

**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. 29, 2020 9:00**  
**Conference - Call - Cum - Mass**

**Monday Mar. 30, NO MASS**

**Tues. Mar. 31, 5:30 p.m.**  
**Meditation and prayer**  
*through our patron St. Therese from our homes No Assembly*

Wed. April 01,  
 Thurs. April 02,

Fri. April 03,  
**6 pm Stations of the Cross**

**Saturday, April 04, 2020**  
**Reconciliation by appointment**  
**4 - 5 p.m. Church will be opened for individual prayer**

(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

**Conference - Call - Cum - Mass**  
 27 calls - 51 members

**Last Weekend Collection**

Mail In \$ 885.00  
 Fish/fundraiser \$ 939.00  
 E-giving \$ 50.00

**Total Deposit \$ 1,874.00**

**Expenses:**

**Spectrum <\$75.02>**

**Administration <\$ 380.26>**

**City of Orange <\$ 192.27>**

**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:

Sun:

**LECTORS:**

Saturday: 1st Rdr.:

2nd Rdr.:

Sunday: 1st Rdr.:

2nd Rdr.:

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

**ALTAR SERVER:**

Saturday: Needed

Sunday: Needed

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:**

Saturday

Sunday:

**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**

Email: donachrisneo@yahoo.com  
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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 of lent - Year A**  
**March 29, 2020**

**“The dead man came out, tied hand and foot.”**

**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

**READINGS FOR THIS WEEK**

**Sun. Mar. 29 - EZ 37:12-14 PS 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8. ROM 8:8-11 JN 11:25A, 26 JN 11:1-45**

**Mon. Mar. 30 - DN 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 OR 13:41C-62 PS 23:1-3A, 3B -4, 5, 6 EZ 33:11 JN 8:1-11**

**Tues. Mar. 31 - NM 21:4-9 PS 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 JN 8:21-30**

**Wed. April 01 - DN 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 DANIEL 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 LK 8:15 JN 8:31-42**

**Thurs. April 02 - GN 17:3-9 PS 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 PS 95:8 JN 8:51-59**

**Fri. April 03 - JER 20:10-13 PS 18:2-3A, 3BC-4, 5-6, 7 JN 6:63C, 68C JN 10:31-42**

**Sat. April 04 - EZ 37:21-28 JEREMIAH 31:10, 11-12ABCD, 13 EZ 18:31 JN 11:45-56**

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## Bigger Than Life

We might exclaim as we witness surprising, opulent life styles, “What a life!” or “Now, that’s living.” Well, we haven’t heard the half of it. Today’s stories are just bigger than life.

**FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:12-14    RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8**

**SECOND READING: Romans 8:8-11    GOSPEL: John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]**

## Comment

Jesus, who has been set before us this Lent as the source of living water and light of the world, is today declared the resurrection and the life. The great signs narrated in John’s Gospel lead up to this last great sign. There are other stories in other Gospels of people being raised from the sleep of death—the soldier’s daughter, the widow’s only son. John does not offer us these miracle stories. He gives us the protracted story of the raising of Lazarus. We may be understandably intrigued by Lazarus, but John keeps our attention focused on Jesus.

The Resurrection suffuses the Gospel narratives. The Gospels are the work of believing communities of the Resurrection. Each Gospel was first proclaimed and passed on through the community’s oral tradition. Only later were they written down. The Gospels contain numerous accounts of persons who came whole and alive in Jesus’ presence.

In this narrative, Jesus declares himself the resurrection and the life. He makes himself abundantly clear. He says that those who believe in him will come to possess life, even though they will physically die. Physical death is not final. The believer who possesses life in Christ lives with him now and will live with him forever. The person who is one with Christ in life will possess life through and beyond death. Then Jesus pointedly asks Martha, “Do you believe this?” Martha’s response echoes that of the believing community at large. She speaks for us, confessing him as Lord, Messiah, and Son of God.

