



ST. THERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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OUR WEEKLY BULLETIN

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St. Theresa Middle School

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Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office is usually open
Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. till
4:30 p.m. Open during lunch hour.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:00a.m.
and 11:30 a.m.

Monday: 6:30 a.m. Communion Service

Tuesday - Friday: 6:30 a.m. Mass

Tuesday Novena following Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 2:45 - 3:30 p.m.

Communal services during Advent
and Lent. Priest available for private
appointments by calling the Parish
Office at 647-6588.

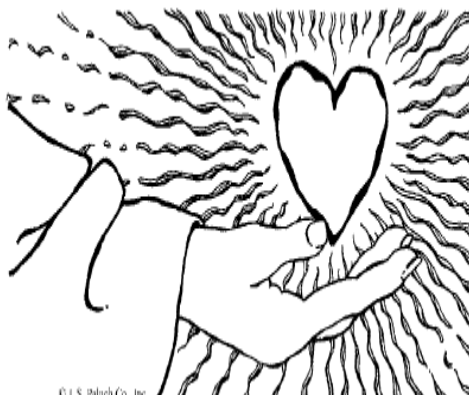
THE MYSTERIOUS ONE

Last Sunday we gathered with Peter, John, and James at the mountain of Transfiguration and were summoned to listen to God's chosen Son. This week the scriptures draw us into the mystery of just who that God is. The first reading, perhaps one of the best known in the Bible, recounts the story of Moses and the burning bush, when the mysterious divine name is revealed. The responsorial psalm is a hymn extolling the attributes of God. Saint Paul and the Lord Jesus describe a God who judges and metes out punishment. No matter the lengths to which the scriptures go, we know that no amount of words will ever come close to capturing who God is. Our lives and our Lenten journeys toward that mysterious One who will one day welcome us into the heavenly home that awaits those who put their trust in God alone. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

SAINT FRANCES OF ROME (1384-1440)

March 9

Nature and human nature—plagues and wars—turned late medieval Rome into a living hell, particularly for the sick and poor. Frances, by birth and marriage well provided for, was a devoted wife and mother; but like Benedictine Oblates who, to this day, “pray and work” while living with their families and working in the world, she joined like-minded laywomen friends in ministering to society's most vulnerable. Frances' charity was not only “hands on” but “in home.” Her palace becoming a hospital after the plague claimed two of her three children. When her husband's death ended their loving marriage of forty years, Frances joined other widowed Oblates in community. In an interesting link to the United States, our nation's premier religious congregation for women of color, the Oblate Sisters of Providence, in 1833 established bonds of spiritual communion with these “Oblates of Saint Frances” in Rome. Though Black History Month is past, take a moment to learn about the good work that Mother Lange's spiritual daughters are doing still and consider supporting them as a Lenten project: www.oblatesisters.com. —Peter Scagnelli, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.



Third Sunday of Lent

March 7, 2010

Merciful and gracious is the Lord,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

—Psalm 103:8

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK:

March 7th:

R.C.I.A. Dismissal at 10:00 a.m. Mass
Children's Church at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, March 10th:

Elem. PSR & Jr. High PSR: 6 - 7 p.m.
R.C.I.A.: 7:10 p.m. at the Parish Office

Saturday, March 13th:

First Eucharist Sacramental Prep for Students in church: 9 – 11:30 a.m.
R.C.I.A. Dismissal at 4:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, March 14th:

LAST High School PSR class for 9th and 10th grade Class begins at 10 a.m. and includes 11:30 a.m. Mass
Children's Church at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Mass

WELCOME TO LIFE TEEN AND EDGE

As Director of Christian Formation, I am excited to announce that St. Theresa of Avila Youth Ministry with the support and guidance of the Pastoral Council has adapted a new youth ministry program for our youth. *Life Teen* (for those in grades 9-12) and *Edge* (for our 6-8 graders) is an international Catholic movement that serves the Church and leads all teens closer to Christ by providing resources and training that encourages vibrant Eucharistic celebrations and opportunities for teens to grow in their faith.

