

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. 19, 2020 9:00 am Mass

Monday Jan. 20, NO MASS

Tues. Jan. 21, 5:30 p.m.
Exposition & Adoration
of the Blessed Sacrament

Wed. Jan. 22, 8:00 am
Communion Service

Thurs. Jan. 23, 8:00 am
Communion Service

Fri. Jan. 24, 8 am
Communion Service

Saturday, Jan. 25,
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 - 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: 39 Sunday: 66

Last Weekend Collection

Mail In	\$ 140.00
Loose	\$ 42.00
Mass Stipend	\$ 70.00
Saturday	\$ 538.00
Sunday	\$ 1,490.00

Total Deposit \$ 2,280.00

Expenses:

**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: Aliyah Gus, Josiah Colbert, Ar'Laisha Sweet, Chris Matthews

LECTORS:

Sat: 1st Rdr.: Leo Jackson
2nd Rdr.: Freda Guillory
Sun: 1st Rdr.: Alexandria Gamble
2nd Rdr.: Cindy Hampton

1st reader = response & prayer of faithful
Sun: greeting & announcements
E'Retrious Gus

ALTAR SERVER:

Saturday: Needed
Sunday: Needed

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

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

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Rev. Donatus Mgbeajuo, MSP**

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



**The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A
January 19, 2020**

**“Behold, the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the world”**

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

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Sonja Popillion (409) 670-0808

FINANCE COUNCIL

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

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. Jan. 19 - IS 49:3, 5-6 PS 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 1 COR 1:1-3 JN 1:14A, 12A JN 1:29-34

Mon. Jan. 20 - 1 SM 15:16-23 PS 50:8-9, 16BC-17, 21 AND 23 HB 4:12 MK 2:18-22

Tues. Jan. 21 - 1 SM 16:1-13 PS 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 EPH 1:17-18 MK 2:23-28

Wed. Jan. 22 - 1 SM 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 PS 144:1B, 2, 9-10 MT 4:23 MK 3:1-6

Thurs. Jan. 23 - 1 SM 18:6-9; 19:1-7 PS 56:2-3, 9-10A, 10B-11, 12-13 2 TM 1:10 MK 3:7-12

Fri. Jan. 24 - 1 SM 24:3-21 PS 57:2, 3-4, 6 AND 11 2 COR 5:19 MK 3:13-19

Sat. Jan. 25 - ACTS 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 117:1BC, 2 JN 15:16 MK 16:15-18

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Beginnings

We surround beginnings with ceremony and observance. We break ground for the new building. We cut ribbons and step over thresholds. We bear gifts welcoming the new neighbor, the new infant. Beginnings hold such promise for us. No matter how difficult the past, we are filled with hope. The aphorism is true: hope springs eternal. We are ready to begin anew. Today, Jesus is introduced to us, not as the babe of Bethlehem, but as God's chosen and beloved Son.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10
SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 GOSPEL: John 1:29-34

Comment

The first reading from the book of Isaiah was written by a second writer, called deuterio- or second-Isaiah. At that time, Israel had returned from the Babylonian exile and was having trouble reestablishing itself as a unified people of God. The people struggled to get on their feet, to rebuild their temple, to secure their homes and their city. One can feel the discouragement, as if they sensed deeply that something huge had ended and the future was not at all clear.

The exile and destruction of Israel's homeland signaled a clear end. The question was how to begin again. This was no small task. The Lord reminded the people through the prophet that their idea about restoring Israel was too little. The Lord meant to make of Israel's dilemma a new beginning. The Lord saw Israel rebuilding a nation, but more than a nation. A new Israel had to come to life, and it would assume a new, pivotal role. Israel was to be a light to all nations. Through Israel, God's salvation would reach to the ends of the earth. How this would come about remained a mystery for centuries. But the people could live by this vision; they could be led by something bigger than themselves.

