

**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, Aug. 18, 2019 9:00 am Mass
Jacobs and Monroe Families
requested by Mary Julia J Monroe

Mon. Aug. 19, 8:00 a.m.

Tues. Aug. 20, 8:00 am & 5:30 p.m.
**Exposition & Adoration
of the Blessed Sacrament**
6:00 p.m prayer through
Patron St. Therese

Wed. Aug. 21, 8:00 am

Thurs. Aug. 22, 8:00 am

Fri. Aug. 23, 8 am

Saturday, Aug. 24,
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 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

**August Birthday List
Happy Birthday to::**

Jill Mosby	1
Marina Taylor	1
Lauren Jackson	2
Christopher Henry	4
David Thomas III	6
Dorothy Jacobs	10
Gloria Richard	11
Veronica Warren	11
Walter Davis	15
Tyler Rodriquez	15
Mary Lazenby	17
Morgan Jackson	19
Reginald Kindle	23
Patrick Mims	27
John Riggs Sr.	28
Horace Broussard	29

Happy Anniversary

Carroll & Mable Durio		
56 years		5th
Patrick & Brenda Mims		
46 years 18th		
John & Tammy Richard	12th	
Lester & Sanja Popillion	31st	

Attendance

Saturday: 37 Sunday: 75

Weekend Collection

Mail In	\$ 110.00
C. book/fund	\$ 150.00
Donation	\$ 100.00
E-giving	\$ 300.00
Loose	\$ 62.00
Saturday	\$ 378.00
Sunday	\$ 1,640.00

Total Deposit \$ 2,740.00

Expenses for the week:

Liturgy <\$ 92.15>
Equipment contract <\$ 107.35>
Phone <\$ 83.67>

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Office Hours

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

The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 18, 2019

"I have come to set the earth on fire"

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.-6:30 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

PARISH COUNCIL

Richard Scott, Chairman	779-7587
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Janice Semien	883-7126
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun. Aug. 18 - Jer 38:4-6, 8-10
Heb 12:1-4 Jn 10:27 Lk 12:49-53

Mon. Aug. 19 - Jgs 2:11-19 Ps
106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44
Mt 5:3 Mt 19:16-22

Tues. Aug. 20 - Jgs 6:11-24a Ps
85:9, 11-12, 13-14 2 Cor 8:9 Mt 19:23-30

Wed. Aug. 21 - Jgs 9:6-15 Ps 21:2-3,
4-5, 6-7 Heb 4:12 Mt 20:1-16

Thurs. Aug. 22 - Jgs 11:29-39a Ps
40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Ps 95:8 Mt 22:1-14

Fri. Aug. 23 - Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16,
22 Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 Ps
25:4b, 5a Mt 22:34-40

Sat. Aug. 24 - Rv 21:9b-14 Ps
145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 Jn 1:49b Jn
1:45-51

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Journeys

Road, highway, trail, track, path, trek. These words are often used as metaphors for life's journey. Today, we are invited to think and pray about following Jesus on our journey, which is his, too.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 40:2, 3, 4, 18

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:1-4 GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-53

Comment

The prophet Jeremiah's life was surely not an easy one. He lived in tough times. He faithfully carried God's messages, and he paid the cost for this faithfulness. He was not ignored, of course. He lived in a time when people paid close attention to the prophets. They were taken seriously. This is what got him in deep trouble, literally. The city of Jerusalem was under siege and had been for a long time. The soldiers did what they could to protect the walls. The inhabitants did what they could to keep alive, but they were at their wits' end. It cannot have helped them when Jeremiah said that holding out would be futile and that God would hand them over to the Babylonians, who waited patiently and menacingly outside the walls.

It is hard enough to tell people the bad news they already intuitively know. The bad news for the city dwellers of Jerusalem is that they will be better off surrendering; it beats dying one by one of starvation and thirst. But to give God the power to hand over beloved Israel to the Babylonians ... well, that was a new thought. And it just added injury to insult. Now, it was not Jeremiah's vocation to decide on the message from God; it was his vocation to deliver it. So Jeremiah delivered the message of the futility of holding out and the further implication that Babylon was God's servant. Babylon! Well, of course the leaders threw him in a well—a muddy one, at that. Not only was there little food; water, too, was scarce. Death was imminent anyway, by siege or out-and-out war. Holding out or fighting it out could be construed as honorable. Dying in a muddy cistern was not.

