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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 28th, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

DAILY MASS

Monday — 8:00 am. Tuesday— 6:00 pm. Wednesday —12 Noon Thursday — 8:00 am. Friday — 8:00 am. **CONFESSIONS**

Saturday at 4:30 — 5:30 pm. Daily 30 minutes before Mass

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm. (Eng)

Sunday: 7:00 & 9:00 am. (Eng) 11:30 am. (Spanish)

Holy Days of Obligation 12 Noon / 6:00 pm.

DEVOTIONS ADORATION

First Fridays 8:30am—5:00pm. Kindly Signup in the Narthex.

> **2nd Thursday** 7 – 8pm in Spanish

FIRST SATURDAY MAS - 8:00am **ROSARY**

> Tuesday - 5:30 pm. Wednesday - 11:30 a.m. First Saturday after Mas

Office Hours Horas de Oficina

Monday-Friday / Lunes al Viernes 9:00 am. — 3:00 pm. **Sunday / Domingo:** 10:00 am. — 11:30 am.

Church Staff

Pastor: Rev. Jesudoss Thomas, S.T.L. **Deacons**

Alan Stehsel: Jim Burkel: Jon Fadely: Larry Edwards:

Church Secretary Anna Stephens

Bookkeeper Sharla Lewis



Merry Christmas

December 25, 2025.

"A Savior is born for you who is Messiah and Lord."

The Angel Gabriel spoke these words to the shepherds in the middle of the dark and cold night. His words were not heard by those who were sleeping in the comfort of their homes! The shepherds saw the miraculous light shining around them. They were

wrapped in that light of grace. They also had seen the heavens open and heard the multitude of angels singing and praising God, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

Christ's birth is a moment of such great joy! It is such an intense moment of God's intimacy with humanity! His birth should not be treated simply as an anniversary of some important historical figure. Christ's birth is a moment of God breaking through the history of mankind. It is a time of new creation and a new order. It is the time of the fulfilment of the ancient covenants and promises he had made to our fathers. It is God's decisive moment of entering into the battle field with the ancient serpent. It is the birth of the Savior, King of Kings, Prince of Peace, Messiah, Lord, and God's own Son in the human flesh. How sad it is, to see that his birth is taken for granted! Let us take a moment to reflect on this gracious and glorious moment. Let us treat every child who is born into this world as a sign of God's love. A child's smile is God's smile! Let us adore the Christ-Child.

May Jesus bring you and your family, Peace, Joy and Prosperity at Christmas and throughout the Year-2026. Fr. Jesudoss

Mass Intentions and Liturgical Observations			Mass Readings
Sunday 7:00 am 9:00 am 11:30 am	Dec. 28 Mass Mass Mass	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Garrett Dietmeyer by The Oreb Family † Francisco Delgado Birthday by The Delgado Family AC Watson Birthday by Suzanne Watson † Braulio Jose Ramirez by the Ramirez Family St. Therese Families by Juan Olloqui & Adrea Galvan	Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5. Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12- 17 Colossians 3:15a, 16a Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Monday 8:00 am	Dec. 29 Mass	Saint Thomas Becket Emil Trojacek 3rd Birthday by Mike & Susan Trojacek	1 John 2:3-11 Luke 2:22-35
Tuesday 6:00 pm	Dec. 30 Mass	† Francisco Delgado, Sebastian Delgado, Julia Delgado, Juan Angeles, Dominga Rodriquez, Rose Scott, Bill Adamski, Bob & Irene Barber & Isabela Delgado by Mayela Delgado	1 John 2:12-17 Luke 2:36-40
Wednesday 6:00 pm	Dec. 31 Mass	New Years's Eve / Saint Selvester I † Larry Newhouse, Nora Whalin, Forrest Whalin, Justin Whalin, Mike Whalin & Teresa Williams by Teresa Newhouse Franciso Aguilar by the Patino Family	1 John 2:18-21 John 1:1-18
Thursday 10:00 am	Jan. 1 Mass	New Year's Day Blessings for all for the year by Audrey Hardin Antoni Oreb 28th Birthday by Oreb Family	Numbers 6:22-27 <u>Galatians 4:4-7</u> <u>Luke 2:16-21</u>
Friday 8:00 am	Jan. 2 Mass	First Friday / Saint Stephen † Jack & Esther Boatman, Vernon & Gladys Braden, Jes Watson & Jerry Putman by Suzanne Watson	
Saturday 8:00 am 5:30 pm	Jan. 3 Mass Mass	First Saturday / The Most Holy Name of Jesus † Jerry Whitton by Jackie Rosson The People of St. Therese Parish	1 John 2:29–3:6 John 1:29-34

