

MASS INTENTIONS

- 1st wk. - Choir & 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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Sept. 01, 2019 9:00 am Mass
Jacobs and Monroe Families
 requested by **Mary J. J. Monroe**

Mon. Sept. 02, 8:00 a.m.

Tues. Sept. 03, 8:00 am & 5:30 p.m.
Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 6:00 p.m prayer through *Patron St. Therese*

Wed. Sept. 04, 8:00 am

Thurs. Sept. 05, 8:00 am

Fri. Sept. 06, 8 am

Saturday, Sept. 07,
 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 rehearsals 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: 41 Sunday: 54

Last Weekend Collection

Mail In	\$ 55.00
Loose	\$ 37.00
Saturday	\$ 466.00
Sunday	\$ 895.00

Total Deposit \$ 1,453.00

Expenses: Entergy < \$ 1,010.41 >
City of Orange < \$ 192.26 >
Plant & Maint. < \$ 424.00 >

September Birthday List
 Happy Birthday to::

Ryaisha Daughtery	2
Ursula Gray	3
Fabian Green	5
Debra Hawkins	5
Deborah Crosson	8
Monic Guillory	14
Jermaine Mitchell	15
Cindy Hampton	16
Darius Mitchell	18
Elizabeth Mitchell	18
Wayne Sparrow	19
Richellee Roberts	20
Rose Davis	22
George Davis	22
Justin Sparrow	22
Doris Gans	25
Jalen Jefferson	27
Chris Popillion	28

Happy Anniversary

Junior L & Deborah Henderson 25th

MINISTERS SERVING NEXT WEEKEND
HOSPITALITY

Sat: Mr. & Mrs. Walter Davis

Sun: **KPC BRO** **KPC - LADY**
Fred Green Rose Bottley
Emmanuel Taylor Coretta Ambers

LECTORS:

Saturday: **1st Rdr.:** Gary Mims
2nd Rdr.: Freda Guillory

Sunday: **1st Rdr.:** **KPC Bro.** Horace Broussard

2nd Rdr.: **KPC Lady** Peggy Green

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

ALTAR SERVER:

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

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday: Richard Scott & Russell Bottley
 Sunday: KPC LADY Shirley Ray & Gloria Richard



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Office Hours

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

The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 1, 2019

“Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled.”

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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READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. Sept. 01 - Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11 Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a Mt 11:29ab Lk 14:1, 7-14

Mon. Sept. 02 - 1 Thes 4:13-18 Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 See Lk 4:18 Lk 4:16-30

Tues. Sept. 03 - 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Lk 7:16 Lk 4:31-37

Wed. Sept. 04 - Coll:1-8 Ps 52:10, 11 Lk 4:18 Lk 4:38-44

Thurs. Sept. 05 - Col 1:9-14 Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 Mt 4:19 Lk 5:1-11

Fri. Sept. 06 - Col 1:15-20 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Jn 8:12 Lk 5:33-39

Sat. Sept. 07 - Coll:21-23 Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 Jn 14:6 Lk 6:1-5

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Right Place

Today's readings are a call to reflect on where we stand in relationship to God and others. We may think that we're in pretty good shape, that we "deserve" honor and credit for who we are and what we do. If so, today's readings just may knock us down a peg and cause us to reconsider our position. They may force us to discover just what is our right place.

FIRST READING: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11
SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Comment

When Ben Sirach recommends humility, he is doing more than urging worldly discretion. Rather he is reminding us that the humble life "finds favor with God." Only the humble person, whose eyes are not filled with self, can see that there is more to life than meets the eye, that the world is charged with the "sublime," that God is afoot. Thus, Sirach's call for humility as the stance to be taken before God is not a call to become milquetoasts. Indeed, human beings are not supposed to blend into the woodwork or act as wallflowers when it comes to their dealings with God. Sirach wants us to understand, however, that putting ourselves "forward" in God's eyes is different from doing so in the eyes of people. God remains absolutely unimpressed with the proud or high and mighty. It is humility—our right relationship before God—that attracts the divine attention.

The people at the party described in the Gospel, the Pharisees, had to know these words of Ben Sirach, and Jesus knew that they knew. And yet there they were, trampling humility underfoot as they jockeyed for the best seat in the house. These folk were supposedly the sages of Jesus' day. They were supposed to be *the* folks who could see reality as it really was, and more than that, who could look beyond and see what underpinned reality. These were people who knew the place of the Law and the place of everyone within it. And yet there they were, scrambling over one another, clearly not knowing their place. No wonder Jesus was amused and upset and saddened by their antics. No wonder Jesus realized that the only wise thing to do was to put them in their place.

It doesn't seem likely that the section from the Letter to the Hebrews that serves as today's second reading was chosen to parallel Sirach and the Gospel. Oddly enough, however, it seems to do just that. The passage puts us—Christians—in our place. It reminds us that the Church began not on the crest of a mountain through blazing fire, storm, and trumpet blast, but at the foot of a cross through water and blood that flowed from the side of Christ. Humble beginnings, indeed.

Reflection

Given the first reading's emphasis on humility, it seems pretty clear that the Church chose today's Gospel to focus our attention on the humility required of a guest. But Jesus' words are always filled with surprises. We know that one of Jesus' favorite images of God was that of an extravagant, indiscriminate host, who welcomes one and all to his table and who ultimately will welcome all to the everlasting banquet of the Kingdom. Contrast that image with the one given by the host at the party Luke describes. Not a very pleasant comparison, is it? If God were like the host in the banquet described in today's Gospel—if God were a *discriminating* host—then, when it came to sharing the banquet of eternal life, most of us would not find ourselves on the guest list. Jesus, however, reminds us that if we are humble guests, we will be ushered into the banquet by a humble host. Jesus goes even further. He says that our humility will prompt our humble host to say to us, "My friend, move up to a higher position." We will become even closer to God. The distinction between guest and host blurs, not in the sense of essence or nature—we won't become gods!—but the difference between us, the gap that separates us, will close. Then both we, as guests, and God, as host, will be able to revel in the humble but magnificent gifts we have to share

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

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

Family & Friends

This year one of 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.

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.**

For more information, please contact Ms. Ina Chavis at 409-779-4096, Fr. Donatus at 409-454-3958 or call the Parish Office at 409-883-3783

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

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

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 contact Ms. Ina Chavis at 409-779-4096.

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.