It took a foreigner, Ebed-melech the Cushite (or Ethiopian), to reverse this nonsensical decision. He got help and fished poor Jeremiah out of the cistern. So Jeremiah's life continued, but it continued to be difficult. In the end, Jerusalem did surrender, and the people suffered the indignity of the Babylonian exile. Jeremiah, too, was exiled with his people.

Jeremiah must have wished it had not turned out this way. Jesus, too, wishes that the message he brings would not cause division and dissention. In today's Gospel, we are given a rare glimpse into his inner soul. His emotional outburst feels as heavy as that in the Garden of Olives and even on the cross. But here, on the way to Jerusalem, the place of his agonizing death, Jesus cries out, "How great is my anguish!" This cry of distress is matched by the clear knowledge that his work is to bring the fire that purifies, clarifies. Jesus does not intend harm, much less death. In this, Jesus is in the line of prophets like Jeremiah. Or more accurately, Jeremiah is a type or figure of Jesus. Jeremiah who goes down into the murky pit is a shadow of Jesus who must go down—be plunged—into his death and thus rise to life.

Reflection

The brief Gospel reading today is part of a loose-jointed collection of sayings, parables, and expressions attributed to Jesus as he embarked on his long journey to Jerusalem. Luke has chosen to place much of his Gospel in the setting of a journey—a specific, vital journey at that.

The early Church, which was necessarily made up of converts (or unbelievers), faced difficult problems. Those who converted not only changed their minds, they changed their lives. This had to have an impact on other lives—parents, spouse, friends. Divisions arose. The converts, if they are like us, could deal with intellectual arguments, even hostility. But they dreaded breaking the hearts of those they loved. We can be sure that Jesus, on his way to Jerusalem, did not cause disunity or division or dissention. But he may have been the occasion for the divisions that occurred.

One's journey to faith happens like this. Once people met Jesus face to face on the road. Today, we meet him in prayer, study, and reflection. We meet him in the person of another—a witness. When this happens, a decision must be made. And herein lies the possibility of division. That is the hard part. To decide is not the end of one's life journey. It is rather a beginning, or it portends a fork or bend in the road.

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



Blessings and Peace in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,

Our annual Family and Friends Weekend will soon be here again. Plans are underway for these days of joyous celebrations which will be kicked off with a Gospel Extravaganza of music and spiritual reflections on Saturday evening, October 26, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. The luncheon will be on Sunday, October 27, 2019 beginning at 12 noon following the Thanksgiving Mass. This year our Family and Friends will be a fundraiser. We are making a Commemorative Booklet and are soliciting your support by purchasing ads to further our parish goals. The booklet will be published as 8.5 X 5.5 finished size, inside black and white, front & back covers color gloss stock. There are different sizes to choose from. Please include short message, photographs, or business logo with the attached sheet.

[] Full page ad: \$100 [] Half page ad: \$50 [] Quarter page ad: \$25

Patron \$10.00 Centerfold Pages (Color) \$300

In order to allow sufficient time to assemble the booklet, the deadline for submitting ads together with your payment is September 22, 2019. However, we encourage you to e-mail your ad to sttherese1350@yahoo.com and payment to be turned in or mailed to the Parish Office at 1409 N 6th St. Orange TX 77630. Checks should be made payable to: **St. Therese Catholic Church**

As we give God the thanks and the glory, we have chosen the following theme:
"Oh, What a Blessing it is When Family and Friends Come Together in the Service of the Lord!"

Know our gratitude and our prayerful remembrance of you and your business enterprise. May you see a hundredfold for your kindness and generosity!

In the Service of the Lord,

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Chairperson, Family and
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PRAY FOR THE SICK

George Davis
Mable Durio
Margaret Green
Ronald Hebert
Junior Henderson
Stacy Johnson
John King
Ruby Milton
John T. Nelson
Clayona Pilette
John Richard, Sr.
Claudine Riggs
Mary Ware
Joe Ware
John Warren

BINGO!

Our very first fundraiser game is scheduled for Thursday, August 22, 2019 from 4:30 pm to 8 pm.

Everyone is invited to come and bring some friends but please no small children. Adults, 18 years and older can come out and enjoy the food and fun.

We are asking for everyone's support. Thanks in advance

BFA Intentions Mass

You are Invited Bishop's Faith Appeal Intentions Mass August 22, 2019 at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica at 6:30 pm. The community will come together to pray for the intentions of the faithful and to give thanks for the many gifts God has given us.

ATTENTION

ALL RCIA

coordinators, leaders, members, etc., there will be an RCIA Workshop Saturday, August 24, 2019 at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica. For more information please call the Office of Worship at 924-4300