

**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, May 12, 2019 9:00 am Mass**

Mon. May 13, 8:00 a.m.

**Tues. May 14, 8:00 am & 5:30 p.m.**  
*Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 p.m prayer through Patron St. Therese*

Wed. May 15, 8:00 am

Thurs. May 16, 8:00 am

Fri. May 17, 8 am

Saturday, May 18,  
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**

**May Birthday List  
Happy Birthday to:**

Cecilia Davis	3
William Davis	10
John King	12
Ronald Warnell	21
Mary Alexander	22
Dorothy Broussard	22
Ashley Anderson	30
Marva Hebert	31
Herman Richard	31

**Happy Anniversary**

Fred & Peggy Green 8th

**MINISTERS FOR THE  
WEEKEND HOSPITALITY**

Sat: Rose Davis & Shirley Allison

Sun: Sonja Popillion, Rose Bottley & Kenneth Mason

**ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:**

Saturday: 1st Rdr.: Felicia Richard  
2nd Rdr.: Richelle Roberts

Sunday: 1st Rdr.: Horace Broussard  
2nd Rdr.: Freda Guillory

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: Mr. & Mrs. John Simien

**Attendance**

Saturday: 37 Sunday: 58

**Weekend Collection**

Mail In	\$ 220.00
Loose	\$ 77.00
Saturday	\$ 905.00
Sunday	\$ 560.00

**Total Deposit \$ 1,762.00**

Expenses: registration <\$ 525.>  
Education of Semin <\$ 1,1163.  
Catholic Relief <\$ 143.>  
Home Missions <\$ 114.00>  
Planet & Maint. <\$ 96.27>

**HAPPY**   
*Mother's Day*

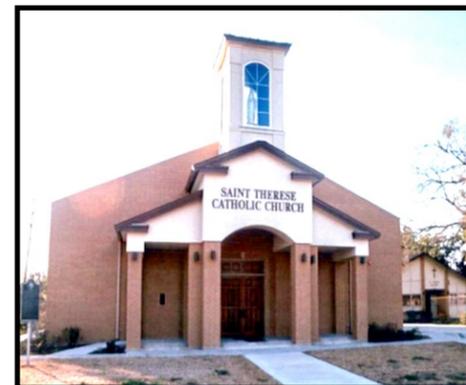
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Office Hours: Tuesday thru Thursday  
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



**The 4th Sunday of Easter  
May 12, 2019**

**“My sheep hear my voice ”**

**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**

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# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## Shepherds

There are few places left on earth where shepherds still face the harrowing dangers they experienced in the Palestine of the first century. The loss of shepherds to the cold weather or the hot lightning strike or savage beasts or the lingering death brought on by an untreated injury—these were once all-too-familiar experiences. It is no wonder the image of the shepherd was favored by the first Christians.

**FIRST READING: Acts 13:14, 43–52    RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 100:1–2, 3, 5**  
**SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9, 14b–17    GOSPEL: John 10:27–30**

## Comment

Today's readings speak of moral and physical courage. They refuse to sentimentalize shepherds and their work. Jesus' discourse on worthy and worthwhile leadership takes up half of the tenth chapter of this Gospel. Jesus speaks at great length about the vigilance and sacrifice of a strong and worthy shepherd. He refers to himself as a shepherd, who possesses the self-giving generosity that is typical of the weathered, experienced shepherd of Palestine. But today's brief Gospel offers us a mere three verses, and they are about us. Three verses are all we need.

Jesus is talking to intractable enemies, who refuse to hear, much less follow. He has been in this argument before, first with those who refuse to see (John 9), and now with those who refuse to hear. Jesus reminds them that he is one with the Father, and those who heed and follow will possess eternal life. The first two readings shed light on us followers. The first reading presents a struggle, not unlike the struggle Jesus experienced. As with the Shepherd, so with the sheep. Paul and Barnabas are beset by the jealousy of some Jews who wonder aloud about the Gentiles. These outsiders turn out in droves to hear the two missionaries. The few but vocal adversaries find the Gentiles unworthy of salvation, outside the circle.

