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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.

January 11th, The Baptism of The Lord

Church Staff

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Church Secretary

Anna Stephens

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Sharla Lewis

January 11, 2026, The Baptism of Our Lord Reflection on the Lord's Prayer – Introduction (2)

On this Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, let us continue our reflection on the origin and importance of the Lord's Prayer. **The origin of the Lord's Prayer—the Our Father**—is found in the Gospels of Saints Matthew (6:9-13) and Luke (11:1-4). Both agree that Jesus taught this prayer at the request of His apostles. They saw Him praying and desired to pray as He did. Therefore, they said, "Lord, teach us to pray."

By teaching this profound prayer, Jesus entrusted to His followers not only a formula of prayer, but also the right and proper way to address God, the right things to ask for, and the proper order in which to ask them — always according to God's will and not our own. For this reason, **the Lord's Prayer is the foundation of all formal prayers**. In essence, it contains the whole of Sacred Scripture — the Law, the Prophets, and the Psalms. Matthew's version includes seven petitions, whereas Luke presents five.

The Lord's Prayer (*Oratio Dominica*) is the most perfect and most important of all **prayers** for several reasons: 1. **The Lord Himself is its author.** He composed it, taught it, and desires everyone to pray it with proper devotion. St. Tertullian calls it "the summary of the whole Gospel." 2. **It is a Trinitarian prayer.** It is addressed to the Father; the Son Himself prays it on our behalf and in union with the human heart, expressing our deepest desires to the Father; and the Holy Spirit enables us to cry out, "Abba! Father!" and praying with us with inexpressible groanings. 3. **The Apostles prayed it** and integrated it into the divine liturgy. The early Church prayed the Lord's Prayer three times a day (Didache 8:3), in place of the "Eighteen Benedictions" prayed by every pious Jew. 4. **The Church concludes the Liturgy of the Hours** with the recitation of the Lord's Prayer. 5. **It is a filial prayer.** Not only does God's Son pray on behalf of us—His adopted sons and daughters—but the Holy Spirit fills our hearts with filial love and prays within us according to the will of God. 6. **It is most pleasing to the Father.** 7. **It is a profound gift of the Father to humanity** through His Son and the Holy Spirit. 8. **It reveals an eschatological character**, as its petitions are filled with hope and love. 9. **It is prayed during the Communion Rite** of the Eucharistic liturgy.

St. Thomas Aquinas teaches that the Lord's Prayer holds the principal place among all prayers. First, because it was taught by Our Lord Himself; and second, because it possesses five essential qualities necessary for prayer. Prayer must be: a) confident, b) directed toward what is right, c) well ordered, d) devout, and e) humble. Therefore, the Lord's Prayer must be prayed devoutly and reverently, with the awareness that Christ, the Holy Spirit, and the entire Church are praying everywhere whenever we recite it individually.

— Fr. Jesu

Mass Intentions and Liturgical Observations

Mass Readings

Sunday 7:00 am 9:00 am 11:30 am	Jan. 11 Mass Mass Mass	The Baptism of The Lord The People of St. Therese Parish John & Chin Boyd by Kevin & Sharla Lewis † Ronald Moore & † Caleb Humphrey by Suzanne Watson † Miguel Angel Ortis Vargas † Hector Sainz, Ale Sainz & Josefina Arcos by Carmen Good	Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 Acts 10:34-38 Cf. Mark 9:7 Matthew 3:13-17
Monday 8:00 am	Jan. 12 Mass	Mathew Trojacek (Birthday) by Mike & Susan Trojacek	1 Samuel 1:1-8 Mark 1:14-20
Tuesday 6:00 pm	Jan. 13 Mass	Saint Hilary Adelaide Trojacek (1st Birthday) by Mike & Susan Trojacek	1 Samuel 1:9-20 Mark 1:21-28
Wednesday 12:00 pm	Jan. 14 Mass	† Katie Beady, Pat Darby, Peggy Caughlan, Wilda, Paul & PJ Roddy, Jesse & Adeline Pritchard, Pat & Floyd Lamp, Dot Miller, and Goldie Profit by Jenny Aubert (<i>all souls</i>)	1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20 Mark 1:29-39
Thursday 8:00 am	Jan. 15 Mass	† Leopoldo Salas, Mana de Jesus Acosta, Noe Salas Acosta, Elsa Salas Acosta & Emanuel Salas by Rito Salas (<i>all souls</i>)	1 Samuel 4:1-11 Mark 1:40-45
Friday 8:00 am	Jan. 16 Mass	John & Kim Burkel (Anniversary) by Mike & Susan Trojacek	1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a Mark 2:1-12
Saturday 5:30 pm	Jan. 17 Mass	Saint Anthony † Lotte Willbanks by Lisa & Floyd Willbanks	1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 Mark 2:13-17

