

**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. 24, 2019 9:00 am Mass**

Mon. Nov. 25, 8:00 a.m.

**Tues. Nov. 26, 8:00 am & 5:30 p.m.**  
**Elvina Mims requested by Gary Mims**  
**Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**6:00 p.m prayer through Patron St. Therese**

Wed. Nov. 27, 8:00 am

**Dylinda Mims requested by Gary Mims**  
**Thanksgiving Day Nov. 28, 8:00 am**  
**Gary Mims Jr. requested by Gary Mims**

Fri. Nov. 29, 8 am

**Adrain Mims requested by Gary Mims**

Saturday, Nov. 30,  
**Alma Thibodeaux**  
*requested by Paul Thibodeaux*  
 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).

**READINGS FOR THIS WEEK**

**Sun. Nov. 24 - 2 Sm 5:1-3 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 Col 1:12-20 Mk 11:9, 10 Lk 23:35-43**

**Mon. Nov. 25 - Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 Mt 24:42a, 44 Lk 21:1-4**

**Tues. Nov. 26 - Dn 2:31-45 Daniel 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 Rv 2:10c Lk 21:5-11**

**Wed. Nov. 27 - Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 Daniel 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 Rv 2:10c Lk 21:12-19**

**Thanksgiving Day. Nov. 28 - Sirach 50:22-24 Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 1 Cor 1:3-9**

**Fri. Nov. 29 - DN 7:2-14 DN 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81 LK 21:28 LK 21:29-33**

**Sat. Nov. 30 - ROM 10:9-18 PS 19:8, 9, 10, 11 MT 4:19 MT 4:18-22**

**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	\$ 202.00
Loose	\$ 36.00
Saturday	\$ 340.00
Sunday	\$ 1,111.00

**Total Deposit \$ 1,689.00**

**Expenses:**

**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 & THANKSGIVING DAY**  
**HOSPITALITY**

Sat: Richard Scott & Walter Davis  
**Thanksgiving Day: Fred & Peggy Green, Rose Bottley & Horace Broussard**  
 Sun: S. Popillion, Dorothy Jacobs, Fred Green & Elizabeth Mitchell

**LECTORS:**

Sat: **1st Rdr.:** Veronica Warren  
**2nd Rdr.:** Peggy Green  
**Thanksgiving: 1st Rdr.:** Gary Mims  
**2nd Rdr.:** Cindy Hampton  
 Sun: **1st Rdr.:** Eva Platt  
**2nd Rdr.:** Earnett Mitchell

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

**ALTAR SERVER:**

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

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:**

Saturday Freda Guillory & Russell Bottley  
**Thanksgiving:** Paul Thibodeaux & Gloria Richard  
 Sunday: Dorothy Broussard & Paul Thibodeaux



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 Deacon Hazen Kenney (512) 791-0847

**Office Hours**

**Tuesday thru Friday**  
**9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**  
**1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**



*The Last Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,**  
**KING OF THE UNIVERSE**  
**November 24, 2019**

**“The Lord will reign for ever”**

**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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Sanja Popillion (409) 670-0808

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# OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING

## Power

Some power derives from raw physical force, like the power of a Plains tornado. The brunt of this power is to be feared and avoided at all cost. Some power derives from inner strength; it persuades, convinces, gathers. We do not speak of the “brunt” of this power, for it is enfolding and without harsh edges. Jesus possessed this kind of power. He spoke and acted with an authority the world has not yet gotten over and cannot do without.

**FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 5:1-3    RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5**

**SECOND READING: Colossians 1:12-20    GOSPEL: Luke 23:35-43**

## Comment

Jesus is a descendant of the second and greatest king of Israel, David. The first reading reminds us of this royal lineage. David inherited a divided kingdom. In today’s reading, he is anointed by the elders of the northern kingdom, Israel. He had already been anointed in the southern kingdom, Judah.

This man, the Lord’s anointed, would restore the two kingdoms’ faithfulness to their one God. He would bring them back to their former glory, lost during the irresponsible and troubled leadership of Saul.

David would go on to move the capital from Hebron to Jerusalem, and his power would express itself in relative peace and solidarity. His reign is a high point in the history of God’s people. However, in the centuries that followed, the kingdoms would finally divide. The people would be exiled to Babylon. They would return and rebuild, only to be conquered again by the Greeks and, finally, the Romans.

Then in the fullness of time in the town of David, a child would be born. And in Jerusalem some thirty-odd years later, that child would be crucified and above his head the inscription would read, “This is the king of the Jews.” This mocking inscription was allowed, and it was reported in Luke’s Gospel, which we read today.

## Reflection

We might ask, why this difficult Gospel? Is this the Church’s idea of saving the best story until last? Here is God’s chosen one, right here, stretched between heaven and earth. He is surrounded by second-rate rulers who jeer and swagger so knowingly. And here is one criminal who wants to get off easy, a con man to the last. And here is the other, the unnamed one, the one who uses the precious little energy and time he has left to seek repentance. What does he see in Jesus?

Apparently, he sees a king, a Messiah, a righteous one. The thief stands in sharp contrast to rest of the hangers-on Luke mentions. The thief asks to share in the reign of God, a reign that is not geographical. Jesus spoke about this earlier in his public life: “The coming of the kingdom of God cannot be observed, and no one will announce, ‘Look, here it is,’ or, ‘There it is.’ For behold, the kingdom of God is among you.” (Luke 17:20-21) This unlikely place is not God-forsaken—just the opposite. It is God’s power manifest, and the thief is the first to see it. He is already home. “This day” he is in paradise, the place of the just.

One cannot get any more inclusive than this. The one outside the walls of Jerusalem, outside the civic laws of Rome, presumably without friend or family, is offered a share in royalty. The all-inclusiveness of Jesus’ pardon of this man tells us what we need to know about the dimensions of the reign of God. The story of the convict made “good” offers us a clear picture of the kind of king Jesus Christ is.

## 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

To all our sick and homebound THANK YOU so much for your unwavering commitment and contributions to our parish. To better serve everyone Fr. Donatus is available to visit ALL parishioners at the appointed time. However, Fr. Donatus has reserved the Forth Friday of the month for the homebound.

## \*\*\*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



## \*\*\*ATTENTION EVERYONE\*\*\*

Parish Office hours are from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon & 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Tuesday through Friday. When contacting the parish office the lines may be busy, if so, 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. Thanks in advance**

## 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

## 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.

## 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.**