Over and over again I have heard that our parish does not have a Youth Ministry program. **Well, here it is!** But please understand this is not an automatic fix all. It will take time to put all the pieces into place. An average program takes two years to get off the ground. We have started taking small steps since January with the acquisition of a t-building that is currently under renovation to serve as a place for our youth to meet (it is located behind the school on North Bryan Avenue – it is the larger building with the left half belonging to the Christian Formation Office)

This endeavor will take time to grow. The ministry of Life Teen and Edge does not exist without two invaluable groups: *teens and adults*. The Core Team (adults) is more than a way to tithe your time and talent. It's a group of adults, *the Church*, that come together because of their true love of the Lord and they are wanting to be one with Jesus in a very personal way. No matter your age there's a place for everyone – the young and the young at heart! This ministry called "Life Teen" can become a reality for our parish community with your support. Our Annual Palm Sunday Jambalaya is March 28th and our Cake and Candle sales will be on Mothers' Day, May 9th. Both of these fundraisers will help support our Life Teen Ministry. Your generosity is always appreciated.

Thank you for trusting us to create a ministry that will lead your teens into an intimate encounter with Christ. May God bless you in all you do to build His Kingdom on earth for our young Church (*our youth*). If you have any questions, never hesitate to call me (225) 647-6588, ext. 11.– I am here to serve you and our youth!
Alice Blair

ST. THERESA OF AVILA SCHOOL 50TH ANNIVERSARY
Sunday, March 21, 2010 at 2 p.m. with Father Phil Spano presiding!

An opportunity to celebrate 50 years of service will be made available to all past and current St. Theresa students, teachers, and staff at a celebration in the spring. Open tours of the school and a reception will give people a chance to reminisce about the past and reconnect with old friends and teachers. Keep an eye out for further updates and plan on joining us at our 50th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, March 21, 2010 at 2 p.m. with Father Phil Spano presiding!

LENTEN POOR MAN'S SOUP SUPPER DURING LENT

The Lenten Poor Man's Soup Supper will be held on Fridays during Lent March 12th, 19th, and 26th. Each Commission will again be asked to take a Friday to prepare a soup dinner. The dinner will be held in the St. Theresa Cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. following the Way of the Cross at 6:30 p.m. in St. Theresa of Avila Church. Call the church office at 647-6588 ext. 13 for more information if you would like to participate.

Third Week of Lent – The Burning Bush and the Call of Moses

Today we hear the call of Moses to lead his people from oppression to freedom. God promises to be with them as they journey to a new life. Our participation in **Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl** unites us in prayer, fasting, and giving with the millions of people throughout the world who are oppressed by poverty, injustice, war, disease, and lack of education and other opportunities.

GONZALES ROTARY CLUB ANNUAL FOOD FESTIVAL
TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2010 AT 6 P.M. AT THE GONZALES CIVIC CENTER

Gonzales Rotary Club will once again host their annual Food Festival to benefit St. Theresa Community Pantry. Mark your calendar now for Tuesday, March 30, 2010 at 6 P.M. at the Gonzales Civic Center. Area restaurants, caterers and organizations cook a signature dish for tasting. Tickets will be available from any Gonzales Rotary Club member or from St. Theresa Church. Any owner of a restaurant or any organization wishing to cook can contact Gary Laiche at (225) 252-1049.

CHURCHES TO OPEN ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS DURING LENT FOR
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Catholics will have many opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent. Holy Rosary 3-16-2010, St. Anthony 3-22-2010, St. John the Evangelist 3-23-2020, all services are at 7:00 p.m.

