

**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 19, 2019 9:00 am Mass

Mon. May 20, 8:00 a.m.

Tues. May 21, 8:00 am & 5:30 p.m.
Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6:00 p.m. prayer through Patron St. Therese

Wed. May 22, 8:00 am

Thurs. May 23, 8:00 am

Fri. May 24, 8 am

Saturday, May 25,
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 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: 35 Sunday: 71

Weekend Collection
2nd collection for Birthright

Mail In	\$ 40.00
birth-right	\$ 109.00
Youth don.	\$ 525.00
E-giving	\$ 200.00
Loose	\$ 96.00
Saturday	\$ 420.00
Sunday	\$ 1,740.00

Total Deposit \$ 3,130.00

**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: Richard Scott & Walter Davis

Sun: Fred Green, Peggy Green & Horace Broussard

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: **1st Rdr.:** Gary Mims
2nd Rdr.: Dayna Smith

Sunday: **1st Rdr.:** Tina Kindle
2nd Rdr.: Jo'Nire Pete

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

ALTAR SERVER:

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

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday Freda Guillory & Russell Bottley

Sunday: Mr. & Mrs. Adam Jacobs

Expenses for the Week:

Service contract	<\$ 104.70>
Admin. Phone	<\$ 93.34>
Liturgy supp	<\$ 102.69>

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



**The 5th Sunday of Easter
May 19, 2019**

**“I give you a new commandment:
love one another.”**

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
Rose Davis, Vice Chairman	883-0762
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Janice Semien	883-7126
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Sheila Arnold	313-2062
Andre' Robertson	882-0012
Tina Kindle	238-4447

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Farewells

If you have ever had to bid another farewell, you know how difficult it is. The settings may be prosaic. You may be standing on the lawn next to the house you once called home, bidding farewell to your neighbors as the truck pulls out with everything you possess. Or you may be preparing a farewell speech for a vast assembly of co-workers and employees. Whatever the case, you know how hard it is to find and utter the right words. You know how tempted you are to slip out quietly, or just say, "See you around." Well.

FIRST READING: Acts 14:21-27 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13
SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-5a GOSPEL: John 13:31-33a, 34-35

Comment

Well, indeed. Jesus chose to speak of many things. At least that is how his farewell has been gathered up by John and handed on to us. It's a long farewell—four full chapters in John's Gospel. Today's reading is introductory to the long farewell, or the "last discourses," as they are often called. Scripture scholars tell us how this Gospel was a compilation of ideas and words gleaned over the years. We learn from them that the apostles didn't actually stay awake late into the night as Jesus poured out his soul. Rather, the writer of this Gospel gathered the best insights and put them here at the Last Supper. This setting is a signal of the crucial importance of the words, for they are the last will and testament of Jesus.

We need to remember that the apostles didn't know what was going to happen to Jesus, though they must have sensed the gravity of this night and the meal that gathered them. This anticipated Passover meal was more than the usually great Jewish celebration. Something more, something deeper, something more frightening ... this was a crucial night; this was a vital time.

It wasn't until Judas left—mysteriously, to the remaining eleven—that a weight lifted. Then, Jesus spoke of his "glorification," which meant little to the eleven at the time—but everything after the Resurrection, when they looked back and remembered.

Jesus goes on to say that he must leave, and they must carry on as disciples. Further, the sign of their discipleship is their love for one another, which is patterned on his love for them. They don't know yet the lengths to which that love will go for them. They don't know about the cross. They have not experienced the Resurrection. Nor do they know about themselves—what they will be asked, how they will respond, how they will succeed and fail.

They don't know the ramifications of love and what they will be asked to do in the name of love. The first reading shows us how love shapes itself. It gets up and does something. Love takes practical steps; it shapes itself in action. The snippet from the Acts of the Apostles reads like a travelogue or a postcard written by a person in a hurry. "We went here and here and here." Paul and Barnabas returned to Antioch twice, once to recall together that their missionary work would entail trials. Apparently there was a need for this reminder. Everything wasn't always just wonderful. The work the two missionaries describe is the work of establishing churches and shaping them so they can continue after Paul and Barnabas are long gone.

But, in general, the first reading is a success story; it cheers the spirit. The second reading does, too, for it paints a picture of the transformation of the whole world, heaven and earth. Something wholly new is formed and finished. Images pile up. A new Jerusalem appears on the scene. This holy city is like a bride ready to meet her husband. It is a vision of fulfillment. It is our idea of heaven. All the difficulties of an earth-bound existence are enumerated, and they are all over and done with.

Reflection

We don't think up things out of the blue, though they seem to come out of the blue. The insight that set the Evangelist's quill to papyrus came up out of the earth, right up out of the Church's early experience. The early community already knew how love renews, wipes away tears, opens one to new worlds. They had seen it in Jesus. They had seen it in his relationship with the beggar, the blind man, the embarrassed couple at Cana, the weary sinner. They had known his love themselves. They knew the shape of love Jesus talked about; they'd had a brush with heaven.

And they would soon know the cost as well as the rewards of choosing to respond with humble love. The first disciples gathered around the table at the Last Supper would soon be appalled by the forces of evil that would be unleashed and would break entirely over the earth. And they would see that the love that is stronger than death would reign in the end.

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
John Warren

WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT

A St. Francis Women's ACTS Retreat will be held July 18-21, 2019. Registration will begin Monday, May 20th at 9:00 a.m. Accommodations for this retreat are limited to 32 retreatants, and the registration list is based on the order in which forms and deposits are received on the registration date. The fee for this retreat is \$170.00 per person, with a \$50 deposit and \$120.00 balance due on July 18th. Only one registration form per person will be accepted. Financial difficulties should not prevent anyone from attending this retreat. Contact Carol Allen at 409-782-7530 with any questions.

Men's Choir

All men of the parish are invited to join us in starting up a male chorus. If you would like to participate, please contact Gary Mims or the Parrish office.

Coordinators Meeting

Attention all ministry leaders, we will be meeting Thursday May 23, 2019 at 6 PM in the religious education building. All leaders are required to attend.

ATTENTION EVERYONE

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

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, 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.

Catholic Men's Conference

The conference is presented by Fr. Larry Richards "Christ in You", admission is free.

Where: St. Francis of Assisi Church
4300 Meeks Dr.-Orange

When: Fri., August 2nd 6:30-9:30pm
& Sat. August 3rd 8 am - Noon

If you have any questions please call
(409) 883-9153

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.**