

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, Mar. 1, 2020 9:00 am Mass
- Monday Mar. 02, NO MASS
- Tues. Mar. 03, 5:30 p.m. Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Wed. Mar. 04, 8:00 am Mass
- Thurs. Mar. 05, 8:00 am Mass
- Fri. Mar. 06, 8 am Mass 6 pm Stations
- Saturday, Mar. 07, 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).

*Be
prayerful*

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

- Sun. Mar. 01 - Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19 Mt 4:4b Mt 4:1-11
- Mon. Mar. 02 - Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 PS 19:8, 9, 10, 15 2 Cor 6:2b Mt 25:31-46
- Tues. Mar. 03 - Is 55:10-11 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 Mt 4:4b Mt 6:7-15
- Wed. Mar. 04 - Jon 3:1-10 PS 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Jl 2:12-13 Lk 11:29-32
- Thurs. Mar. 05 - Est C:12, 14-16, 23 -25 PS 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 Ps 51:12a, 14a Mt 7:7-12
- Fri. Mar. 06 - Ez 18:21-28 PS 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 Ez 18:31 Mt 5:20-26
- Sat. Mar. 07 - Dt 26:16-19 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 2 Cor 6:2b Mt 5:43-48

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: 37 Sunday: 60**

Last Weekend Collection

Mail In	\$ 100.00
Loose	\$ 38.00
Saturday	\$ 485.00
Sunday	\$ 665.00

Total Deposit \$ 1,288.

Expenses:

- Spectrum <\$ 75.02>
- Liturgy <\$ 64.19>
- City of Orange <\$ 169.50>
- Entergy <\$ 152.44>
- Administration <\$ 250.37>

**March Birthday List
Happy Birthday to:**

- Clinton Giron 1
 - Calvin Johnson 3
 - Yvette Spearman 5
 - Blake Thompson 5
 - Adam Jacobs 8
 - Michael Jackson 13
 - Emma Nelson 17
 - Tara Thompson-Ware 18
 - Enrique Warnell 20
 - Hazel Johnson 21
 - Dominique Guillory 24
 - Orion Guillory 24
 - Felicia Richard 24
 - Florence Craig 24
 - Lisa Jackson 26
- Happy Anniversary
- Gerald & Virginia Richard 22nd
 - Walter & Rose Davis 29th

**MINISTERS SERVING
NEXT WEEKEND
HOSPITALITY**

- Sat: Mr. & Mrs. Walter Davis
- Sun: **KPC Bro. KPC La**
E. Taylor C. Ambers
F. Green R. Bottley

LECTORS:

- Sat: 1st Rdr.: Mona Richard
2nd Rdr.: Dayna Smith
- Sun: 1st Rdr.: KPC Bro. W. Sparrow
2nd Rdr.: KPC La. P. Green

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: KPC Lady Shirley Ray & KPC Bro. Albert Hebert

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



**The 1st Sunday of Lent - Year A
March 1, 2020**

“One does not live by bread alone.”

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Temptations

Adam and Eve couldn't resist the seduction of the serpent. They were tested and they failed. On the other hand, despite three appealing circumstances (food for the hungry, sensationalism, and power), Jesus resisted Satan's tempting challenges. Paul, in his letter to the Romans, contrasts for us the differences in these two situations. One human's disobedience brought about sin and death. Another human's obedience freed us from sin and death. We are blessed, even in our human condition, with the gift of salvation.

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 **RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17**
SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19] **GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11**

Comment

The serpent is clearly used to awaken Eve's desire to eat. Neither she nor Adam could resist tasting the fruit of the forbidden tree. Their disobedience to God's command is considered to be the original source of sin in humankind.

The "Big Guy" came out for Jesus. It was Satan, not just any evil creature, who presented Jesus with three tests. First of all, Jesus had to have been starving. He hadn't eaten for forty days, so the temptation of food probably seemed like a sure bet to Satan. But Jesus resisted. "Okay, if you're not hungry, let's try something spectacular. Throw yourself from the temple roof and show everyone how God will save you." Again, Jesus refused. If all else fails, go for greed. Offer Jesus all the power and wealth of the world. When Jesus obeyed God for the third time, Satan could do no more. He left Jesus.

Paul parallels these two events. In both instances, evil forces try coaxing and tricking the people involved to eat something. Adam and Eve are hungry to become like God. Jesus is coming off a forty-day fast. Adam and Eve get duped. They fall for the con. Jesus doesn't submit. He chooses not to use his power and in his humility sends Satan packing.

A contrast in the human condition is clear between the first reading and the Gospel. Adam initiates sin with disobedience. A certain gloom and darkness permeate the world after the fall of Adam and Eve. God is no longer directly accessible to people, and they fall into sinful ways without God. In the era of the New Adam, a transformation occurs. There is salvation through Christ. Jesus saves us from sin because he obeyed. He brings us new life; once again we have a direct connection with God.

Reflection

Why was Jesus out in the wilderness starving himself in the first place? God's plan had been made clear to Jesus. He knew what it was he had to do. He knew it would not be easy. Jesus needed time to prepare for the difficult task that lay ahead, and to do this, he needed some quiet time with God to pray, to listen, and to plan.

When Jesus finished, Satan was waiting for him. Satan, like the serpent with Adam and Eve, made it sound like no big deal. "If you're the son of God, just do it." And the serpent, "Just take a little bite; everybody's doing it." Two thousand years later, we're still being tempted to just do it because everyone else is. We lower our standards, the standards Jesus showed us, for ourselves, our children, our loved ones. Why? For all kinds of reasons. We live in a time when instant gratification and personal pleasure are not only acceptable but expected. If we have the resources, there are few things we say "no" to. If we have enough money we buy it (sometimes we buy it anyway); if we have the figure, we wear it (sometimes we wear it anyway); if we have the energy we do it (sometimes we do it anyway).

We can only serve one God. Jesus knew this and Adam and Eve found out. Do other masters call us?

Raffle Tickets

The sale of raffle tickets for the 49" TV has been extended and the drawing will be held on Easter Sunday. Please turn in your raffle tickets and money to Mr. Jacobs and if you need more tickets there are some still available.

BFA Pledges

We are asking that Everyone please make your BFA pledges and turn in your pledge envelopes as soon as possible to Chair-person Mr. Adam Jacobs.

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

Fish Dinners

Fried or Grilled Fish
Seasoned Rice *Potato Salad*
Green Beans *Sliced Cake & Bread*

The cost of the dinners will be \$9.00 beginning Friday, February 28, 2020 until Friday, April 03, 2020. For orders please call 409-883-3783. Thanks for your support

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 Easter Lily Offering

Anyone who wishes to purchase Easter Lilies in memory of a family member or members, please take the opportunity to do so and drop off your lilies at the church by Good Friday evening or contact the office.

Easter Lilies were found growing in the **Garden of Gethsemane** after Christ's agony. Lets continue this tradition at Easter time draping the altar and surrounding the cross with masses of Easter Lilies, to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and hope of life everlasting.

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.

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.

*We are encouraged this Lenten season to have **BEER***

Bible - read the word of God

Empathy - have compassion for one another

Eucharist - give him your life

Reconciliation - reconcile ourselves to God

L - Let

E - evil

N - not

T - transform

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.**