In and About - St. Theresa Catholic Church - September 22, 2023





SERVING FOR THOSE IN NEED

Father Phil's message highlights the importance of showing compassion to the marginalized, drawing inspiration from Matthew's transformation and emphasizing the value of community service in helping those in need.

Discover a treasure trove of inspirational messages from Fr. Phil on the *In Touch* playlist. Immerse yourself in his thought-provoking reflections, original series, and

captivating videos on our **YouTube Channel**. Join us and access this enriching content that will uplift your spirit and deepen your faith.

Parish Schedule



A JOURNEY OF DEVOTION AND TOGETHERNESS

Enjoy the serene beauty of St. Theresa Catholic Church. We cordially invite you to join us in devotion as we uplift our hearts in praise of the Lord and celebrate the profound beauty of the Catholic faith. Experience our uplifting services where hearts unite in worship and voices echo with devotion. 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. Discover a place where faith thrives and community embraces all.

MASS LIVE STREAM AND ON-DEMAND

Are you sick, or do you have a homebound family member? 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*





FAITH IS A JOURNEY

Tony Kerrigan shares his story in faith surrounding his son Neil and his unfortunate diagnosis of a brain tumor. Tony also remarks about how St. Theresa gave him and his family such support and prayers through a very hard time. He commented that St. Theresa has been a blessing to his family over the years. Watch part 2 at https://youtu.be/gNla-ycJ2Yg?feature=shared where Tony discusses youth faith formation, helping the less fortunate, and the benefits of online Mass and Father Phil's In Touch messages.

Renewed Podcast is available on:

Anchor: anchor.fm/sttheresacatholicchurch

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

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



GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES

Throughout human history, God has promised to take care of his people, beginning with the people of Israel. These promises are called "covenants" and require faith in God and our active response. They are sacred bonds and are unbreakable; God is faithful to us always, even when we fail to remain faithful to him. Jesus instituted the last and most perfect covenant, offering eternal friendship with God to all people.

See how God promises to make things right in this short video from Matt Nelson, an author and Fellow at the Word on Fire Institute:



Questions for Reflection:

- What is the purpose of a "covenant" with God?
- Do you believe in God's promises? What has he promised you?
- How have you responded to Jesus' invitation to the New Covenant?

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.

St. Therese of Lisieux Feast Day



JOIN US IN CELEBRATION

We are excited to invite all members of our vibrant community to come together and celebrate our beloved Parish Feast Day! It is a day of fellowship for everyone, especially families with young children. We joyously welcome you on **Sunday**, **October 1st**, **after the 10:00 a.m. Mass**, **to 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** We have planned an array of activities that will delight the kids, snow cones, hamburgers, hotdogs, popcorn, and much more.

Above all, our feast day celebration is about coming together as a parish family. It is a chance to strengthen our bonds, make new friends, and create lasting memories. No registration is needed, first come, first serve. If you need further information, please contact **Lina Suarez** at *I.suarez@sttheresa.cc*

Ministry Fair



GIFT SUNDAY

Are you searching for a way to make a meaningful impact? The Gift Sunday Ministry Fair is just around the corner, and it is your chance to get involved in a significant ministry where you can serve, engage, and help our community. Our parish will be open to receive you as a minister on **Saturday**, **October 7th**, **and Sunday**, **October 8th**, after each of the weekend Masses. Join us and discover all the ministries that align with your passions and talents.

- Adoration
- Altar Guild
- Altar Servers
- Alzheimer's and Dementia
- Caregiver Support
- Catechists K to 12th
- Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy
- Communion (EMHC)
- Homebound Ministry
- Linen Guilds

- Little Flowers
- Media Ministry
- Music Ministry
- Photographers
- Readers
- Sacristans
- Senior Luncheon
- That Man is You
- Ushers / Greeters

Register Here

What other gift(s) would you like to share? We are looking forward to seeing your blessed gifts in action! For more information, please get in touch with Lina Suarez at *I.suarez@sttheresa.cc*

"The Letter" Film



A BETTER FUTURE IS IN OUR HANDS

Calling all young adults who are passionate about nature, sustainability, and our beautiful green planet. We invite you to a special movie night featuring "The Letter - A Message for Our Earth" on Tuesday, September 26th at 6:30 p.m. Join us in the Fellowship Hall for an inspiring cinematic experience.

This event is part of the global movement for the Season of Creation, an annual month-long season when Christian communities around the world come together to pray and take action to protect our precious environment.

If you're a nature enthusiast, an eco-warrior at heart, or simply curious about how we can positively impact our planet, this movie night is for you. Let's gather, be inspired, and learn how we can contribute to a greener, more sustainable world.

