

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

Mass at 50% capacity

Sunday, July 12, 2020 9:00 am Mass Conference - Call - Cum - Mass

Monday July 13th NO MASS

Tuesday July 14th 8:00 am & 5:30 p.m. Meditation and prayer through our patron St. Therese

Wednesday, July 15th, 8:00 a.m.

Thursday, July 16th, 8:00 a.m.

Friday, July 17th, 8:00 a.m.

Saturday, July 18th, 4 p.m. Reconciliation by appointment

(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: 8 Sunday: 24

Conference - Call - Cum - Mass
Join us on Facebook LIVE!

Last Weekend Collection

Blk & Ind grant	\$ 1,500.00
Loose	\$ 23.00
E-giving	\$ 100.00
Saturday	\$ 72.00
Sunday	\$ 4,369.00

Total Deposit \$ 6,064.00

Expenses:
Administration <\$ 1,149.97>
Plant & Maint. <\$ 123.38>

**July Birthday List
Happy Birthday to::**

Peggy Green	1
Brenda Mims	1
Mona Richard	6
George Alexander	6
Stefanie Allison	6
Elvina White	6
Turquoy Riggs	10
Joise Curtis	10
Amiyah LeBlanc	12
Brent Hebert	12
Ronald Hebert	12
Lanier Robertson	16
David Riggs	20
Maria Riggs	23
Torian Riggs	28
Claudine Riggs	29
Lester Popillion	30

Happy Anniversary

Joe & Mary Ware	4th
John & Janice Semien	13th
Mormom & Ann Richard	25th
George & Cecilia Davis	27th
Deacon Julian & Gloria Richard	31st

**MINISTERS SERVING
IN JULY/2020**

LECTORS ONLY

Saturdays-1st reader/2nd reader

- July 4th.- Freda/Dayna
- July 11th - Leo/Veronica
- July 18th - Mona/Peggy
- July 25th - Felica/Gary

Sundays-1st reader/2nd reader

- July 5th - Gary/Ernette
- July 12th - Peggy/Freda
- July 19th - Cindy/Eva
- July 26th - Tina/Mona

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

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



**The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A
July 12, 2020**

“A sower went out to sow”

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. July 12 - IS 55:10-11 PS 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 ROM 8:18-23 MT 13:1-23 OR 13:1-9

Mon. July 13 - IS 1:10-17 PS 50:8-9, 16BC-17, 21 AND 23 MT 5:10 MT 10:34-11:1

Tues. July 14 - IS 7:1-9 PS 48:2-3A, 3B-4, 5-6, 7-8 PS 95:8 MT 11:20-24

Wed. July 15 - IS 10:5-7, 13B-16 PS 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15 MT 11:25 MT 11:25-27

Thurs. July 16 - IS 26:7-9, 12, 16-19 PS 102:13-14AB AND 15, 16-18, 19-21 MT 11:28 MT 11:28-30

Fri. July 17 - IS 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8 ISALAH 38:10, 11, 12ABCD, 16 JN 10:27 MT 12:1-8

Sat. July 18 - MI 2:1-5 Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 2 COR 5:19 MT 12:14-21

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Within Reach

We natives are reminded of the uniqueness of our place when a stranger points out some characteristic of personality or land or speech that we have taken for granted. They marvel, and we look again. We had just never thought of our place or ourselves in quite that way. Or once we may have been aware of some quality of our life and place, but we just forgot what was within reach.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:10-14 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11 SECOND READING: Colossians 1:15-20 GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

Comment

What is within reach is daily and taken for granted. But much that is far off and out of reach is exotic—as long as it stays far off, that is. The lawyer who stood up to question Jesus received a response that was too close for comfort. First, Jesus answered the lawyer's question with a question of his own. It was an easy question, and the lawyer, of course, knew the answer. It was right out of the Jewish Scriptures. The first part, about loving God, was from Deuteronomy, the "second law." The second part came straight from Leviticus, the book that details the myriad sacrificial and ritual laws prescribed for the priestly tribe of Levi. Clearly, the lawyer was at home in this discussion. He might even have thought that he could teach Jesus a thing or two. Confidently, the lawyer presses on, and Jesus answers the question "Who is my neighbor?" with a story we all know.

