

**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE MONTH**

- 1st wk. * Choir & Ushers
- 2nd wk. * Knights of Peter Claver & Ladies of Auxiliary
- 3rd wk. * Extra-Ordinary Ministry of Communion & Lectors
- 4th wk. * Youth
- 5th wk. * ALL Parishioners

WEEKLY MASS

Sunday, Mar. 10, 2019 9:00 am Mass
 Mon. Mar. 11, 8 am Mass
 Tues. Mar. 12, 8:00 am
Prayer through Patron St. Therese 6:00 PM
 Wed. Mar. 13, 8:00 am
Faith Program "repentance" 6:00 PM
 Thurs. Mar. 14, 8:00 am
Fri. Mar. 15, 8:00 am & 6 pm Stations
 Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:30 pm
 Saturday, Mar. 16, 8 am
NO morning Mass on any Saturday of a Funeral. Mass will be by 10am
 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).

**COORDINATORS OF
MINISTRIES**

Meeting for **ALL COORDINATORS** will be held every 4th Thursday of each month
Activities - Brushelle Scott
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.
Environmental - Ina Chavis
Extraordinary Minister of Communion - Dorothy Broussard
Finance - Janice Semien *
 finance meetings are held *every 2nd* Wednesday of *each* month.
Fund Raiser - Walter Davis
Hospitality/Ushers - Horace Broussard
Lectors - Peggy Green
Life Center - Adam Jacobs
Plumbing - Joe Fontenet
Mission & Retreat - Cecilia Davis
Music Director - George Alexander *
 choir rehearsal are every Tuesday at 6:30 pm
Pastoral Council - Richard Scott
 meetings held *every 3rd* Wednesday of *each* month.
Religious Education - Sonja Popillion
Socials - Knights of Peter Claver & Ladies Auxiliary * Parish Luncheon,
 the second Sunday of each month.
Youth - Felicia Richard
Stewardship- Gary Mims

Attendance

Saturday: 37 Sunday: 51

Weekend Collection

Mail In	\$ 145.00
Re/missal	\$ 5.00
Loose	\$ 70.00
BFA overage	\$ 5,620.00
Saturday	\$ 615.00
Sunday	\$ 2,491.00

Total Deposit \$ 8,946.00

Expenses: Admin Supplies <\$ 706.65 >

**March Birthday List
Happy Birthday to::**

Clinton Giron	1
Calvin Johnson	3
Yvette Spearman	5
Blake Thompson	5
Adam Jacobs	8
Michael Jackson	13
Emma Nelson	17
Tara Thompson-Ware	18
Enrique Warnell	20
Hazel Johnson	21
Dominique Guillory	24
Orion Guillory	24
Felicia Richard	24
Florence Craig	24
Lisa Jackson	26

Happy Anniversary

Gerald & Virginia Richard	22nd
Walter & Rose Davis	29th

**MINISTERS FOR THE
WEEKEND HOSPITALITY**

Sat: Shirley Allison & Richard Scott
 Sun: Peggy Green, Sonja Popillion,
 Veronica Bradford & Horace Broussard

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: **1st Rdr.:** Leo Jackson
2nd Rdr.: Hannah Allison
 Sunday: **1st Rdr.:** Freda Guillory
2nd Rdr.: Cindy Hampton

1st reader = responsorial & prayer of faithful
2nd reader = greetings & announcements

ALTAR SERVER:

Saturday: **Needed**
 Sunday: **Needed**

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday Freda Guillory & Russell Bottley
 Sunday: Mr. & Mrs. John Semien

*****Meeting*****

Ladies Auxiliary will have a meeting for Tuesday, March 12th at 11 am in the Education Building. All members are asked to be in attendance.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun. Mar. 10 - Dt 26:4-10 Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 Rom 10:8-13 Mt 4:4b Lk 4:1-13

Mon. Mar. 11 - Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 2 Cor 6:2b Mt 25:31-46

Tues. Mar. 12 - Is 55:10-11 PS 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 Mt 4:4b Mt 6:7-15

Wed. Mar. 13 - Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Jl 2:12-13 Lk 11:29-32

Thurs. Mar. 14 - Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 Ps 51:12a, 14a Mt 7:7-12

Fri. Mar. 15 - Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 Ez 18:31 Mt 5:20-26

Sat. Mar. 16 - Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 2 Cor 6:2b Mt 5:43-48

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



**1st Sunday of Lent
 March 10, 2019**

“Jesus said, ‘You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.’”