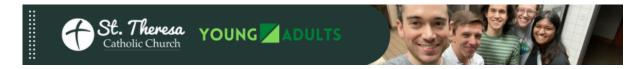
For more information, please contact **Tommy Cordova** at **t.cordova@sttheresa.cc** or **346-335-1816**. To watch the trailer, please visit **theletterfilm.org**.

Flu Clinic



FLU CLINIC: PROTECT YOUR FAMILY THIS SEASON

Join us at St. Theresa's free flu vaccine clinic brought to you by Walgreens on **Sunday, September 24th, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Blue Room** for a convenient opportunity to get your family's flu shots. Safeguard your loved ones and ensure a healthy season ahead. Take this chance to prioritize your family's well-being. For any questions, please email **Lina Suarez** at *I.suarez@sttheresa.cc* or find more information at *sttheresa.cc/flu*



ARE YOU A YOUNG ADULT LOOKING FOR A DEEPER AND FULLER REALITY IN LIFE?

Join St. Theresa Young Adults Group, which offers you several opportunities each month to engage in spiritual growth, service for our community, and fellowship as a young adult community.

September Events

- September 21st. Casa Juan Diego Meal Prep at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- September 24th. Canyon Creek Dinner at 6:45 p.m. (after mass) at Canyon Creek
- **September 27th.** Trivia Night at McIntyre's in the Heights at 7:00 p.m.

Join GroupMe at **bit.ly/STYAGroupMe** for more details, or email **Kyle Sturgis** at **young-adults@sttheresa.cc**. For more information about this group, please go to **sttheresa.cc/young-adults-group**.

Mass for the Care of Creation



INVITATION FROM CARDINAL DANIEL DINARDO

Calling nature enthusiasts to share a beautiful evening at St. Theresa as we come together to honor the gift of our planet Earth at a heartfelt **Mass for the Care of Creation**, hosted 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 protect and preserve our beautiful planet. Take this opportunity to make a difference through faith and fellowship. Questions? Please get in touch with **Tommy Cordova** at *t.cordova@sttheresa.cc* or **346-335-1816**.

Formation Towards Christian Ministry



FTCM REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2023 IS 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.

- Christology, on Mondays, October 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, and November 6th.
- Sacraments, on Mondays, November 13th, 20th, 27th, December 4th, and 11th.

All courses occur 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 program.

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



NOW ENROLLING FOR 2024-2025

If you are looking for a new school home for your children, look no further; we are excited to announce that enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year is now open for kindergarten through 8th-grade students. Our school is committed to providing a spiritual, nurturing, and academic environment where your children can thrive. Join our vibrant community and give your kids the gifts of an outstanding education. Secure their future today by contacting **Kelly McCarty**, Admissions Director, at **k.mccarty@sttheresa.cc** or **346-335-1706**. Find more information at **sttheresaschool.cc**. Follow us on Instagram **@sttheresascial**.



REGISTER FOR OUR PROGRAM TODAY

We understand the daily juggling act you perform as a parent, managing work, kids' extracurriculars, and the household. We also know how important it is to instill faith and values in your children.

Our Faith Formation and Sacrament Preparation program is tailored to fit your busy schedule with classes that suit you and your kids' schedules.

Whether nurturing their faith or preparing for a sacrament, we have covered it. We believe faith should be accessible and are here to make it easy for you. Let us help you give your children the spiritual foundation they deserve without adding extra stress to your week. Register today, and let's embark on this faith-filled journey together.

To learn more, please go to **sttheresa.cc/faith-formation** or reach out to **Tommy Cordova** at **346-335-1816** or **t.cordova@sttheresa.cc**.

Register Here



GOD IS THE STRENGTH OF MY HEART

The Diocesan Services Fund empowers the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston to sustain 64 essential ministries that no individual parish can manage alone. Your steadfast support enables us to live the Gospel message of Jesus Christ more fully as we serve the marginalized, the unwell, the homeless, and the overlooked.

As Catholic Christians, we are called by God, through His son Jesus, to love and serve with joy. The Diocesan Services Fund allows us to joyfully answer that call and express genuine, neighborly love through service and prayer. Consider supporting the Diocesan Services Fund, enabling our local Church to authentically and inspiringly live out our faith.

Give Here



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

Second Collection



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2023

It is "an important day in the life of the Church because it teaches how to give: as an offering made to God, in the Eucharistic celebration and for all the missions of the world". St. Theresa will have a second collection at all Masses for the World Mission Sunday, organized by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, which is a day set aside for Catholics worldwide to reflect on their Baptism when they received the gift of faith and recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice.

Please use the yellow envelopes on the collection boxes. Your prayers are most treasured, and they, along with financial help offered today, WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, answer Christ's call to be His witnesses. Thank you!

