



St. Therese Catholic Church

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Vision Statement: The St. Therese Catholic Community is a well-tended rose planted in Canton, Texas, nurtured by the Way, the Truth, and the Life of Jesus Christ according to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, to bring the fruit of His grace and mercy to the lives of everyone, for the greater honor and glory of God.

Declaración de la Visión: La comunidad católica de Santa Teresa es una rosa bien cuidada plantada en Canton, Texas, nutrida por el Camino, la Verdad y la Vida de Jesucristo de acuerdo con las enseñanzas de la Iglesia Católica Romana, para traer el fruto de su gracia y misericordia a la vida de todos, para mayor honra y gloria de Dios.

December 4th, THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DAILY MASS

Monday - 8:00 a.m.
Tuesday - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 12 Noon
Thursday & Friday - 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

30 minutes before daily Mass &
1 hour before Weekend Masses

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. / 11:30 Spanish

FIRST SUNDAY MASS: 7 a.m.
(First Monday Weekend)

Holy Days of Obligation
12 Noon / 6:00 p.m.

DEVOTIONS

ADORATION: On First Fridays
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Kindly Signup in the Narthex.

FIRST SATURDAY MASS: 8:00 a.m.

ROSARY

Tuesday - 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday - 11:30 a.m.
First Saturday after Mass

Church Staff

Rev. Jesudoss Thomas, S.T.L.

903-567-4286

Deacons:

Jim Burkel : Alan Stehsel:

Jon Fadely : Larry Edward :

Church Secretary

Anna Stephens

Bookkeeper:

Sharla Lewis

Office Hours

Horas de Oficina

Monday-Friday /

Lunes al Viernes

9:00 am – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday / Domingo:

10:00 - 11:30 a.m.



Advent is a **season of lights** which brightens the darkness of our world which is submerged into the darkness of sin, falsehood, and the ideologies of secularism. Advent is a **season of hope**, which awakens our souls to see the presence of God even in the midst of darkness. Advent is an **assurance of new promise and joy**, which your guardian angel brings it to you, as the angel Gabriel brought it to Mary, Joseph, Zacharia, and the Shepherds. Advent is a **season of love and charity**. It is a **time of sharing** our kindness and resources with the needy. But above all it is a **season of grace and mercy! A time for preparing our souls for Christ!**

How do you like to spend this season of advent? How can you let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and glorify your heavenly Father? (Matt 5:16). Perhaps, we all can do something during this advent, that is, to refrain from all kinds of negative talks and gossips, and stop blaming or accusing others for our own mistakes. Instead, Let us welcome whatever the angelic message the Lord wants you to receive during this advent, and let us hasten like our Blessed Mother to help those in need. Have a blessed Advent.

Fr. Jesudoss.

Welcome to Our Visitors and New Parishioners

We joyfully welcome you to our Parish Family. We are blessed by your visit!

If you would like to become a member of our St. Therese Family, please, come by the office after the 9:00 am Mass to register. Thank you and God Bless!



Office Staff Secretary: Anna Stephens Bookkeeper: Sharla Lewis Facility Rental: Dea. Larry Edwards Finance Council: Helen Howell Building Maintenance: Ed Lucas DRE: Barbara Cozart Pastoral Council: Ron Veilleux Music Director: Ken Mings CYO High School: JoAnne Henson CYO Jr. High: Sue Watson Liturgy Coordinator: Jon Fadely		Religious Education / Ministries Faith Formation Coordinator: Anne Lucas RCIA: Dea. Alan Stehsel Adult Bible Study: JoAnne Henson & Rosemarie Hicks Sanctity of Life Ministry: Dea.Jim Burkel Crisis Pregnancy & Gabriel Project: Educación Religiosa / Ministerios Ministro de Lectores / Servidores: Cecilia Sanchez Ministerio de Coro: Gerardo Ramirez Preparacion de los Sacramentos Y Quinceñeras: Diacono Jon Fadely Sacraments Prep-Children: Jenny Aubert Pam Mings	
Monthly Meetings Ladies Guild Holy Name Society Knights of Columbus Sacraments Prep CYO RCIA	2nd-Sun10 am 2nd-Sun 10 am 3rd-Thus 6 pm Wed 6:30 pm Wed 6:00 pm Sun 10:30 am	Parish Organizations K of C: Carlo Caravetta Ladies Guild: Sheila Herrera Holy Name Society: Mike Perez St. Therese Charity: Kathleen Bulfer Religious Gift Shop: Judy Thurman Scholarship Fund: Helen Howell	

