

MASS INTENTIONS

- 1st wk. - Choir & Ushers/Hospitality
- 2nd wk. - Knights of Peter Claver & Ladies of Auxiliary
- 3rd wk. - Extra-Ordinary Ministry of Communion & Lectors
- 4th wk. - Youth
- 5th wk. - ALL Parishioners

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Aug. 25, 2019 9:00 am Mass

Mon. Aug. 26, 8:00 a.m.

Tues. Aug. 27, 8:00 am & 5:30 p.m.
Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 6:00 p.m. prayer through **Patron St. Therese**

Wed. Aug. 28, 8:00 am

Thurs. Aug. 29, 8:00 am

Fri. Aug. 30, 8 am

Saturday, Aug. 31,
 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 or living 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 held every Tuesday at 6:30 pm

Pastoral Council - Richard Scott
 meetings are held every 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Religious Education - Sonja Popillion

Socials - Brushelle Scott

Youth - Felicia Richard

Stewardship - Gary Mims

Attendance last Weekend
Saturday: 20 Sunday: 62

Last Weekend Collection

Mail In	\$ 320.00
Com. Bk	\$ 150.00 fundraiser
Fr's mileage	\$ 928.00
Loose	\$ 74.00
Saturday	\$ 335.00
Sunday	\$ 6,385.00

Total Deposit \$ 8,192.00

Expenses: spectrum <\$ 216.50 >
Center point energy <\$ 130.03 >

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 Rodriguez	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

MINISTERS SERVING NEXT WEEKEND
HOSPITALITY

Sat: N/A
 Sun: F. Green, K. Mason, D. Jacobs & E. Mitchell

LECTORS:

Saturday: **1st Rdr.:** N/A
2nd Rdr.: N/A

Sunday: **1st Rdr.:** Wayne Sparrow
2nd Rdr.: Veronica Warren

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

ALTAR SERVER:

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

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday N/A
 Sunday: Dorothy Broussard & Freda Guillory

St. Therese Catholic Church

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Office Hours

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

The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 25, 2019

“Strive to enter through the narrow gate”

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

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PARISH COUNCIL

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READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. Aug. 25 - Is 66:18-21 Ps 117:1, 2 Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 Jn 14:6 Lk 13:22-30

Mon. Aug. 26 - 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b Jn 10:27 Mt 23:13-22

Tues. Aug. 27 - 1 Thes 2:1-8 Ps 139:1-3, 4-6 Heb 4:12 Mt 23:23-26

Wed. Aug. 28 - 1 Thes 2:9-13 Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab 1 Jn 2:5 Mt 23:27-32

Thurs. Aug. 29 - 1 Thes 3:7-13 Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 Mt 5:10 Mk 6:17-29

Fri. Aug. 30 - 1 Thes 4:1-8 PS 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 Lk 21:36 Mt 25:1-13

Sat. Aug. 31 - 1 Thes 4:9-11 Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 Jn 13:34 Mt 25:14-30

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Live and Learn

A new school year is fast approaching. This fact presses upon all of us in one way or another, either as observers or active participants. Though our formal education may cease after a number of years, we never cease to learn. Opportunities for learning always present themselves, for life itself is our teacher. As followers of Jesus, we are invited to walk in his ways and learn from him.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 66:18-21 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 117:1, 2

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 GOSPEL: Luke 13:22-30

Comment

The first reading offers us a vision of universal salvation. This vision is as exotic as it is earthy. On the exotic side, we read place names that are old and obsolete. Some are so old there is no memory of them whatever, such as Mosoch and Javan. We do know that Tarshish is southern Spain, Put and Lud are in northern Africa, Tubal is near the Black Sea, and the somewhat familiar Ionian Islands refer to Greece. Next to the mention of the exotic places is the everyday, earthy list of conveyances. On foot and wheel and hoof the stream of people shall come. What a menagerie! What fun!

This amazing scene of abundant welcome contrasts sharply with the nervous counting found in the Gospel for the day. As has been the case for a number of Sundays, we are again reminded that Jesus is on the move. He passes through cities and towns making his way to Jerusalem. He seems to linger here and there, teaching as he goes and attracting a considerable amount of attention. People wonder who will be saved. They worry, "Only a few?" hoping to hear the opposite. One might guess that those who asked really voiced what was on the mind of many. Having heard what Jesus asked of his followers, they maybe wondered quietly how it the world they'd ever make it into the kingdom. Perchance there are loopholes? Side doors? Maybe there is an easy way?

Jesus doesn't seem to answer this question directly. But he assesses human nature accurately. When the latecomers find they are too late, the master, who has locked the door, will remind them that all their lives they have not known him. To whom might Jesus be referring here? We know that Jesus has a soft spot for sinners. There is ample evidence of this throughout the Gospels. So sinners aren't the problem. Who, then, is being told that it's too late?

Reflection

Salvation is not contingent upon strenuous human effort, as if everything depends on us and heaven is ruled by a stingy God. Jesus notes that one does not reach heaven by applying the kind of effort it takes to get through an opening designed to bar human entrance. Nor is the kingdom granted to people by virtue of some privilege of birth. The kind of salvation that Jesus offers is not like that. To think so is to dilly-dally around, to waste good time, to run the risk of being too late.

God's salvation is not a matter of human effort or an accident of birth or a stroke of good luck. The entrance of God's saving power does require a human response. The response must be a free acceptance or it has no meaning, just as coerced love has no meaning. When the hand of Christ is extended, our hand must be there to grasp his.

Jesus is passing though a privileged place in a special time in human history. But salvation is not just for the few at one special time and place. God's saving power is available at all times and in all places. It is up to us to accept the salvation that Jesus offers.

To grasp Jesus' welcoming and strengthening hand is the act of a disciple. The word "disciple" comes from the Latin *discere*, "to learn." We must learn who is standing before us with an outstretched hand. We must take on the disciple work, the discipline, that Paul urges in the second reading.

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



ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL PRESENTS FALL FESTIVAL A FUN RAISING EVENT

ADMISSION IS FREE

Tickets will be sold for food, beverages,
games & activities

19 OCT 2019 11AM - 3PM
3840 WOODROW PORT ARTHUR
Inflatables, delicious food & games

Family & Friends

This year our Family and Friends fundraiser will be a Commemorative Booklet, we are soliciting your support by purchasing ads to further our parish goals. There are different sizes to choose from. You may include short messages, photographs, or business logo.

Raffle Tickets

Our Family & Friends committee is raffling Tickets for a 65" Samsung Smart TV Donation \$10.00 and the individual with the most tickets sold will get a prize. If need more information, please see Ms. Ina Chavis.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

Bishop Faith Appeal Goal : \$20,097 Paid: \$7,020.

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.

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



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.