

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, Dec. 01, 2019 9:00 am Mass
Jacobs and Monroe Families
 requested by *Mary J. J. Monroe*

Mon. Dec. 02, 8:00 a.m.

Tues. Dec. 03, 8:00 am & 5:30 p.m.
Paul Thibodeaux
 requested by *Paul Thibodeaux*

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

Wed. Dec. 04, 8:00 am
Hazel Thomas Barber
 requested by *Cindy Hampton*

Thurs. Dec. 05, 8:00 am
Charles Adley Thomas
 requested by *Cindy Hampton*

Fri. Dec. 06, 8 am
Sidney Gus
 requested by *Cindy Hampton*

Saturday, Dec. 07,
Sidney Anthony Gus
 requested by *Cindy Hampton*
 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. Dec. 1 - Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-9
 Rom 13:11-14 Cf. Ps 85:8 Mt 24:37-44

Mon. Dec. 2 - Is 4:2-6 Ps 122:1-9
 See Ps 80:4 Mt 8:5-11

Tues. Dec. 3 - Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2,
 7-8, 12-13, 17 Lk 10:21-24

Wed. Dec. 4 - Rom 10:9-18 Ps 19:8-11
 Mt 4:18-22

Thurs. Dec. 5 - Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1,8
 -9, 19-21, 25-27a Is 55:6 Mt 7:21, 24-27

Fri. Dec. 6 - Is 29:17-24 Ps 27:1, 4,
 13-14 Mt 9:27-31

Sat. Dec. 7 - Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps
 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Is 33:22 Mt 9:35-

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: 42 Sunday: 62

Last Weekend Collection's 2nd col/ Catholic Campaign for Human Devel

Mail In	\$ 60.00
2nd collection	\$ 101.00
Loose	\$ 89.00
Saturday	\$ 615.00
Sunday	\$1,732.00

Total Deposit \$ 2,597.00

December Birthday List
 Happy Birthday to::

Draven Platt	1
Eva Platt	3
Sonja Popillion	4
Betty Odom	5
Courtney Chavis	6
Debra Henderson	11
Lawrence DeLarue	12
Jordan Richard	13
Shirley Cezar	14
Ashton Spearman	17
Zederick Cezar	19
Mary Crossley	21
Lucy Jones	22
Rosie Scott	23
Mary Rigsby	28
Brushelle Scott	28
Russell Bottley	29

Happy Anniversary

Andre & Lanier Robertson	8th
Richard & Brushelle Scott	8th
Herman & Mona Richard	10th

MINISTERS SERVING NEXT WEEKEND HOSPITALITY

Sat:

Sun:

LECTORS:

Saturday: *1st Rdr.:*
2nd Rdr.:

Sunday: *1st Rdr.:*
2nd Rdr.:

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

ALTAR SERVER:

Saturday: *Needed*
 Sunday: *Needed*

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday
 Sunday:

Expenses:

- Center Point Energy** <\$ 155.76>
- Administration** <\$ 568.11>
- City of Orange** <\$ 377.22>
- Time Warner** <\$ 159.97>
- Spectrum** <\$ 75.02>



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Office Hours

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



The 1st Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2019

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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

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Where We Are

A common sense saying reminds us that wherever we find ourselves, there we are. We tend not to believe this, of course, much less act on it. When we are in trouble or anguish we ignore it or wish our way out of it. When we are on the bus, we think about the office. When we are at our computer, we think about the evening commute. We barely enter Advent, and our heads are full of Christmas plans. This Sunday we are asked to be where we are as we light a single bright candle to break up the darkness. We are asked to consider God's salvation, which dawns on us right here where we are.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14 GOSPEL: Matthew 24:37-44

New Christmas Tradition

Beginning December 1st read one chapter of the book of **Luke** in the Bible each day.
There are 24 chapters.

On Christmas Eve you will have read an entire account of Jesus's Life and wake up Christmas morning knowing WHO and WHY we celebrate Christmas!

- 1st day; chapter 1, Announcement of the Birth of John
- 2nd day; chapter 2, The Birth of Jesus
- 3rd day; chapter 3, The Preaching of John the Baptist
- 4th day; chapter 4; The Temptation of Jesus
- 5th day; chapter 5, The Call of Simon the Fisherman
- 6th day; chapter 6, Debates About the Sabbath
- 7th day; chapter 7, The Healing of a Centurion's Slave
- 8th day; chapter 8, Galilean Women follow Jesus
- 9th day; chapter 9, The Mission of the Twelve
- 10th day; chapter 10, The Mission of the Seventy-two
- 11th day; chapter 11, The Lord's Prayer
- 12th day; chapter 12, The Leaven of the Pharisees
- 13th day; chapter 13, A Call to Repentance
- 14th day; chapter 14, Healing of the Man with Dropsy on the Sabbath
- 15th day; chapter 15, The Parable of the Lost Sheep
- 16th day; chapter 16, The Parable of the Dishonest Steward
- 17th day; chapter 17, Temptations to Sin
- 18th day; chapter 18, The Parable of the Persistent Widow
- 19th day; chapter 19, Zacchaeus the Tax Collector
- 20th day; chapter 20, The Authority of Jesus Questioned
- 21st day; chapter 21, The Poor Widow's Contribution
- 22nd day; chapter 22, The Conspiracy Against Jesus
- 23rd day; chapter 23, Jesus Before Pilate
- 24th day; chapter 24, The Resurrection of Jesus

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



A Reading from the homilies attributed to St. Macarius

Woe to the soul which has not Christ dwelling in it

As once God was angry with the Jews and gave Jerusalem over for a spectacle to its enemies, and as those who hated them ruled over them and there was no longer there any feast or sacrifice, so, being angry with the soul for its transgression of his command, God handed it over to its enemies, who seduced it and utterly deformed it.

Just as a house which has no master dwelling in it is dark, neglected and despised, and is filled with dirt and filth, so a soul which does not have its Lord feasting in it with his angels is filled with the darkness of sin, the shame of passions and every sort of disgrace.

Alas for the street in which no one walks, in which the voice of man is not heard; it is a lurking place for wild beasts. Alas for the soul in which the Lord does not walk and put to flight by his voice the spiritual beasts of wickedness. Alas for the house in which its master does not dwell. Alas for the land which has no farmer to till it. Alas for the ship which has been abandoned by its steersman: it is tossed about by the winds and waves of the ocean, and perishes. Alas for the soul which does not have its true steersman Christ in it; it lives in the bitter darkness of the sea and is tossed by the waves of passions. It is buffeted by the wicked spirits as by winter tempests, and finally comes to destruction.

Alas for the soul which is without Christ to cultivate it so that it will bring forth the fruits of the Spirit. When it is deserted it becomes full of thorns and thistles, and thistles, and finally, its harvest is not one of fruit but of destruction by fire. Alas for the soul which has not Christ for its Lord dwelling in it, for when it is deserted and filled with the stench of passions it becomes a den of vice.

When a farmer sets out to till the ground he has to take proper tools and clothing for work in the fields: so when Christ, the heavenly king and the true husbandman, came to humanity laid waste by sin, he clothed himself in a body and carried the cross as his implement and cultivated the deserted soul. He pulled up the thrones and thistles of evil spirits and tore up the weeds of sin. With the wooden plough of his cross, he planted in it a lovely garden which brings forth for God as its master the sweetest and most delightful fruits of every sort.

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: \$8,570.

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's 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