

**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, June 30, 2019 9:00 am Mass
 Mon. July 01, No Mass
Tues. July 02, 8:00 am & 5:30 p.m.
Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 6:00 p.m. prayer through *Patron St. Therese*
 Wed. July 03, 8:00 am
 Thurs. July 04, 8:00 am
 Fri. July 05, 8 am
 Saturday, July 06,
 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
BINGO - Evangeline Platt
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

Attendance
Saturday: 27 Sunday:
Weekend Collection

Mail In \$ 30.00
 Youth dona \$ 925.00
 DOB reimburse \$ 88.00
 Loose \$ 61.00
 Saturday \$ 618.00
 Sunday \$ 771.00

Total Deposit \$ 2,493.00

**June Birthday List
Happy Birthday to:**

John Semien 1
 Josh Riggs 6
 Fr. Donatus Mgbeajuo, MSP 7
 Anessia Jacobs-Chambers 9
 Therese Ferguson 12
 Shirley Ray 15
 Melena Hampton 16
 Devin Hebert 24
 Hollis Fain 28
 Emmanuel Taylor 29

Happy Anniversary

Reginald & Tina Kindle 5th

**MINISTERS FOR THE
WEEKEND HOSPITALITY**

Sat: Walter & Rose Davis
 Sun: Fred Green, Dorothy Jacobs, Elizabeth Mitchell & Kenneth Mason

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: **1st Rdr.:** Leo Jackson
2nd Rdr.: Mona Richard
 Sunday: **1st Rdr.:** Eva Platt
2nd Rdr.: Freda Guillory

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

ALTAR SERVER:

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

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday Dorothy Broussard & Cecilia Davis
 Sunday: Russell Bottley & Richard Scott

Expenses for the Week:

Energy <\$ 139.50>
Fire Inspection < \$ 224.55>
Spectrum Busi < \$216.50>
City of Orange < \$ 213.95>
Admin <\$ 640.18>

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun. June 30 - 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21
 Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 Gal 5:1, 13-18
 1 Sm 3:9; Jn 6:68c Lk 9:51-62

Mon. July 01 - Gn 18:16-33 Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11 Ps 95:8 Mt 8:18-22

Tues. July 02 - Gn 19:15-29 Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12 Ps 130:5 Mt 8:23-27

Wed. July 03 - Eph 2:19-22 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Jn 20:29 Jn 20:24-29

Thurs. July 04 - Gn 22:1b-19 Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 2 Cor 5:19 Mt 9:1-8

Fri. July 05 - Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67 Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 Mt 11:28 Mt 9:9-13

Sat. July 06 - Gn 27:1-5, 15-29 Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 Jn 10:27 Mt 9:14-17



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



The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 30, 2019

“No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God.”

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 Tuesday: 5:30 p.m.

Adoration & Benediction
 1st Tuesday each month 5:30 p.m.-6:p.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

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

On the Cheap

It never works. If we do something on the cheap, we end up cheating someone, usually ourselves. Wallpaper won't mask the deep crack in the plaster. Cramming might get us past the test, but we won't remember much the day after. A long report won't make up for a bad one. Today a real, true, genuine call awaits a response in kind. No cheating.

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
SECOND READING: Galatians 5:1, 13-18 GOSPEL: Luke 9:51-62

Comment

Take, for example, the call of Elisha. He understood the meaning of the cloak that was so unexpectedly laid upon his shoulders right there in the open field. He felt its weight, and more. The mantle and burden of office were on his shoulders. Elisha knew that his life was going to take an abrupt turn. One can understand his plea for time to go home to tell his parents good-bye. This passing from farmer to future prophet was a surprise. It must have been breathtaking. Having received the abrupt permission of Elijah, Elisha went off to tie up the loose ends. His response to his call is never in doubt, for Elisha returns and dramatically disposes of all traces of his former life. Having done so, he begins his apprenticeship.