The churches that will be open for the Sacrament of Reconciliation every Wednesday night from Feb. 24 through March 24 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. are by deanery. We are in the Southeast Deanery and Reconciliation will be held at St. Mark Church, Gonzales and St. Joseph Church, Paulina, LA. Please refer to the Commentator for other churches in other deaneries or pick up a pamphlet after Mass.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

St. Theresa of Avila Knights of Columbus Council # 2657 will be conducting a membership drive at the weekend masses on March 13-14. KC members will be outside church to meet any interested men 18 years and older who wish to stop, visit and discuss the Knights of Columbus with them

ST. THERESA MASS BOOK OPENS FOR MONTHS OF APRIL, MAY AND JUNE.

The Mass book will open this Monday, March 1, 2010 at 9:00 a.m., for the months of April, May, June.

PRAYER LIST

Francis Sheets Fly.	Kenny Barras	Terri Howell
Natalie Nickens	Kyle Bonin	FJ Richard Jr.
Dorris Ann Bahm	Andrew Poche	Israel Millet
Jaci Kochell	Winnie Robert	Willia Bishop
Clay Martinez	Mary Kendrick	Buren/Linda Babin
Virgil Arceneaux	Jo Ann Sanchez	Barbara Smith
Diane Oliver	Sammy Babin	Mandie W Patrick
Yvonne Braud Fly.	Louise Schmidt	Brandt Thiac
Tim Stevens Fly.	Tony Whittington	Mary Berthelot
Colleen Babin	Jordan Bourgeois	Alexandra Lanoux
For the people of Haiti	Mike Stephens	Alvin Zeke Madere
Viola Phillipe	Marie Sinitiere	Emily Theriot
Roland Loupe	Lauren Meher	Sybil Retif
J.C. Petite	Leon Norsworthy	Michael Wenzly
Morgan Gautreau	Pat Austin	Rowena McClelland
Erin Allbritton	Charles Love	Betty Boudreaux
Roland Sanchez	Alton Babin	SPECIAL
Warren Croom	Travis Babin	INTENTIONS!!!
Shirley Bourque	Margaret Howse	PRAY FOR ALL OUR
Julianne Long	Orville Howse	SERVICE PEOPLE
Roland Loupe	Blaise Babin	AROUND THE
Christine Good	Carla Delaune	WORLD:
Susan Aldridge	Rolane Clement	Jeffrey Cornett
Guy Gautreau Fly.	Lincoln Babin	Justin Ruiz
Thomas J. Tucker	Paul Ray Ramirez	Cody Guyon
Ernest Cappel Fly.	Ann Bosche	Robert Guyon
Rose Pasqua	Dr. James Linn	Dalton Achord
Joanie Marchand	Jerry Clement	Thomas Achord
Roy Marchand	Dolly Arceneaux	Kenny Lively Jr.
Norma Lambert	Braden Farrell	Jana Vavasseur
Carol Daigle	Mae Gautreau	Thomas Henry
Bubbie McComick	Tom Ingrassia	Zack Whittington
Jacob Mullins	Joyce Ingrassia	Dane Gautreau
Annie Kling	Carl Gautreau	Hayes Burleigh
Lorene Austin	Curtis Mire	Mjr Douglas Burras
Mildred Young	Kenny White	Trent LeBouef
Gary Price	Donald Harelson	Brian Palmer
Bradley Stewart	Nada Travis	Roland Gibson Jr.
Jim Dunaway	Mae Passman	Troy Jackson
Marguerite Himel	Kevin Gautreau	
G.P. Babin Jr.	Alex Minvielle	
Ray Lapino	Anna LeBeau	
Donnie Mire	Nona Moody	
Chad Braud	David Moody	
Winnie Villar	Fred Shiel	
Connie Taillon		
Carol Rachel		
Terri Gauthe		
Marie Boudreaux		

PARISH REGISTRATION

Parish membership is open to all Catholics who reside within the territory of St. Theresa Church Parish and other Catholics with permission of their respective local pastor. If you do not know which church parish you belong to, please call the parish office for information. Registration involves the completion of a parish census form. New parishioners are asked to come by the parish office to complete a census form or call Cindy Richard at 647-6588 ext. 14 and one will be mailed to you.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

Parish School of Religion and Sacramental Preparation, call Alice Blair at the Parish Church Office, (647-6588, ext. 11).

