

# St. Therese Catholic Church

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9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



## The 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 26, 2017

“Learn from the way the wild flowers grow”

## Eucharistic Celebration

### Weekends:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

### Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:20 p.m. 3:55 p.m.

### Infant Baptism:

Please contact the pastor two (2) months in advance

### Adoration

Fridays: 6 p.m.

### Weekdays:

Tuesday-Friday 8:00 a.m.  
Thursday: Faith Program 5:30 p.m.

### Adoration & Benediction

1st Friday each month 6p.m.-7p.m.

### Marriage:

Please call Rectory six (6) months prior to proposed date

## SECRETARY

Cindy Hampton

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## PARISH COUNCIL

Joe Ware, Chairman 886-5331  
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## FINANCE COUNCIL

Andre Robertson 882-0012  
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Robert Gobert

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Feb. 26 Is 49:14-15 Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 8-9  
1Cor 4:1-5 Mt 6:24-34

Monday Feb. 27 Sir 17:20-24 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7  
Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday Feb. 28 Sir 35:1-12 Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 & 23  
Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday Mar 01 Joel 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13,  
14 & 17 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday Mar 02 Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6  
Lk 9:22-25

Friday Mar 03 Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19  
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday Mar 04 Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6  
Lk 5:27-32

## PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

John Abram  
Mary Brown  
Mary Crossley  
David Jayce Carey  
Courtney Chavis  
Therese Ferguson  
Hollis Fain  
Joe B. Forward  
Theresa Garrett  
Anna Garrick  
Elias Gobert  
Rena Jenkins  
James Mims  
John Richard, Sr.  
Alma Thibodeaux  
Sammie Williams  
Da'Morrius Allison  
James Arceneaux  
Mary Feathers  
Alberta Fontenot  
Frances Freeman  
Debra Glaude  
Margaret Green  
Myrtle Guillory  
Celestine Johnson  
Calvin Johnson  
Stacy Johnson  
Rose Lee Johnson  
Lakeisha Guidry-Jones  
Leothus Jones  
Raffelitta Jonea Lee  
John Milton  
Ruby Milton  
Mr. & Mrs. Mace  
Bettye Odom  
Clayona Pillette  
Robert Simmons



## February Birthday List

Happy Birthday to:

Diane Hebert 1  
Albert Thibodeaux 1  
Ryland Blackwell 3  
Saintina Robertson 5  
Stacy Johnson 5  
Gerald Richard 6  
Jada Semien 9  
Ralph Wilkes 11  
Athena Jefferson 13  
Italia Green 14  
Leo Jackson 18  
Richard Scott 20  
Samuel Earl Mitchell 21  
RyAsian Daughtery 22  
Ariel Anderson 27

Happy Anniversary

Albert & Phyllis Thibodeaux 6th  
George & Cecilia Davis 14

## Bishop Faith Appeal

Goal: \$18,987

Thank you ALL for your support, we look forward to the continued growth of our Parish

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday Feb. 26 9:00 a.m.

Monday Feb. 27 No Mass

Tuesday Feb. 28 8:00 a.m. +

Ash Wednesday Mar 01 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Thursday Mar 02 8:00 a.m. +

Friday Mar 03 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross led by Parish Council

Saturday Mar 04 4:00 p.m. + Richard Guillory requested by Freda Guillory

(N.B. You can request Mass to be offered for you/your loves one, or the deceased.. Speak with the Pastor or call the office to schedule).

## MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEKEND

### HOSPITALITY

Saturday: Shirley Allison, Richard Scott, Rose Davis & Walter Davis  
Sunday: Dorothy Jacobs, Elizabeth Mitchell, Fred Green & Phyllis Thibodeaux

### ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: A: Freda Guillory L: Leo Jackson & Eva Platt  
Sunday: A: Dorothy Broussard L: Gloria Richard & Tina Kindle

### ALTAR SERVER:

Saturday: Reagan Pitre & William Pitre  
Sunday: D'Ana Williams

### MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday: Russell Bottley & Cecilia Davis  
Sunday: Lucy Jones & Freda Guillory

### Attendance

Saturday 69  
Sunday 59

### Weekend Collection

### Deductible

### Non-Deductible

Mail In \$ 20.00  
Mass Stipends \$ 25.00  
Saturday \$ 2,551.00  
Sunday \$ 2,095.50

