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WISDOM IN TIME

Join us for a thought-provoking video as Father Phil explores the concept of wisdom not just for personal gain but as a tool for the benefit of others. Unlock the secrets of using your time with purpose and generosity.

Share the joy of Father Phil's messages with your loved ones, friends, and the world. Check the *In Touch* playlist to watch his powerful reflections, or explore our

YouTube Channel for more engaging content. Let us unite as a community in faith and inspired by Fr. Phil's wisdom.

Parish Schedule



DISCOVER THE BLESSINGS OF WORSHIP

You are warmly invited to discover the blessings of worship at St. Theresa Catholic Church. 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. Share in the spiritual journey as we grow in faith and fellowship.

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**.

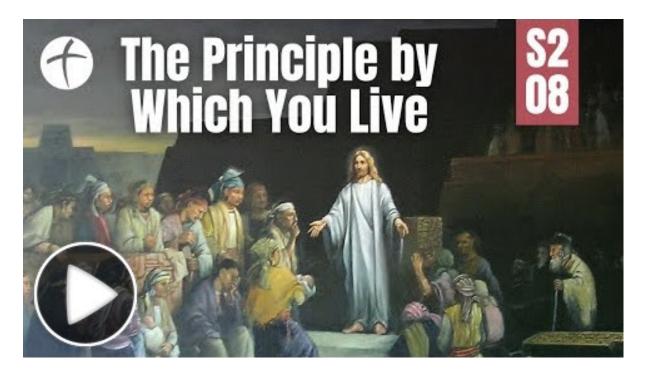
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WITH EXPOSITION

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*





THE PRINCIPLE BY WHICH YOU LIVE

In episode eight of season two of Renewed, we will find the question, "What's that Catholic way that you might say summarizes your vision of your life?". Deacon Larry Vaclavik reflects on the bible verse from John 10:10. Furthermore, you will hear the explanation of what is the Lapsarian view and the Supralapsarian view.

Renewed Podcast is available on:

YouTube: bit.ly/PlayRenewed

Anchor: anchor.fm/sttheresacatholicchurch

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

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



WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN WE DIE?

Everyone is forced to confront the question: What happens when we die? Some people say "nothing" -our bodies just decompose, and we cease to exist. But Christians believe death is not the end. It's followed by an afterlife, a life after this life, in which we'll spend eternity with God or apart from him.

People have criticized this belief up and down the centuries as naïve or antiscientific or "opium for the masses," designed to soothe those who are suffering on earth. But there are good reasons to believe there is something else after death. In this short video series, we will reflect on the "Last Things"—death, judgment, Heaven, and Hell.

Watch the video to learn more about death and what follows:



Questions:

- Can science define all reality? What are some examples of reality that science can not define?
- How do the doctrines of heaven and hell appeal to our sense of justice?

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.

Volunteers for Decoration



BE A PART OF OUR FESTIVE SEASON. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Join us in preparing for the upcoming Season of Hope setting in November and for the Nativity settings in December in our parish! We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers who are eager to contribute their creativity and help bring the Holiday season to life. If you are passionate about decorating and want to be a part of something special, we would love to have you on our team.

Contact **Lina Suarez** at *I.suarez*@sttheresa.cc or **346-335-1840** to get involved and make this holiday season truly memorable.



WELCOMING ADVENT INTO YOUR HOME

Advent by Candlelight is an opportunity for women to slow down, take an evening for themselves, and reflect and pray on the true meaning of Advent. As we wait for the birth of Jesus, the busyness of the Christmas season, it's important not to get lost in the hustle and bustle the season can demand.

We will start with a simple reflection by our guest speaker, Pam Thome, on **Friday**, **December 15th**, **at 6:30 p.m.**, **followed by dinner and music in the Fellowship Hall.** The event will have a heartfelt donation of \$10 dollars to cover the food. The space is limited. Tickets are going out fast. Please secure yours by clicking below:

Get Your Spot Here

For more information, please contact **Lina Suarez** at **346-335-1840** or **I.suarez@sttheresa.cc**.





SEASON OF HOPE 2023

St. Theresa is pleased to announce its annual seasonal charity, Season of Hope, starting **November 19th**. This year, you are invited to be the hope for our neighbors in need by providing the requested items written on the colorful ornament cards that will be displayed in the narthex soon. Items can also be purchased at our Amazon Wishlist and shipped directly to the Church office.

