

MASS INTENTIONS

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Nov. 03, 2019 9:00 am Mass
Jacobs and Monroe Families
 requested by *Mary J. J. Monroe*

Mon. Nov. 04, 8:00 a.m.

Tues. Nov. 05, 8:00 am & 5:30 p.m.
Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 6:00 p.m. prayer through
Patron St. Therese

Wed. Nov. 06, 8:00 am

Thurs. Nov. 07, 8:00 am

Fri. Nov. 08, 8 am

Saturday, Nov. 09,
 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: Sunday:

Last Weekend Collection

Mail In	\$ 20.00
Donations	\$ 675.00
Gospel Extrav	\$ 355.25
TV fundraiser	\$ 2,292.00
BINGO	\$ 957.00
Loose	\$ 88.00
Saturday	\$ 175.00
Sunday	\$ 710.00

Total Deposit \$ 5,272.25

November Birthday List
 Happy Birthday to:~

Rose Bottley	6
Archange Cexar, Jr	10
Earnett Mitchell	11
Deacon Julian Richard	12
Mormon Richard	12
Antoine Warnell	14
Pat Roberts	15
Beverly Stewart	21
Gary Mims	22
Kevin Hebert	23
Edmayia Riggs	24
Ina Chavis	26
Phyllis Thibodeaux	28
Patricia Blair-Wilks	29

Happy Anniversary

Clifton & Felicia Richards	12th
Marvin & Cindy Hampton	24th

MINISTERS SERVING NEXT WEEKEND HOSPITALITY

Sat: Walter Davis & Richard Scott

Sun: *KPC Bro. KPC La*
 Fred Green Coretta Ambers
 Emmanuel Taylor Rose Bottley

LECTORS:

Saturday: *1st Rdr.:* Richelle Roberts
2nd Rdr.: Veronica Warren

Sunday: *1st Rdr.:* *KPC Bro.*
 Horace Broussard
2nd Rdr.: *KPC La* Peggy Green

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

ALTAR SERVER:

Saturday: *Needed*

Sunday: *Needed*

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday: Freda Guillory & Dorothy Broussard

Sunday: *KPC Bro.* Albert Hebert & *KPC La.* Gloria Richard

Expenses:

<i>Administration</i>	<\$ 2,307.54>
<i>Liturgy</i>	<\$ 582.05>
<i>Youth</i>	<\$ 125.00>
<i>Entergy</i>	<\$ 887.94>
<i>Spectrum</i>	<\$ 83.97>
<i>Social Event</i>	<\$399.00>

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

The 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
 November 3, 2019

“Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house”

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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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Long Memory

Each Sunday's readings bring us back to the source of our very soul. Those things we would like to forget, but must not, are set before us. Those things we delight in remembering are also called to mind. These deepest and richest memories are vital to our individual and shared life, for as Yogi Berra once so piquantly reminded us, "Someday it won't hurt to remember stuff like this."

FIRST READING: Wisdom 11:22 — 12:1 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 1:11 — 2:2 GOSPEL: Luke 19:1-10

Comment

The Book of Wisdom was written by faithful Hellenized Jews living in Alexandria, Egypt. The original text, written in Greek in the last century B.C., has never been included in the Hebrew canon of Sacred Scripture. Alexandria was the center of culture and learning in the Mediterranean area. Many Jews who fled Israel settled in this vibrant, intellectually stimulating city. Here they rubbed elbows with cosmopolitan, individualistic, skeptical people who were impatient with the old ways. The Book of Wisdom took up the challenge of explaining and defending the history and traditions of Israel. The leaders and scholars of Israel did not think it necessary to jettison their faith for the newest scientific discovery or religious theory. They were not baffled or threatened by new learning; they did not curl up and die or whine or complain.

The first reading today responds to the scientists who were uncovering the mysteries of the physical world and to philosophers who were busily dividing the world into a warring dualism between principles of good and evil. Against this trendy new (but old) dualism, we learn of a transcendent creator God of the whole universe who loves "all things that are" and holds everything in existence.

When Zacchaeus scrambled up the sycamore tree, he had long since given up on a God who kept him in existence. Zacchaeus used all the skill and cunning he possessed not only to keep himself in existence, but to prosper financially. He laughed all the way to the bank and didn't care much about incurring the enmity of the poor, who didn't count for much anyway. Zacchaeus seemed far from God, far from the wisdom of Israel. Not much got by Zacchaeus; all his antennae were out. He was curious to see what this Jesus was like and, ever resourceful, he shinned up the tree, where he could easily see Jesus make his way down the road. And Jesus could easily see him—could see him through and through, in fact, and ripe for the picking. So Jesus invited himself to Zacchaeus' house. Delighted, Zacchaeus rose to his full stature, and suddenly and newly self-conscious, defended himself and Jesus from the murmurs of the crowd, which couldn't decide which was worse, Jesus dining with sinners or Zacchaeus identified as one.

Reflection

Zacchaeus is anxious to balance his accounts and get over to the credit side as quickly as possible. His spirited self-defense is accompanied by a promise of amendment. This draws from Jesus a statement not unlike that from today's first reading. Zacchaeus, who receives Jesus into his house, is himself the recipient of salvation. The God who loves all things, hates nothing, and spares all things is the God of Abraham and of this son of Abraham, who this day is "coming home." Zacchaeus, who long ago had given up searching for God's salvation, receives it from the God who searched for him and comes this day to his house for dinner.

After Zacchaeus has spent the better part of his adult life cheating justice, he learns about mercy. His *modus operandi* is completely reversed this day. For the rest of his life, he will live as a person sought and found and saved by a God who is anxious for his soul.

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

Jalen Adam Chambers
George Davis
Mable Durio
Margaret Green
Andrew Hayes
Ronald Hebert
Junior Henderson
Gail Jefferson
Stacy Johnson
Lucy Nell Mitchell
Ruby Milton
John T. Nelson
Clayona Pillette
John Richard, Sr.
Claudine Riggs
Janice Semien
Mary Ware
Joe Ware
John Warren

Family & Friends Weekend !!

On behalf of St. Therese Family & Friends team, it has been an honor and a privilege to share our faith with loved ones and strangers alike, reaching out and proclaiming the message of God and we look forward to a memorable time each year praising God and to fellowship with one another. The Gospel Extravaganza and St. Therese Family and Friends Day has been great as it is because of everyone building God's kingdom together.

THANK YOU ALL so much. Gratitude is one of the most powerful human emotions, because it not only enables us to appreciate what we already have, but also helps to attract new blessings into our lives. We cannot express our appreciation enough to all those who have made this event a success. Most importantly, the many family and friends who came out to support this occasion. All your hard work and contributions are recognized.

Thank You

Thank you to Freda Guillory who donated Sacred lien Cloths and to Mr. & Mrs. Walter Davis for their Donations of material for the liturgy. Your generosity is heartfelt.

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

BINGO

Scared Heart, Port Arthur will be having BINGO November 3rd, doors open at 2pm games begin at 3 pm, 911 Lincoln Ave Port Arthur, TX. Thank you for your support

Commemorative Booklets

There are commemorative booklets available for purchase. For all those that are interested please contact Ms. Ina Chavis or the parish office. \$5. donation per copy

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.**