

**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. 16, 2020 9:00 am Mass

Monday Feb. 17, NO MASS

Tues. Feb. 18, 5:30 p.m.  
Exposition & Adoration  
of the Blessed Sacrament

Wed. Feb. 19, 8:00 am  
Communion Service

Thurs. Feb. 20, 8:00 am  
Communion Service

Fri. Feb. 21, 8 am  
Communion Service

Saturday, Feb. 22,  
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. 16 - SIR 15:15-20 PS 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 1 COR 2:6-10 MT 11:25 MT 5:17-37 OR 5:20-22A, 27-28, 33-34A, 37

Mon. Feb. 17 - JAS 1:1-11 PS 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 JN 14:6 MK 8:11-13

Tues. Feb. 18 - JAS 1:12-18 PS 94:12-13A, 14-15, 18-19 JN 14:23 MK 8:14-21

Wed. Feb. 19 - JAS 1:19-27 PS 15:2-3A, 3BC-4AB, 5 EPH 1:17-18 MK 8:22-26

Thurs. Feb. 20 - JAS 2:1-9 PS 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 JOHN 6:63C, 68C MK 8:27-33

Fri. Feb. 21 - JAS 2:14-24, 26 PS 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 JN 15:15B MK 8:34-9:1

Sat. Feb. 22 - 1 PT 5:1-4 PS 23:1-3A, 4, 5, 6 MT 16:18 MT 16:13-19

**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: 25 Sunday: 55

Last Weekend Collection

Mail In	\$ 160.00
Missal	\$ 5.00
Loose	\$ 29.00
Saturday	\$ 373.00
Sunday	\$ 1,850.00

Total Deposit \$ 2,417.00

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

**LECTORS:**

Sat: 1st Rdr.: Leo Jackson  
2nd Rdr.: Freda Guillory

Sun: 1st Rdr.: Jo'Nire Pete  
2nd Rdr.: Alexandria Gamble

greetings & announcements:  
Ariah Washington

Gifts: Tony Williams & E'Retrious Gus

**ALTAR SERVER:**

Saturday: Needed  
Sunday: Needed

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:**

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

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



**The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A**  
**February 16, 2020**

**“Go first and be reconciled with your brother”**

**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	Andre Platt
Sammie Ware	Claudine Riggs
Gerald Richard	John Richard, Sr.

## 14th Annual St. Katharine Drexel Feast Day Celebration

Celebration of the Eucharist  
 Thursday, March 5, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.  
 St. Therese Catholic Church  
 1409 North 6th Street – Orange, TX

Most Reverend Curtis J. Guillory,  
 S.V.D., D.D. Bishop of Beaumont –  
 Celebrant, Concelebrating Priests of  
 the Diocese of Beaumont

Come join us as we remember St.  
 Katharine Drexel and her gifts to the  
 Diocese of Beaumont through the  
 Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament to:

Blessed Sacrament Catholic School  
 Sacred Heart Catholic School  
 St. Therese Catholic School

Reception immediately following in  
 the Parish Hall

## \*\*\*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 Everyone\*\*\*

The Salvation Army is having an Appreciation Dinner Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 6 pm, honoring the Youth that worked so hard ringing the Salvation Army Bell at Christmas time. St. Therese is proud to announce that four (4) of our very own Youth, Tony Williams, Jo'Nire Pete, Aria Washington and Alexandria Gamble are among the youth that will be honored. The Youth and their Parents are invited to come to this Event. Their faith, commitment, and service to God's people at this special time of year is praiseworthy. Thank you to our Youth.

## Attention Choir Members

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

## 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.

## 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.**

## \*\*\*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