

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, April 7, 2019 9:00 am Mass
Jacobs and Monroe Families
 requested by **Mary J. J. Monroe**

Mon. April 08, 8:00 a.m.
 +**Mr. Jerry Jeans**
 requested by **Deacon Hazen Kenney**

Tues. April 09, 8:00 am & 6:00 p.m.
prayer through Patron St. Therese

Wed. April 10, 8:00 am & 6:00 p.m.
Mrs. Shirley Ann Mcleod
 requested by **Mr. Joe Sepulvado**
Lenten Faith Program

Thurs. April 11, 8:00 am

Fri. April 12, 8 am & 6 p.m **Stations**
 followed by **Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Saturday, April 13,
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. April 07 - Is 43:16-21 Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6. Phil 3:8-14 Jl 2:12-13 Jn 8:1-11

Mon. April 08 - Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or Dn 13:41c-62 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Ez 33:11 Jn 8:12-20

Tues. April 09 - Nm 21:4-9 Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 Jn 8:21-30

Wed. April 10 - Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 See Lk 8:15 Jn 8:31-42

Thurs. April 11 - Gn 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Ps 95:8 Jn 8:51-59

Fri. April 12 - Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 See Jn 6:63c, 68c Jn 10:31-42

Sat. April 13 - Ez 37:21-28 Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 Ez 18:31 Jn 11:45-56

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
 Saturday: 38 Sunday: 48

Weekend Collection
 2nd collection for Catholic Relief

Mail In	\$ 20.00
Fish/fund	\$ 564.00
Catholic/Re	\$ 143.00
Loose	\$ 70.00
Saturday	\$ 350.00
Sunday	\$ 1,636.00

Total Deposit \$ 2,783.00

Expenses: Entergy <\$ 951.85>

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

MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND HOSPITALITY

Sat: Rose Davis & Shirley Allison
 Sun: **KPC Bro.** E. Taylor & F. Green
KPC Lady R. Bottley & C. Ambers

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Sat: **1st Rdr.:** Mona Richard
2nd Rdr.: Freda Guillory

Sun: **1st Rdr.:** **KPC Bro.** Horace Broussard
2nd Rdr.: **KPC Lady** Peggy Green

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: **KPC lady** Shirley Ray & Gloria Richard

*****Fish Dinners*****
Fried or Grilled Fish

Red Rice	Potato Salad
Green Beans	Sliced Cake & Bread

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



St. Therese Catholic Church

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



The 5th Sunday of Lent
April 7, 2019

“Go, and from now on do not sin anymore”

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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MAINTENANCE & GROUNDS

Joe Ware 886-5331

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FINANCE COUNCIL

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Robert Gobert	(504) 232-5640
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Compassion

We are filled with compassion when someone we love suffers some affliction of soul or body. We have experienced suffering with another, wishing even to take their place. It is so difficult to be helpless. We can understand Jesus in today's Gospel and we can see how his compassion expresses itself. He is the perfection of compassion. He would rather win everyone over through compassion. He would even take their place. The cross shows us this fully and finally, of course. But today's Gospel story readies us to understand the genius, not to mention the depth, of Jesus' compassion.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:8-14 GOSPEL: John 8:1-11

Comment

Jesus is on trial in this Gospel reading. He is clearly being set up. A woman is being used—humiliated—to serve the ends of the scribes and Pharisees, who *must* win. The scribes and Pharisees are the learned ones, whose conversion is possible but not likely. Jesus is the enemy, the threat, the heretic. They are the holders of God's prophecy and promise, or so they believe. The woman, in their view, is inconsequential and dispensable; she can be used.

So, her private sin is made public for the sake of their precious argument. She is roughly pushed forward in front of Jesus, who is quietly talking to a knot of people, right there in the shadow of the temple. Jesus is asked a question that forces him to spare the woman and thus deny the validity of their interpretation of the Law of Moses. This trap was set to prove the scribes' and Pharisees' point, that Jesus is not who the people make him out to be. Who or what others make him out to be is mixed—a miracle worker, the Messiah, a rabbi, a rabble-rouser. In any case, Jesus must be dealt with.

We can imagine Jesus looking at the scribes and Pharisees and finally looking at the woman, as she, in turn, casts her eyes down, staring a hole right through the packed sand. We can imagine the tense crowd, hushed and waiting to hear and see what will happen next. We can imagine Jesus biding his time.

Then comes the accusers' harsh description of this woman's behavior. Jesus might have winced at their insensitivity, their rude handling of this human being, this child of God. He might have wondered what happened to the man caught in the act of adultery with her but let go without comment.

The silence of Jesus is deafening. The crowd waits; the wind brushes through the trees. Jesus bends down to doodle in the sand. The scribes and Pharisees rattle on and on, persisting, making fools of themselves. Then Jesus rises to his full height and utters those words we have grown to love and failed to live by: "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her" (John 8:7). Then he doodles some more in the sand. And little by little, as the great truth of Jesus' words dawns on them, they slip away. The oldest, who catch on first, leave first—quietly and sheepishly, one might imagine.

Finally we hear the compassionate words of Jesus. No one has condemned her, nor will Jesus. In the end, the scribes and Pharisees did not condemn the woman. They did not for their own reasons. Jesus did not condemn her either, for his reasons. Neither did he excuse her or dismiss her as of no account. Rather, he asked for her conversion. Then she, too, quietly went away.

Reflection

We do not know this woman's name. We do not know what happened to her after this encounter. She had her own history and her own life. Yet she is also every person who stands in need of compassion. She is us. She could as well have written the second reading from Paul. She could have wished she had said or written Paul's words: "I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord ... depending on faith to ... attain the resurrection from the dead ... forgetting what lies behind" (Philippians 3:8, 9, 11, 13).

If the woman walked away repentant and never turned back, the truth of the first reading from Isaiah can be said of her (and of us): "See, I am doing something new!" (Isaiah 43:19) All the paradoxes can and will happen: great armies are brought low; the desert springs water; rivers flow through wastelands; the very animals honor their maker. And of course the fainthearted and sinful are forgiven.

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

St. Mary's School 86th Annual Spring Festival

You're invited to join us for a weekend of Family Fun at St. Mary School 86th Spring Festival, Saturday April 27th and Sunday April 28th. There will be delicious festival food, games, music, entertainment, and opportunities to win valuable prizes. There will also be a 'take a chance' booth and live auction for unique gifts. For more information call 409-883-8913.

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic School KENTUCKY DERBY GALA

Saturday May 4, 2019, 6:00 pm Social Time
7:00 pm Dinner, Catered by Butchers Korner.
The Venue 3500 Regional Drive, Port Arthur
\$50/ticket - \$500/reserved table of 10 Online
payment option at www.stcats.org/derby-gala
Silent & Live Auctions ~ Music provided by
Wayne Cook

Must be 21 years of age or older

NO outside food or drinks

For information please call the school office
at (409) 962-.3011

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 Ser-
vice. 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 con-
firm your participation.

INVITATION TO CHRISM MASS

Bishop Curtis J. Guillory, S.V.D., Bishop of
Beaumont, invites you to attend the Chrism Mass
that Bishop will celebrate 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. 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.

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.

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". Refreshments
and fellowship will follow. All are
invited, so please bring family and
friends.

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 peti-
tions).

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.**