Mass Intentions and Liturgical Observations

Sunday 7:00 am 9.00 am 11:30 am	December 4 Mass Mass Mass	Second Sunday of Advent The People of St. Therese Parish Deacon Jim By Mike & Susan Trojacek Noah Auliveld 16th By John & Chin Boyd Ignacio Herrera By Sharla Lewis	Readings for this Week <u>Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 ; Rom 15:4-9 ; Mt 3:1-12</u> <u>Is 35:1-10 , Lk 5:17-26</u> <u>Is 40:1-11 , Mt 18:12-14</u> <u>Is 40:25-31 , Mt 11:28-30</u> <u>Gn 3:9-15, 20 , Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 , Lk 1:26-38</u> <u>Is 48:17-19 , Mt 11:16-19</u> <u>Sir 48:1-4, 9-11, 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19</u> <u>Mt 17:9a, 10-13</u>
Monday 8:00 am	December 5 Mass	† Randy Sandes By Tom & Celine Powers	
Tuesday 5:30 pm 6:00 pm	December 6 Rosary Mass	St. Nicholas † Betty Novak By Deacon Jim & Rose Ann Burkel	
Wednesday 11:30 am 12:00 noon	December 7 Rosary Mass	St. Ambrose † Rosemary Cumley By Deacon Jim & Rose Ann Burkel	
Thursday 12 Noon 6:00 pm	December 8 Mass	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary— Day of Obligation † Frances Nafziger By Pam Mings	
Friday 8:00 am	December 9 Mass	St. Juan Diego Chin & John Boyd 28th Wedding Anniversary Benito & Mayala Rosas 5th Wedding Anniversary	
Saturday 6:30 am 10:30 am 11:00 am 5:30 pm	December 10 Masañitas Rosary Mass Mass	Our Lady of Guadalupe Our Lady of Guadalupe † Gerolomo Varallie By Tom & Celine Powers	

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December	Praying for the Sick
We pray that volunteer nonprofit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation. ***** <i>Oramos para que las organizaciones voluntarias sin fines de lucro comprometidas con el desarrollo humano encuentren personas dedicadas al bien común y busquen incesantemente nuevos caminos hacia la cooperación internacional.</i>	Barbra Tracy, Jack Harris, Jerry Watkins, Dorothy Ward, Jane Cordell, Tracie Leigh Sprangler, Joan Hashem, Carol Faben, Vicky Styre, Susan Carlos, Kathleen LeBars, Eddie Valdez, Dawson Elmore, Virginia Bennet, Marty Weaver, Rose Montgomery, Ellery Speight, Sheila Cote, Scott & Annette Muckelroy, Julie French, Ignacio Herrera, Cindy Brewington, Diane Crouch, Hannah Deprez, Greg Musgrave, Bernard Borchard, Sylvia Lewis, Alexis Ranne, Patti Parise, Anne Bradley Doug Hatton, Jerry & Uethel Burrows, Lee Markins, David Haimes, Lil Pratt, Laurel Montgomery, Charlie Bulfer, Scott Hilsabeck, Ed Lucas, Robert Bouska, Julie Hynes and those who suffer from COVID variants.