Amazon Wishlist

For more information, please get in touch with **Lina Suarez** at **346-335-1840** or email *I.suarez@sttheresa.cc*.



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

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

November Events:

- **November 12th.** Silent Retreat "Discovering God's Voice". Archdiocesan Retreat; see GroupMe for details.
- November 18th. Friendsgiving Potluck and Party at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Join GroupMe at *bit.ly/STYAGroupMe* for more details, or email **Kyle Sturgis** at *young-adults@sttheresa.cc*.



SISTER CONSTANCE, A JOURNEY THROUGH CHINA'S TRIALS

Join us on Friday, November 17th, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to watch "My Heart is in China, Sister Constance," showing the inspiring story of Sister Constance's life in China, from her experiences at St. Lioba's convents to the challenging times she faced during the Chinese Civil War, the Yangtze River Flood, WWII, and her internment. It also highlights Sister Constance's unwavering love for the lord and how she fearlessly goes nose to nose with soldiers and even endures the bombing of Wuhu.

Please RSVP

For more information, please contact **Lina Suarez** at **346-335-1840** or **I.suarez@sttheresa.cc**



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.

• 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*



RECEIVE COMMUNION AT HOME

If you are unable to attend Mass in person due to illness or currently watch via live stream, enhance your experience by having a dedicated Eucharistic Minister bring Communion to your home. St. Theresa's Parish is blessed with a team of Eucharistic Ministers for the Homebound who make visits to those parishioners who are unable to attend Mass in person. If you would like to receive home Communion visits, please call the Church Office at **713-869-3783** or send an email to **info@sttheresa.cc.**



HELP THOSE IN NEED BY DONATING USED CLOTHES

Do you have any old ball caps that could use a new home? Bring these and any other adult clothing that is in good condition **from November 4th to November 19th to the Narthex or Church office.** We will donate them to Boanerges Sons of Thunder (a 501(c)3 organization). This non-profit organization provides clothes and food to individuals without a home in downtown Houston, especially getting to know them as their neighbors. The Knights of Columbus will assist in collecting and delivering your generous donations. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

For more information, please contact Lina Suarez at I.suarez@sttheresa.cc



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 on Sunday, November 12th, after 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Fellowship Hall.

Would you like to participate in this ministry? Contact **Lina Suarez** at **I.suarez@sttheresa.cc** to learn more or to volunteer. For further details, kindly visit **sttheresa.cc/hospitality**

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; join us on **Wednesday, November**15th, at noon in the Fellowship Hall for our Friendsgiving Potluck Luncheon. Bring your favorite side dish to share with your senior friends; an entree will be provided. All seniors are invited.

For more information, please contact **Lina Suarez** at *I.suarez@sttheresa.cc*. For further details, kindly refer to *sttheresa.cc*/seniors



TAMALE SALE

Join the Knights of Columbus Council #12866 for their Holiday Tamale sale for Thanksgiving and Christmas on **Sunday, November 19th, right after the 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Mass**. You can take home delicious tamales, which are ideal for sharing with family and friends. Our holiday flavors include pork, chicken, beef, apple, and chocolate.

Thank you in advance for your generosity, and we look forward to serving you! If you have any questions or need more information, please reach out to **Chance** at **council12866@gmail.com**



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 last quarterly blood drive of the year at St. Theresa on **Sunday, November 19, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the school gym.** There are many spots still available. As a special thank you, donors who give blood will receive a blood center blanket.

Remember that one hour can change many lives! Encourage friends and family to donate with you. For any questions, please get in touch with **Lina Suarez** at **I.suarez@sttheresa.cc**

To find out more information or details, please visit https://sttheresa.cc/blood-drive

Schedule Your Appointment





Discover how Colossians 3:23 guides our involvement in Church ministries and how each task becomes an opportunity to serve the Lord wholeheartedly. We invite you to be part of our journey, embracing the message of this powerful scripture. In the spirit of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we encourage everyone to give with all their hearts, just as they generously share their love with us. Your contributions, whether weekly, monthly, or one-time gifts, play a crucial role in bringing the love of God to our world and to each other. Let's work for the Lord with all our hearts. May our labor of love bring forth abundant fruits in the lives of those we serve. Together, we create unity, joy, and purpose within our parish community.