Eucharistic Celebration

Weekends:

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

Weekdays:

Tuesday-Friday 8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

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

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday: 6 p.m.

Adoration & Benediction

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

Infant Baptism:

Please contact the pastor two (2) months in advance

Marriage:

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

SECRETARY

Cindy Hampton (409) 882-0935

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Trust

All three of today's readings speak of the need for faith. They remind us that as Lent begins, trust will see us through. God will act on our behalf. The Spirit will lead us. We simply must have faith.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:4-10 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15

SECOND READING: Romans 10:8-13 GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

Comment

The first reading contains the Israelites' credo in a God who would not—could not—forget them or abandon them. No matter how many times the people fell from grace, their choice to call upon God for help has brought them rescue and relief. This passage is crucial to Jewish faith and is included in the Passover *Haggadah*.

The passage from Romans also speaks of the necessity and power of faith. Those who have faith in Christ will not be put to shame. Their shared faith will make them sisters and brothers in the Lord and beneficiaries of God's rich mercy.

The Gospel recounts how Jesus' ministry began with an act of faith, an act of faith in God. In the desert Jesus struggled over three tempting paths that were set before him: choosing possessions—instant bread; choosing dominion—instant power; choosing popularity—instant fame. This is the unholy trinity that continues to seduce human hearts. Jesus would have none of it. In responding to the temptations, Jesus made three key points about his mission and ministry.

First, Jesus refused to take any shortcuts, knowing that no matter how appealing they may be, they lead only to dead ends. Instead, he remembered his baptism and the inauguration of his ministry. He recalled that the words from heaven had identified him with the prophet Isaiah's Suffering Servant of God: "Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit" (Isaiah 42:1). Moreover, Jesus' forty-day fast in the desert had identified him with the wilderness suffering—the very real hunger and thirst—of his ancestors who had spent forty difficult years wandering in the desert.

Second, Jesus refused to be a power player in a political game. Later, he would be a big disappointment to those who had hoped for a political—even military—messiah. Finally, Jesus turned his back on becoming a dazzling crowd pleaser. He chose instead to remain obedient to the will of God, obedient even to his shameful death on the cross. The choice to be faithful to the will of God will mark the mission and ministry of Jesus.

Reflection

Take a moment to look at some United States currency—any denomination, paper or coin, will do. Notice the phrase printed on it: "In God we trust." Since 1956, this has been our country's formal motto. Interesting, isn't it, that it took us almost two hundred years to make it official? Clearly God has trusted us far longer.

Trust or faith in God is at the heart of all of today's readings, as it is every Sunday. This week, as Lent begins, the readings call our attention to two different facets of our faith. First, they remind us that life constantly tests our faith as individuals and as God's people. Second, they assure us that no matter the test life throws our way, we can continue to trust, to have faith in God, because God is faithful. God will not lose faith in us. God will support us and see us through.

In our need to trust constantly and consistently in God, we are no different from the ancient Israelites of the first reading or the fledgling Roman Church of the second reading. It is against that background that the Christians of Luke's time heard the Gospel story of Jesus overcoming temptation and passing the test of trust.

The common reality in all this is the Word of God that nourishes and sustains our faith. Even though faith is God's gift to us, it isn't really ours until we live it, allow it to be tested, and then invite God into our lives to support and strengthen our faith. That's why we can say that the process of testing purifies or refines faith. At the same time we discover that God is a God we can trust, and who is more than worthy of such trust. Our guarantee is the presence of the Holy Spirit in each of us, in the Church: the same Spirit who led Jesus through the desert now leads us.