The problem with the story for the listeners that day was that the Samaritan as neighbor was just too much to swallow. The problem of the Samaritans in general hit too close to home. They were the hated ones, the infidels who occupied a large chunk of land that inconveniently cut off easy access between the north and south of Israel. This was a pain, because the roundabout route to Jerusalem from the south was long and arduous. And the Samaritan inhospitality was galling. So the resentment and daily irritation continued in a kind of mutual "in your face" coexistence that showed no sign of abating.

It is precisely a hated Samaritan who is the hero of Jesus' story. He ministers to the helpless "enemy," a Jew lying half dead on the roadside. And furthermore, the Samaritan's "betters" pass on by and do not deign to aid their suffering fellow countryman.

After telling the story, it is Jesus' turn to ask, "Which ... was neighbor?" The lawyer could not manage to get the word "Samaritan" out of his mouth, however. So "The one who treated him with mercy" would have to do as an answer. This answer is correct. The new law is to go out and "do likewise," to be merciful, compassionate, toward the neighbor, who is anyone in need—even one's worst enemy.

The first reading from Deuteronomy makes clear that the law of Moses is not just within reach, but within the heart. The entire book of Deuteronomy is set as a farewell speech given by the great lawgiver and law receiver, Moses. One does not have to go anywhere for the laws; one need only attend to the command that is indelibly written in the human heart. To seek to erase or suppress or repress the demands of this law of God is to betray one's very self.

The second reading insists on the centrality, or better, the all-pervasiveness of Christ, who is in and above all. Paul is contending here with some hare-brained teaching, which confuses the place and power of angels, astral occurrences, and whatnot. Paul's ecstatic hymn elegantly insists that Christ is the center and source of all life. So we are right back at the heart, right near home. We are being addressed exactly and precisely where we live.

Reflection

To act compassionately toward one's neighbor—whether he or she is the sworn enemy or not—is the fullest and best reading of the law. It encompasses everything and everyone. In the story today, the sworn enemies, Jew and Samaritan, are united because the heart of the Samaritan is moved to compassionate action. In any moment in history we can name the neighbors who rub daily against each other and whose enmity seems never to abate. The mutual hardness of heart seems impermeable. Often, their sustained hatred is, sadly enough, based on religion. However, with equally painful results, the division can be ethnic or racial or economic. No matter; hate is murderous, and the anguish predictable.

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
	Mrs. Mary Alexander	



PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

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.**

Attention Everyone



Please be encourage to join Fr. Donatus every evening at 7 pm praying the rosary through conference call in,

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

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.

ZOOM

As our challenges increase because of the COVID-19 Virus our priorities are focused on safety, health and the common good. With that in mind, we are excited to start using a new form a of communicating with Parishioners using this fast and easy way. Zoom will be used for meetings, religious education and more, all you need is and email address and access to a smart phone or laptop computer with video capabilities. If you don't have an email please call the parish office so we can help you get an email address. If you have an email address please turn it in to the parish office as soon as you can. Fr. Donatus is asking that everyone participates in this new way of communicating. We will continue to rejoice in hope, be patient in trials, and persevere in prayer.

FREE COVID-19 TESTING

**National Guard Armory
4301 Meeks Drive,
Orange, TX
Sunday,
July 12, 2020
8:00 am to 4:00 pm**

St. Therese Capacity at 50%

We are excited to resume Masses @ 4 pm Saturday and 9 am Sunday. We are still very concerned about the coronavirus epidemic (COVID-19) and ask that every one take reasonable precautions and not wait until it is too late. Please follow the directives on the bulletin board at the rear of the Church. Places are marked for seating.

**Conference Call -Mass 9am
Dial-in number (712) 770-5384
Access Code: 750678#**

**&
Join us on Facebook Live! @ 9 am**

Fr. Donatus is encouraging everyone to join him by **Conference call at 7pm** every evening praying the Rosary until further notice.

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

Thank you for your patience and understanding.