In today's Gospel we see Jesus begin his journey to Jerusalem, where "the days for [his] being taken up were fulfilled." This journey of his life is complicated by barriers of age-old enmity. Jesus has to seek permission from the Samaritans to pass through their land. This onerous business was the result of a long-simmering resentment between the Samaritans and the Jews. The Samaritans first moved into Israel after the Jews were forcibly exiled to Babylon in 721 B.C. These interlopers intermarried and had for themselves a home and a mixed kind of Jewish religion. After the people returned from Babylon, they found these Samaritans on their land, and great resentments simmered and smoldered. Not surprisingly, permission was not given, so Jesus and his apostles had to take the longer route to get to Jerusalem, where he was determined to go. Nothing would stand in the way of his mission.

As we read on in this Gospel, the connection with the first reading comes clear. The disciples are to follow Jesus unequivocally. He makes this clear to those who asked, lest they be dreamy about his mission. Jesus' response sounds unduly harsh to our ears. What are we to make of this? Not even Elijah was this harsh, when Elisha asked permission to see his parents one last time. But the two inquiring men were not Elisha, that's for sure. Jesus must have detected in these two wannabe disciples a lack of enthusiasm or any sense of the cost of discipleship. His blunt response reinforces the sense of determination we see in the opening words of this Scripture passage. We see Jesus begin his journey to Jerusalem by the long route. Samaritan intransigence was no obstacle to Jesus' work. Wishy-washy discipleship was an obstacle.

Reflection

So was misleading discipleship. In the second reading, unsettling ideas about discipleship upset the fragile apple cart at Galatia. Paul had every reason to assume this community was well on its way. When trouble arose, he must have thought, "If it isn't one thing, it's another." The thing today is that the people of Galatia were being taught by misguided "Judaizers," a name given to those who taught that Christians had to abide by Jewish custom and law. This kind of "piling on" of old laws threw the Galatians into some confusion. Paul urges them to resist these free-floating ideas that serve only to fragment and wear down the community and return it to the endless round of debates about law-keeping. He makes it clear that their baptism not only freed them *from* the law, it freed them *for* something. They were called and committed to love freely, serve freely, put the needs of the human spirit first. They were urged to love first and then do what love demands. At a later time, Saint Augustine would put it simply: "Love, and do what you will."

Church Pictorial Directory

We live in an age where there are so many ways of communication such as e-mail, text messages, etc., but many of us still prefer the "old fashioned" way of the printed word that we can hold in our hands. Having a directory is one way to help you feel connected. It can help map your way to information, and names of people that are in our parish. Re:Member is a company that is prepared to provide us this service. Please let the leaders know your thoughts.

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



Sacramental Suggestions

- * If you are going to be hospitalized (non-emergency), consider asking a parish priest to celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick before entering the hospital.
- * If entering a Catholic Hospital, please register as a Catholic and ask to be placed on the Anointing/Holy Communion list.
- * If entering a commercial or denominational hospital, please register as a Catholic and ask the Pastoral Care Office to notify the Catholic chaplain.

The 9th Diocesan Liturgical Conference Sponsored and hosted by the Diocesan Office of Worship

August 9-10, 2019 at the MCM Elegante' Hotel. The first round of workshops begins, Friday at 5:00 PM followed by a light supper and keynote address. All day Saturday AND DON'T LEAVE UNTIL THE 5:30 PM MASS!! The conference offers something for everyone!

There is NO FEE for the conference nor for any of the delicious food. Brochures and Registration Forms will be available soon.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

James Arceneaux
George Davis
Mable Durio
Alberta Fontenot
Frances Freeman
Debra Glaude
Margaret Green
Myrtle Guillory
Ronald Hebert
Junior Henderson
Calvin Johnson
Stacy Johnson
Lakeisha Guidry-Jones
John King
Ruby Milton
John T. Nelson
Bettye Odom
Clayona Pillette
Herman Richard
John Richard, Sr.
Claudine Riggs
Doris Robertson
Robert Simmons
Mark Thibodeaux
Mary Ware
Joe Ware
John Warren

Bishop Faith Appeal

Goal : \$20,097 Paid: \$5,520.

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

Men's Choir

All men are invited to join the male chorus. Rehearsal begins Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 7pm. If you would like to participate, please contact Gary Mims or Fr. Donatus. We look forward to a new beginning.

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 June 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.**