

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. 15, 2019 9:00 am Mass**
E'Remious Daniel Gus
requested by Cindy Hampton
- Mon. Dec. 16, 8:00 a.m.
- Tues. Dec. 17, 8:00 am & 5:30 p.m.**
Howard Guillory
requested by Freda Guillory
Exposition & Adoration
of the Blessed Sacrament
6:00 p.m. prayer through
Patron St. Therese
- Wed. Dec. 18, 8:00 am
Mary Lee Thomas
requested by Freda Guillory
- Thurs. Dec. 19, 8:00 am
- Fri. Dec. 20, 8 am
- Saturday, Dec. 21,
Mary Selma Crossley
requested by Cecilia Davis
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. 15 -** Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10 Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11
- Mon. Dec. 16 -** NM 24:2-7, 15-17A PS 25:4-5AB, 6 AND 7BC, 8-9 PS 85:8 MT 21:23-27
- Tues. Dec. 17 -** Gn 49:2, 8-10 Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17 Mt 1:1-17
- Wed. Dec. 18 -** JER 23:5-8 PS 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 MT 1:18-25
- Thurs. Dec. 19 -** JGS 13:2-7, 24-25A PS 71:3-4A, 5-6AB, 16-17 LK 1:5-25
- Fri. Dec. 20 -** IS 7:10-14 PS 24:1-2, 3-4AB, 5-6 LK 1:26-38
- Sat. Dec. 21 -** SG 2:8-14 or ZEP 3:14 -18A PS 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 LK 1:39-45

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: 28 Sunday: 51

Weekend Offertory & 2nd collection Religious Retirement Fund

Mail In	\$ 166.00
E-Giving	\$ 200.00
Ret. Fund	\$ 65.00
reimburse	\$ 379.10
Loose	\$ 96.00
Saturday	\$ 1,355.00
Sunday	\$ 1,239.00

Total Deposit \$ 3,500.10

December Birthday List
Happy Birthday to::

Draven Platt	1
Eva Platt	3
Sonja Popillion	4
Betty Odum	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: Mr. & Mrs. Walter Davis
- Sun: Aliyah Gus, Josiah Colbert, Ar'Laisha Sweet, Chris Matthews

LECTORS:

- Saturday: **1st Rdr.:** Gary Mims
2nd Rdr.: Felicia Richard
- Sunday: **1st Rdr.:** Jo'Nire Pete
2nd Rdr.: Alexandria Gamble

Announcements: Tony Williams
Gifts: E'Retrious Gus & Aria Washington

ALTAR SERVER:

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

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

- Saturday: Richard Scott & Russell Bottley
- Sunday: Mr. & Mrs. Lester Popillion

Expenses:

- Administration** <\$ 390.00>
- Plant & Maint.** <\$ 79.21>
- Liturgy** <\$ 61.47>
- Service contract** <\$ 106.92>



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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 3rd Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2019

“John heard in prison of the works of the Christ and sent his disciples to Jesus”

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
Cecilia Davis	920-1136
Rose Bottley	886-1525
Charlis D. Rogers	988-8719
Adam Jacobs	883-9688
Albert Hebert III	746-2627

MAINTENANCE & GROUNDS

Joe Ware 886-5331

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Looking Forward

Children look forward to Christmas, teens look forward to the winter break, adults look forward to a time of relaxation—a weekend, a quiet evening. By this time in Advent, Christmas looms even closer and anticipation intensifies as we count off the days. Christmas is at most two weeks away. On this *Gaudete* Sunday we rejoice. We can hardly wait, and the joy spills over. *Gaudete!*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:1–6a, 10 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 146:6–7, 8–9, 9–10
SECOND READING: James 5:7–10 GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2–11

Comment

This day the church rejoices in the coming of the Lord, which is assured, yet we need to be reminded of how it looks and what it requires of us. The coming of the Lord is filled with abundance and looks most inviting; yet the coming of the Lord costs something as well.

Just ask Isaiah. He continues to speak of the wonders of the Lord’s coming, but he speaks this to a weary people who must face the daunting task of rebuilding a new life together in a ravaged and war-torn land. The cost of the coming of the Lord is the work we are called to do to build up God’s reign. Nevertheless, Isaiah speaks of a healing time for body and spirit.