Sacraments / Sacramentos Baptisms: Please contact the church office at least three months prior to setting a date as a pre-baptismal meeting is required. Marriage: Please contact the church office at least six months before setting a date as premarital classes must be attended prior to the wedding. For both of these sacraments you must be a member of our Parish and in good standing. If you belong to another Parish and are seeking the Sacraments you must bring letter from your priest. Bautizos: Se debe contactar a la oficina al menos un mes antes de la fecha de celebración. Una reunión pre-bautismal es necesario antes de configurar la fecha. Matrimonio: el padre debe ser contactado durante al menos seis meses antes de la boda. Recuerda tomar clases antes de fijar la fecha. <i>Para ambos sacramentos debe ser miembro de nuestra parroquia y estar en buena posición. Si pertenece a otra parroquia pero busca los sacramentos, debe traer una carta de su sacerdote.</i> Quinceañera: Si está planeando un quinceañera, asegúrese de comunicarse primero con la oficina de la iglsia, antes de fijar una fecha.
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Your Gift is for God's Work
Weekend Mass Collection: \$3,884.00
Attendance for November 26 & 27 326
We suggest 10% of monthly income
Please Remember St. Therese Church in your Will.



Parish Income & Expenses for October
Parish Income : \$ 27,084.40
Parish Expenses: \$ 20,179.38
Weekly Building Fund Collection: \$ 225.00
Parish Hall Loan Balance: \$198,131.26

Humor of the Week Sister Mary joins a very strict order...Sister Mary joins a convent that requires a strict vow of silence... The sisters were only permitted to speak two words per year. After her first year, the Mother Superior calls Sister Mary into her office, and opens her ledger. Sister Mary speaks, "Food bad." The Mother Superior dutifully records her words and sends Sister Mary away. After another year, Mother Superior sends for Sister Mary and asks for her next two words. "Bed hard," Sister Mary says. These words are again recorded. After her third year, Mother Superior opens her ledger again. Sister Mary declares, "I quit!" To which Mother Superior replies, "Well, it's about time, all you've done since you got here is complain!"
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	FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR THIS WEEK To Honor someone with flowers for the altar, please contact: Martie Brown @ Or contact the church office
Visiting the Sick If you are sick, going for surgery, or in the hospital please contact the priest as soon as possible for your sacramental needs.	

LADIES GUILD SERVICE, SPIRITUAL, SOCIAL INTERESTED IN JOINING US please contact: Sheila Herrera or Kathleen Bulfer. Or call the Church office for contact Information. 	
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Meetings are every 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm Interested in joining please contact: Grand Knight: Carlo Caravetta Deputy Grand Knight: Ramiro Gonzalez.	
Youth Ministry & CYO Grades 6 – 12 meet every Wednesday from 6 pm – 7:30 pm. in the Education Building. Please contact: JoAnne Henson for more information.	
Diocese Code of Ethics and Integrity Pastor: Father Jesudoss Thomas, STL 903-567-4286 Promoter of Justice: Rev. John Gomez 903-534-1077 Parish Contact Person: Cynthia Stanley Please contact the Church Office for more information.	
The St Therese Canton Radio <i>If you are in the listening area, you can tune into KDMI-LP 97.5 FM. We are encouraging everyone to “follow” the Facebook page or listen to the station to stay up to date on things happening at St. Therese. Facebook page @ StThereseCantonRadio.</i>	
DAILY MASS It helps us to grow in our personal holiness. As we need food everyday, we need Eucharist everyday. If you missed a Sunday Mass, kindly consider attending one of the weekday Masses. Let us pray for our broken world, which needs God's Mercy and peace. If and when you can attend a weekday Mass, you will receive special graces for your efforts.	
Upcoming Events—Mark Your Calendar December 8 - Day of Obligation, Mass 12 noon & 6pm December 10 - The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Masañitas 6:30am, Rosary 10:30am, Mass 11:00am, Lunch to follow. December 10 - Christmas Parade 6:30pm December 17 - Day of Retreat 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. December 24 - Christmas Vigil Mass 5:30pm. Midnight December 25 - Christmas Day Mass 9:00 & 11:30 am	
Pray For Our Priests In Our Diocese	
Dec 4	Rev Gary Rottman
Dec 5	Very Rev James Rowland
Dec 6	Rev Christopher Ruggles
Dec 7	Rev Juan Carlos Sardinas
Dec 8	Rev Pancras Savarimithu
Dec 9	Rev Selvaraj Sinnappan
Dec 10	Rev Michael Snider

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