

**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. 31, 2019 9:00 am Mass

Mon. April 1, 8:00 a.m.

Tues. April 2, 8:00 am & 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Shirley Ann Mcleod
 requested by **Mr. Joe Sepulvado**
 prayer through Patron St. Therese

Wed. April 3, 8:00 am & 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Vickie Edgerly
 requested by **Deacon Hazen Kenney**

Thurs. April 4, 8:00 am

Mr. Alvin Edgerly
 requested by **Deacon Hazen Kenney**

Fri. April 5, 8 am & 6 p.m. **Stations**
 followed by **Exposition & Adoration**
 of the **Blessed Sacrament**

Saturday, April 6, 8 am

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. 31 - Jos 5:9a, 10-12 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 2 Cor 5:17-21 Lk 15:18 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Mon. April 1 - Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b Am 5:14 Jn 4:43-54

Tues. April 2 - Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Ps 51:12a, 14a Jn 5:1-16

Wed. April 3 - Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 Jn 11:25a, 26 Jn 5:17-30

Thurs. April 4 - Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 Jn 3:16 Jn 5:31-47

Fri. April 5 - Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 Mt 4:4b Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Sat. April 6 - Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 See Lk 8:15 Jn 7:40-53

**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 last week
Saturday: 28 Sunday: 54

Weekend Collection

Mail In	\$ 20.00
Fish fund	\$ 1,197.00
keyb/dona	\$ 100.00
Loose	\$ 70.00
Mass Stipend	\$ 55.00
Saturday	\$ 385.00
Sunday	\$ 1,491.00

Total Deposit \$ 3,318.00

**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: Walter & Rose Davis

Sunday: Horace Broussard,
 Dorothy Jacobs, Elizabeth Mitchell
 & Kenneth Mason

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: **1st Rdr.: Felicia Richard**
2nd Rdr.: Richellee Roberts

Sunday: **1st Rdr.: Eva Platt**
2nd Rdr.: Earnett Mitchell

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

ALTAR SERVER:

Saturday: **Needed**

Sunday: **Needed**

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday Richard Scott &
 Russell Bottley

Sunday: Cecilia Davis &
 Dorothy Broussard

Expenses: Spectrum res. <\$136.71>
Spectrum busi. <\$210.79>
City of Orange <\$ 162.71>
Admin supp <\$ 436.61>
Maint. <\$ 285.00>
Admin. <\$ 1473.63>
Admin/ Liturgy-Supp. <\$ 2954.92>
Liturgy <\$ 300.00>

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



**The 4th Sunday of Lent
March 31, 2019**

**“Father, I have sinned against heaven
and against you.”**

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

PARISH COUNCIL

Richard Scott, Chairman	779-7587
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

A New Creation

Our Judeo-Christian tradition is historically based. Our Scriptures trace humankind's experience with God. In this, our religion distinguishes itself from nature-based religions. However, the Fourth Sunday, which speaks of the newness of the human spirit, occurs near the time of the vernal equinox—the day when the bright day and the dark night each last twelve hours. From this day forward, the sun will gain in power. This is spring; this is the time for nature's re-creation. It is also time for the re-creation of the human spirit. We have reached the midpoint of Lent, the Church's sacred springtime. This Sunday we rejoice that we are part of a new creation, of which spring is but a welcome hint.

FIRST READING: Joshua 5:9a, 10–12 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 34:2–3, 4–5, 6–7
SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:17–21 GOSPEL: Luke 15:1–3, 11–32

Comment

The Scripture readings open with a Passover celebration. The forty-year sojourn in the intractable desert is finally over and the Promised Land of Canaan is in full sight. The Promised Land is a luxurious watered land that can sustain human life. It is a good place to put down roots. Here, on the brink of a new future, the people celebrate the great event of their past—Passover. They know that on the day after their celebration and for all the days to come, they will draw life from this generous land. Gone are the days of wandering, of squeezing a living from the desert, of living hand to mouth. Gone is the need for the miraculous manna. Here at hand is a new land, a new creation. Here is a dream come true.

