

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. 22, 2019 9:00 am Mass

Mon. Sept. 23, 8:00 a.m.

Tues. Sept. 24, 8:00 am & 5:30 p.m.

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

Wed. Sept. 25, 8:00 am

Thurs. Sept. 26, 8:00 am

Fri. Sept. 27, 8 am

Saturday, Sept. 28, 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: 53

Last Weekend Collection's , 2nd collection Infirm Priest

Mail In	\$ 120.00
In/Priest	\$ 174.00
comm/bklt	\$ 25.00
Loose	\$ 59.26
Saturday	\$ 638.00
Sunday	\$ 721.00

Total Deposit \$ 1,737.26

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: Mr. & Mrs. Walter Davis

Sun: Veronica Warren, Rose Bottley & Horace Broussard

LECTORS:

Saturday: **1st Rdr.:** Peggy Green
2nd Rdr.: Dayna Smith

Sunday: **1st Rdr.:** Peggy Green
2nd Rdr.: Freda Guillory

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

ALTAR SERVER:

Saturday: **Needed**

Sunday: **Needed**

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday Russell Bottley & Freda Guillory
Sunday: Dorothy Broussard & Gloria Richard

Expenses :
Plant & Maint. < \$ 224.87 >
Service contract < \$ 46.00 >
Phone < \$ 97.18 >

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Office Hours

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



The Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Prepare a full account of your stewardship ”

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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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Justice

The first and third readings of today's liturgy speak messages of justice. And their loudest message is that God alone is true justice. This is good news, but it is not comforting. Once again, the liturgy is challenging our comfort and complacency, our lukewarm ways, our sloppy stewardship.

FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8
SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-8 GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

Comment

Amos cared a lot. He lived in Israel sometime near but before 750 B.C., in a time of a growing prosperity that was achieved at the cost of the powerless poor. And Amos was blunt. He reminded the rich that he saw their greed. They could hardly bear to waste a day resting on the Sabbath, could hardly wait to measure grain using the illegal *ephah* measure. They could hardly wait to lighten the weight of the shekel, could hardly wait to weight the grain with chaff. Amos rages against such wholesale greed and promises that such injustice will not be forgotten in heaven. To make a buck is one thing, Amos is saying. To make it on the backs of the helpless is quite another. Such avarice harms both the greedy and the poor. Both are ground down and rendered impotent in their ability to seek and serve God. One is weighted by selfishness, the other crushed by poverty. Money or the desire for money then becomes an idol for both, turning both away from justice and from God.

In the second reading, Paul reminds us of our charge and duty to pray. Notice that Paul's roster of those who have a claim on our prayers is analogous to the form of our own general intercessions (prayers of the faithful) as found in the eucharistic liturgy. Paul, however, is not offering a format for liturgical prayer, but a call to more expansive prayer, prayer that should mark the daily life of Christians within and without the liturgy.

In the Gospel, Jesus describes the wholehearted effort of a crafty servant who sees "downsizing" heading his way. The wily fellow greases the skids, as it were, and through a series of fabrications creates his own golden parachute. Jesus finds him a marvel and puzzles over why such cleverness is limited to the world of commerce. Jesus wonders why those who seek a "position" in the reign of God lack such wit and wherewithal. Jesus commends the manager for being astute enough to use what was entrusted to him in a way that ensured his future. As Christians, we want to ensure our futures as well. Jesus is urging us to use what has been entrusted to us to do just that. But Jesus also urges us to recognize that the treasure we've been given stewardship over is not one that can be bartered away—only given away, given and shared freely with others, just as it has been given and shared freely with us.

It's important to note that the Gospel addresses the steward's ingenuity—his focused, farsighted, clever, unflinching plan. Likewise, it's also worth noting that in biblical times the manager of a household was often a slave who had earned his august role and who, if he guarded the owner's fortune, was pretty much free to wheel and deal, skim and connive. The crafty manager in today's reading did just that, winning in the bargain the loyalty and gratitude of the creditors and leaving his master's fortune intact.

Reflection

It seems that we who seek the kingdom of God in the company of our friends need to be as focused and as careful as the steward in today's Gospel story. We need to assess the gifts we have and then spend them thoughtfully. Our goal is not to secure wealth, but to secure life with God. The gifts we have are to be spent and shared where they will do the most good and where they will yield the most benefits.

Meeting

There will be a meeting Sunday, September 29th after the 9 am Mass for Family & Friends Committee. Everyone who is a part of this committee is asked to be in attendance. Please have all the necessary information you need for this meeting. Thanks in advance

CCD Classes

Parents/Guardians and student's, registration and staff meeting will be Saturday, September 28th at 10 am, classes will begin after the meeting.

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

Awesome*

When GOD wanted to create the fish, HE spoke to the sea, when GOD wanted to create the trees, HE spoke to the earth but when GOD wanted to create Man, HE spoke to Himself. Then GOD said, "Let US make Man in Our image, according to Our likeness.

If you Take a fish out of the water, it will die and when you take a tree off the ground, it will also die. Similarly, when Man is disconnected from GOD, he dies. GOD is our natural environment. We were created to live in HIS presence. We must be connected to HIM because only in HIM there is Life. STAY CONNECTED TO God. Remember... GOD without Man is still GOD but Man without GOD is Nothing.

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 contact Cecilia Davis the number posted on the front of the bulletin.

May the blessing of God be with you.
 Cecilia Davis

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' people, as we look forward to the continued growth of our parish.

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

BINGO

ST. Therese Bingo will be held Sunday, October 20th at the St. Therese Life Center, doors open at 2 pm and the games will begin at 3 pm. Everyone 18 years and older is invited to participate and please invite your friends and relatives, come out and join the fun. We will also have concessions.

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 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.**