

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun. April - 1 Acts 10:34a, 37-43, Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23., Col 3:1-4 or I Cor 5:6b-8, Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

Mon. April - 2 Acts 2:14, 22-33, ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11, Mt 28:8-15

Tues. April - 3 Acts 2:36-41, Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22, Jn 20:11-18

Wed. April - 4 Acts 3:1-10, Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9, Lk 24:13-35

Thurs. April - 5 Acts 3:11-26, Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9, Lk 24:35-48

Fri. April - 6 Acts 4:1-12, pS 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a, Jn 21:1-14

Sat. April - 7 Acts 4:13-21, pS 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21, Mk 16:9-15

**April Birthday List
Happy Birthday to:**

Joe Fontenot	2
Taffy A Richard	2
Ella Garrett	3
Tremond Warnell	4
Clifton Richard	23
Tracy Richard	23
Ryan Edwards	24
Donovan Richard	25
Diane Johnson	20

Happy Anniversary

Leothus & Lucy Jones	8th
Franklin & Doris Gans	11th

**COORDINATORS OF
MINISTRIES**

Bishop Faith Appeal - Shirley Ray
Bereavement Committee - Rose Bottley

Donut Sunday's - Freda Guillory*
Donuts and coffee in the Education Building 1st, 3rd & 4th Sunday of each month.

Extraordinary Minister of Communion - Shirley Ray

Finance - Andre' Robertson * finance meetings are held **every 2nd** Wednesday of **each** month.

Fund Raising - Walter Davis

Hospitality/Ushers - Rose Davis

Lectors - Gary Mims

Life Center - Adam Jacobs

Plumbing - Joe Fontenot

Mission & Retreat - Cecilia Davis

Music Director - George Alexander
* choir rehearsal's are every Tuesday at 6:30 pm

Pastoral Council meetings held **every 3rd** Wednesday of **each** month.

Socials - Knights of Peter Clever & Ladies Auxiliary * Parish Luncheon, the second Sunday of each month.

Youth - Felicia Richard

Stewardship-Wayne Sparrow

1st Friday of each month Fr. Donatus has 11 am Mass at Orange Villa located on 3rd Street. There will be NO evening Mass that day, adoration only, everyone is invited to come.

Attendance

Saturday: 31 Sunday: 67

**Attendance Mission Week
Wednesday:33 Thursday:35 Friday:36**

Weekend Collection

Mail In	\$ 54.00
Loose	\$ 122.00
Fish fund	\$ 1,335.00
Mission	\$ 196.00
Hall	\$ 200.00
Saturday	\$ 415.00
Sunday	<u>\$ 1,788.00</u>

Total Deposit \$ 4,110.00

**MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEKEND
HOSPITALITY**

Saturday: Richard Scott, Rose Davis, Walter Davis & Willie Oliver
Sunday: Fred Green, Rose Bottley, Emmanuel Taylor, Coretta Ambers

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: A: Leo Jackson
L: Eva Platt & Freda Guillory
Sunday: A: Horace Broussard
L: Wayne Sparrow & Lucy Jones

ALTAR SERVER:

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

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday Richard Scott & Russell Bottley
Sunday: Gloria Richard & Shirley Ray

Expenses for the week

Entergy <\$ 628.73>
Direct TV <\$ 76.48>
Spectrum <\$ 82.31>
Liturg <\$ 21.39>
City of Orange <\$ 381.68>

**MASS INTENTIONS
for the Week**

**Sunday, April 01, 2018 9:00 am Mass
Jacobs and Monroe Families
Requested by Mrs. Mary J. J. Monroe**

Mon. April 2, NO MASS

Tues. April. 3, NO MASS

Wed. April. 4, NO MASS

Thurs. April. 5, NO MASS

Fri. April 6, NO MASS
Exposition & Adoration of
the Blessed Sacrament & Mass

Saturday, April 07, 2018
3:20 - 3:55 Reconciliation
4:00 p.m. Mass

(N.B. You can request Mass to be offered for you/your love ones, or any deceased person. Speak with the Pastor or call the office to schedule your mass intention).

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Office Hours: Tuesday thru Thursday
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



Easter Sunday

April 1, 2018

**"I have risen, and I am with
you still"**



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

Weekdays:

Tuesday-Friday 6:00 p.m.

Adoration & Benediction

1st Friday each month 5p.m.-6:30p.m.

Aprilriage:

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

SECRETARY

Cindy Hampton (409) 882-0935

PARISH COUNCIL

Richard Scott, Chairman	779-7587
Rose Davis, Vice Chairman	883-0762
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EASTER SUNDAY

The Day of the Lord

The antiphon from today's responsorial psalm proclaims, "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad." This, indeed, is a brand new day, the first of days. This day unlocks the meaning of all our days. Sin is banished, death conquered, and life opens onto life. The day celebrates new creation. This day, the tree of destruction has become the tree of life, whose first blossom is Christ, whose fragrance gives life, and whose blooming sets us all free.

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 GOSPEL: John 20:1-9

Comment

Although the reading from the Acts of the Apostles serves as a powerful recapitulation of Jesus' ministry, its final verse also provides a definition of the meaning of the resurrection. Namely, Peter and the other apostles found the Resurrection to be an experience of forgiveness and reconciliation. Peter and the other followers of Jesus—all but a few of whom had abandoned Jesus in his final hours—experienced the Resurrection as healing, reconciliation, and wholeness restored. Peter, then, urges his listeners to faith so that they might also experience resurrection in their lives.

