

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, Feb. 02, 2020 9:00 am Mass

Monday Feb. 03, NO MASS

Tues. Feb. 04, 5:30 p.m.
Exposition & Adoration
of the Blessed Sacrament

Wed. Feb. 05, 8:00 am
Communion Service

Thurs. Feb. 06, 8:00 am
Communion Service

Fri. Feb. 07, 8 am
Communion Service

Saturday, Feb. 08,
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: 35 Sunday: 56

Last Weekend Collection

Mail In	\$ 20.00
Blk/Ind Grant	\$ 1,500.00
Mass Stipend	\$ 5.00
Ch/Latin Amer.	\$ 174.00
Loose	\$ 52.47
Saturday	\$ 552.00
Sunday	\$ 808.00

Total Deposit \$ 3,111.47

Expenses:

February Birthday List

Happy Birthday to:

Diane Hebert	1
Albert Thibodeaux	1
Ryland Blackwell	3
Santina Robertson	5
Stacy Johnson	5
Gerald Richard	6
Jada Semien	9
Ralph Wilkes	11
Athena Jefferson	13
Italia Green	14
Leo Jackson	18
Richard Scott	20
Ry'Asian Daughtery	22
Ariel Anderson	27

Happy Anniversary

Albert & Phyllis Thibodeaux 6th

MINISTERS SERVING NEXT WEEKEND HOSPITALITY

Sat: Rose Davis & Richard Scott

Sun: **KPC Bro. E. Taylor** **KPC Lady. C. Ambers**
F Green **R. Bottley**

LECTORS:

Saturday: **1st Rdr.:** Richelle Roberts
2nd Rdr.: Veronica Warren

Sun: **1st Rdr.:** **KPC Bro. Horace Broussard**
2nd Rdr.: **KPC Lady. Peggy Green**

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

ALTAR SERVER:

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

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday: Freda Guillory & Dorothy Jacobs
Sunday: **KPC Bro. Albert Hebert & KPC Lady Gloria Richard**

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



The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A
February 2, 2020

“The Presentation 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
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Albert Hebert III	746-2627

MAINTENANCE & GROUNDS

Joseph Ware Sr. (409) 886-5331

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FINANCE COUNCIL

Janice Semien	883-7126
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Andre' Robertson	882-0012

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. Feb. 02 - MAL 3:1-4 PS24:7, 8, 9, 10 HEB 2:14-18 LK 2:32 LK 2:22-40 OR 2:22-32

Mon. Feb. 03 - 2 SM 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 PS 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 LK 7:16 MK 5:1-20

Tues. Feb. 04 - 2 SM 18:9-10, 14B, 24-25A, 30-19:3 PS 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 MT 8:17 MK 5:21-43

Wed. Feb. 05 - 2 SM 24:2, 9-17 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 JN 10:27 MK 6:1-6

Thurs. Feb. 06 - 1 KGS 2:1-4, 10-12 1 CHRONICLES 29:10, 11AB, 11D-12A, 12BCD MK 1:15 MK 6:7-13

Fri. Feb. 07 - SIR 47:2-11 PS 18:31, 47 AND 50, 51 LK 8:15 MK 6:14-29

Sat. Feb. 08 - 1 KGS 3:4-13 PS119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 JN 10:27 MK 6:30-34

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

A Cause for Hope

Today we celebrate a second Epiphany, another manifestation—presentation—of the Lord's gracious presence among us. Surely this is a cause for hope, for trusting that God will continue to act on our behalf and care for us always.

FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1-4 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10

SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:14-18 GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40 [22-32]

Comment

In today's Gospel, Mary shows us that falling under the spell of hope means falling into joy. She reveals that if our lives are grounded in the hope that God will act on our behalf, then there's nothing to fear and everything to celebrate. Suffering may come our way. Swords of sorrow may pierce our hearts, but if we embrace and give ourselves to hope as did Mary, we're free to live, love, and rejoice.

At first glance, it may seem that the Church has chosen to proclaim the reading from Malachi because it mentions the temple ("... suddenly there will come to the temple ..."). In fact, however, the reading was selected because it speaks of another manifestation, another epiphany, of the Messiah, of the Lord. The reading also speaks of the Lord's "messenger" (whom we know to be John the Baptizer), preparing the way for the Lord who is coming to "purify" God's people so that they might offer worthy sacrifice to God.

In the second reading, the author of Hebrews explains how the Lord "came" as one of us. Thus, although Jesus is the "King of glory" (see today's responsorial psalm), he shares humanity with us by emptying himself for us and thus becomes our true, great high priest.

The Gospel recounts the Holy Family's obedience to the Mosaic law. Mary and Joseph take Jesus to the temple, where Mary is to present herself for legal purification. The presence of Simeon and Anna, however, reveals that much more is happening here than a ritual purification. What is happening is a new and true "presentation," not of Mary, but of Jesus, who is the long-awaited Messiah, the one who will liberate Israel and himself become God's temple.

Reflection

Imagine the desires and dreams you might have as a parent for your infant child. Now imagine that someone is able to see into your baby's future and tells you both the good and the bad that will happen to him or her, just as Simeon told Mary. What would that do to your desires and dreams? What did it do to Mary's?

Of all the people in Scripture, Mary is the ideal model of hope for us Christians. Like so many people of Israel before her, Mary had long trusted that God would fulfill promises and act on their behalf. Like her parents and grandparents, Mary hoped for the coming of the Messiah. It was a big thing for Mary to be chosen to be the mother of God's Son. However, because Mary was a person of hope, it was no big thing for her to believe. Perhaps that is why the dark side of Simeon's prophecy did not crush her. Rather, it strengthened her hope. It helped her realize that hopeful living meant dying to old ways of thinking, acting, and living in order to live a new life.

Mary recognized that the same great love that gave life, brought renewal, and pursued her so passionately was also a love that would never abandon her or her son, no matter what. Mary's hope teaches us to hope. It teaches us that no matter how bright or bleak a situation may seem to others, God can and does call us to make a difference. Mary's hope can be our hope. After all, as the angel Gabriel assured her, "Nothing will be impossible for God" (Luke 1:37).

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

Meeting

There will be a meeting for all members of the Lenten Fish Fundraiser Committee on Friday, February 6th at 12 noon in the Education Building. It is important that All members be in attendance.

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.

Fish Dinners

Fried or Grilled Fish

Red Rice Potato Salad
Green Bean Sliced Cake & Bread

St. Therese annual Lenten Fish Dinner Fundraiser begins Friday, February 28th, and end Friday, April 3rd, held in the Life Center. We are asking for food item or monetary donations, and need volunteers to help in any capacity. Fundraiser begins at 10 am to 2:30 pm in the parish life center. To place orders or for more information please call (409) 883-3783 Thanks for your support.

The Feast of St. Katharine Drexel

The African American Commission and the Office of African American Ministry will sponsor the 14th annual diocesan celebration of the Feast of St. Katharine Drexel. The Eucharistic Celebration will be Thursday, March 5, 2020 at St. Therese Catholic Church, the Most Rev. Curtis Guillory, S.V.D., D.D. will be the Main Celebrant. Priests of the diocese are invited to concelebrate. A reception will follow immediately after the Mass in the Life Center. Everyone is invited to attend; more information will be available as time approaches.

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 do what He tells us. 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. 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
Patricia B-Wilks

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.