Now, Paul was familiar with Isaiah's words about a suffering servant whom God would make "a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth" (Isaiah 49:6). But the marvelous insights of this kind never made it to the heart of the Hebrew Scriptures. The intimation of universal salvation took a long time to take center stage in the life of Israel. But now in Paul's time, universal salvation was an idea whose time had finally come. It took Paul to see it and then act on it.

It also took the undeniable, open-hearted hunger of the Gentiles to convince Paul that God's salvation was universal. So, Paul says in the first reading, "we now turn to the Gentiles."

## Reflection

And we are the results of that insight, an insight that was acted on and fought for. We are the far-off ones of whom Isaiah spoke. We are among those who finally and at long last get a chance to hear and follow. Through Paul's inspiration and tenacious work, we are welcomed into the fold. Paul understood and insisted on this: Because of God's revelation to Israel, all the rest of us get our chance to hear and heed and follow.

The second reading speaks of the fulfillment of Jesus' gospel truth: "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." Revelation (also attributed to John the Evangelist) offers us a vision of triumph. The assembly of the saved is without number. It includes people from the far reaches of the earth. They have endured trials, as did their Shepherd, and the signs of triumph are everywhere—the white robes of baptismal integrity, the palm of victory. During this Eastertide the Church rejoices in the triumph of the Resurrection and in the lives of the newly baptized. These are the latest, but not the last, to hear and heed the voice of the Shepherd.

### \*\*\*ATTENTION EVERYONE\*\*\*

Please join St. Therese every Tuesday at 5:30 for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and 6 pm for devotional prayers through our Parton Saint Therese. Every Thursday we clean the Church and we encourage those who will be available to please come.

### \*\*\*Safety\*\*\*

**For the safety of our employees, all vendors, delivers or workers with projects to be done on the property please inform the Parish Office.**

### \*\*\*Inventory\*\*\*

To ALL the members of this Parish, it is the time of year for inventor of the property. If there is anything that may have been left behind or removed by accident, please either pick it up or bring it back. Thanks, in advance for your help.

### 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

### Most Gracious Heavenly Father,

We thank You for our mothers to whom You have entrusted the care of every precious human life from its very beginning in the womb.

You have given to woman the capacity of participating with You in the creation of new life. Grant that every woman may come to understand the full meaning of that blessing, which gives her an unlimited capacity for selfless love for every child she may be privileged to bear, and for all Your children.

Watch over every mother who is with child, strengthen her faith in Your fatherly care and love for her and for her unborn baby. Give her courage in times of fear or pain, understanding in times of uncertainty and doubt, and hope in times of trouble. Grant her joy in the birth of her child.

To mothers You have given the great privilege and responsibility of being a child's first teacher and spiritual guide. Grant that all mothers may worthily foster the faith of their children, following the example of Mary, Elizabeth, and other holy women who follow Christ. Help mothers to grow daily in knowledge and understanding of Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and grant them the wisdom to impart this knowledge faithfully to their children, and to all who depend upon them.

Assist all "spiritual mothers", those who, though they may have no children of their own, nevertheless selflessly care for the children of others -- of every age and state in life. Grant that they may know the joy of fulfilling this motherly calling of women, whether in teaching, nursing, religious life, or in other work which recognizes and fosters the true dignity of every human being created in Your image and likeness.

We beseech You to send Your Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to all mothers who sorrow for children that have died, are ill or estranged from their families, or who are in trouble or danger of any kind. Help grieving mothers to rely on Your tender mercy and fatherly love for all your children.

We ask your blessing on all those to whom You have entrusted motherhood. May Your Holy Spirit constantly inspire and strengthen them. May they ever follow the example of Mary, mother of Our Lord, and imitate her fidelity, her humility, and her self-giving love. May all mothers receive Your Grace abundantly in this earthly life, and may they look forward to eternal joy in Your presence in the life to come.

We ask this through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.  
**AMEN.**

### \*\*\*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.**

### 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.

### 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.**