The passage from Paul's letter to the Colossians reminds us to delight in the fullness and newness of life that abides within us. Fear and alienation should be things of the past. Anxiety, dread, and apprehension should no longer afflict or concern us. Glory is ours, the same glory that is Christ's. Nothing should inhibit us from unfettered joy. Since we are resurrection people, we must recognize that the risen Christ is present in the nitty-gritty of life and choose to act and live now as people who truly have died and risen to new life.

The resurrection of Jesus is God's way of restoring our humanity to us. Perhaps that is why the Gospel is far more concerned with what happens to Jesus' followers than it is in detailing what happened to Jesus. The good news of the Resurrection is much more than a happy ending to a violent tale. It is the beginning of a whole new way of life and living—our living and our lives. Like the disciples in the Gospel, all we need do to share in this life is to believe.

Reflection

Interestingly, Jesus himself does not appear in these Easter readings. The witnesses do. We read their stories. They are transformed in the news of his resurrection. We know how thoroughly transformed they were by reading the accounts from Acts and from the letters of Paul. For today's second reading, the Church offers us the option of two readings, one from Paul's first letter to Corinth; the other, his letter to Colossae. Both affirm the reality and power of the Resurrection. Both call for action. Faith in the resurrection means acting as people risen with their risen Lord. In the letter to the Colossians, Paul reminds us that we who have risen with him have also died with him. For baptized Christians, the old unredeemed world holds no sway, has no validity, is not worth our time and attention. The first letter to the Corinthians says this in another way. The old, worn way is like old yeast in the dough. Life in Christ is new, all new.

Though Jesus Christ does not appear as risen Lord in these readings, he is where the witnesses are. They who were once followers do not walk with him side by side or a little behind him. They live in him. They have passed from death to life in his death and resurrection. They are called to live as a new people. So are we.

ATTENTION EVERYONE

Fr. Donatus will be on Retreat from Monday, April 2 thru Friday, April 6, 2018, If there is any emergency please contact the Parish office and the secretary will contact the appropriate individuals. Thanks in advance

PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Aprily Brown
Aprily Crossley
David Jayce Carey
Courtney Chavis
Therese Ferguson
Hollis Fain
Joe B. Forward
Ella Mae Garrett
Anna Garrick
Beatrice Guillory
Aprilk Mitchell Jr.
James Mims
Westley Popillion
John Richard, Sr.
Morman Richard
Alma C Thibodeaux



PRAY FOR THE SICK

James Arceneaux
Mable Durio
Alberta Fontenot
Frances Freeman
Debra Glaude
Aprilgaret Green
Peggy Green
Myrtle Guillory
Rena Mae Jenkins
Celestine Johnson
Calvin Johnson
Stacy Johnson
Rose Lee Johnson
Lakeisha Guidry-Jones
Leothus Jones
John Milton
Ruby Milton
Bettye Odom
Clayona Pilette
Doris Robertson
Brushelle Scott
Richard Scott
Robert Simmons
Aprily Ware
Joe Ware

Vacation Bible School
Monday, June 18 thru Friday, June 22, 2018

Parents, you and your child, children and grand children are invited to attend. We are also asking for volunteer's to help with preparing food as well as classroom help. For more information please contact Sonja Popillion or Cecilia Davis.

Thank You Fr. Mark Amek

And to Everyone who made our Lenten Mission a success, without you it would not have gone as well as it did. And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

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.**

Candidates for Baptism :

Congratulation's to Mr. Kenneth Mason, a candidate of the R.C.I.A program for over a year he received his Conditional Baptism along with others who were Baptized on Holy Saturday Night and he received his First Holy Communion this Easter Morning.

**E'Retrious Domic Gus
Aliyah Diane Gus**

**Chris Austin Matthews
Serenity Aubrielle Green**

Josiah Williams

We're so proud of the young Christian people you have become, and your baptism marks a huge step and commitment . God has really touched your life's, saved you all by His grace. Now being baptized in His name and walking in His ways, we pray that you will come to know what God has planned for you.

Divine Mercy Sunday April 8, 2018

Divine Mercy begins at 3:00 pm. Everyone is invite to join us here in front of St. Therese Church for prayer, give yourself enough time and we hope to see you there.

Bishop Faith Appeal Goal : \$17,310 Paid:

It is time to begin our yearly commitment to our BFA goal for 2018. For any information please contact Shirley Ray at (409) 779-9922. We are look forward to the continued growth of our parish

OPEN CARRY & HOLY MASS' & DIOCESAN PROPERTY / BUILDINGS

Respecting the right of Texans to defend themselves and their families while at the same time being considerate of those who may be uncomfortable around weapons in the context of our sacred liturgies, Bishop Curtis J. Guillory, has instructed that weapons are not to be openly carried inside our churches during Holy Mass or at any other times of public worship. Peace Officers commissioned by local, state and federal agencies are exempt from this instruction. The bishop also instructed that weapons are not to be openly carried onto any parish and diocesan property or buildings. He reminds everyone that, by law, a licensed carrier may NOT carry a handgun, concealed or openly, on a school campus.

To all our sick and homebound THANK YOU so much for your unwavering commitment and contributions to our parish. To better serve everyone Fr. Donatus is available to visit **ALL** parishioners at the appointed time. However, Fr. Donatus has reserved the second and forth Friday of the month for the homebound.