**Total Deposit \$ 4,691.15**

## Diocese of Beaumont Office of Family Life Ministry

The Office of Family Life ministry is hosting a Retreat weekend for married couples, March 24-26, 2017 at the Holiday Inn Beaumont Plaza on Walden Rd. Cost is \$100. Per couple this fee includes room, board and materials. Register immediately for space is limited, for more information please contact Sandra Hall at (409) 924-4325 or shall@dioceseofbmt.org or Jerome Cabeen at (409) 924-4390 or jcabeen@dioceseofbmt.org

# EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## The Right Emphasis

People have, it seems, a natural penchant for misplaced emphasis on less important things. They can so easily get caught up with what they're having for dinner or what they will wear. Often it is a tragedy that helps people to re-focus on what is really important. What shall I wear is an irrelevant question when one faces surgery or chemotherapy. What's for dinner is immaterial to those who face grief or unemployment.

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:14-15    RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 62:2-3, 6-7, 8-9**

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5    GOSPEL: Matthew 6:24-34**

## Comment

Some Scripture passages require a good deal of study before they yield their inner meaning. Not so with today's Gospel, a continuation of the Sermon on the Mount. Here we have Jesus' well-known sayings about God's care for us. "No one can serve two masters" and "Look at the birds in the sky" have become idioms in our culture. Perhaps they have become too familiar. Jesus' point is a simple one—if we keep our hearts set on the important things, God will take care of the rest. His use of simple images from nature—birds, flowers, grass—would have resonated just as deeply with his listeners then as they do today.

The brief passage from Isaiah, situated as it is in a longer section on the restoration of Zion, uses a wonderful feminine image to portray God's care for us. Even more than a mother's care for her own child is God's attentiveness to our needs. Juxtaposed with the Gospel reading, an image of God as dotting parent surfaces. No wonder St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians is more confident in the judgment of the Lord than in any human assessment! For those whose hearts are set on God's priorities, the time of judgment can bring nothing but good.

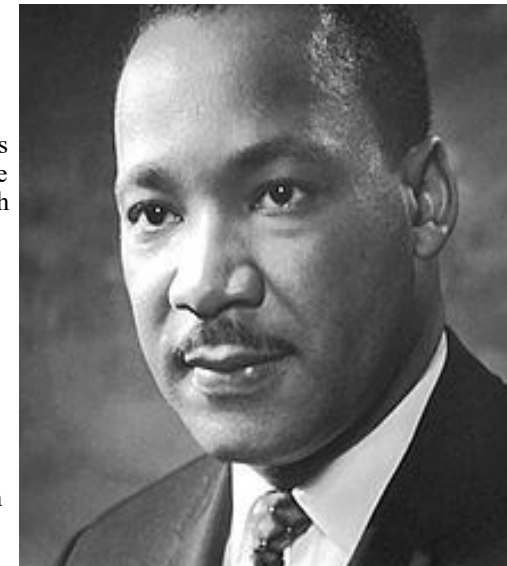
## Reflection

There is an old saying that life is what happens to us while we are busy making other plans. How often do the people and events of today pass unnoticed because we are preoccupied with concerns about the future?

Sometimes when there is a death in the family, one hears the survivors lament all that they did not do for the deceased. "I was so busy with my career plans, I never spent time with her." "I put so much energy into establishing my place in the community, I forgot he was lonesome."

One would suppose that the birds in the sky do not spend a great deal of time mapping out a lifetime flight plan. They seem to fly where they need to go today, trusting it will eventually bring them where they must be tomorrow and next winter. Similarly, the wildflowers do not appear to bemoan their plot of earth or jockey for position. Rather, each accepts the sun and rain given it today and grows, imperceptibly perhaps, but beautifully.

**Martin Luther King Jr.** (January 15, 1929-April 4, 1968) was born Michael Luther King, Jr., but later had his name changed to Martin. His grandfather began the family's long tenure as pastors of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, serving from 1914 to 1931; his father has served from then until the present, and from 1960 until his death Martin Luther acted as co-pastor. Martin Luther attended segregated public schools in Georgia, graduating from high school at the age of fifteen; he received the B. A. degree in 1948 from Morehouse College, a distinguished Negro institution of Atlanta from which both his father and grandfather had graduated. After three years of theological study at Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania where he was elected president of a predominantly white senior class, he was awarded the B.D. in 1951. With a fellowship won at Crozer, he enrolled in graduate studies at Boston University, completing his residence for the doctorate in 1953 and receiving the degree in 1955. In Boston he met and married Coretta Scott, a young woman of uncommon intellectual and artistic attainments. Two sons and two daughters were born into the family.



