

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. 23, 2020 9:00 am Mass

Monday Feb. 24, NO MASS

Tues. Feb. 25, 5:30 p.m.
Exposition & Adoration
of the Blessed Sacrament

Ash Wednesday February 26, 2020
8:00 am & 6 pm Masses

Thurs. Feb. 27, 8:00 am

Fri. Feb. 28, 8 am

Saturday, Feb. 29,
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: 33 Sunday: 49

Last Weekend Collection

Mail In	\$ 120.00
Loose	\$ 41.00
Saturday	\$ 453.00
Sunday	\$ 840.00

Total Deposit \$ 1,454.00

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
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: Richard Scott & Rose Davis

Sun: Elizabeth Mitchell, Fred Green, Dorothy Jacobs & Sonja Popillion

LECTORS:

Sat: 1st Rdr.: Veronica Warren

2nd Rdr.: Peggy Green

Sun: 1st Rdr.: Eva Platt

2nd Rdr.: Earnette Mitchell

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

ALTAR SERVER:

Saturday: Needed

Sunday: Needed

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday: Freda Guillory & Russell Bottley

Sunday: Dorothy Broussard & Paul Thibodeaux

St. Therese Catholic Church

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Pastoral Team:

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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 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

February 23, 2020

“If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic hand over your cloak as well”

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

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PARISH COUNCIL

Richard Scott, Chairman	779-7587
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MAINTENANCE & GROUNDS

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DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sonja Popillion (409) 670-0808

FINANCE COUNCIL

Janice Semien	883-7126
Tina Kindle	238-4447
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Andre' Robertson	882-0012

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. Feb. 23 - Lv 19:1-2, 17-18 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 1 Cor 3:16-23 1 Jn 2:5 Mt 5:38-48

Mon. Feb. 24 - Jas 3:13-18 PS 19:8, 9, 10, 15 2 Tm 1:10 Mk 9:14-29

Tues. Feb. 25 - Jas 4:1-10 PS 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23 Gal 6:14 Mk 9:30-3

Wed. Feb. 26 - Jl 2:12-18 PS 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Ps 95:8 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thurs. Feb. 27 - Dt 30:15-20 PS 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Mt 4:17 Lk 9:22-25

Fri. Feb. 28 - Is 58:1-9a PS 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 Am 5:14 Mt 9:14-15

Sat. Feb. 29 - Is 58:9b-14 PS 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Ez 33:11 Lk 5:27-32

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Telling a Christian

During some homily or in some class or discussion group, we have all probably been asked the rhetorical question, "If you were on trial for being Christian, would they find enough evidence to convict you?" It's a good question worth asking ourselves every now and then.

FIRST READING: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 GOSPEL: Matthew 5:38-48

Comment

We can no longer blithely summarize the Old Testament as a testament of justice and the New Testament as a testament of love, for the first reading tells us otherwise. Leviticus, the third book of the Old Testament, mainly consists of regulations for the priestly tribe of Levi. Here we are reminded of the obligation to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. This reading only gives us the introduction to a series of commands that closely resemble the ten commandments but exceed them in extraordinary ways—in ways, as a matter of fact, that are closer to the words of Jesus than to the original Ten Commandments.

Which brings us to the Gospel. Jesus surely was a student of the Scriptures, and he most certainly carried forth the generous, socially aware spirit we find in Leviticus 19. Interestingly, the Gospel of Matthew has Jesus quoting the more primitive laws that once guided Israel. Perhaps these more primitive laws were revived by those who wished to taunt the Jewish converts of whom Matthew's Gospel is so aware.

Jesus' words today continue to contrast the Jewish Law and practice and the practice of the followers of Jesus. Today's Gospel continues with slight variations the formulation: "You have heard ..." and "What I say to you is ..." The old laws of retaliation were once created to soften the severe and vengeful retaliations common among the peoples that surrounded the struggling people of God. The would-be followers of Jesus again feel surrounded by people bent on retaliation. So Matthew presents Jesus, who asks his followers not only *not* to retaliate at all but to "turn the other cheek."

He asks that his listeners give the one who asks *more* than he or she seeks. Jesus asks us to love and pray for those of our home country *and* the alien, for the one who loves us *and* the one who hates us.

Reflection

Jesus does not ask us to be heroic; he just asks us to be true children of God, who bestows the blessings of sun and rain on everyone without judgment. This is a reading we find difficult to take literally.

Well, then, let's consider its opposite: Let's consider a world in which we get mad and get even. Let's consider a world in which the ones with shirts and tunics in abundance leave the others shivering in the cold. Let's consider a world in which we ask "How much do the poor need, anyway?" rather than, "How much do the rich need?" or, "How much is enough?" Let us consider a world in which no one walks any road with any one, unless there is something in it for them. Let us consider a world of precise measurement and strict justice. What then?

Ash Wednesday

This week begins the Lenten Season with Ash Wednesday. The Masses will be at 8 am and 6 pm. Remember the ashes comes from the Palms last year, please return your Palms to Fr. Donatus by Tuesday or as soon as possible

Attention Everyone

If anyone has any donations or if there are any volunteers for the Lenten Fish Fundraiser, please contact Ms. Rose Bottley or anyone on the Fundraiser Committee.

Attention Everyone

Everyone helping with the preparations for Katherine Drexel Mass will meet on Tuesday, February 25th at 6:30 after Adoration in the Education Building

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
Claudine Riggs	Gerald Richard
John Richard, Sr.	Sammie Ware



Youth

The Salvation Army recognized people who gave their time ringing the Salvation Army Bell at Christmas Season. Among those honored was St. Therese Youth, Tony Williams, Jo'Nire Pete, Aria Washington & Alexandria Gamble.

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.

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 begin at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 5, 2020 at St. Therese Catholic Church, 1409 North 6th Street, Orange, TX 77630. Most Rev. Curtis Guillory, S.V.D., D.D. will be the Main Celebrant. Priests of the diocese are invited to concelebrate. Please join us in the Parish Hall for the reception immediately following the Mass.

Anyone who attended or graduated from Blessed Sacrament, Sacred Heart or St. Therese Catholic Schools and would like to share any mementos such as pictures, albums etc. please contact Wanda Thompson at 409-543-6180. Please make sure your name is on any mementos you loan to us for the celebration. All loaned items will be returned to you at the end of the reception. In addition, if you would like to wear your school colors and be seated as a group, please call Kayla Vaughn at 409-924-4333 by Monday, March 2 so that seating will be reserved for your group.

Youth

West-Orange Stark Middle School has UIL competition in which schools compete on statewide and regional levels throughout the state of Texas. E'Retrious Gus Jr. (EJ) came in second place in Impromptu Speaking competition.

Next BINGO, Sunday, March 1, 2020 everyone is invited and welcomed, please start telling friends and neighbors. If you have any questions, contact Eva Platt

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.**