Give Here

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 23rd, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

William Smith (1)

Chris Favre (2)

Sunday, September 24th, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Alero Waterhouse (1)

Scott Fuller (2)

Sunday, September 24th, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

Ann Bixby (1)

Elizabeth Bixby (2)

Mass Intentions



WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 23RD - SEPTEMBER 29TH

Saturday, September 23rd 5:00 p.m.

† Ed, Martha and Keith Cornicelli Kevin Bowles (L)

Sunday, September 24th

10:00 a.m.

Pro Populo

1:00 p.m.

† Rosaura Corona Covarrubias

† Jose Elvano Briceno

5:30 p.m.

† Stevenson and Mulvelhil Family

† Daniel and Julia Slade

Kenneth Humbard (L)

Monday, September 25th

7:00 a.m.

Peace for Anne

† Ruth Thayer

Tuesday, September 26th

7:00 a.m.

† Vidaurre and Rojas Family

† Father John Ulm

Wednesday, September 27th

7:00 a.m.

John Tedore (L)

8:05 a.m.

† Ana Maria Tovar

Thursday, September 28th

7:00 a.m.

† Howard Boston

6:30 p.m.

† Michael Hajtman

Friday, September 29th

7:00 a.m.

Communion Service

If you would like to request a mass intention, please go to **secure.qqiv.com/for/sthe/event/781517**



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

 The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Ruth Thayer by the Thayer children.

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 <u>maryann.virgilio@sttheresa.cc</u> to place your request two weeks in advance. Our webpage is **sttheresa.cc/flower-guild**.

Meditation Group

DEEPEN YOUR SPIRITUALITY WITH THE MINDFULNESS MEDITATION GROUP

Join the Meditation Group at St. Theresa Catholic Church to experience the transformative power of scriptural reading, meditation, and prayer. This traditional monastic practice aims to foster Communion with God and deepen your knowledge of His word. Every Wednesday, we gather in the Yellow Room for the Rosary at 1:00 p.m., followed by Lectio Divina and meditation.

For more information, please contact the parish office at **713-869-3783**., or visit *https://sttheresa.cc/meditation-group*

Little Flowers Sunday Nursery



NURSERY MINISTERS NEEDED

We need volunteers in the Little Flowers Nursery for the first 15 minutes of the 10:00 a.m. Mass. This ministry seeks to create connection and community for our littlest

flowers (newborn-3). Please contact **Kendall Solé** at **713-869-3783** or **K.sole@sttheresa.cc** for more information.

To learn more, kindly visit https://sttheresa.cc/sundaynursery



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND CONTINUOUS SUPPORT!

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all who participated in our recent Food Drive for CCSC and Casa Juan Diego. Your donations, along with the incredible generosity of our community, have resulted in an astounding total of \$3,319.54 collected. This remarkable sum will make a significant impact on the lives of those in need, providing them with essential nourishment and hope.

A special thank you goes out to our Knights of Columbus, who delivered the donated items. Your dedication and commitment to service are truly inspiring.

Together, we are making a substantial difference in our community. Thank you for your generosity and compassion!

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

ST. IGNATIOUS FALL FESTIVAL

GET READY FOR A FANTASTIC WEEKEND

Join us at St. Ignatius Fall Festival, on Saturday, October 7th, from noon to 9:00 p.m., and Sunday, October 8th, from 11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at 7810 Cypresswood Dr., Spring, TX 77379.

Enjoy a day packed with free entry, delicious food, exciting games, bingo, shopping, live music, a lively auction, a silent auction, and your chance to win big with raffle

tickets. Bring your family and friends for an unforgettable time of community fun and support St. Ignatius!

For more information please visit https://ignatiusloyola.org/fall-festival

ANDREW DINNERS

AN EVENING OF PRAYERS AND GROUP SHARING

Join us on Friday, October 13 at St. Anthony of Padua, 7801 Bay Branch Dr. The Woodlands, TX 77382, for the St. Andrew Discernment Dinner, a fantastic opportunity for young high school men to explore the path of diocesan priesthood. Hosted by the Office of Vocations and supported by several parishes across the Archdiocese, this evening is designed for your teens to engage in meaningful conversations with parish priests, discover the essence of diocesan priesthood, and prayerful reflection. It is a valuable experience, and registration is free! We encourage you to spread the word among teens and parents.

Please register at *archgh.swoogo.com/andrew/begin*For more information, please email *vocations@archgh.org* or call **713-652-8239**

ST. PIUS REUNION

GOLDEN REUNION: 1970'S CLASS

The St. Pius X Class of 1970 will be celebrating their 50-year +3 (due to COVID) reunion on Saturday, October 14th. Please call **Randy Reichle** at **832-453-1951** for more 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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