Liturgical Ministry Formation Day FOR LECTORS (Adults)

The Office of Worship is conducting a liturgical formation day for Lectors, Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. The workshop will be held at the Catholic Pastoral Center at 710 Archie St., Beaumont. Lunch will be provided at no cost to attendees. Presenter, Rosalind Sanchez. Please, YOU MUST be registered to attend. Registration's are to be mailed to the Office of Worship P. O. Box 3948, Beaumont, TX 77704-3948 or email to rsanchez@dioceseofbmt.org or Fax to 409-838-4511.

PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Mary Brown
David Jayce Carey
Courtney Chavis
Florence Craig
Therese Ferguson
Hollis Fain
Joe B. Forward
Ella Mae Garrett
Anna Garrick
Mary Gray
Beatrice Guillory
Mark Mitchell Jr.
James Mims
Westley Popillion
John Richard, Sr.
Mormon Richard
Alma C Thibodeaux



PRAY FOR THE SICK

James Arceneaux
George Davis
Mable Durio
Alberta Fontenot
Frances Freeman
Debra Glaude
Margaret Green
Peggy Green
Myrtle Guillory
Calvin Johnson
Stacy Johnson
Rose Lee Johnson
Lakeisha Guidry-Jones
Leothus Jones
John King
Ruby Milton
Bettye Odom
Clayona Pillette
Herman Richard
Claudine Riggs
Doris Robertson
Robert Simmons
Mark Thibodeaux
Mary Ware
Joe Ware

Thank You All

Thank You All! To the Mardi Gras Committee and its team members, to our King and Queen, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Ware, for excepting the invitation. Our gratitude is deepened for making this 1st Mardi Gras Gala a success. The entire evening was truly enjoyable. Visitors and family expressed how Mardi Gras Gala an evening to remember. It wouldn't be possible without the assistance of countless people who take time out of their busy schedules to plan, organize, oversee and help prepare ahead of time, work during the event itself, and clean up afterwards. It truly is a community event from the committee planning it to the people working it. Thank you for helping to make the Gala possible!

Fr. Donatus Mgbajuo MSP

We are encouraged this Lenten season to drink lot's of **BEER**

Bible - read the word of God

Empathy - have compassion for one another

Eucharist - accept him into your life

Reconciliation - reconcile ourselves to God

Bishop Faith Appeal

Goal : \$20,097

As we deepen our commitment to the Gospel message, we come to understand that stewardship is a way of life when we act with love and justice. In Micah 6:8 we read: You have been told, O mortal, what is good, and what the Lord requires of you: Only to do justice and to love with goodness, and to walk humbly with your God.. Thank you for your contribution to BFA and your commitment to serving God' people, as we look forward to the continued growth of our parish. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Shirley Ray or Fr. Donatus.

Attention

St. Mary's Church, Orange, is again hosting their annual St. Joseph Altar on Sunday, March 17th beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. All are invited to attending this event honoring St. Joseph Patron of the Universal Church. Come and enjoy good food and fellowship.

Attention Everyone



Everyone is welcome to join us at St. Therese every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. for devotional prayers through our Parton Saint Therese.

Fish Dinners

Fried or Grilled Fish

Red Rice Potato Salad
Green Beans Sliced Cake & Bread

The cost of the dinners will be \$9.00 beginning Friday, March 8, 2019, from 10 am to 2:30 pm in the parish life center. To place orders or for more information please call (409) 883-3783 Thank you in advance for your support.

****Car Wash****

St. Therese Youth and their parents/guardians is hosting a drive through Car-wash fundraiser, Saturday March 23, 2019 in the parking lot of St. Therese Education Building. The proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to support the fees and assessments for the Diocesan Youth Convention in Houston, TX this summer. Donation \$5. Please come out and support our Youth!

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 have (pause for your petitions).

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.**