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

Online Giving/Mass Collection

Second Collection



This weekend, the second collection will help Meals on Wheels at all Masses. Interfaith Ministries' Meals on Wheels for Greater Houston and Galveston County program helps deliver meals to over 7,300 homebound seniors and adults with disabilities, promoting independence and well-being. Inflation and uncertainty make your contribution vital; every little bit counts. Look for the Meals on Wheels truck outside to learn more about their services and volunteer opportunities. Thanks for your generous donations.

Give Here

St. Theresa Catholic School



This fund plays a vital role in keeping our mission vibrant and strong. It provides the necessary resources to advance and sustain the best tools and programs for our students. Your commitment empowers our students to discover their full potential and share their gifts with others in the spirit of service. Just as a candle lights another without losing its own flame, your contributions have sparked stewardship in our students' hearts. Be a part of shaping bright futures.

For more information and to give online, please visit **sttheresaschool.cc/fund-the- mission**



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, November 11th, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

John Deas (1)

Pam Masau (2)

Sunday, November 12th, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Scott Fuller (1)

Christy Lan (2)

Sunday, November 12th, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

Ana Schick (1)

Confirmation Group (2)



WEEK OF NOVEMBER 11TH - NOVEMBER 17TH

Saturday, November 11th

Monday, November 13th 7:00 a.m.

† Logan Bush

† Israel Garcia, Jr.

† Susie Fowler

† Celia S. Escobar

† Arnold Anthony Virgilio

Sunday, November 12th

10:00 a.m.

Pro Populo

5:30 p.m.

† Stevenson and Mulvelhil Family

† Vidaurre and Rojas Family

Jay LeBlanc (L)

† Ada Tomasino

Mable Dumas Izegbu (L)

Tuesday, November 14th

7:00 a.m.

Peace for Anne

† Anthony Mandola

Wednesday, November 15th

7:00 a.m.

† Maria Gonzalez

† Neil Kerrigan

8:05 a.m.

† Etika Soebyantoro

Thursday, November 16th

7:00 a.m.

Special Intention

6:30 p.m.

† Michael Hajtman

Friday, November 17th

7:00 a.m.

Kevin Nguyen (L)

† Juan Bautista Garcia-Gonzalez

Mable Dumas Izegbu (L)

If you would 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 loving memory of Veteran Arnold Anthony Virgilio by Mary-Ann Virgilio.
- The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Veteran Carlos Broughton by Mary Angela Broughton.

• The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Angeline and Joe Saragusa by Suzanne Hardman.

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. The beautiful flower arrangements will remain in the sanctuary after weekend masses throughout the entire week.

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**.

Winter Concert

Please join the Houston Youth String Orchestra on **Saturday**, **December 2nd**, **at 11:00 a.m. in the main sanctuary** for their winter concert. The Philharmonic Orchestra will be led by guest conductor Michael Fahey of the Echo Orchestra in works by Mozart, Saint-Saens, among others, under the direction of Houston Ballet artist Karen Wilkson.

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

HOUSTON COALITION FOR LIFE PRAYER

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST

We have an urgent prayer request for Angela, who came to our main office for a second time. Angela came in October with her boyfriend for a pregnancy test and an ultrasound. They were very abortion-minded when they came. We provided an ultrasound and measured the baby, but they did not seem excited and did not provide much insight as to what they were planning to do.

Angela called our office again, explaining that she had taken the abortion pill that she received online. However, she still "felt pregnant." She came in again with her boyfriend, and when we did the ultrasound, we saw a healthy baby. When her boyfriend saw the baby on the ultrasound, he stormed out of the office, and Angela began to have a panic attack. Our ultrasonographer explained her baby was fighting for its life and tried to help her see her baby as her precious child. Angela was still very abortion-minded when she left, and we suspect her boyfriend is pressuring her. We will follow up with her daily.

Please pray for Angela and her boyfriend and that God will change Angela's heart to save her precious, preborn child's life.

INCARNATE WORD ACADEMY

LEARN HOW WE HELP YOUNG WOMEN SHINE

Join us for an opportunity to meet with IWA faculty and students. Learn about our one-of-a-kind Leadership and STEM programs. See what it means to be a part of a 150-year-old tradition of Sisterhood in Downtown Houston at the open house on Sunday, December 3, 2023, from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 609 Crawford St. Houston. TX 77002. For more information, please go to *incarnateword.org/admissions* or call **713-227-3637**.

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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