

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. 15, 2020 9:00 am Mass

Monday Mar. 16, NO MASS

Tues. Mar. 17, 5:30 p.m. Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wed. Mar. 18, 8:00 am Mass

Thurs. Mar. 19, 8:00 am Mass

Fri. Mar. 20, 8 am Mass

6 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, Mar. 21,

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: 26 Sunday: 62

Last Weekend Collection

Mail In	\$ 220.00
Stipend	\$ 60.00
Mardi Gras	\$ 481.00
Fish Fry	\$ 1,069.00
Loose	\$ 120.00
Saturday	\$ 258.00
Sunday	\$ 2,705.00

Total Deposit \$ 4,913.

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

LECTORS:

Sat: 1st Rdr.: Gary Mims
2nd Rdr.: Felicia Richards
Sun: 1st Rdr.: Alexandria Gamble
2nd Rdr.: Jo'Nire Pete

greetings & announcements:
E'Retrious Gus
Gifts: Tony Williams & Aria Washington

ALTAR SERVER:

Saturday: Needed
Sunday: Needed

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday: Suspended
Sunday: Suspended

Expenses:
Administration <\$ 943.03>
Entergy <\$ 672.86>
Liturgy <\$ 911.69>
Bingo Tax <\$ 15.>
Admin Phone <\$ 94.89>

St. Therese Catholic Church

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



**The 3rd Sunday of Lent - Year A
March 18, 2020**

**"I am the Messiah,
the one speaking with you."**

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
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FINANCE COUNCIL

Janice Semien	883-7126
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Andre' Robertson	882-0012

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. Mar. 15 - EX 17:3-7 PS 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 ROM 5:1-2, 5-8 JN 4:42, 15 JN 4:5-42 or Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Mon. Mar. 16 - 2 KGS 5:1-15AB PS 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 PS 130:5, 7 LK 4:24-30

Tues. Mar. 17 - DN 3:25, 34-43 PS 25:4-5AB, 6 AND 7BC, 8-9 JL 2:12-13 MT 18:21-35

Wed. Mar. 18 - DT 4:1, 5-9 PS 47:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 JN 6:63C, 68C MT 5:17-19

Thurs. Mar. 19 - 2 SM 7:4-5A, 12-14A, 16 PS 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 AND 29 ROM 4:13, 16-18, 22 PS 84:5 MT 1:16, 18-21, 24A or Lk 2:41-51a

Fri. Mar. 20 - HOS 14:2-10 PS 81:6C-8A, 8BC-9, 10-11AB, 14 AND 17 MT 4:17 MK 12:28-34

Sat. Mar. 21 - HOS 6:1-6 PS 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21AB PS 95:8 LK 18:9-14

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Water

For a desert people, a green, well-watered place is heaven on earth. It is no wonder that God chose a garden for Adam and Eve. In the desert, we search for an oasis. For all the severe beauty of the desert, it is water that we need. Today, we return to the waters of life, the waters of baptism.

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:3-7 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 GOSPEL: John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

Comment

It wasn't a desert the chosen people were looking for. They were looking for freedom. They were looking for a future and an identity as God's own people. And in the first reading today, their concerns are very close to home indeed. They are simply looking for water.

They lacked this absolutely vital resource. And they lacked trust in God. So tangible was their anger, so clear their litany of complaint, that Moses feared for his own life. But God was patient, and water flowed from stone. The hardest hearts melted also. One can imagine relief spreading among the people as glistening, cold water flowed in that impenetrable, alien desert. This was the Lord's doing.

We meet Jesus in another desert place. His need for water was acute. After an arduous journey, Jesus stopped at the very place where Israel's great patriarch, Jacob, once set up camp centuries earlier. Water still rose up here and slaked the thirst of the people. Unfortunately this sacred place was in Samaria. The running feud with the Samaritans is well-known. They are the offspring of those Jews who remained in Israel during the exile and intermarried with non-Jews. Their "tainted" religion was a constant reminder of their betrayal. Samaria lay between the northern area of Galilee and the southern region of Judea. To circumnavigate Samaria meant a three-day journey. This forced detour added insult to injury. There was no love lost on Samaritans.

Nonetheless, in today's Gospel, Jesus risks the short passage through Samaria. He speaks in public to a woman — and, more surprising for his time, a Samaritan woman of questionable moral character.

The story begins with Jesus' simple thirst for water and ends up with the woman's thirst for the living waters that only he can give. As they talk, the truth flows forth. The age-old dispute about worship on Mount Gerezim or Mount Zion (Jerusalem) pales. The old questions are moot. The old enmities are transcended. The true thirst of all humankind is identified. Spiritual thirst is at issue, and it is quenched by the source of living waters—Jesus himself.

The astounded woman leaves Jesus there at the well. In her haste, she leaves her water jar, too. She has news! However, she is shy and tentative: "Could this not be the Messiah?" At their urgent request, Jesus stays with the Samaritans for a few days. They come to see for themselves that Jesus is the Savior of the whole world—of Israel and Judea. He is Savior even of lowly Samaria.

Reflection

Perhaps someone once sponsored us and asked for the gift of faith for us when we were infants. Perhaps those of us who are cradle Catholics forget the generosity of God's gift. Paul reminds us that faith is simply given. There is nothing earned or deserved. Grace, God's life, is amazing. It is more amazing than water, which is the metaphor here. Too often we take for granted God's life in us, or our life in God. We take it for granted the way we take water for granted when we live in a well-watered land.

During this Lent we may just be noodling along, but the intense and searching faith of others can move us. Sunday by Sunday we are called to pray for and with those who thirst for baptism. These catechumens—these searchers—wake us up. Their witness calls us to change from our stony little impervious ways and come again to the living waters.

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	John T. Nelson
Mable Durio	Clayona Pillette
Margaret Green	Andre Platt
Ronald Hebert	Gerald Richard
Lucy N. Mitchell	Claudine Riggs
Ruby Milton	Tiffany Winpfrey
John Richard, Sr.	Sammie Ware

REMINDER'S

- St. Therese BINGO, Sunday, April 19, 2020
- Drawing 49" TV Easter, April 12, 2020
- Fish Dinners every Friday
- Easter Lily offering brought to church by Good Friday
- **please make your BFA pledges and turn them in**
- Lectors meeting, Thursday March 19, 2020 6:00 pm.

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.

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

Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Fish Fry Committee Wednesday, March 18th at 2:00 pm anyone that would like to attend may do so.

We have all become concerned about the **coronavirus epidemic (COVID-19).**

GENERAL PREVENTIVE MEASURES:

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
Stay home when you are sick.
Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or cough/sneeze into your elbow
Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using cleaning spray or disinfecting disposable wipe.
Frequently wash your hands with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with warm soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

Parishioners and Others:

Observe adaptations in liturgical practices until instructed otherwise.
Be attentive to the instructions of our public health officials, the CDC, etc.
Discontinue the holding or shaking of hands at the Our Father and the Sign of Peace A bow, a wave, or saying "Peace be with you" are all acceptable
Collection counters should avoid touching their faces and wash hands thoroughly afterwards.
Let us pray for those who have died from this coronavirus and for their families. Also pray for all medical professionals and staff who are attending to the sick and dying, and who obviously will face increasing challenges during this epidemic. This is a time for making sacrifices for the sake of the common good. Perhaps we can learn to translate this fundamental Christian principle to other areas of our lives.

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.**