CARE OF THE SICK

Emergency calls are immediate. Hospitals are visited weekly and by request. Holy Eucharist is taken to homebound parishioners weekly with arrangements made through Community Services Office. Anointing can be arranged with the Parish Priest.

MARRIAGE

Engaged couples must contact Parish Priest at least six (6) months prior to anticipated wedding date.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

The family should make arrangements with the Parish Priest.

ST. THERESA MIDDLE SCHOOL

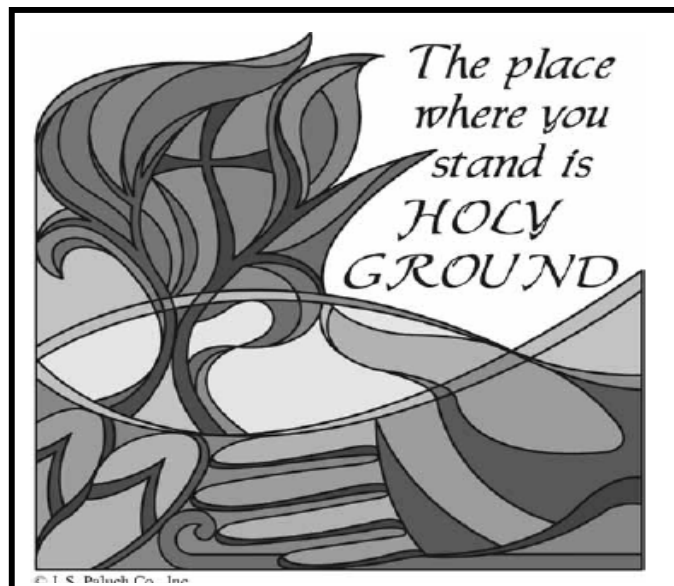
The School Office is open Monday - Friday from 8:00 am till 3:30 pm. Office 647-2803.

BULLETIN/NEWSLETTER NEWS

Information or news for Our Parish Message (Newsletter) should be given by the 10th of the Month before Month needed (such as, if information is for February give by January 10th). Our Weekly Bulletin information is due by Wednesday noon prior to the next weekend date. Call Cindy Richard at (647-6588 ext. 14) for more information.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church is held each Sunday during the 10:00 & 11:30 a.m. Masses. On special occasions we may not have children's church. Please check calendar for these times. This is open to children ages 3 to 6. Children's Church Volunteers are always welcome. Call Lynn Dodge at the (Parish Office at 647-6588, ext. 20) for more information.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD God appears to Moses and directs him to go and deliver the Israelites from Egypt Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) or Exodus 17:3-7.

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) or Psalm 95.

Second Reading — We are not to grumble like the people with Moses in the desert (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.

Gospel — If you do not repent, you will all perish (Luke 13:1-9) or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Collections for Feb. 20-21, 2010

Identified:	\$ 10,502.77
Loose:	\$ 1,457.70
Black & Ind. Mission	\$ 613.00
Bldg. & Dev.	\$ 435.00
TOTAL	13,008.07

**2ND COLLECTION
BUILDING &
DEVELOPMENT
MARCH 7, 2010**

Mission Statement

We the people of St. Theresa Church, as a community of faith, believe that we have a mission.

We promise to provide support, encouragement, and spiritual guidance to the member families of our congregation. We commit ourselves to a reverent and changing liturgy consistent with the Catholic faith.

It is our mission, through stewarding and ministry, to meet the needs of the poor, homeless and jobless. We promise to reach out and bring comfort to all in need.

We promise to share the way of faith with one another. We promise to open our hearts and welcome those who put aside their Catholic faith as well as those who are new to our faith.

We promise support and guidance to the youth of our community. We believe that our mission is of God, founded on the works of Jesus Christ, and enlightened by the Holy Spirit.

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