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 December For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

Para los cristianos en áreas de conflict

Esperemos que las personas que se sientan tentadas a quitarse la vida puedan recibir el apoyo, la atención y el amor que necesitan de su comunidad, y permanezcan receptivas al valor y la belleza de la vida.



Praying for the Sick

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, Nick Gangloff, 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

- ⇒ Tendremos una Misa de vigilia de acción de gracias a las 6:00 p.m. este miércoles, seguida de la Misa el jueves 1 de enero a las 10:00 a.m. por la Solemnidad de María, Madre de Dios, que es día de precepto. Les pedimos asistir a la Misa para agradecer las bendiciones de Dios. No habrá misa al mediodía.
- ⇒ La Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento será este viernes 2 de enero. Por favor, inscríbete en el Nártex para pasar un tiempo con nuestro Señor. Recuerda que cuando el Santísimo Sacramento está expuesto para adoración pública, alguien debe estar presente. Así que, ¡anótate!
- ⇒ Como el sábado 3 de enero es primer sábado, habrá misa a las 8:00 a.m.
- ⇒ Por favor acompáñanos a la Celebración de la Epifanía y cena de convivencia el domingo 4 de enero en el Salón Parroquial a las 4:30 p.m. Las hojas de inscripción están en el Nártex junto con un volante.
- ⇒ ¡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 a la oficina de la iglesia para reservar tu lugar hoy mismo!
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ La oficina de la iglesia estará cerrada en Nochevieja y Año Nuevo.
- ⇒ Habrá una segunda colecta el próximo fin de semana para la Campaña de Capital Rejoice in Hope. Por favor, use sus sobres para recibir crédito por su donación.
- ⇒ Gracias por sus donaciones para apoyar las Canastas de Acción de Gracias y Navidad de los Caballeros. Su generosidad ayudó a más de 80 familias.

¡Les deseamos un Año Nuevo bendecido de parte de nuestra familia de iglesia a la suya!

Al estar en el umbral de 2026, nuestros corazones se llenan de gratitud por nuestra familia parroquial. Este año pasado nos ha traído momentos de gran alegría, tristeza para algunos, y paz y reconciliación para otros.

Un Año Nuevo es un regalo de la gracia de Dios: una oportunidad para comenzar de nuevo y acercarnos más a Él. No sabemos lo que nos espera el mañana, pero sí sabemos quién sostiene el mañana.

As we begin this New Year on the *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*, let us follow her example by saying "yes" to the Lord's path for us. May 2026 be a year of abundant blessings, where we 'rekindle hope and trust in the future' (*Pope Francis*).

Oramos para que el Espíritu Santo sea tu luz, guía y consolador. ¡Que Dios nos bendiga a todos con su misericordia!

«Porque yo sé los planes que tengo para ti», declara el Señor, «planes para prosperarte y no para dañarte, planes para darte esperanza y un futuro.» — Jeremías 29:11

¡El Señor te bendiga y te proteja! ¡El Señor haga brillar su rostro sobre ti y te muestre su gracia! ¡El Señor te mire con bondad y te conceda la paz! — Números 6:24-26

El que estaba sentado en el trono dijo: "He aquí, yo hago nuevas todas las cosas." También dijo: "Escribe, porque estas palabras son fieles y verdaderas." - Apocalipsis 21:5