## Reflection

The other readings today provide the setting for this Gospel, which is surely the jewel in the crown of this Sunday’s readings. The first reading from Ezekiel speaks of the resurrection of the body—the clothing of flesh on bone, the opening of graves. There is nothing God cannot or will not do for the exiled people languishing in Babylon. The knowledge that they brought exile upon themselves is coupled with the humiliation of the exile itself. Over against the people’s despair stands the action of God. When the people think it cannot get any worse than this, Ezekiel goes to great lengths to say what God will do. Ezekiel is the great prophet of hope for the exiled community. The actions of Israel will be trumped by the saving action of God. “I have promised and I will do it,” says the Lord. And this is how Israel in exile will know that God is the Lord. Throughout his book of prophecy, after each amazing act of God, Ezekiel adds the affirmation akin to this one, “You shall know that I am the LORD.”

The new life so evident in the promise of Ezekiel and realized in Jesus is addressed by Paul. The “flesh” he identifies here refers to a life outside of Jesus’ saving resurrection. Jews did not conceive of humans as divided between body and spirit. The division for Paul was between the unredeemed (flesh) and redeemed (spirit). We are expected to live the new, redeemed life that is ours in baptism. More than the physical resuscitation of Lazarus, our new life is a transformation, an entirely new way of being. This is where Christ will lead us, if we let him. Then we can say with Martha, “Yes, Lord, I do believe.”

## Southeast Texas Hotline

There is a hotline in Southeast Texas that has been activated for anyone who has questions about the coronavirus. [County Judges and Mayors approved this new medical assistance for the community.] If you are experiencing fever, cough, and shortness of breath, or if you think you have been exposed to COVID-19, you can call this hotline. You will speak to a nurse (usually from your county), and the nurse will ask you several questions about your symptoms. After this initial screening, and if you meet the testing criteria, you will be routed to a location for further screening and testing.

HOTLINE: 409/550-2536

## 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

## St Therese Online-Giving

As we all know our assembly for Masses has been suspended until further notice. My prayers are with you and your families, as we continue to prayer and ask God for his guidance, our duty is to continue to support God’s Church. For your convenience you can pay your tithes on-line. Simply go to our website at [stthereseorangetx.org](http://stthereseorangetx.org) click create profile, choose the option that is convenient for you, as always thank you for your support!

## My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As our challenges increase because of the COVID-19 Virus, know that my prayers for you continue.

Our priorities now need to be focused on safety, health and the common good. With that in mind, I am asking you to follow closely the directives and guidelines of our government officials and health professionals especially in regard to "social distancing" and "stay at home" directives.

Our Catholic teaching tells us to have great respect for life. That respect and Catholic teaching need to be evident in the manner in which we respond to this pandemic and the safety of our communities. Taking the proper precautions now — even though inconvenient and difficult may save thousands of lives.

Let us unite our sufferings to the suffering Christ.

I know the Holy Spirit will continue to guide us in wisdom.

Rejoice in hope. Be patient in trials. Persevere in prayer.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev.  
Curtis J. Guillory, SVD, DD

Bishop of Beaumont

## St. Therese Catholic Church Conference - Call - Cum - Mass

**Dial-in number (712) 770-5384**  
**Access Code: 750678#**

Join Fr. Donatus at 9:00 am Sunday morning for Mass/prayer by **Conference Call**. Dial-in number and when prompted, enter the access code. Please begin calling about 8:45, 15 minutes before beginning to get as many participants as we can. We will have conference call on Sunday’s only.

**Everyone, please mute your phone after you have stated your name. If you can’t mute your phone please go into a quiet room to listen and pray in silence.**

The Church will be open Saturday 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm and Sunday 9:00 am to 10:00 am for individual prayer only. Let us also pray for those who have died from this coronavirus and for their families and 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.

Thank you for your assistance and understanding.

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**\*\*\*Attention Everyone\*\*\***



*Join St. Therese Tuesday’s at 5:30 in the privacy of your home.*

*Meditation and private prayer through our patron St. Therese*

We pray that the Lord be near us in this time of uncertainty, weakness and pain; that he sustains us by his grace, that our strength and courage may not fail; heal us oh Lord according to your will; and help us always to believe that what happens to us here is of little account if you hold us in eternal life, our Lord and our God. Amen.

## Live Broadcasting

Bishop will be live streaming from his private liturgies from the Cathedral on the following days/times:

Palm Sunday – 10am - Live Stream

Chrism Mass – 7pm – Live Stream - Tuesday of Holy Week

Holy Thursday -7pm – Live Stream

Good Friday- 3pm – Live Stream

Easter Sunday 11:30 am – Live Stream and Broadcast on KFDM

*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*