

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 24, 2020 9:00 am Mass Conference - Call - Cum - Mass

Monday May 25th

Tues. May 26th 5:30 p.m. Meditation and prayer through our patron St. Therese from our homes No Assembly

Wed. 27th, Thurs. 28th, & Fri. 29th

Saturday, May 30, 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

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



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 Ascension of the Lord - Year A
May 24, 2020

**“Go, therefore,
and make disciples of all nations.”**

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

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. May 24 - Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:19a, 20b Mt 28:16-20

Mon. May 25 - Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab Col 3:1 Jn 16:29-33

Tues. May 26 - Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 Jn 14:16 Jn 17:1-11a

Wed. May 27 - Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab Jn 17:17b, 17a Jn 17:11b-19

Thurs. May 28 - Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 Jn 17:21 Jn 17:20-26

Fri. May 29 - Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab Jn 14:26 Jn 21:15-19

Sat. May 30 - Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 Jn 16:7, 13 Jn 21:20-25

Conference - Call - Cum - Mass
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Last Weekend Collection

Mail In \$ 1,760.00
E-giving \$ 100.00

Total Deposit \$ 1,860.00

Expenses:

Center Point <\$ 130.95>

Phone <\$ 93.95>

Spectrum Business <\$ 159.97>

MINISTERS SERVING NEXT SUNDAY

LECTORS:

1st Rdr.:
1st reader = responsorial

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

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
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Joseph Ware Sr. (409) 886-5331

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- Janice Semien 883-7126
- Tina Kindle 238-4447
- Sheila Arnold 313-2062
- Andre' Robertson 882-0012

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Leaving

At one time or another in our life, we know we must take leave. We may leave a home, a job, a way of life. We leave because we believe something better lies ahead. We do not do this lightly. We leave with a tinge of sadness and a measure of hope.

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:17-23 GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20

Comment

Only Mark and Luke speak directly about the ascension of Jesus. Mark gives us only a single line. Luke, on the other hand, is more expansive. He also recalls the Ascension narration in the opening of his second book of the Christian Scriptures—the Acts of the Apostles. This second narration, taken from Acts, is our first reading today. Luke alone states that Jesus’ ascension occurred forty days after the Resurrection.

As Jesus returns to the Father and thus disappears from their sight, the apostles remain riveted and absorbed. The angels have to bring them back to earth, so to speak. They address the apostles, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there?” The words are reminiscent of the angels addressing the stunned women at the tomb on Easter morning: “He is not here, for he has been raised, just as he said” (Matthew 28:6).

Today’s Gospel proclamation is solemn and grave. Matthew’s Gospel does not mention Jesus’ ascension. Rather, Matthew is concerned about handing on the mission of Jesus. The apostles offer homage; Jesus acknowledges this gesture by announcing that God, his Father, is the source of his authority. Jesus acts as one duly authorized to give the apostles the mission of teaching, baptizing, and carrying out all he had commanded.

The questioning and anxious waiting, which are recorded in the first reading, are absent in today’s Gospel proclamation. The whole of Jesus’ ministry is handed on to the eleven. Their mission is to reach the ends of the earth. They are assured that Jesus will be with them everywhere and always, right up to the end of time.

Reflection

The death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, as well as the descent of the Holy Spirit, comprise the inseparable Paschal Mystery. We take each event in time, of course. We observe and honor one facet, then another throughout Triduum and the Easter season. Our celebration of the Ascension of the Lord focuses on Jesus’ necessary departure. The apostles had been warned, or reminded, “I tell you the sober truth, it is much better for you that I go. If I fail to go, the Paraclete will never come to you, whereas if I go, I will send him to you” (John 16:7).

Jesus will no longer be present in the old, familiar way. He whom they have seen with their very own eyes, he whom they have touched will no longer be there. We can easily sympathize with the apostles. We can forgive them for staring up to heaven in awe, riveted to that place on earth, wishing this were not so. Or wishing they could join him. Or wishing he would return soon. But the apostles have a mission. They also have the assurance of Jesus’ presence with them to the very ends of the earth and until the end of all time. God has all space and all time covered, so to speak.

For the apostles this is quite a stretch. They must tarry awhile on this earth. They must learn that though Jesus left them, he did not abandon them. He is wholly present. It is for them to receive and experience and know him in a new way. This will make all the difference to them; it will make all the difference in the world.

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 Catholic Church Conference Call - Cum - Mass

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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.

*****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 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!

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.

Novena Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Spirit of Jesus, Wind, Water, Fire, come!
 Spirit of Jesus, God’ Anointing, come!
 Spirit of Jesus, our Consoler, come!
 Spirit of Jesus, Loving Heart of God, come!
 Spirit of Jesus, dove of divine peace, come!
 Spirit of Jesus, first fruits of the Glory, come!
 Spirit of Jesus, breath of the world’s Resurrection, come!