

**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 26, 2019 9:00 am Mass

Mon. May 27, 8:00 a.m.

Tues. May 28, 8:00 am & 5:30 p.m.
Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6:00 p.m. prayer through Patron St. Therese

Wed. May 29, 8:00 am

Thurs. May 30, 8:00 am

Fri. May 31, 8 am

Saturday, June 01,

Rohshawnda Davis & Shawnisty Revis
requested by Mrs. Rose Davis
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: 42 Sunday: 53

Weekend Collection

Mail In	\$ 40.00
hall rental	\$ 400.00
Loose	\$ 62.00
Saturday	\$ 459.00
Sunday	\$ 1,005.00

Total Deposit \$ 1,966.00

**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: Walter & Rose Davis

Sun: C. Ambers, D. Jacobs & Elizabeth Mitchell

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: **1st Rdr.:** Gary Mims
2nd Rdr.: Mona Richard

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 Russell Bottley & Richard Scott

Sunday: Cecilia Davis & Dorothy Broussard

Expenses for the Week:

Spectrum Busi <\$ 210.79>
Security sys <\$ 49.36>
Center Point <\$ 151.28>
City of Orange <\$ 220.51>

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



**The 6th Sunday of Easter
May 26, 2019**

**“The Father will send the ‘Holy Spirit’
in my name.”**

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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Janice Semien	883-7126
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun. May 26 - Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
Ps 67:2-3,5,6,8 Rev 21:10-14, 22-23 Jn 14:23 Jn 14:23-29

Mon. May 27 - Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b Jn 15:26b, 27a Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tues. May 28 - Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 See Jn 16:7, 13 Jn 16:5-11

Wed. May 29 - Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14 Jn 14:16 Jn 16:12-15

Thurs. May 30 - Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23 Mt 28:19a, 20b Lk 24:46-53

Fri. May 31 - Zep 3:14-18a Rom 12:9-16 Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 See Lk 1:45 Lk 1:39-56

Sat. June 01 - Acts 18:23-28 Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 Jn 16:28 Jn 16:23b-28

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Love

Christians talk about love a lot. In English, this little word is forced to do the heavy lifting. It has to stand for everything from the overly sweet Valentine's day hearts to the nuanced love that lasts a lifetime. If love were all fluff and sugar, we could get along with a book of sentimental sayings. But love is strong and demanding, and for this kind of love, we need a book of Gospels.

FIRST READING: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 **RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4**

SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-10 **GOSPEL: John 15:9-17**

Comment

Just prior to today's selection from the Acts of the Apostles, we meet Cornelius the Roman centurion, a devout, upright, and God-fearing man who is much loved and respected by the Jews. Cornelius inquires after Peter, and Peter goes to his home.

The reading opens today with Peter coming to Cornelius' home and being greeted with a kind of respect that unnerves Peter. And there is yet more to this surprising visit: Cornelius in his seemingly simple request unwittingly forces a decision. What is Peter to do about this good and loving Gentile who seeks baptism? What is to become of the small but growing band of those who follow Jesus?

Peter asks himself what he can possibly do with a people who have already been blessed by the Holy Spirit. His actions seem right: Peter baptizes Cornelius and his household and remains with them a few days. This story tells of the first welcome of a Gentile into what would become a universal Church, open to all. Cornelius' request and Peter's response set the Church on a course that makes it truly universal. The Spirit leaps over the boundaries of old rites and cherished memories of a chosen yet circumscribed people. The promised Spirit makes it known that the whole world is now chosen.

The Gospel also reminds us who is choosing and who is chosen. In Israel's experience, would-be disciples gathered to listen to various rabbis. Through this protracted process, disciples eventually chose the rabbi they wished to follow. Jesus reverses the process. In his case, he, the rabbi or teacher, chooses the disciples, just as the Father has chosen Jesus. Throughout their public ministry together, Jesus has taught them all he knows, and now during this Last Supper discourse, he invites them into a deeper intimacy. Their relationship to him is not just that of a master to servant, but one of friend to friend.

Jesus is clearly intense in his insistence that they love one another and live on in his love. He does not merely suggest this nor simply urge the disciples to do so, he commands it. The word "love" here is translated from the Greek *agape*, which describes the mutual self-giving relationship between Jesus and God and must exist mutually between Jesus and his followers. The love that the Father bestowed on Christ is spread abroad. It gets up and works. It visits the house of the unlikely candidate, Cornelius.

Reflection

Easy love doesn't require obedience and openness to its demands. It doesn't call for followup. It doesn't demand that we work to stay vulnerable. The Gospel, however, doesn't speak of easy love, which is really not love at all. The second reading tells us that the love demanded of us is possible because God has first loved us. When love is spoken of in the two readings attributed to John, we see how important it is to understand and appreciate that Jesus is the manifestation of God's abiding love. Through him, God's love is poured out. John calls us to recognize this and then to respond by loving one another. Our loving brings full circle the love of God manifest in Jesus.

The entrance antiphon for this Sunday reminds us all: "Speak with a voice of joy; let it be heard to the ends of the earth ..." This hearing to the ends of the earth began with Peter, but the Holy Spirit set Peter free and led him by the hand, as it were, to the house of Cornelius, and then by extension to the rest of the world.

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

Novena

To celebrate Pentecost, the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Church, we are going to pray the Holy Spirit Novena! It is a powerful and moving novena that is meant to help us open ourselves up to the third person of the Holy Trinity. We pray this novena as a preparation for the feast of Pentecost Sunday, June 9th. The Church will begin the prayers Thursday, May 30th until Friday June 7, 2019.

Please pick up a copy of the Novena prayer is at the rear of the church. The Church Celebrates Pentecost in Red colors.

Mandatory

There will be a Ladies Auxiliary meeting on June 2, after the 9 am Mass. All Ladies are encouraged to be in attendance.

Coordinators Meeting

Attention all ministry leaders, we will be meeting Thursday May 30, 2019 at 6 PM in the religious education building. All leaders are required to attend.

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.

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

5:30 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6:00 pm Devotional prayers through our Parton Saint Therese.

6:20 pm Benediction

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

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.