:30 p.m.** This meaningful event, sponsored by the Archdiocesan Secretariat for Social Concerns, is an opportunity to unite in gratitude

and commitment to safeguarding our shared home. This annual month-long season is when Christian communities pray and act to protect creation. See attached [flyer](#).

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament With Exposition



MAY OUR ADORATION NEVER CEASE

Adoration hours: Thursday, between 7:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the main

Sanctuary. We invite you to commit one hour of your week on Thursdays to spend in the presence of Jesus. We encourage two or more adorers to ensure that Jesus is never left alone during each hour. Currently, the hours needing a Second Adorer include 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., and 2:00 p.m. is open.

If you or anyone you know can help, please get in touch with **Diana Sepulveda**, Adoration Coordinator, at dsepulveda@smithcarr.com or **713-542-4706**.

For further details, kindly refer to sttheresa.cc/adoration

Senior Luncheon



ARE YOU A SENIOR LOOKING FOR SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES?

St. Theresa Senior Luncheon offers interaction with others, meaningful time, involvement in the community, and mental health. Connect with others and meet new friends at this monthly senior luncheon on **Tuesday, September 12th, at noon in the Fellowship Hall**. Join us for a tailgate luncheon; we will also be playing Bunco. Consider bringing Back to School supplies as donations to support our community and make a positive impact. Your presence and contributions are warmly welcomed.

For more information, please send an email to **Claudia Blanco** at c.blanco@sttheresa.cc or visit our webpage at sttheresa.cc/seniors.

Blood Drive



COME AND DONATE THE GIFT OF LIFE

We invite you to make a difference and help save lives by donating blood. Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center will hold its quarterly blood drive at St. Theresa on **Sunday, September 17, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the school gym**. As a special thank you, donors who give blood will receive a pair of socks.

One hour changes everything! Encourage friends and family to donate with you. For any questions, please get in touch with **Claudia Blanco** at c.blanco@sttheresa.cc. You are invited to visit our webpage at sttheresa.cc/blood-drive.

Schedule Appointment

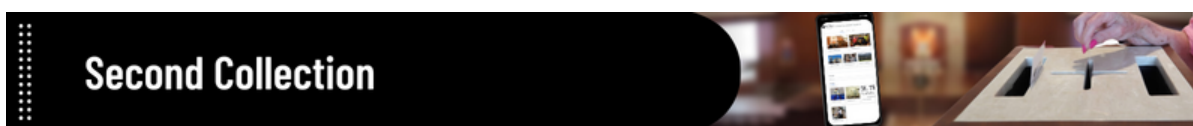


SUPPORT OUR PARISH MISSION

In the Gospel of Luke, he says, "Who is my neighbor?" As a faith community, we continue to walk in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in need. Thank you for responding faithfully and generously to our neighbors in need. St. Theresa Parish is a special place because of the people who care, the people who give, and the people who share in life and worship.

Support our Church today using your debit or credit card, checking, or savings account. Click the button to get started.

Online Giving/Mass Collection



CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA/ UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS COLLECTION ON SEPTEMBER 2ND AND 3RD

This weekend, September 2nd and 3rd, St. Theresa will have a second collection at all Masses benefiting students needing financial assistance to attend the University of St. Thomas or the Catholic University of America. Please use the yellow envelopes on the collection boxes.

The generous donations of parishioners provide opportunities for students seeking a Catholic college education at these institutions. The monies collected go directly to support scholarships for students who may not otherwise have the opportunity to attend college at all. Nearly 90 percent of the University of St. Thomas students receive scholarships or financial aid. Providing these scholarships helps to relieve

the academic stresses of hard-working students.

Faculty and staff at the University of St. Thomas and the Catholic University of America work tirelessly to enable their students to prepare themselves for life and work in a changing world and to become leaders for the benefit of family, community, country, and Church. Your generous donations directly support student financial aid and provide opportunities for our future leaders.

Give Here

Church Renovation

CELEBRATING OUR REVITALIZED CHURCH

The final part of a renovation project that began in 2017 has been completed. After the entire project, we currently owe \$916,848 on loan to the Archdiocese. We have outstanding pledges of approximately \$650,000. These pledges will be paid over the next two years. In addition, we continue to apply any other funds received to reduce this outstanding debt.

St. Theresa is committed to you, our parishioners. The people we touch, from the children attending the early childhood center and the school to all the different people we serve through our parish ministries, have had positive experiences in these remodeled or new facilities.

The regentrification of our facilities has allowed us to draw in additional vibrant members because of the contributions you have made over the years. We are thankful to you for your support as we continue to work to increase in numbers so that we can assist others to learn, to pray, to study the bible, and to at all times reach others in need.