Isaiah’s description of healing and fullness finds its way into today’s Gospel. The Lord who was to come has now appeared, and the miracles of wholeness and health and renewed life are signs of a new order. With the arrival of Jesus, the “Messianic Kingdom” of which Isaiah spoke with such passion has come to pass.

Reflection

In Jesus, the work of John the Baptist and all of Israel’s prophets before him has come to fulfillment. The reign of God is ushered in by this last prophet. John’s vocation as prophet, though great, is dwarfed by his membership in the new dispensation, the new order, the reign of God. This membership, says Jesus, is available to each and every one who recognizes it.

We will know the reign of God is fully here when the human spirit breathes free, the shackles of fear are broken, the shadows of sin are dispersed, the weak are strengthened, hearts are healed, and the desert of the human spirit blooms. This reign of God does not happen *to* us; it happens *in* us and in the world, and it comes slowly and surely.

The second reading today counsels patience, the kind of patience the farmers exercise as they await the fall and spring rains. One season of rain must provide subsoil moisture—it must run deep. The other rains provide the top dressing, the moisture for germinating the planted seed. Farmers cannot hurry the rains. They can only await them in hope. So it is for us now. We wait in hope. But today our joy runs deep and it spills over. *Gaudete!*

ATTENTION EVERYONE

To the members of this parish, if you have not made your BFA payments the time is now do so, all monies should be turned in by the 15th of December, if not we take a chance of not meeting our goal. The Diocese of Beaumont Chancery will be closed beginning December 23rd and we will return on January 2nd.

Attention

This Sunday, December 15, is our BINGO fundraiser the doors open at 2pm and the games will begin at 3 pm. All proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to further our parish goals. We are asking all available persons to come out to work and support with BINGO please.

Celebration

On Sunday December 22nd everyone is invited to come out and celebrate the time Deacon Kenney and his family has spent with this parish. Deacon and Mrs. Kenney will be moving from this area. The celebration will be in the life center after the 9 am Mass. If anyone would like to assist with the preparations, please contact Gary Mims.

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



Holiday Ministers

Christmas Eve: 7pm Caroling / 8 pm Mass
12.24.2019 1st reader: Peggy Green
 2nd reader: Mona Richard

Ministers of Commun.: Albert Hebert & Gloria Richard

Hospitality: Fred Green, Coretta Ambers, Rose Bottley & Veronica Warren

Christmas Day 9 am Mass
12.25.2019 1st reader: Freda Guillory
 2nd reader: Earnette Mitchell

Ministers of Commun.: Dorothy Broussard & Paul Thibeaux

Hospitality: Horace Broussard, Sanja Popillion & Emmanuel Taylor

New Year’s Eve 7pm Caroling / 8 pm Mass
12.31.2019 1st reader: Leo Jackson
 2nd reader: Eva Platt

Ministers of Commun.: Mr. & Mrs. Lester Popillion

Hospitality: Mr. & Mrs. Walter Davis & Richard Scott

New Year’s Day: 8 am Mass
01.01.2020 1st reader: Gary Mims
 2nd reader: Tina Kindle

Ministers of Commun.: Freda Guillory & Shirley Ray

Hospitality: Fred Green, Rose Bottley, Coretta Ambers & Dorothy Jacobs

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 Counters

All Offertory Counters is asked to sign and turn in their confidentiality and nondisclosure agreement and their background questionnaire forms as required by the Diocese of Beaumont. If you are having problems with your form or you have misplaced it, please inform the parish office or visit the Diocesan website Temporalities Manual for a copy of the form to resolve this matter. All background checks are to begin at the coming year.

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.**

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jalen Adam Chambers
 Mable Durio
 Margaret Green
 Ronald Hebert
 Junior Henderson
 Gail Jefferson
 Stacy Johnson
 Lucy Nell Mitchell
 Ruby Milton
 John T. Nelson
 Clayona Pillette
 John Richard, Sr.
 Claudine Riggs

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.