WHY TO ATTEND A DAILY MASS?

It helps us to grow in our personal holiness. As we need food everyday, we need the 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.



The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January

For Prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Para la oración con la Palabra de Dios

Oremos para que la oración con la Palabra de Dios nutra nuestras vidas y se convierta en una fuente de esperanza en nuestras comunidades, ayudándonos a construir una Iglesia más fraterna y misionera. la belleza de la vida.



Praying for the Sick

Sue Ansley, Alicia Brown, Samantha Lamon, Garrett Dietmeyer, Lala Paschall, Zak Elder, Jeff Hall, Helen Matus, Tanya Watkins, Sister Kimberly Prohaska, Ma Enedina Vazquez, Nicholas Medley, Alaric Boles, Carolyn Daughtry, Ann Johnson, Debbi Roberts, Donna Bradshaw, Margaret Musgrave, Rose Nino, David Nino, Stacy Crossley, Jerry & Uethel Burrows, Vanessa Oliver, Kevin Turner, Duane & Margaret Musgrave, Tammie Norman, Jerry Schroeder, Sarah Nelms, Mandy Newhouse, Sean Carter, Emma Welty, Luis Hernandez, Benito Jr., Shayna Horne, Chris Lyle, Bill & Diane Crouch, Kathleen & Charlie Bulfer, John Boyd, Gregory Crouch, Jackson Palumbo, Michele Louise, Margaret Hoefer, Susan Rand, Rose Montgomery, Carlos, Benito, Honey Roy, and those who suffer from various illnesses.



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:

Anuncios

- ⇒ **El Gremio de Damas tendrá una venta de garaje en los terrenos de la iglesia el 27 y 28 de marzo.** Actualmente están aceptando donaciones y piden que, por favor, las entregues durante el horario de oficina de la iglesia en la despensa de alimentos. **POR FAVOR, NO ROPA.**
- ⇒ **¡Es hora de renovar tu anuncio en el boletín o adquirir uno nuevo para tu negocio!** Cada anuncio cuesta \$150.00 y **se muestra cada semana en el boletín y en línea durante todo un año.** ¡Por favor, pasa por la oficina de la iglesia para reservar tu lugar hoy!
- ⇒ **Los sobres de contribución están en el nártex en orden alfabético.** Por favor, recoja el suyo al salir de la iglesia hoy. **Le recomendamos encarecidamente que use sobres o done en línea para que reciba crédito por sus donaciones.** Si actualmente no tiene sobres y desea algunos, por favor comuníquese con Sharla Lewis en la oficina de la iglesia.
- ⇒ **Por favor comuníquese con Sharla Lewis** en la oficina de la iglesia si desea una copia de su estado de contribuciones de 2025.
- ⇒ **Habrá una capacitación para monaguillos el sábado 24 de enero a las 10 a.m.** Si estás interesado en ser monaguillo o actualmente eres monaguillo, por favor asiste a esta sesión de capacitación.
- ⇒ **Las nochebuenas frente al altar se colocarán fuera de la iglesia el lunes y estarán disponibles para llevar a casa por orden de llegada.** Si desea hacer una donación por la nochebuena, por favor use los sobres de flores que se encuentran en el Nártex.
- ⇒ **Habrá una segunda colecta el próximo fin de semana para el Fondo de Mantenimiento del Edificio.**



