

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. 08, 2019 9:00 am Mass

Mon. Sept. 09, 8:00 a.m.

Tues. Sept. 10, 8:00 am & 5:30 p.m.

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 p.m prayer through Patron St. Therese

Wed. Sept. 11, 8:00 am

Thurs. Sept. 12, 8:00 am

Fri. Sept. 13, 8 am

Saturday, Sept. 14, 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

COORDINATORS meeting 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: 28 Sunday: 54

Last Weekend Collection's Catholic University of America

Mail In	\$ 270.00
Cath. Uni.	\$ 126.00
Loose	\$ 46.00
Saturday	\$ 421.00
Sunday	\$ 1,207.00

Total Deposit \$ 2,070.00

Expenses:

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: Sonja Popillion, Peggy Green
Veronica Warren & Horace Broussard

Sun: Sonja Popillion, Peggy Green
Veronica Warren & Horace Broussard

LECTORS:

Saturday: 1st Rdr.: Mona Richard
2nd Rdr.: Richellee Roberts

Sunday: 1st Rdr.: Freda Guillory
2nd Rdr.: Earnett Mitchell

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

ALTAR SERVER:

Saturday: Needed
Sunday: Needed

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday Dorothy Broussard & Gloria Richard
Sunday: Dorothy Broussard & Gloria Richard

St. Therese Catholic Church

Served by The Missionary Society of St. Paul from Nigeria since 2000

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Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-252-5400

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Pastoral Team:

Rev. Donatus Mgbеajuo, MSP

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Deacon Julian Richard (409) 221-2743
Deacon Hazen Kenney (512) 791-0847

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



**The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 8, 2019**

“Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.”

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) 883-3783

PARISH COUNCIL

Richard Scott, Chairman	779-7587
Rose Davis, Vice Chairman	883-0762
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Rose Bottley	886-1525
Charlis D. Rogers	988-8719
Adam Jacobs	883-9688
Albert Hebert III	746-2627

MAINTENANCE & GROUNDS

Joe Ware 886-5331

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sanja Popillion (409) 670-0808

FINANCE COUNCIL

Janice Semien	883-7126
Robert Gobert	(504) 232-5640
Sheila Arnold	313-2062
Andre' Robertson	882-0012

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. Sept. 08 - Wis 9:13-18b Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 Phmn 9-10, 12-17 Ps 119:135 Lk 14:25-33

Mon. Sept. 09 - Coll:24-2:3 Ps 62:6-7, 9 Jn 10:27 Lk 6:6-11

Tues. Sept. 10 - Col 2:6-15 Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 See Jn 15:16 Lk 6:12-19

Wed. Sept. 11 - Col 3:1-11 Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab Lk 6:23ab Lk 6:20-26

Thurs. Sept. 12 - Col 3:12-17 Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 1 Jn 4:12 Lk 6:27-38

Fri. Sept. 13 - 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 See Jn 17:17b, 17a Lk 6:39-42

Sat. Sept. 14 - Nm 21:4b-9 Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom

Today's readings urge us to look at things in a new way, in a holistic way. They encourage us to trust not in our understanding, but in God's, all the while recognizing that we can never understand it.

FIRST READING: Wisdom 9:13-18b RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17

SECOND READING: Philemon 9-10, 12-17 GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-33

Comment

The reading from Wisdom contrasts human wisdom with divine. It points out that human wisdom is narrowed and focused by limitations, but that God's wisdom knows no limits. It cannot be broken down, taken apart, minutely examined. Without this latter wisdom, we cannot even begin to grasp the things of earth, much less launch an investigation into the mind of God. The reading reminds us that, when it comes to understanding, even the wisest person barely scrapes the surfaces of things. It tells us, in effect, that the order of things as we know it is not as we think. In fact, the passage asserts that true wisdom means knowing that we don't know!

The second reading finds Paul sending back a runaway slave, Onesimus by name, to his owner, Philemon. In his letter, Paul does not ask Philemon to release Onesimus, nor does he demand that Philemon not punish him. Instead, Paul asks Philemon to see that because Onesimus is now a Christian, a new social order exists. He who was once a possession is now an equal. There is no master here, no slave. Rather, both men are united to one another in Christ. This provocative little letter may sound somewhat pious to us, but it sounded outrageous to Philemon. Paul praises Philemon for his clear understanding of the social order—which included slavery—and for his good treatment of Onesimus, his slave. Then Paul goes on to drop his bombshell. He tells Philemon that Onesimus is now a Christian and should be treated as such—as a brother, an equal. What was Philemon to think? What was he to do? Clearly, Paul called Philemon to think and to act in a revolutionary way, to do more than just acquiesce to the values and mores of the existing social system, but to create a new order "in Christ," where there was no "slave or free."

The short parables that make up today's Gospel speak to what it takes to be a follower of Christ. They challenge Christians to think and plan ahead, and at the very least to be prudent or circumspect in our dealings. "Be prepared" is the first message of what it takes to follow. The second message is "Be prepared to give all" to follow. In other words, only the person who recognizes what it takes to be a follower has what it takes to follow. The Christian must be prepared to give over all that he or she values for the sake of following Jesus. That's what it takes.

If we are to follow Jesus, we must do some serious planning, we must calculate the cost. And then, once all our planning is complete, we have to be willing to accept the fact that our plans are never enough, and that the cost is way beyond calculation. What then? Jesus challenges us to go against our own "best thinking," to trust that our "best" is nowhere near God's "best," and to enter into the risky business of becoming his followers—no matter that conventional wisdom calls us fools.

Reflection

Before entering into a relationship with another, most of us want to know what's what. We generally take time to analyze all the ins and outs of a business deal before signing any contract. We usually investigate the rules and regulations of a club or organization before joining. For the most part, we also try to evaluate those who propose to be our leaders before electing or appointing them and undertaking to follow them.

Jesus lays out what we are to expect from a relationship from him, and he explains what he looks for from us. Even so, there's more there than meets the eye. Even after we pay as close attention as we can to what being a follower means, there's always more. Jesus warns us about this, then asks us to trust that God's concern for us is broader than our understanding of that concern. Conventional wisdom, "smart business" practices, may deem entering such a relationship as mighty risky business. Jesus makes it clear that it is. At the same time, Jesus also assures us that it is the only business worth a lifetime investment.

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

CCD Classes

Parents and Guardians please register your students for CCD classes. The forms are at the rear of the church. Parents/Guardians and students will meet with the staff on Saturday, September 28th at 10 am, classes will begin after the meeting. Staff and Volunteers will meet Thursday, September 19th at 6 pm in the education building, please everyone is asked to be in attendance.

BINGO

Sacred Heart/St. Mary's Catholic Church fundraiser, Sunday, September 15, 2019 doors open at 2 pm games start at 3 pm. Sweets by Ms Ellen Jones.

Sacred Heart Hall
911 Lincoln Ave
Port Arthur, TX

Fall Music Festival Fundraiser

St. Martin De Porres
October 19, 2019 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
7467 Boyt RD Beaumont, TX

Rusty Metoyer & The Zydeco Krush
Brisco Lake Jazz Band & Surrounding Choirs

FREE ADMISSION

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

The feast of St. Therese, our patron saint is October 1st. We will celebrate the occasion on October 6, 2019.

We will began the nine consecutive days novena at 6:00 p.m. in the church, September 27, 2019, concluding on October 5, 2019. If anyone has any ideas to make this celebration a success, please email me, Cecilia Davis at, cardly48@hotmail.com, or call me at the number posted on the front of the bulletin.

May the blessing of God be with you.
Cecilia Davis