And the best is yet to come. *We*, says Paul in the second reading, are a new creation. The old desert-dry life before Christ is over and done. In him and in his death and resurrection, we are all new.

This amazing grace also brings with it an amazing responsibility. We can see Paul pleading with us as he did with the small church at Corinth: *be who you are!* As persons reconciled to God in Christ, be the ambassadors of reconciliation to the whole world. The new creation into which we were incorporated at baptism is not for us alone. It is not an individual accomplishment or a lonely triumph. We are called to rejoice on this Sunday, not because Lent is half over, but because our redemption has been wholly won for us—for us together, that is.

Nowhere is this clearer than in the Gospel reading for today. We all know this reading by heart. Most of us have known it from our childhood. We have perhaps identified most strongly with the forgiven son. When we were children we breathed a sigh of relief and gratitude because we knew God would forgive us as the father forgave the errant son.

Reflection

But there is also the understandable problem of the other son, the faithful and seemingly overlooked one who stayed home and tended to business. When he drew near the house after yet another day of hard work, he heard the piping music and saw the activity that told him that a celebration was in full swing. Upon hearing the news of his brother's return, he was in no mood to rejoice. The older, faithful son complained to his father, not of his brother, but of "your son." He had distanced himself from the vagabond irresponsible sibling who skipped out. He complained to his father that he worked faithfully without recognition or reward, much less a party of this magnitude. "What gives?" he wanted to know. How fair is this? The son forgot his brother; the father never did and never would. Nor was his love any less for the faithful son. The father wanted his elder son, whom he loved and trusted and depended on, to rejoice because the family was whole again.

The Church this Sunday is the family celebrating. It rejoices in its dependable faithful members; it rejoices in the return of those who have strayed. The Church is not a reward for the virtuous; it is a shelter and home for the sinful. And that includes all of us. In this kind of generous catholicity, we are one with one another and with Christ. This is our role as ambassadors of reconciliation

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.

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

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
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 Pilette
Herman Richard
John Richard, Sr.
Claudine Riggs
Doris Robertson
Robert Simmons
Mark Thibodeaux
Mary Ware
Joe Ware

INVITATION TO CHRISM MASS

Bishop Curtis J. Guillory, S.V.D., Bishop of Beaumont, invites you to attend the Chrism Mass that Bishop will concelebrate with all the priests of the Diocese of Beaumont on Tuesday of Holy Week, April 16, 2019 at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica, 700 Jefferson Street, Beaumont at 6:30 PM. This is a beautiful and memorable experience in the life of the Church. Oils to be blessed will be presented to Bishop by members of various parishes from throughout the diocese. Bishop will bless the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens and consecrate the Oil of Chrism. These holy oils will be distributed to every parish and to prison, hospital and nurse home chaplains for sacramental use throughout the year. Another moment in this liturgy occurs when all the priests, in unison with their Bishop, renew their priestly promises. The Chrism Mass manifests the diversity of the Body of Christ in the Diocese of Beaumont throughout the celebration and is a most prayerful way to journey through Holy Week.

Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 920 Booker T. Washington Ave., Port Arthur, TX is inviting everyone to their 2019 Lenten Revival titled "An Encounter with Jesus!" the Very Reverend Vernon F. Huguley will be the Mission Preacher, Pastor of St. Patrick & St. Stanislaus Catholic Churches in Birmingham, Alabama. The Revival will begin April 6-10, 2019. Schedule as follows; Saturday Mass at 4:30 pm, Sunday Mass 9 am and weekdays will begin at 6:30 pm.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal

A Catholic Charismatic Renewal will be held 7-9 PM, Friday, May 10th at St. Mary Catholic Hall, 912 W. Cherry Orange, TX. Lay Evangelist, Kerry Bueche from Houma Louisiana will give teachings and guidance on "Growth in the Spirit". Kerry Bueche will also be available for Healing Prayer following his talk. Ted Nelson will provide music for Praise and Worship. Refreshments and fellowship will follow. All are invited, so please bring family and friends.

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



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.

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.