

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, May 17, 2020 9:00 am
Conference - Call - Cum - Mass

or

Join us Facebook LIVE!

Monday May 18th NO MASS

Tues. May 19th 5:30 p.m.
 Meditation and prayer
 through our patron St. Therese
 from our homes No Assembly

Wed. 20th, Thurs. 21st & Fri. 22nd

Saturday, May 23, 2020
 Reconciliation please call
 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

May Birthday List
 Happy Birthday to:

- Cecilia Davis 3
- William Davis 10
- Ronald Warnell 21
- Mary Alexander 22
- Dorothy Broussard 22
- Ashley Anderson 30
- Marva Hebert 31
- Herman Richard 31

Happy Anniversary

Fred & Peggy Green 8th

MINISTERS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY

LECTORS:

1st Rdr.:
 1st reader = responsorial

2nd Rdr.:
 2nd reader = prayer of faithful

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. May 17 - Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 1 Pt 3:15-18 Jn 14:23 Jn 14:15-21

Mon. May 18 - Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b Jn 15:26b, 27a Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tues. May 19 - Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 Jn 16:7, 13 Jn 16:5-11

Wed. May 20 - Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14 Jn 14:16 Jn 16:12-15

Thurs. May 21 - The Ascension of the Lord - Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:19a, 20b Mt 28:16-20

Fri. May 22 - Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Lk 24:46, 26 Jn 16:20-23

Sat. May 23 - Acts 18:23-28 Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 Jn 16:28 Jn 16:23b-28

Conference - Call - Cum - Mass
 Calls - 11 Members - 24
 Join us on Facebook LIVE!
 Views 39

Last Weekend Collection

Mail In	\$ 695.00
DOB/	\$ 452.26
Donation	\$ 160.25
E-giving	\$ 80.00
Stipend	\$ 10.00

Total Deposit \$ 1,397.26

Expenses:

- St. Katharine Drexel <\$ 452.26>
- Equipment Contract <\$ 48.25>
- Plant & Maint <\$ 288.76>



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



The 6th Sunday of Easter - Year A
May 17, 2020

“I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate.”

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

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Enthusiasm

Enthusiasm is a wonderful word derived from a Greek word that refers to being inspired by God. Today, the word has come on hard times. Enthusiasm is often identified as an over-exuberant, unmoored emotion. Let us return to the original meaning of enthusiasm: the kind that is moored to and inspired by God, the kind that brings poise and buoyancy.

FIRST READING: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20
SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:15-18 GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

Comment

In today's Gospel, Jesus promises the Spirit. His words are part of the lengthy Last Supper discourse, which only John records. We can assume that as John assembled his Gospel, he chose to set these words of Jesus at the Last Supper. Their placement there heightens their importance and invites us to pay close attention. The discourse of Jesus becomes clearer after his death and resurrection. The Apostles needed time to absorb all that they had heard and seen. John goes out of his way to remind us of this at the end of his Gospel where he muses that if he were to write of everything Jesus did, there wouldn't be enough books in the world to contain what could be written (John 21:25).

But John does remember and record all we need. Through the inspiration of the Spirit, he writes about Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit. The dreaded specter of the apostles losing Jesus was enough to sink them. The ominous signs of his demise were too fearful to think about. In the dark night that precedes the darker Good Friday, Jesus utters words of comfort. He promises to give his followers a Paraclete—a helper, advocate, or mediator. Jesus continues to assure the apostles that where the Paraclete is, there Jesus will be also. They will see this on the day he returns—the day of his resurrection, but also on that final day at the end of time.

Jesus' words here must be accepted by the apostles. It will take time for them to realize what Jesus means and how they are to respond. Jesus calls them to obedience. To obey means to listen deeply and to heed all he has commanded. Obedience is not slavish or uninformed. It is deeply felt and acted on.

The second reading gives us a string of successes. The Acts of the Apostles lists in headline fashion the miracles and marvels that are occurring throughout Galilee and Samaria. We read of the work of the deacon Philip in Samaria and of Peter and John. We detect an ordering of ministries. Philip the deacon baptizes; Peter and John journey from Galilee to Samaria to confer the Holy Spirit. God's grace is abundant, marvels abound; joy reaches a fever pitch. Clearly, the promised Spirit of God sent by Jesus is everywhere and everywhere effective. Clearly, the generosity of God is received by a grateful people.

We have good reason to imagine Peter as a mercurial kind of person. His denials of Jesus are threefold; his sorrow is deep. We remember stories of him: he does not want Jesus to wash his feet; then he wants Jesus to bathe him entirely. He leaps before he looks. He speaks before he thinks.

Nonetheless, Peter is the one Jesus chose to lead the rest. The Acts of the Apostles clearly depicts him as the leader. In the excerpt from his first letter that is today's second reading, we hear the sweet voice of reason. In this reading, he is anything but mercurial. This letter is one of the "catholic epistles." It is not addressed to a specific person or church as many of the epistles of the Christian Scriptures are. Scholars tell us that this letter was composed about 64 A.D. and was sent from Rome to Gentile Christians residing in northeast Asia Minor. These Christians were a beleaguered minority. The persecution they experienced was not the red hot kind. It was the cool and cruel kind that shunned, ostracized, teased. This kind of behavior can wear one down. Peter knows this, and offers sage, seasoned, comforting advice to his flock. He urges the sweet side of enthusiasm. He asks a lot of these Christians. He encourages inner strength, gentleness of manner and speech. He requests forbearance rather than retaliation. He asks of them an amazing resilience of soul drawn directly from their veneration of Christ, who is the Lord whom they are called to imitate.

Reflection

The promised Paraclete is as strongly among us as on the first day. The Church is as surely guided. It is incumbent upon us to deepen our awareness of the abiding Spirit. It falls to us during this Easter time to cultivate a deepening sense of that presence and then to act from that deep source. No other source will do for Christians. It is our vocation to follow.

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

Deacon Julian Richard	Bette Odom
Jalen A. Chambers	Clayona Pillette
Mable Durio	Andre Platt
Margaret Green	Gerald Richard
Ronald Hebert	John Riggs Sr.
Lucy N. Mitchell	Claudine Riggs
Ruby Milton	Tiffany Winpfrey
John T. Nelson	Sammie Ware

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. However, our duty is to continue to support God's Church. For your convenience you may stop by the office or pay your tithe on-line. Simply go to our website at stthereseorangetx.org click create profile, choose the option that is right or convenient for you, follow steps if you need assistance please contact the parish office. As always, thank you for your continued support!

Attention Everyone



Everyone is welcome to join us from your homes every Tuesday

5:30 pm Meditation & Devotional prayers through our Parton Saint 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.

St. Therese Catholic Church Conference Call - Cum - Mass

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

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**Join us on Facebook Live!
Sunday Mass @ 9 am**

Fr. Donatus is encouraging everyone to join him by **Conference call at 7pm** every evening praying the Rosary during the month of May.

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

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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.**

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.



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