Please consider helping us with the last of the unfunded debt. For your convenience, you can donate on our website, sttheresa.cc, under “**Online Giving**” and select “**Capital Campaign**” or click the button below:

Rebuilding Our Church Online Giving

Lectors

READING THE WORD OF GOD

Lectors proclaim the Word of God at Mass. This ministry is essential because it brings alive the scriptures in the hearts of the faithful. St. Theresa Catholic Church is actively recruiting lectors. If you feel called to proclaim the word through the lector ministry, please email liturgicalministries@sttheresa.cc

This week, the following parishioners will be reading at mass:

Saturday, September 2, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

Maddie Meekins (1)

Chris Woelfel (2)

Sunday, September 3, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Kenneth Yanowski (1)

Donna Yanowski (2)

Sunday, September 3, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

Ann Bixby (1)

William Smith (2)

Mass Intentions

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 2ND - SEPTEMBER 8TH

Saturday, September 2nd

5:00 p.m.

† John Brophy

Sunday, September 3rd

10:00 a.m.

Pro-Populo (Parishioners)

5:30 p.m.

† Greg Coulter

† Juana Estrada

Sebastian Garcia

Monday, September 4th

7:00 a.m.

Mark Keith DeWitt (L)

Tuesday, September 5th

7:00 a.m.

† Fred Lero

† Logan Bush

Wednesday, September 6th

7:00 a.m.

† Vidaurre and Rojas Family

† Tony Mandola Jr.

8:05 a.m.

All Souls

Thursday, September 7th

7:00 a.m.

Communion Service

6:30 p.m.

† Richard Mills

Friday, September 8th

7:00 a.m.

Peace for Anne

In Honor of the Holy Spirit

If you like to request a mass intention please go to secure.qgiv.com/for/sthe/event/781517

Altar Flowers

BRING BLOSSOMS OF GRACE, PRAYER, AND VIRTUE TO THE ALTAR

The flowers on the altar are in celebration of the 4th wedding anniversary of Tony Asch and Ricki Hasou.

The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Ab Hasou by Marita, Tony, and Ricki.

St. Theresa's Altar flowers depend upon donors who sponsor the flowers. Please consider sponsoring an arrangement with a donation of \$75 in memory of a loved one, a celebration of an anniversary, a First Holy Communion or Confirmation, a birthday, or any special event.

Please get in touch with **Mary-Ann Virgilio** at **352-212-2961** or maryann.virgilio@sttheresa.cc to place your request two weeks in advance.

Hospitality Sunday

GIVING AND RECEIVING CATHOLIC HOSPITALITY

Share and listen to stories from people whose lives were changed or are still being changed through giving and receiving Sunday hospitality. Donuts and coffee will be served, hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

Sundays, September 3rd, and September 10th, after 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Fellowship Hall. Do you like this ministry? Contact **Claudia Blanco** at c.blanco@sttheresa.cc to learn more or to volunteer.

To participate in this ministry or for further details, kindly visit
sttheresa.cc/hospitality

Knights of Columbus



Join Knights of Columbus Council 12866: A Journey of Purpose

Experience a transformative journey by joining Knights of Columbus Council 12866 at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Memorial Park. Embrace charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism while impacting your community. Open to adult male Catholics, this platform nurtures your faith, fosters friendships, and drives meaningful service. Council meetings are hosted monthly on the **First Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Blue Room. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 5th.**

To join this ministry or for more details, please visit sttheresa.cc/knights-of-columbus.

GIVING BEYOND ST. THERESA

GIVING AS A CATHOLIC BEYOND ST. THERESA

The following link contains some agencies worthy of support should you be looking beyond the parish itself to share some of your financial blessings.

sttheresa.cc/giving-beyond

ANDREW DINNERS

FALL 2023 DATES

Andrew Dinner is an evening of prayer, group sharing, and dinner with Fr. Richard McNeillie, Vocations Director, and Diocesan parish priests. For young men ages 14 to 18. *Optional - parents may attend.* Beginning on **Saturday, September 9th at St. Martha, Faith Formation Center 3702 Woodland Hill Kingwood, TX 77339.** Please register at archgh.swoogo.com/andrew/begin

For more information, please email vocations@archgh.org or call 713-652-8239

FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF CHRISTIAN CHARITY

GOD CALLS YOU. WE INVITE YOU.

The Franciscan Sisters invite all single Catholic women between 20 and 35 to this in-person and online Discernment Event designed for you. Discover your calling and purpose. Visit fsc-calledtobe.org or contact **Sr. Julie Ann** at **920-323-9632**.

RETREAT TO NEW CAMALDOLI HERMITAGE

JOURNEY OF TRANQUILITY

Join us for a serene retreat to New Camaldoli Hermitage in Big Sur, California, in April 2024. Experience three peaceful nights at the monastery, with the option to explore the breathtaking surroundings for a few extra days. Limited spots are available. Please get in touch with **James Dunn** at jajjd78@gmail.com for details.

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: tbotw.org
- Families of Addicts: al-anon.org
- Houston Police: If you have a life-threatening emergency, call **911**. Non Emergencies: www.houstontx.gov/police
- Narcotics Anonymous (NA): na.org
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Center: 988lifeline.org
- Overeaters Anonymous (OA): 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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