

**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, 8:00 a.m.
 Tues. Mar. 12, 8:00 am & 6:00 p.m.
prayer through Patron St. Therese
 Wed. Mar. 13, 8:00 am & 6:00 p.m.
Lenten Faith Program
 Thurs. Mar. 14, 8:00 am
 Fri. Mar. 15, 8 am & 6 p.m. *Stations followed by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*
 Saturday, Mar. 16,
 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: 45 Sunday: 60

Weekend Collections 1st & 2nd Black & Indian Mission

Mail In	\$ 130.00
e-giving	\$ 200.00
fish/fund	\$ 1,423.00
Blk & Ind	\$ 114.35
Loose	\$ 51.00
Saturday	\$ 811.00
Sunday	\$ 965.00

Total Deposit \$ 3,694.35

Expenses: service contract <\$ 41.82>
Diocese Of Beaumont <\$ 8,037.21>

**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

1 Peter 4:10 reads; As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:



**MINISTERS FOR THE
WEEKEND HOSPITALITY**

Sat: Shirley Allison & Richard Scott

Sun: Sanja Popillion, Peggy Green, Fred Green & Kenneth Mason

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: **1st Rdr.:** Leo Jackson
2nd Rdr.: Hannah Allison

Sunday: **1st Rdr.:** Tina Kindle
2nd Rdr.: Earnett Mitchell

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

ALTAR SERVER:

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

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday Russell Bottley & Freda Guillory
 Sunday: Mr. & Mrs. Adam Jacobs

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun. Mar. 17 - Gn 15:5-12, 17-18
Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14 Phil 3:17-4:1 or Phil 3:20-4:1 Cf. Mt 17:5 Lk 9:28b-36

Mon. Mar. 18 - Dn 9:4b-10 Ps
79:8, 9, 11 and 13 Jn 6:63c, 68c Lk 6:36-38

Tues. Mar. 19 - 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a,
16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Ps 84:5 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wed. Mar. 20 - Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5
-6, 14, 15-16 Jn 8:12 Mt 20:17-28

Thurs. Mar. 21- Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-
2, 3, 4 and 6 See Lk 8:15 Lk 16:19-31

Fri. Mar. 22 - Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a,
17b-28a Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 Jn 3:16 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Sat. Mar. 16 - Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps
103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 Lk 15:18 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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



**The 2nd Sunday of Lent
March 17, 2019**

“And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah ”

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.
Infant Baptism: Please contact the pastor two (2) months in advance	Adoration & Benediction 1st Friday each month 5p.m.-6p.m.
	Marriage: Please call Rectory six (6) months prior to proposed date

SECRETARY

Cindy Hampton (409) 882-0935

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Andre' Robertson	882-0012
Tina Kindle	238-4447

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Transformations

My father used to say, "I was an expert on women, until I married one." He was saying that he went through a transformative experience because of the presence of another. We have experiences like this as well, experiences that enable us to perceive more definitively, to feel more sincerely, and to recognize more clearly the presence of the One who loves us—the presence of God. Experiences like these, not as rare as we might think, are like doors opening onto the holy. We need only pay attention and realize that no matter where we are, we are in the company of the holy.

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:5–12, 17–18 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 27:1, 7–8, 8–9, 13–14
SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1] GOSPEL: Luke 9:28b–36

Comment

In the verses from Genesis just prior to those of today's first reading, Abram is just about at the end of his rope. He wonders aloud whether he and Sarai will ever have children of their own. God answers, taking Abram out to view the beauty of the night sky. There, bathed in the starlight, God makes a remarkable covenant with Abram. Unlike customary Semitic covenants in which the weak are obligated to the powerful, here the all-powerful God is willingly obligated to the powerless Abram. God makes it very clear that Abram does not have to do anything to earn God's generosity (in the form of descendants and land). All Abram has to do is to have faith, to trust that God will act on his behalf. God promises. Abram trusts. The covenant is fulfilled.

Although the reading from Philippians is not directly linked either to the Genesis passage or the Gospel, it disposes us to both. The reading reminds us that we are beneficiaries of God's amazing grace. We are not citizens of an earthly kingdom but of a heavenly one. Baptism opens the gate to that citizenship; a well-lived life paves the road to it. Finally, a share in Christ's glorified body will be a benefit to all heaven's citizens.

In today's Gospel, we find Jesus at prayer on a mountain. With him are the inner group of his apostles, all of whom are asleep—a foreshadowing of things to come on another mount. Suddenly, Jesus is wrapped in glory. With him stand others not unfamiliar with mountaintop visits from God: Moses, who communed with the Lord amid fire and storm, and Elijah who was attentive to the gentle wind-whisper of the divine voice. Moses the great leader and lawgiver and Elijah the great prophet stand upon the mountaintop, flanking Jesus, and all three are bathed in glory. They are speaking of Jesus' coming "passage" or *pasch*—his passing over through suffering and death to new life—and how everything the Law and the prophets said of the messiah might be fulfilled.

The sleeping disciples observe none of this, but when they awake and see the three together, Peter is awed and overjoyed and asks to erect three booths. Just then, all heaven breaks loose. The voice of God comes forth from the cloud, as it did when the Israelites left Egypt, as it did on Sinai's peak, and as it did at Jesus' baptism. The voice identifies Jesus as the Suffering Servant of God described by Isaiah (42:1). Its message is a revelation, a fulfillment, and a command: "This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

The scene painted by today's Gospel is an awesome one. A number of powerful images from the Scriptures, both Hebrew and Christian—God (God's presence in the cloud—*Shekinah*), Jesus, Moses, Elijah—come together at the Transfiguration. It's as if all God has done and will do for us is set before us in one majestic moment. On the mountain, we discover who Jesus is, what he must do, and the fullness of the glory that will be his once he accomplishes his mission.

Reflection

The message of the Transfiguration, shown to the privileged three (Peter, James, and John), is meant for us all. It is meant for our world today, a world tormented and hungering for a savior. Transfiguration happens at a high price—the suffering and death of the Chosen One. Those of us who seek to listen to him and to follow him must be willing to suffer for others that they, too, might find hope, come to trust in the God who fulfills promises, and so experience transformation.

We do this by acting as witnesses to the Transfiguration for others. Recall Paul's comment in today's second reading: "Observe those who thus conduct themselves according to the model you have in us." Paul is stating a very simple but very crucial Christian truth: Everyone needs models of genuine Christian living. And that's what "witnesses" do. Even our smallest gestures are noticed by others and suggest to them what is important in our lives.

PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Mary Brown
 David Jayce Carey
 Courtney Chavis
 Florence Craig
 Therese Ferguson
 Hollis Fain
 Joe B. Forward
 Ella Mae Garrett
 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
 Lakeisha Guidry-Jones
 Leothus Jones
 John King
 Ruby Milton
 Bettye Odom
 Clayona Pilette
 Herman Richard
 Claudine Riggs
 Doris Robertson
 Robert Simmons
 Mark Thibodeaux
 Mary Ware
 Joe Ware

****Car Wash****

St. Therese Youth and their parents and guardians is hosting a drive through Car-wash fundraiser, Saturday March 23, 2019 from 10 am to 2 pm, 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!

*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*

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 in Beaumont. 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.

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. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Shirley Ray or Fr. Donatus.

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.

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.**