In 1954, Martin Luther King became pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. Always a strong worker for civil rights for members of his race, King was, by this time, a member of the executive committee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

In December 1955, he accepted the leadership of the first great Negro nonviolent demonstration of contemporary times in the United States. On December 21, 1956, after the Supreme Court of the United States had declared unconstitutional the laws requiring segregation on buses, Negroes and whites rode the buses as equals.

In 1957 he was elected president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, an organization formed to provide new leadership for the now burgeoning civil rights movement. The ideals for this organization he took from Christianity; its operational techniques from Gandhi. In the eleven-year period between 1957 and 1968, King traveled over six million miles and spoke over twenty-five hundred times, appearing wherever there was injustice, protest, and action; he directed the peaceful march on Washington, D.C., of 250,000 people to whom he delivered his address, "I Have a Dream", he conferred with President John F. Kennedy and campaigned for President Lyndon B. Johnson;

Dr. King wrote five books as well as numerous articles including what he called a coalition of conscience. and inspiring his "Letter from a Birmingham Jail", a manifesto of the Negro revolution; he was awarded five honorary degrees; was named Man of the Year by *Time* magazine in 1963; and became not only the symbolic leader of American blacks but also a world figure.

At the age of thirty-five, Martin Luther King, Jr., was the youngest man to have received the Nobel Peace Prize. When notified of his selection, he announced that he would turn over the prize money of \$54,123 to the furtherance of the civil rights movement.

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

### \*\*\*ATTENTION\*\*\*

**Everyone is ask to return their palms from last years Palm Sunday, these will be burned and used for Ash Wednesday. Thanks for your prompt attention.**

### \*\*\*Stations of the Cross\*\*\*

Date: Friday, March 3, 2017  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Ministry: Parish Council

Each week a different ministry will be ask to led the stations, everyone is encouraged to participate.

### \*\*\*Town Hall Meeting\*\*\*

Date: Wednesday, March 22, 2017  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Where: St. Therese Life Center

Fr. Donatus and the Parish Council has scheduled a Town Hall meeting to discuss how all of us working together can enhance and encourage the growth of our parish If anyone has any ideas, issues and/or concerns we are asking that you please make arrangements to be in attendance

### NOVENA PRAYER TO ST. THERESE—THE LITTLE FLOWER

St. Therese, beloved friend, you promised to spend your time in heaven doing good upon the earth. WE come before you in our need. We believe that you listen to us and approach God for and with us. You are love in the heart of the God. Please accept these petitions, hopes, needs and dreams that I list below (pause).

Please present them to our loving Father so that God may do what is best for us, for our loved ones, and for the fulfillment of God's Kingdom. Continue your shower of roses in our lives. We ask you, dear friend with the bold confidence and loving care. We make this prayerful petition in the name of Jesus and through the power of his Spirit. **AMEN.**

### Eleventh Annual St. Katharine Drexel Feast Day Celebration

**Celebration of the Eucharist Thursday, March 2, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.  
St. Therese Catholic Church 1409 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street – Orange TX**

Most Reverend Curtis J. Guillory, S.V.D., D.D. Bishop of Beaumont  
**Celebrant & Homilist Concelebrating Priests of the Diocese of Beaumont**

Come join us as we remember St. Katharine Drexel and her gifts to the Diocese of Beaumont through the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament to

Blessed Sacrament Catholic School Sacred Heart Catholic School  
St. Therese Catholic School

**Reception immediately following in Parish Hall**

Underwritten by a grant from Black and Indian Mission Fund and the generosity of the people of the Diocese of Beaumont through the Bishops Faith Appeal

### Annual Lenten Fish Dinner Fundraiser

Fish 2-pieces	Red Rice
Potato Salad	Green Beans
Desert/Cake	Slice Bread

Time 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Cost: \$8.00

Beginning March 3, 2017 through April 7, 2017 we will have our annual fish dinner fundraiser every Friday during Lent. We are asking for volunteers with serving and delivering dinners. Food and monetary donations are needed for the above items. Call in large orders at (409) 883-3783. Thanks in advance.

**Five (5) or more dinners will be delivered**