



ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me bears much fruit. JN 15:4A, 5B



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 19, 2017



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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am and 11:15 am

NO WEEKDAY MASSES THANKSGIVING WEEK

Weekday Mass resumes Thursday, November 30th

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 pm

THANKSGIVING WEEK OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Nov 21 10 - 3, otherwise closed

Dear Friends,

Thanksgiving is upon us at long last, at least that's how I feel! I think we all need something to cheer us up after a rough few months of post-Hurricane Harvey misery. I know some of you will not have homes in any condition in which to celebrate and will be with friends and relatives or will be hosting such people; but we are all capable of smiling and being gracious, no matter what our circumstances or with whom we celebrate the holiday. We never know from one year to the next what changes may come with the passing of the seasons. Remember last year when so many of you were dreading getting together and hoping against hope "politics" would not be mentioned during the sacred family gathering; and yet it too passed without any bloodshed - well, for the most part anyway! Consider this another bump in the road; do your utter best to make it enjoyable for everyone, and do smile a lot. Seriously, I hope you have one of the best Thanksgivings you've had in a while - it will depend to a huge degree on you. Safe travels to all who will be in the air or on the roads; arrive safely to your destinations and return in the same manner.

Because of last-minute shopping, turkey hunting and God knows what you have on your list to do, there will be no CCE this Sunday, Nov. 19, or the following Sunday, Nov. 26.

There will be no daily Mass next week. Our usual daily Mass schedule will resume the following week on Thursday, Nov. 30. All this information is on the calendar across the page from you, as well as on our calendar on our parish webpage.

The office will only be open on Tuesday, Nov. 21, for any last minute things you might need here. In the case of an emergency, e-mail Marcela at Marcela@stcatherine-houston.org It is the fastest, simplest and easiest way to contact us.

Get ready to put on your happy face, and put your best foot forward this holiday!

Here's to a great Thanksgiving for all,

Fr. Niall

Christmas Flower Donations can be made in honor of a loved one or in memory of a loved one. Envelopes are due in the Parish Office on or before December 17, 2017. It is important to us to list the names of those you are remembering with a flower donation correctly in our bulletin, so please PRINT your dedications. The list of those being remembered with a Christmas Flower Donation will be printed in the bulletin for EPIPHANY SUNDAY. If you have any questions, please email Marcela Swihart at marcela@stcatherine-houston.org

NOVEMBER 19, 2017 • THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MEN'S RETREAT

ALL MEN OF ST. CATHERINE'S PARISH are invited to attend our annual retreat at Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center, 430 Bunker Hill Road, on January 5-7, 2018. The theme for this year's retreat is "Hail to the Cross, Our Only Hope." This is a great way to begin the new year! Registration information can be found in the brochures on the bulletin board. For more information please call Charles Hrachovy at 713-468-0259.

CLUB 55+

CLUB 55+ NOVEMBER LUNCHEON

Our November luncheon will be on Monday, November 20 at 1:15 PM. The location has been changed from Texas Land & Cattle Company to the Olive Garden. This will be explained at our November 12 Meeting & Luncheon at Church. This has always been one of our most popular places so hopefully we will get a big turnout. Plan to come out and join us. Bring a 55+ relative, friend or neighbor, too.

December Club 55+ Bus Trip

On **Tuesday, December 5** we will head to the Gulf Greyhound Park to view the **Magical Winter Lights**. The festival area contains seven themed sections including Magical Wonderland, Mystical Forest, Santa's Christmas Village, and the festival's newest section: The Lone Star State. The festival also includes a Holiday Market Square, acrobatic performances, authentic arts and crafts created by skilled Chinese artisans, amusement rides and games, and live entertainment. To prepare for the large amount of walking needed to view the festival, we will have an early dinner at a **Cracker Barrel** nearby. We will leave the church at 3:00 pm and return by about 10:00 pm. The cost is **\$14** per person not including dinner for persons age 65+, and **\$22** for persons age 50-64. Please mail your check to Diane Goyette, 5607 Summer Snow Drive, Houston, TX 77041 as soon as possible to reserve your spot.

Save the dates: Upcoming bus trips are scheduled for Jan 17, Feb 22, and Mar 10 – details to follow. Contact Diane at diane@goyette.info or 713-540-7884, or Henry at 281-684-7030. As always, the bus trip is open to everyone age 50 and over.

With Thanksgiving and the Season of Advent coming up, enrolling in Faith Direct is a great way to ensure your gifts to St. Catherine of Siena are received even while you are traveling for the holidays. Already using Faith Direct? Don't forget to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: **TX536**. Thank you for supporting our parish family!



HARVEY RELIEF GIVING THROUGH FAITH DIRECT

As the holidays approach and we all think about giving to others, consider a donation to St. Catherine of Siena Church, Harvey disaster relief ministry. There are many families in our area still struggling, living in temporary housing, not able to celebrate the upcoming holidays in their own homes. A one-time gift of any amount is appreciated. The online process is simple and does not require the donor to setup a Faith Direct account. Spread the word to friends, family, coworkers, and all those with a generous heart.

GO TO: <https://www.faithdirect.net>

- Click "Give Now"
- Enter church code TX536
- Choose "Make a one-time gift now"
- Write in notes section: For Harvey disaster relief

PARISH CALENDAR

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COLLECTION

SAT	11/18	5 PM Mass †Paul Pavlik †Doreen Theresa Finch
SUN	11/19	8:30 AM Mass †Joe Pavelka NO CCE 11:15 AM
TUE	11/21	No Weekday Mass Office Hours, 10 - 3
WED	11/22	No Weekday Mass Office Closed
THU	11/23	HAPPY THANKSGIVING—No Weekday Mass Office Closed
FRI	11/24	No Weekday Mass Office Closed
THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE		
SAT	11/25	5 PM Mass †Gene Even
SUN	11/26	8:30 AM Mass NO CCE 11:15 AM Mass

HARVEY RELIEF EFFORTS

Faith in Action at all ages -- A special thanks goes to the 5th and 6th grade CCE students at **Holy Name Catholic Church in West Union, Iowa**. Last week they held a luncheon, bake sale, and raffle to raise funds for our Harvey disaster relief ministry. Our own 5th and 6th graders shared their flood stories with their Iowan friends to make the project come alive. Thanks also go to our own Robin Hayes, Religious Ed Coordinator, and Bo and Heather Bothe, and Mary Granato, CCE teachers for their role in bridging the miles. **As recovery needs will continue for months to come, contact Betty Vitek, betty.vitek@sbcglobal.net, for available resources.**

Houston Furniture Bank is partnering with retailers, churches, schools, social service agencies, and many other Houston area organizations to help affected families. Items that no longer have meaning to you can mean the world to a child, family, or individual in need. Donate your quality, gently used furniture that you no longer need or use and help furnish a home with hope during the Houston Strong Furniture Drive, houstonfurniturebank.org/recovery **Date: Saturday, Dec-2. Time: 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

DROP OFF LOCATIONS

Houston Furniture Bank 8220 Mosley Road Houston, TX 77075	Landmark Furniture 20235 Katy Freeway Katy, TX 77450
Faithbridge Church 18000 Stuebner Airline Spring TX	Landmark Furniture 5900 North Freeway Houston, TX 77076
Mattress Firm 20814 Gulf Freeway, #Q Webster, TX	