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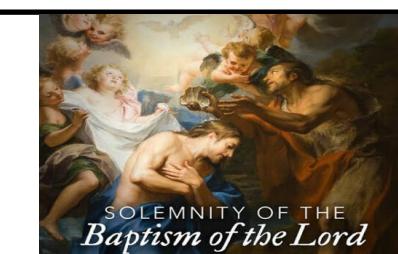


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Entonces Jesús vino de Galilea a donde estaba Juan en el Jordán para ser bautizado por él. Juan trató de impedírselo, diciendo: "Yo necesito ser bautizado por ti, ¿y tú vienes a mí?" Jesús le respondió: "Permitelo ahora, porque así conviene que cumplamos toda justicia." Entonces Juan se lo permitió. Despues de que Jesús fue bautizado, salió del agua y, he aquí, los cielos se abrieron, y vio al Espíritu de Dios descender como una paloma y venir sobre él. Y una voz vino de los cielos, diciendo: "Este es mi Hijo amado, en quien tengo complacencia" (Mt. 3:13-17).

Announcements

- ⇒ The **Ladies Guild** are having a **garage sale on the church grounds March 27th and 28th**. They are currently accepting donations and ask that you **please drop them off during church office hours at the food pantry. NO CLOTHES PLEASE.**
- ⇒ **It's time to renew your Bulletin Ad or purchase a new Ad for your business!** Ads are \$150.00 each and are displayed each week in the bulletin and online for an entire year! Please stop by the church office to reserve your spot today!
- ⇒ **Contribution Envelopes are in the Narthex in alphabetical order. Please pick yours up as you leave church today. We strongly encourage you to use envelopes or donate online so you will get credit for your donations.** If you currently do not have envelopes and would like some, please contact Sharla Lewis in the church office.
- ⇒ **Please contact Sharla Lewis** in the church office if you would like a copy of your **2025 contribution statement.**
- ⇒ There will be an **Altar Server training on Saturday, January 24th at 10 a.m.** If you are interested in being an Altar Server or are currently an Altar Server please attend this training session.
- ⇒ The **Poinsettias in front of the altar will be placed outside the church on Monday and are available to take home first come, first serve.** If you would like to make a donation for the poinsettia, please use the flower envelopes in the Narthex.
- ⇒ There is a **second collection next weekend for the Building Maintenance Fund.**



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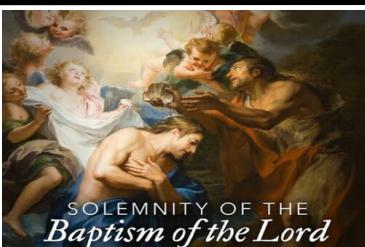
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Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him. After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove [and] coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Mt. 3:13-17).

Office Staff

Secretary: Anna Stephens
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 Pastoral Council: Ron Veilleux
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 Liturgy Coordinator: Deacon Jon Fadely
 Lector Schedule: Sharla Lewis

Monthly or Weekly Meetings

Ladies Guild
 Holy Name Society
 Knights of Columbus
 Sacraments Prep
 CYO
 OCIA / RCIA
 Daughter's of Mary
 Divine Will Group

2nd-Sun 10 am
 2nd-Sun 10 am
 3rd-Thurs 6 pm
 Wed 6:30 pm
 Wed 6:00 pm
 Sun 10:30 am
 2nd-Wed 10:30 am
 Thurs 9:00 am

Religious Education / Ministries

Faith Formation: Barbara Cozart
 Anne Lucas
 Sacramental Prep-Children: Eric Killian
 OCIA: Deacon Alan Stehsel
 Ed Lucas
 Adult Bible Study: JoAnne Henson & Rosemarie Hicks
 Sanctity of Life Ministry: Deacon Jim Burkel
 Crisis Pregnancy & Gabriel Project:
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Parish Organizations

