

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. 26, 2020 9:00 am Mass

Monday Jan. 27, NO MASS

Tues. Jan. 28, 5:30 p.m.
Exposition & Adoration
of the Blessed Sacrament

Wed. Jan. 29, 8:00 am
Communion Service

Thurs. Jan. 30, 8:00 am
Communion Service

Fri. Jan. 31, 8 am
Communion Service

Saturday, Feb. 01,
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: 41 Sunday: 56

Last Weekend Collection

Mail In	\$ 20.00
Missals- reim	\$ 10.00
Fr's mileage	\$ 649.60
Loose	\$ 43.59
Saturday	\$ 358.00
Sunday	\$ 1,120.00

Total Deposit \$ 2,201.19

**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: S. Popillion, D. Jacobs,
F. Green & Elizabeth Mitchell

LECTORS:

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

Sunday: 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: Richard Scott &
Russell Bottley
Sunday: Paul Thibodeaux
Dorothy Broussard

Expenses:

Center Point <\$ 190.70>
Plant & Maint <\$ 131.07>
Accountants <\$ 500.>
Spectrum Busi <\$ 159.97>
Phones <\$107.>
Liturgy <\$ 836.45>

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Pastoral Team:

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



**The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A
January 26, 2020**

**“Come after me,
and I will make you fishers of men”**

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

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. Jan. 26 - IS 8:23—9:3 PS
27:1, 4, 13-14 1 COR 1:10-13, 17 MT
4:23 MT 4:12-23 OR 4:12-17

Mon. Jan. 27 - 2 SM 5:1-7, 10 PS
89:20, 21-22, 25-26 2 TM 1:10 MK 3:22
-30

Tues. Jan. 28 - 2 SM 6:12B-15, 17-19
PS 24:7, 8, 9, 10 MT 11:25 MK 3:31-35

Wed. Jan. 29 - 2 SM 7:4-17 PS 89:4-
5, 27-28, 29-30 MK 4:1-20

Thurs. Jan. 30 - 2 SM 7:18-19, 24-29
PS 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14 PS
119:105 MK 4:21-25

Fri. Jan. 31 - 2 SM 11:1-4A, 5-10A, 13
-17 PS 51:3-4, 5-6A, 6BCD-7, 10-11
MT 11:25 MK 4:26-34

Sat. Feb. 01 - 2 SM 12:1-7A, 10-17
PS 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 JN 3:16
MK 4:35-41

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

News

In everyday life, big news is exclaimed, given, shouted, announced. We listen and absorb it. News may affect us profoundly or it may be of passing interest to us. Through advanced communication technologies, news is always over the wire and in the air. We are inundated. But some news is vital; it signals a sea change. We spend our life absorbing its implications for us. The proclamation of the Gospel is like this—or it can be.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 8:23 — 9:3 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 27:1, 4, 13–14
SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10–13, 17 GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12–23 [12–17]

Comment

This Sunday begins the Church's long meditation on the Gospel according to Matthew, which unfolds for the thirty-three Sundays in Ordinary Time. This Gospel seeks to connect Jesus to the Old Testament. The stories of the birth of Jesus repeatedly interject a reminder: "All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet ..." (Matthew 1:22). And so in today's Gospel reading, Matthew tells us that Jesus carries out his mission to fulfill an Old Testament prophecy.

In this case, Jesus is compared to the Isaian prophecy of a great light flooding the land of Galilee, that place of the Gentiles. In that region on the seashore of the Sea of Galilee, Jesus began gathering disciples. The four fishermen, Peter and his brother Andrew, along with the Zebedee brothers, James and John, abandoned their business and followed Jesus immediately. Scripture scholars tell us that the original language connotes a sense of inevitability and urgency in Jesus' call to these four men and in their spontaneous, unquestioned response. There was no fence-sitting here, and no hesitation. The time had come and the four fishermen knew deeply that this was their once-in-a-lifetime chance. They immediately abandoned everything to follow him.

The people of Israel were schooled to expect a messiah who would act in specific, recognizable ways, such as bringing about health and healing and freedom from the oppression and anguish of sin. The words of the prophet Isaiah that we read today rang a bell in Jesus' time. The sound of the smashing of all instruments of bondage was music to their ears. The constraining yoke that connoted the bearing of terrible burdens would finally be thrown off. The false power of the taskmaster would finally cease.

A new song could be heard in the land. The proclamation of Jesus was good news. Something was new in the land. Some *one* was new, and he intended to make all things new. Words were followed by effective deeds—people were cured of every disease and affliction of body and soul.

The messianic expectations were being fulfilled.

Reflection

With all this good news and freedom, with all this light and salvation, what is askew in Corinth? Well, the good news given must be received. Paul bore the good news to Corinth, and it was received. As early as A.D. 51, Paul labored for a year and a half in this sophisticated, tough sea town. And now, a few years later, the hearers had forgotten. The freshness had worn off; the honeymoon was over. The assembly experienced the strain that threatened to tear it apart. They boasted of their mentors—"Apollos baptized me; I follow Cephas," a version of the childish "my dad's bigger than your dad." The Corinthians drew their worth from light reflected from this or that authority figure.

Paul reminds the Corinthians of the primacy of Christ. He reminds them to whom they belong, in whose life they share, to whom they owe their salvation. Paul is very clear and quite blunt. He reminds them that they all belong to Christ. Period. In his cross alone they are saved. This is the faith they must live by.

One can easily understand why Paul addressed this burgeoning schism so rapidly. It is all too natural for people to align themselves with those whom they perceive to be great or superior in some way. This is beside the point, Paul reminds them. The issue here is the cross of Jesus Christ and their identification with the crucified and risen one. Everyone and everything else is in service to him. He is Lord, and all the baptized belong to him. Paul pleads for the unity and harmony in the household that simply must rest its faith in Christ and his cross.

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

BINGO FUDRAISER

St. Therese is having BINGO, Sunday, March 1, 2020 everyone is invited and welcomed, please start telling friends and neighbors. Advertisement is a part of the foundation to any fundraiser and is the responsibility of everyone for its success. Flyers are at the rear of the church. If you have any questions, contact Eva Platt

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.

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 wear and 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!

Lenten Fish Dinner Fundraiser

Our annual Lenten Fish Dinner Fundraiser will begin Friday, February 28th, and end Friday, April 3rd, held in the Life Center. We are asking for food item or monetary donations, we are also in need of volunteers to help in any capacity, there is a lot to be done. If you have any questions contact Mr. Walter Davis or Mrs. Mary Rigsby Thanks in advance.

Coordinators Meeting

If you are a Coordinator or a Chairperson of any Committee, on Thursday, January 30, 2020 at 6:00 pm there will be a Coordinators meeting in the Education Building. All leaders are asked to be in attendance.

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 or tickets, please contact the following persons;

Chairperson: Freda Guillory
(409) 882-1768

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

Committee members:
Cynthia Rogers
Rose Bottley

Bishop Faith Appeal Goal : 18,745.

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. 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.

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.