

**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. 09, 2020 9:00 am Mass

Monday Feb. 10, NO MASS

Tues. Feb. 11, 5:30 p.m.  
Exposition & Adoration  
of the Blessed Sacrament

Wed. Feb. 12, 8:00 am  
Communion Service

Thurs. Feb. 13, 8:00 am  
Communion Service

Fri. Feb. 14, 8 am  
Communion Service

Saturday, Feb. 15,  
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. Feb. 09 - IS 58:7-10 PS 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 1 COR 2:1-5 JN 8:12 MT 5:13-16

Mon. Feb. 10 - 1 KGS 8:1-7, 9-13 PS 132:6-7, 8-10 MT 4:23 MK 6:53-56

Tues. Feb. 11 - 1 KGS 8:22-23, 27-30 PS 84:3, 4, 5 AND 10, 11 PS 119:36, 29B MK 7:1-13

Wed. Feb. 12 - 1 KGS 10:1-10 PS 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 JN 17:17B, 17A MK 7:14-23

Thurs. Feb. 13 - 1 KGS 11:4-13 PS 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 AND 40 JAS 1:21BC MK 7:24-30

Fri. Feb. 14 - 1 KGS 11:29-32; 12:19 PS 81:10-11AB, 12-13, 14-15 ACTS 16:14B MK 7:31-37

Sat. Feb. 15 - 1 KGS 12:26-32; 13:33-34 PS 106:6-7AB, 19-20, 21-22 MT 4:4B MK 8:1-10

**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: 38 Sunday: 57

Last Weekend Collection

Mail In	\$ 120.00
Loose	\$ 44.00
Saturday	\$ 588.00
Sunday	\$ 5,382.00

Total Deposit \$ 6,134.00

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: Mr. & Mrs. Walter Davis

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

**LECTORS:**

Saturday: 1st Rdr.: Gary Mims  
2nd Rdr.: Felicia Richard

Sunday: 1st Rdr.: Freda Guillory  
2nd Rdr.: Tina Kindle

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: Mr. & Mrs. Adam Jacobs

**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



The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A  
February 9, 2020

**"You are the light 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

**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

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Salt and Light

We are identified with salt and light in the similes that make up today's Gospel. We are asked to meditate on just how to be salt and light. We have to think about getting the salt just right, and the light just right, too. We are asked to call attention to the Lord in whom we live and move and have our being, and not to call attention to ourselves.

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:7-10    RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9**  
**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5    GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-16**

## Comment

Today's Gospel proclamation continues the Sermon on the Mount. The Beatitudes, which immediately precede today's Gospel, describe an inner disposition of God's blessed, or happy, people. Today, the focus is on those who follow Jesus—that's us! We are called salt, and we are called light. The phrase "salt of the earth," is a common, centuries-old expression giving high praise to a person. Our everyday language also refers to people as light. When, for example, a valued person dies, we note that the world is a little darker, a little colder.

Salt and light are basic to human existence. Battles are fought over salt sources. Light sources are cherished. We not only seek light in a dark place, we seek lights at the end of tunnels. More importantly, we need light to see by. Light suffuses and brightens, shows off and shows up and nuances everything. Light gives the world color. Salt flavors and preserves. The importance and value of light and salt are appreciated in their absence. They are understood and valued when they return. Without light human life is impossible. Without salt the food that sustains us is flat.

To be salt and light is a challenge. Paul found this out in today's second reading when he drew on worldly wisdom to convert the Greeks in Athens. He spoke, we recall, in the Areopagus. There he argued for Jesus on the Greeks' terms, noting their idols. Finally, he touched upon their ignorance, for which they were not culpable. When Paul reached his clinching point, the Athenians rather politely said, "We would like to hear you on this some other time" (Acts 17:32). In this instance, Paul's own light was shining as he explained Jesus in Athenian terms. Paul learned. He abandoned all so-called wisdom and straight-out preached Christ crucified. Nothing was to get in the way of that message.

Most often our "salt" and "light" work occurs in the course of living an honorable, Christian daily life. The first reading tells us what God desires and what Jesus fulfilled in his life, death, and resurrection. A brief background provides context for the first reading. In the sixth century before Christ, the people who returned from the Babylonian Exile undertook the work of restoring Israel. During their forty- or fifty-year absence, much had changed. Non-Jews had taken their place. Foreigners had intermarried with the Jews who remained. Pagan religious influences permeated the daily life and worship of the people. The exiles, who struggled so hard to maintain their faith in an alien land, were understandably appalled at the polluted faith of the people they long ago had been forced to leave behind.

However, during the exile there had grown up among the people new awareness and fresh ways of being faithful. The Jews in exile recognized that the Lord, their God, was present in their exile. The people were exiled from their territory, but not from their God. Also, synagogues came into being. In the absence of the Temple, they became gathering places for prayer and study. The people gradually realized that the God of Israel willed the salvation of all people, not just of Israel. This awareness was always present, but was not a focus of attention.

## Reflection

Today, we hear God's response to the people after the return from exile. The lyrical first reading tells us that God is not won over by rigorous, self-righteous fasts and sacrifices. The fast the Lord wished was as near as one's own kin. The fast the Lord wished was virtually unavoidable—to share bread, to shelter the oppressed and homeless, to clothe the naked. The compassionate person who performed such deeds would find the Lord very near indeed. One could simply call out, and the Lord would say, "Here I am." These familiar compassionate actions from Isaiah are seen in Jesus over and over. Lest we miss it, Jesus reminds us near the end of his public ministry, when he enumerates the acts of mercy that Isaiah long ago pointed out. In this last judgment story Jesus adds a new flavor—he identifies with those considered least (Matthew 25:31-46).

### 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.
Gerald Richard	Sammie Ware

### 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.

### \*\*\*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.

### \*\*\*Tax Statements\*\*\*

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations, your time, your talent and financial support you given St. Therese. If any parishioner needs an End of the Year Financial Statement as to have a record of his or her contributions for tax purposes, please contact the parish office.

The sale of raffle tickets for the 49<sup>th</sup> TV has been extended and the drawing will be held on **Easter Sunday**, need not be present to win

### 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. In John 2:5 we read; "Do whatever He tells you." 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, TX 77630

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

### 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. Choir rehearsals for the Feast of St. Katharine Drexel will be as follows February 13th, 20th & 27th, 6:30 at St. Therese. The rehearsals will be combined with members from Sacred Heart Port Arthur, and Blessed Sacrament Beaumont choirs. All choir members are asked to be in attendance.