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 Ladies Guild: Jane Miller
 Holy Name Society: Mike Perez
 Religious Gift Shop: Judy Thurman
 Scholarship Fund: Sharla Lewis
 Hospitality Ministry: Linda Lehman
 Legacy Committee: Frank Markins

Your Gift is for God's Work

Weekend Mass Collection: \$ 6,219.60
 Attendance for January 10 & 11: 453



We suggest 10% of monthly income

Parish Income & Expenses for December

Parish Income : \$ 37,563.63
 Parish Expenses: \$ 30,670.79
 Weekly Building Fund Collection: \$ 365.00

Special thanks to everyone for your donations!

Kindly consider a year-end tax-deductible donation.

Please Remember St. Therese Church in your Will.

Humor of the Week



Why do cows wear bells?

Their horns don't work

Please Be Mindful of Respectful Dress Code For Divine Worship

Please remember that our **liturgical dress code** does **NOT** allow shorts, T-shirts, shirts with messages which are inappropriate to wear in the church, short skirts, tank tops, spaghetti straps, halter tops, crop tops, sleeveless tops (no bare shoulders or revealed midriff). Please consider dressing with dignity as you partake in the **Sacred Liturgy**. **"Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. Glorify God in your Body"** (1 Cor 6:19-20). Also, Please, **NO chewing gum or phones** in Mass.

Diocese Code of Ethics and Integrity

Pastor: Father Jesudoss Thomas, STL:
 Promoter of Justice: Rev. John Gomez:
 Parish Contact Person: Suzanne Watson

Please contact the Church Office
for more information.

Welcome

St. Therese Hospitality Ministry Welcomes 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, talk with one of our hospitality ministry members or come to our Church office after the 9:00 am Mass to register.

May God bless you and your family abundantly.

Thank you

PLEASE BE AWARE OF SCAMS

Father Jesu will never ask you for gift cards, money transfers or donations/cash solicited via text messages or email. If you receive anything like this please know it is a scam and do not respond.

Do you Need Sacraments?

For all your Sacramental needs call the church office, fill out necessary forms, and make an appointment with the priest, take Sacramental preparation classes. Do not set a date for a celebration without consulting the priest, and taking necessary classes for the Sacraments.

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 to visit with your priest 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 in our parish, you must bring a letter from your priest.

Faith Formation for Children

Parents are the primary teachers of faith. They have serious obligations before God to train their children in faith and in the love of God. Please, register your children for "Faith Formation" or "Sunday School". We also need volunteers to teach or to be an aid in the classrooms. If you love teaching children, and watch them grow in our amazing faith, please do not hesitate to sign up to be a teacher or aid.

If you have any questions, please call the office or talk to Ms. Barbara Cozart or Anne Lucus.

Please Mark your Calendar

Jan. 16, Fri - Spirit Prayer Group at 9 a.m.
Jan 18, Sun - HNS Country Breakfast, Cake and punch in Parish Hall for Father Jesu's Birthday
Jan 21, Wed - Father Jesu's Birthday :0)
Feb 2, Mon - Candle Mass at 8:00 a.m. - Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
Feb. 3, Tues - Blessing of Throats after 6 pm Mass
Feb. 6, Fri - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Feb. 7, Sat - First Saturday Mass at 8:00 a.m.
Feb. 14, Sat - Valentines Dinner & Dance
Feb 18, Wed - ASH WEDNESDAY

¿Necesitas Sacramentos?

Para todas sus necesidades sacramentales, llame a la oficina parroquial, llene los formularios necesarios y haga una cita con el sacerdote, y tome las clases de preparación sacramental. No fije una fecha para una celebración sin antes consultar con el sacerdote y tomar las clases requeridas para los Sacramentos.

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.