Announcements

- We will have a thanksgiving vigil Mass at 6:00 p.m. this Wednesday, then Mass on Thursday, January 1st at 10:00 a.m. for the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God which is a Holy Day of Obligation. Kindly attend the Mass in thanksgiving to God's blessings. There will not be a noon Mass.
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is this Friday, January 2nd. Kindly sign up in the Narthex to spend some time with our Lord. Please know that when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for public adoration, someone must be present. So, please sign up!
- As Saturday, January 3rd is First Saturday there will be an 8:00 a.m. Mass.
- Please join us for an Epiphany Celebration and potluck dinner on Sunday, January 4th in the Parish Hall at 4:30 p.m. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex along with a flyer. All are encouraged to attend this faith-filled
- 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.
- The church office will be closed on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.
- There will be a second collection next weekend for the Rejoice in Hope Capital Campaign. Please use your envelopes to get credit for your donation.
- ⇒ Thank you for your donations to support the Knights Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets. Your generosity helped over 80 families.

Wishing you a Blessed New Year from our church family to yours!

As we stand on the threshold of 2026, our hearts overflow with gratitude for our parish family. This past year has brought moments of great joy, sadness for some, and peace and reconciliation for others.

A New Year is a gift of God's grace—a chance to begin again and draw closer to Him. We do not know what tomorrow holds, but we know who holds tomorrow.

As we begin this New Year on the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**, let us follow her example by saying "yes" to the Lord's path for us. May 2026 be a year of abundant blessings, where we 'rekindle hope and trust in the future' (*Pope Francis*).

We pray that the Holy Spirit be your light, guide, and comforter. May God Bless us All in His mercy!

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." — Jeremiah 29:11

"The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!" — Numbers 6:24-26

"The one who sat on the throne said, Behold, I make all things new.' Then he said, Write these words down, for they are trustworthy and true." - Revelation 21:5







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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:

Educación Religiosa / Ministerios

Ministro de Lectores Servidores: Andrea Galvan & Maria Landaverde Ministerio de Coro: Gerardo (Lalo) Ramirez Preparacion de los Sacramentos Y Quinceñeras: Diacono Jon Fadely

Parish Organizations

K of C: Jeff Aubert 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: \$ 5.755.00 Attendance for December 20 & 21: 453

We suggest 10% of monthly income

Parish Income & Expenses for November

Parish Income : \$ 31.976.75 Parish Expenses: \$ 22,598.66

Weekly Building Fund Collection: \$ 420.00

Special thanks to everyone for your donations!

Kindly consider a year-end tax-deductible donation.

Please Remember St. Therese Church in your Will.

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

Humor of the Week



Our #

Weekly Offering

What did the Salt say to the Pepper on Christmas?

Seasons Greetings.

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.

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).

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.

Also, Please, NO chewing gum or phones in Mass.

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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

Dec. 31, Wed - Solemnity of Mary at 6:00 pm - Holy Day of Obligation.

Jan 1, Thurs - New Year's Day Mass at 10:00 a.m. Jan 2. Fri - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 8:00 a.m. with **Benediction** at 5:00 p.m.

Jan 3, Sat - First Saturday Mass at 8:00 a.m.

Jan 4, Sun - Capital Campaign Collection

Jan 8, Thurs - Adoración en español 7 - 8 p.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)

¿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 iglsia, 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 comunicate 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

Meetings are every 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm Interested in joining please contact: **Grand Knight:** Jeff Aubert **Deputy Grand Knight:** David Johnson



Time for Coffee and Donuts! Come, Relax, and find new friends. after the 9:00 am Mass. All are welcome!



LADIES GUILD SERVICE, SPIRITUAL, SOCIAL **INTERESTED IN JOINING US**

please contact: Jane Miller Or call the Church office for Information. New members are always 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!

Youth Ministry & CYO Grades 6 – 12 meet every Wednesday from 6 pm - 7:30 pm. in the Education Building. Please contact: JoAnne Henson for information



The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is a Holy Day of Obligation Vigil Mass on Tuesday, 12/31 at 6:00 pm And then Jan. 1st at 10:00 a.m.

The St. Therese Canton Radio 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.

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

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR THIS WEEK

To honor someone with flowers for the altar. please contact: Martie Brown @ 214-679-1427 Or contact the church office.



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.

The Little Flower Choir Ministry

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

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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