

**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. 24, 2019 9:00 am Mass

Mon. Mar. 25, 8:00 a.m.

Tues. Mar. 26, 8:00 am & 6:00 p.m.
prayer through Patron St. Therese

Wed. Mar. 27, 8:00 am
*Mrs. Shirley Ann Mcleod
requested by Mr. Joe Sepulvado
6:00 p.m. Lenten Faith Program*

Thurs. Mar. 28, 8:00 am

Fri. Mar. 15, 8 am & 6 p.m. *Stations
followed by Exposition & Adoration
of the Blessed Sacrament*

Saturday, Mar. 29, 8am
*Mrs. Shirley Ann Mcleod
requested by Mr. Joe Sepulvado
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).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun. Mar. 24 - Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 Mt 4:17 Lk 13:1-9

Mon. Mar. 25 - Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 Heb 10:4-10 Jn 1:14ab Lk 1:26-38

Tues. Mar. 26 - Dn 3:25, 34-43 Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 Jl 2:12-13 Mt 18:21-35

Wed. Mar. 27 - Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 See Jn 6:63c, 68c Mt 5:17-19

Thurs. Mar. 28 - Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Jl 2:12-13 Lk 11:14-23

Fri. Mar. 29 - Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 Mt 4:17 Mk 12:28-34

Sat. Mar. 30 - Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab Ps 95:8 Lk 18:9-14

**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 Fontenot

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 for last week
Saturday: 40 Sunday: 47**

Weekend Collection

Mail In	\$ 45.00
Loose	\$ 57.00
Fish/fund	\$ 1,367.00
Saturday	\$ 1,475.00
Sunday	\$ 1,006.00

Total Deposit \$ 3,950.00

**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: Rose Davis & Walter Davis

Sun: Kenneth Mason, Joe Fontenot
Horace Broussard & Emmanuel Taylor

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: **1st Rdr.:** Gary Mims
2nd Rdr.: Freda Guillory

Sunday: **1st Rdr.:** Wayne Sparrow
2nd Rdr.: Cecilia Davis

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

ALTAR SERVER:

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

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday Russell Bottley & Richard Scott
Sunday: Dorothy Broussard & Lucy Jones

Expenses:

**Center Point Energy <\$ 175.33>
ADT Security <\$ 52.80>**

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



The 3rd Sunday of Lent

March 24, 2019

“It may bear fruit in the future”

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

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Mercy

Christians are a people who survive on mercy, not merit. Thus, mercy must be our motto. Mercy must be the hallmark of all who follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. For Christians, mercy must become a permanent way of viewing the world around us. This does not mean looking at the world and simply feeling sorry for it. Rather, being merciful means looking at the world and loving it, living in it with its struggles and sufferings, and showing kindness to all who share the world with us.

FIRST READING: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11
SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9

Comment

God's middle name is Mercy. If we need proof, we don't have to look beyond today's readings. In the passage from Exodus, God sees the children of Abraham enslaved and afflicted in Egypt. God hears their cries, knows their suffering, and responds. God turns to them in a manner as awesome as a fire that does not destroy. God turns to them with mercy. Indeed, so merciful is God that God's very self is revealed to Moses and the Israelites (and to us). This is the God who is involved in life, who is interested in life, and who creates, sustains, and is life. This God calls Moses to a new vocation: to lead the people and to speak the mercy of God's name. The people have called on God for mercy. God is now responding and sending them someone who will lead them to mercy.

The second reading sounds a warning to all who are the beneficiaries of God's mercy. Blessed by God, we must not turn our backs on God's goodness and turn toward sin. Our gracious God cannot and will not save those who choose not to be saved. Mercy may be ours, but we may choose to reject it through sin.

The Gospel reading begins with a warning. Using the unfortunate Galileans as an example, Jesus urges us not to put off conversion, a perfect lesson for the middle of Lent. Now is the time to change our lives. The Gospel concludes with a story about a fig tree, a tree prized in biblical Israel for its shade and tasty fruit. A landowner has planted and cared for the fig tree, but the tree hasn't responded to his nurturing. Why waste space? Cut it down. But the gardener asks the owner for a bit more time to offer more care. If the tree continues to remain fruitless, only then should it be cut down. Here again, we are reminded that although God is abounding in mercy, we must do our job by responding to mercy, turning away from sin, and reaching out with mercy to others. If we refuse to produce such "fruit," even the all-merciful God will not save us.

Reflection

Today's liturgy brings to mind the passage on mercy found in Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*, especially where the bard declares that mercy is "twice blest," blessing both the person who receives and the one who bestows it.

As Church, we are a community of forgiven and forgiving sinners—a people awash in mercy. In an insensitive, hard-hearted, close-minded, unfair world, we are called to understanding, to big-heartedness, open-mindedness, and mercy. Responding to that call means not to rebuke, but to reclaim; not to exclude, but to include; not to fault, but to forgive. Responding to that call means being people who are both blest and blessing.

Today the Church celebrates the first scrutiny and exorcism with those who are preparing for baptism, extending mercy and calling them to turn from old death-dealing ways toward a new life in Christ. The elect among us are examples of people who know the quality of mercy. Indeed, they are signs of God's mercy in action. The elect look to us to be examples of mercy to them—a people who recognize the benefits of compassion and are eager for others to experience them as well.

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
Junior Henderson
Calvin Johnson
Stacy 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

Meeting

There will be a Lector's meeting Sunday, April 7, 2019 for all Lectors. It is our duty to prepare ourselves for the Mass Celebrations. Everyone is asked to be in attendance

Holy Thursday

St. Therese invites everyone to join us Holy Thursday, April 18th at 6:00 p.m. service, "Washing of the Feet" an act of Love and Service. Jesus washed the Disciples' feet to show that nobody is above serving their neighbor. If you have not yet had your feet washed, we invite you to contact the parish office to confirm your participation.

Revival & Renew

Join us for our Lenten Mission Revival beginning at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 2 thru Friday, April 5, 2019. The Celebrant will be Rev. Desmond Ohankwere, MSP of St. Gregory the Great in Houston, Texas

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.

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 Forth Friday of the month for the homebound.

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.