Para ambos sacramentos debe ser miembro de nuestra parroquia y estar en buena posición. **Si perteneces a otra parroquia y deseas recibir los Sacramentos en nuestra parroquia, debes traer una carta de tu párroco.**

Quinceañera: Si está planeando un quinceañera, asegúrese de comunicarse primero con la oficina de la iglesia, antes de fijar una fecha.

Formación en la Fe para Niños

Los padres son los primeros maestros de la fe. Tienen una seria responsabilidad ante Dios de educar a sus hijos en la fe y en el amor a Dios. Por favor, inscriban a sus hijos en el programa de "Formación en la Fe" o "Catecismo Dominical". También necesitamos voluntarios que deseen enseñar o apoyar en los salones de clase. Si te gusta enseñar a los niños y ver cómo crecen en una fe maravillosa, no dudes en inscribirte como maestro o asistente. Si tienes alguna pregunta, por favor llama a la oficina o comunícate con la Sra. Bárbara Cozart o Anne Lucus.

RCIA / OCIA

Are you interested in knowing more about the Catholic Faith? Are you impelled by the Holy Spirit to seek the Sacraments in the Roman Catholic Church? Are you wondering ... "Why do Catholics do this or that"?

Then, RCIA /OCIA is the right place to begin. This program is designed to lead adults in their faith journey. If you have questions, please talk to one of our Deacons or Mr. Ed Lucus.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Youth Ministry & CYO Grades 6 – 12
meet every Wednesday from 6 pm – 7:30 pm.
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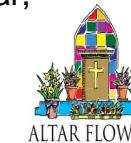


The St. Therese Canton Radio

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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.



Holy Name Society

is the St. Therese Men's Group which encourages fraternity, supports the Church, and provides monthly "Country Breakfasts"
All Men are welcome to join them

Altar Linen Care Ministry

Altar linen care ministry helps to care for the linens used during the celebration of the Holy Mass. We need your help. If you would like to help clean the altar linens, please call Martie Brown.



Singing once is like praying twice says St. Augustine. The final verse in the Book of Psalm (Ps.150) says, Let everything that has breath give praise to the Lord! Hallelujah!
If you would like to sing or play an instrument, please talk to Ken Mings our Choir Director.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every First Friday
from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Every Second Thursday
Adoration in Spanish
From 7:00 to 8:00 pm



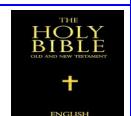
Daughters of Mary Ministry

This ministry is intended to offer support for widows and single women. They meet every 2nd Wednesday at 10:30 am in the Parish Hall.

English Bible Study Group

Join us to study the Word of God.

Foundations of Faith:
A Journey through the Catechism of the Catholic Church. "Classes will resume January 12, 2026"



Grupo de Estudio Bíblico en Español

Únase a nosotros para estudiar la Palabra de Dios y orar.
Todos los martes a las 6:45 pm
horas en el Edificio de Educación.

Divine Will Prayer Group

Divine Will is a prayer group which meets every Thursday after the Morning Mass, from 9 to 11 am. If you would like to be inspired or want to learn to pray and discern the will of God, please visit us.

Ministerios Españoles

Ensayo del coro español: jueves a las 7:00pm
Estudio bíblico en español: martes a las 6:45pm
Adoración en español—segundo jueves 7:00—8:00 pm

THE HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP INVITES YOU TO GROW IN YOUR PRAYER LIFE.

Please note that it is NOT a Charismatic Prayer Group. This group is dedicated to reading, meditating, and praying the Scripture. This group helps to foster a deeper understanding of and relationship with the Holy Spirit. The meeting is held every other Friday from 9:00 to 10:00 am. If you have any questions – Come and See! Dan Macy is the coordinator of this ministry.

Time for Coffee and Donuts!

Come, Relax, and find new friends, after the 9:00 am Mass.



All are welcome!
¡Hora de café y donas! Ven, relájate y encuentra nuevos amigos, después de la misa de las 9:00 a.m.
¡Todos son bienvenidos!