

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, Jan. 12, 2019 9:00 am Mass

Monday, Jan. 13, No Mass

Tues. Jan. 14, 5:30 p.m.
Exposition & Adoration
of the Blessed Sacrament

Wed. Jan. 15, 8:00 am
Communion Service

Thurs. Jan. 16, 8:00 am
Communion Service

Fri. Jan. 17, 8 am
Communion Service

Saturday, Jan. 18,
3:20 - 3:55 Reconciliation

Richard J. Guillory
requested by Freda Guillory
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 - Adam Jacobs / Dorothy Jacobs

Bereavement Committee - Rose Bottley

Donut Sunday's - Freda Guillory

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

Maintenance - Joseph Ware Sr.

Mission & Retreat - Cecilia Davis

Music Director - Leo Jackson
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

Youth - Felicia Richard

Stewardship - Gary Mims

Attendance last Weekend
Saturday: 36 Sunday: 50

Last Weekend Collection

Mail In	\$ 120.00
Donations	\$ 125.00
Loose	\$ 67.00
missal/reimbur	\$ 45.00
Saturday	\$ 328.00
Sunday	\$ 1,433.00

Total Deposit \$ 2,118.00

**January Birthday List
Happy Birthday to:**

Jace Robertson	1
Christina Edwards	3
D'Ana Williams	5
Ryan Robertson	5
Cynthia Rogers	6
Freda Guillory	7
Marvin Hampton	8
Joe Ware Sr.	12
Willie Olivier	18
O'Ril Guillory	18
Horace Broussard III	18
Coretta Ambers	24
Reginald Antoine	24
Ariel Anderson	25
David Feathers	28

Happy Anniversary

Adam & Dorothy Jacobs	8th
John & Cecelia Judge	16th

**MINISTERS SERVING
NEXT WEEKEND
HOSPITALITY**

Sat: Mr. & Mrs. Walter Davis

Sun: Peggy Green, Coretta Ambers,
Emmanuel Taylor & Horace Broussard,

LECTORS:

Saturday: 1st Rdr.: Felicia Richard
2nd Rdr.: Dayna Smith

Sunday: 1st Rdr.: Freda Guillory
2nd Rdr.: Earnett Mitchell

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

ALTAR SERVER:

Saturday: Needed
Sunday: Needed

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday Paul Thibodeaux &
Richard Scott
Sunday: Mr. & Mrs. Adam Jacobs

Expenses:

OSV Supply <\$ 309.67>
Admin phone & Inter <\$ 234.99>
Center Point <\$ 182.41>
Energy <\$ 991.68>
City of Orange <\$ 737.>

St. Therese Catholic Church

Established in 1924; Served by The Missionary Society of St. Paul from Nigeria since 2000

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Pastoral Team:

Rev. Donatus Mgbeajuo, MSP

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Deacon Julian Richard (409) 221-2743

Office Hours
Tuesday thru Friday
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Lunch 12-1:00 pm



**SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE
OF CHRISTMAS - YEAR A
January 12, 2020**

"The Baptism of the Lord"

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

Joseph Ware Sr. (409) 886-5331

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sonja Popillion (409) 670-0808

FINANCE COUNCIL

Janice Semien	883-7126
Tina Kindle	238-4447
Sheila Arnold	313-2062
Andre' Robertson	882-0012

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Manifestation

The quiet expectation of Advent and its fulfillment in the Incarnation are open to the entire universe on this feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The beloved One over whom the single star and angels hovered and whom shepherds and magi honored, now walks to the banks of the River Jordan. His public and saving ministry begins. This is the second “epiphany,” or manifestation, of the gift of God’s Son. Again the heavens open and a servant and beloved Son is presented to us.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1–4, 6–7 **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 29:1–2, 3–4, 3, 9–10
SECOND READING: Acts 10:34–38 **GOSPEL:** Matthew 3:13–17

Comment

In the first reading we are addressed directly. We are told of the chosen one of God. He is described as a person full of compassionate tenderness beyond imagining. Then the point of view switches, and we become the audience while the chosen one is addressed: “I have called you ... grasped you by the hand ... formed you ... set you as a covenant.”

When Isaiah first spoke, this beloved servant was without a name. Nonetheless, the chosen and beloved one had a mission to act on our behalf, freeing us from blindness and the various prisons we seem to build for ourselves. The beloved servant will obliterate the darkness we create. His compassion will be limitless. That is what Isaiah tells us on this day. His prophecy leads us directly to the banks of the River Jordan, where we identify the beloved servant at the beginning of his mission.