This prophecy is fulfilled on the banks of the River Jordan. John the Baptizer is the last of the Old Testament prophets. His mission is clear, and he carries it forward without hesitation. His life work was to announce the coming of God's chosen one and to prepare others to receive him. In the Gospel reading today, John the Baptizer is speaking of the events that occurred the day before, when he baptized Jesus in the River Jordan.

John admits that when Jesus came forward, John did not recognize him. That is to say, he didn't immediately recognize him as the one promised by God. John had undergone a long apprenticeship; he was prepared for the revelation of God, wherever it took him. So when the Spirit descended upon Jesus, John the Baptizer understood and spoke the truth that the heavens had proclaimed the day before: "This is God's chosen One."

The day after this theophany, as people mill about along the Jordan, Jesus returns, and John exclaims, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" John's faith identifies his cousin and fellow countryman from Galilee as the Lamb of God. John the Evangelist's use of the term lamb interprets Jesus as a servant who is compared to a lamb bearing the sins of the many (See Isaiah 53:7-12.). The designation is only used in the fourth Gospel, but it is used twenty-nine times in the book of Revelation to identify Jesus as risen Lord whose reign is finally established.

Reflection

We are among the many who know the story and have received the mercy of this servant of God. We are the most recent generations who live in this century at the undreamed-of ends of the earth. In the Isaian prophecy, we saw that God's dreams for Israel were larger than Israel's dreams for itself. God's dreams for us are larger than our dreams for ourselves, too. Little did Paul know that he would be numbered among the apostles to spread the news of the servant who is Lord. Little did he dream that when he sent greetings to the church at Corinth, we would be reading the letter as one addressed to us. Paul and his fellow-missioner, Sosthenes, greet the church at Corinth and all who have been called to be a holy people.

Grace and peace are given in the same abundance to us in our parishes on a Sunday morning in winter as they once were to the church at Corinth. The enlarged mission of Israel to be a light and salvation to the nations was made about six centuries before the birth of Jesus. Salvation is ours through Jesus, the Servant of God. Paul reminds us that the grace and peace of Christ are ours here, today, twenty centuries later. Now, really, what human person would have had the boldness to see this far down the centuries?

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	Sammie Ware

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Everyone is invited to participate in Jersey Sunday. Please wear your favorite team jersey to church Saturday, February 1st, and Sunday, February 2nd in honor of your team. Everyone is also invited to join us to watch the Super Bowl in the Life Center, Sunday, February 2nd at 5:15 pm game starts at 5:30 pm bring your own food and drinks, lets plan an afternoon of fellowship fun!

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.

BINGO Fundraiser

St. Therese is having the next Bingo Fundraiser Sunday, March 1, 2020, the doors open at 3pm and the games will begin at shortly there after. Everyone 18 years and older can participate and please invite your friends and relatives, come out and join the fun. There will be assorted snacks and drinks for a small fee. All proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to further our parish goals. If you have any questions or you would like to help with BINGO in some capacity, please contact Mrs. Eve Platt.

Coordinators Meeting

On Thursday, January 30, 2020 at 6:00 pm there will be a Coordinators meeting in the Education Building. All individuals on this committees are asked to be in attendance.

Bishop Faith Appeal Goal : 18,745.

To do as Jesus tells us, may we consider the many gifts that God has given us and use them to serve one another; especially in challenging times, as we answer our baptismal call. 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 about the BFA, please contact chairpersons Adam or Dorothy Jacobs or Fr. Donatus.

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

Thank You

Thank so much for the dinner, money and sendoff of our departure to Bastrop. We already miss St. Therese family, the warm handshakes and hugs. Many thanks for your acceptance and kindness. May God continue to bless you all. Keep an eagle eye on the St. Therese Trio. I won't call any names, but their initials are L.J., R.S., & P.M. you never know what their up too. Pray for us as we pray for you, Deacon Hazen & Connie Kenney

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 petitions in the name of Jesus and through the power of his Spirit. AMEN.