

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. 15, 2019 9:00 am Mass

Mon. Sept. 16, 8:00 a.m.

Tues. Sept. 17, 8:00 am & 5:30 p.m.

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

Wed. Sept. 18, 8:00 am

Thurs. Sept. 19, 8:00 am

Fri. Sept. 20, 8 am

Saturday, Sept. 21,
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: 25 Sunday: 57

Last Weekend Collection

Mail In	\$ 10.00
Ad Booklet	\$ 225.00
Donation	\$ 100.00
Loose	\$ 72.00
E-giving	\$ 200.00
Saturday	\$ 400.00
Sunday	\$ 2,015.00

Total Deposit \$ 3,022.

Expenses:

September Birthday List
Happy Birthday to::

Ryaisha Daughtery	2
Ursula Johnson	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: Fred & Peggy Green

Sun: Peggy Green, Sonja Popillion
Fred Green

LECTORS:

Saturday: **1st Rdr.:** Leo Jackson
2nd Rdr.: Felicia Richard

Sunday: **1st Rdr.:** Tina Kindle
2nd Rdr.: Cindy Hampton

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

ALTAR SERVER:

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

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday Russell Bottley & Richard Scott
Sunday: Mr. & Mrs. Adam Jacobs

St. Therese Catholic Church

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Pastoral Team:

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Office Hours

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

The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 15, 2019

“Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.”

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
Rose Davis, Vice Chairman	883-0762
Steven Allison, Secretary	313-0586
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Charlis D. Rogers	988-8719
Adam Jacobs	883-9688
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MAINTENANCE & GROUNDS

Joe Ware 886-5331

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Sanja Popillion (409) 670-0808

FINANCE COUNCIL

Janice Semien	883-7126
Robert Gobert	(504) 232-5640
Sheila Arnold	313-2062
Andre' Robertson	882-0012
Tina Kindle	238-4447

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Forgiveness

The forgiveness of God permeates every inch of today's liturgy. The forgiveness of God is the core of our faith. We survive because of it. Forgiveness sustains us like no other fare. It can't be categorized or understood in any logical way, for it is not logical for the all-perfect God to forgive us imperfect creatures. That is why forgiveness is a total tonic that restores all whom sin and failure have led astray. It restores our future to us and banishes all fear. It rescues us when we are lost.

FIRST READING: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19
SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 1:12-17 GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-32

Comment

The first reading seems to picture a fickle God, easily swayed by the pleading of a just man (Moses). In fact, God seems to come across as petty and rash, while Moses appears wise and judicious. A closer look at the reading, however, reveals more than the mind of Moses. It reveals the heart of God. And that heart is breaking, yet filled with forgiveness.

To understand the seriousness of the matter, we need to realize that God had only recently presented the Israelites with the Commandments, and here they are worshipping an idol. No wonder God is angry! Moses intercedes for the people with three arguments: first, he appeals to God's pride in *ownership* of the people; second, he appeals to God's honor; third, he appeals to God's fidelity. The point of these appeals is not to give us a blueprint to outwit a capricious God, but to demonstrate that no matter our sin and its grievousness, God *will* grant forgiveness. God's basic attitude toward us is forgiveness.

In his letter to Timothy, Paul uses himself—the great sinner—as an example of just how great is God's forgiveness. Finally, the three famous parables in today's Gospel combine to create a mural of God's forgiving love. Jesus tells his listeners that like a tidy housekeeper, a good shepherd, a prodigal father, God goes out of the way to recover the lost and to forgive. By pointing out that the woman leaves her nine silver pieces, that the shepherd leaves his ninety-nine sheep waiting, and the father leaves his elder son upset, Jesus is trying to help us understand that we must abandon a mercenary or parsimonious view of the Christian life. If God can be so generous, so forgiving, so loving to those we deem unworthy, we must act likewise.

Reflection

Since today's readings teach us many things, perhaps it's a good idea to try to focus on just one: obstinacy. The angry God we encounter in Exodus is upset because the people are so obdurate, so thick! They just don't get it. God has rescued them, fed them, led them, made covenant with them, and there they are bowing down before some bovine. The God we meet in the Letter to Timothy is the God who turned the stiff-necked Pharisee Saul/Paul's head once and for all. The God we meet in the Gospel acts contrary to conventional housekeeping, animal husbandry, and parental rights. This God is telling us not to be so thick, so stiff-necked, so tough on others. God forgives the Israelites even after they blatantly break the first law of the Decalogue. God forgives Paul even though he has ruthlessly persecuted the Christ. God forgives the repentant sinner, no matter how prodigal that forgiveness may seem to those who want to condemn. God forgives the stiff-necked, the obdurate, the thick, the sinner. Lucky for the stiff-necked, the obdurate, the thick, and the sinners. Lucky for us.

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 and your commitment to serving God's people. We look forward to the continued growth of our parish. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Shirley Ray or Fr. Donatus.

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.**

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

*****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, 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

*****Women's Conference*****

St. Francis of Assisi 2nd Annual women's Conference October 11th thru October 12th. Friday 6 pm- 8 pm and Saturday 8 am - 3 pm. Guest Speakers: Sr. Michaela Martinez & Sr. Marie Hanna, Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia, Nashville, TN.

Free Admission Love offering collection only. 4300 Meeks Dr. Orange, TX 409-883-9153 The Conference is open to all women of faith. (13 years and up)

*****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

*****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*****

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

*****ATTENTION EVERYONE*****

Parish Office hours are from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon & 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Tuesday through Thursday. If you contact the parish office and the lines are busy or there is no answer, please leave a detailed message and your call will be returned. Anything after 4:00 pm will be addressed the next business day. **If there is an emergency please contact Fr. Donatus, cell # (409) 454-3958.**



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