Jesus comes down to the Jordan River’s edge. He submits to a baptism of repentance. He identifies with sinners, an act that stuns John the Baptizer, whose protest is overruled by Jesus. Thus Jesus accedes to the demands of God. This act of submission is rewarded when the skies open wide and heaven reaches down to earth as Jesus arises from the water. Here is God’s beloved Son; here is the one on whom God’s favor rests. Here before us is the servant of whom Isaiah once sang.

On the banks of the Jordan the Father reigns on high; the descending Spirit appears in the form of a dove; the Son ascends from the water to begin his mission. Over the waters of the Jordan River, the writer of the fourth Gospel sets forth a Trinitarian vision. In its credo and proclamation and art, the Church has forever after proclaimed this faith.

This is a gentle, firm epiphany, or manifestation, of God. Jesus began his public life identifying with us and being identified by his Father. This Son of Mary is God’s own beloved Son. Here, too, is a full manifestation of the Incarnation.

Reflection

The Church’s celebration of the Baptism of the Lord brings our meditation on the Incarnation to an end. This Sunday our attention is gently, firmly shifted from the intimacy of the birth of Christ to the universality of salvation. The name, Jesus, means “the Lord saves.” At the Annunciation, Mary was told that her child’s name would be Jesus, because he would save the people from their sins. On the feast of the Epiphany, the small child of little Bethlehem is introduced to the world in the persons of the magi. On this Sunday we are introduced to the compassionate Savior. He is the beloved one on whom the Father’s favor rests. He is also the one whose compassion goes to the great lengths described by Isaiah. He will not break the bruised reed nor quench the smoldering wick.

The second reading sends us off in a worldwide direction. Peter is called to the home of Cornelius the Gentile centurion, a God-fearing and generous man. Until this time, Peter is concerned with preaching to his fellow citizens—the Jews in Palestine. He has not yet grasped the meaning of universal salvation. But the Holy Spirit is ahead of Peter. And in the second reading we see the spread of the light that dawned at Christmas. God shows no partiality, and Jesus is Lord of all, Jew and Gentile alike. Peter recalls the anointing of the Holy Spirit that marked the beginning of Jesus’ ministry. That same Spirit is present in the household of Cornelius, and he and his whole household are baptized.

This is the first recorded baptism of a Gentile in the New Testament. The fledgling Church struggled for some time before it was fully able to welcome Gentiles into the fold. This Spirit-driven decision had to overcome human reticence, and it was through the strenuous, passionate efforts of Paul that the Spirit had its way. Today, we have a universal Church—one that reaches to the ends of the earth.

PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Mary Brown	Hollis Fain	Mark Mitchell Jr.
David J. Carey	Joe B. Forward	James Mims
Courtney Chavis	Ella Mae Garrett	Westley Popillion
Florence Craig	Mary Gray	Mormon Richard
Therese Ferguson	Beatrice Guillory	Alma C Thibodeaux



PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

Attention Parish Council & Coordinator Members

There will be a parish Council meeting Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the Education Building, on Thursday, January 30, 2020 at 6:00 pm there will be a Coordinators meeting in the Education Building. All individuals on both committees are asked to be in attendance.

Attention Everyone

Sonja Popillion, Director of Religious Education and Chris Ward, Multi-parish Youth Minister with the Diocese of Beaumont will have CCD class after the Sunday 9 am Mass in the Life Center, all Youth is expected to be in attendance. Parishioners are asked to fellowship in the education building. Thanks

Thank You All

On behalf of St. Therese Parish family, we would like to express our most sincere gratitude to Fr. Tino, Fr. Jacobs and Fr. Leonard for celebrating the Masses during Fr. Donatus’ absence. We appreciate your time, dedication and message of God’s love. Every celebration is an experience; the external fades away and the internal lingers in the depths of our hearts.

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.

Attention

Deacon Melvin Payne will be here for Adoration Tuesday’s beginning at 5:30 pm and Communion Service Wednesday through Friday at 8 am. If you have any questions, please call the parish office.

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.**

MARDI GRAS GALA

Place: St. Therese Life Center
1409 N 6th Street - Orange

When: Sat, February 22, 2020

Time: 8:00 pm to 12:00 am

Music: Mr. Ike

Tickets: \$ 10.00

It’s a BYOB Semi-Formal Affair. Setups will be sold at \$3.00 and Gumbo \$5.00 a bowl. If you have any questions please contact

Chairperson: Freda Guillory
(409) 882-1768

Co-Chair: Francine Sparrow
(409) 988-3810

Bishop Faith Appeal Goal : \$ 18,900.

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. 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 Adam or Dorothy Jacobs or Fr. Donatus.