

**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, April 19, 2020 9:00 am**  
**Conference - Call - Cum - Mass**  
**Join us on Facebook Live!**

**Monday April 20th**

**Tues. April 20th 5:30 p.m.**  
**Meditation and prayer**  
**through our patron St. Therese**  
**from our homes No Assembly**

**Wed. 21<sup>st</sup>, Thurs. 22<sup>nd</sup> & Fri. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Saturday, April 11, 2020**  
**Reconciliation call for guidance**  
**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

**April Birthday List**  
**Happy Birthday to::**

- Joe Fontenot 2
- Taffy A Richard 2
- Ella Garrett 3
- Tremond Warnell 4
- Aliyah Gus 11
- Clifton Richard 23
- Tracy Richard 23
- Ryan Edwards 24
- Donovan Richard 25
- Diane Johnson 20

**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**

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**Pastoral Team:**

**Rev. Donatus Mgbeajuo, MSP**

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter /**  
**Divine Mercy - Year A**  
**April 19, 2020**

**“Thomas said to him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ ”**

**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. April 19 - Acts 2:42-47 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:29 Jn 20:19-31**

**Mon. April 20 - Acts 4:23-31 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 Col 3:1 Jn 3:1-8**

**Tues. April 21 - Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 Jn 3:14-15 Jn 3:7b-15**

**Wed. April 22 - Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Jn 3:16 Jn 3:16-21**

**Thurs. April 23 - Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 Jn 20:29 Jn 3:31-36**

**Fri. April 24 - Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Mt 4:4b Jn 6:1-15**

**Sat. April 25 - 1 Pt 5:5b-14 Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 1 Cor 1:23a-24b Mk 16:15-20**

**Conference - Call - Cum - Mass**  
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**Last Weekend Collection**

Mail In \$ 590.00  
 Fr's reimburse \$ 708.40

**Total Deposit \$ 1,298.40**

**Expenses:**  
**Admin. <\$ 1,606.41>**  
**Phone <\$ 93.95>**  
**State TX <\$ 7.50>**



# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

## Resurrection Faith

We live in an age that takes little or nothing at face value. Instant replays second-guess athletes. Appeals second-guess juries and courts. We look for guarantees and sureties. Today's liturgy calls us to a different kind of believing.

**FIRST READING: Acts 5:12-16**    **RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24**

**SECOND READING: Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19**    **GOSPEL: John 20:19-31**

## Comment

The first reading draws attention to three core elements of the early Church. First, the apostles were central, a centrality that sprang from their "witnessing" to the Resurrection. Second, the Church was one—a community—and a growing community. Third, others had great respect for the Christian community as a holy and healing assembly. The import of these elements is evident once we get to today's Gospel, where we learn that faith does not depend on seeing, but on signs of faith. Acts reminds us that the faith community itself is such a sign and a sign of Christ's death and resurrection.

The reading from Revelation is like an emotionally charged, half-time pep talk to a battered, bruised, losing team. Not to worry. Ours is a great second-half team. We must hang in there, believe in ourselves, believe in our game plan, give it all we've got, and we will win. The accent here is on trust—you must believe.

Today's Gospel picks up the Easter story, emphasizing that life comes through faith in the risen Lord. After Jesus, the narrative focuses on Thomas, the twin (perhaps the twin to us all). The other disciples, visited by the risen Lord, are filled with the gift of Christ's peace. They rejoice. The absent Thomas doesn't believe the witness of the others. He wants hard proof that what they saw was the real crucified Jesus. Thomas gets his proof. Jesus challenges his unbelief by offering his wounds and exhorting him, "Do not be unbelieving, but believe!"

Jesus' message to Thomas is intended for all his followers: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." That's us. The risen Lord declares that he is present among us, here and now. He is as much with us as he was with the original band of disciples some two thousand years ago. This sort of faith is no pious "pie in the sky." Life depends on it. That's the whole point of this important post-Resurrection story: to help us believe in the risen Jesus, "that through this belief you may have life in his name" (John 20:31).

## Reflection

We in the United States are raised to be individualists. We even tend to think of such things as faith as very individual and personal. True, faith is a personal response to God's gift of faith. However, note that the risen Lord does not visit each disciple individually. Rather, he is present to the whole community of believers. From the very beginning of revelation, we have God gathering a people. With Jesus, it is no different. Much of the time, before and after his resurrection, Jesus is surrounded by others, inviting their shared faith in him as Lord. Jesus' invitation to us as his disciples is to invite others to faith. The more the better, until all humanity becomes part of God's kingdom. This is Luke's message in today's first reading: "Yet more than ever, believers in the Lord, great numbers of men and women, were added to them."

Something else strikes us from today's first reading. This shared faith is a doing faith. The early Christian community is not only a community of belief, it is a community of service, doing things that Jesus did in his earthly ministry. People are being healed of sickness, even of unclean spirits. Today's readings come full cycle. The Gospel passage ends by noting that Jesus performed many signs in the disciples' presence. Later, as stated in the first reading, the disciples are doing the work that Jesus did, performing "many signs and wonders."

What the world needs now is some of the Resurrection faith that heals and gives life. And what we need now is to believe not only in the Lord but in ourselves as his disciples. Then we can do "signs and wonders," and so heal one another and offer one another new life in the risen Lord.

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## 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      |

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**Dial-in number (712) 770-5384**

**Access Code: 750678#**

**Or**

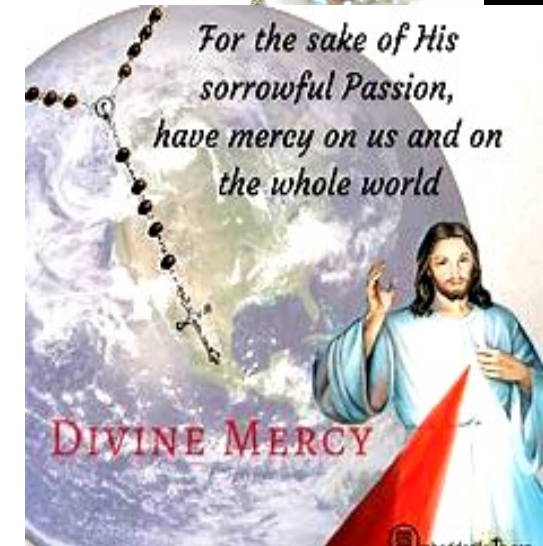
**Join us on Facebook Live!**

Join Fr. Donatus on Sunday's 9 am **Conference Call**. Dial-in number and when prompted, enter the access code or **Facebook LIVE!** Please begin calling about 8:45, 15 minutes before beginning to get as many participants as we can.

**Remember, mute your phone and move to a quiet room to listen and pray.**

We have been working to connect with everyone, but if we missed you, pleased, connect with us, we want you to be part of experiencing the gospel of Jesus Christ in this Holy Season.

**Thank you for your patience and understanding.**



**Join us on  
Facebook  
LIVE!**

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



*Everyone is welcome to join us in the convenience of your homes every Tuesday*

**5:30 pm** *Meditation and prayers through our Parton Saint Therese.*

**\*\*\*Congratulations\*\*\***

**The winner of the 49" Smart TV was Francine Sparrow**

**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.

**St Therese Online-Giving**

All Mass gatherings 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 stop by the office or pay your tithe on-line. Simply go to our website at [stthereseorangetx.org](http://stthereseorangetx.org) click create profile, choose the option that is convenient for you, follow steps if you need assistance please contact the parish office. As always thank you for your support!

**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.**