

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, Aug. 2, 2020

Conference - Call - Cum - Mass

Monday Aug. 3rd NO MASS

Tuesday Aug. 4th 5:30 p.m.
Private Meditation and prayer
through our patron St. Therese

Wednesday, Aug. 5th, 8:00 a.m.

Thursday, Aug. 6th, 8:00 a.m.

Friday, Aug. 7th, 8:00 a.m.

Saturday, Aug. 8th, 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: Sunday:

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

Last Weekend Collection

E-giving \$ 100.00

Sunday \$ 610.00

Total Deposit \$ 710.00

Expenses:

Religious Materials <\$ 129.41>

Entergy <\$ 649.62>

Spectrum Admin <\$ 75.02>

August Birthday List
Happy Birthday to:

- Jill Mosby 1
- Marina Taylor 1
- Lauren Jackson 2
- Christopher Henry 4
- David Thomas III 6
- Dorothy Jacobs 10
- Gloria Richard 11
- Veronica Warren 11
- Walter Davis 15
- Tyler Rodriquez 15
- Mary Lazenby 17
- Morgan Jackson 19
- Reginald Kindle 23
- Patrick Mims 27
- Horace Broussard 29

Happy Anniversary

- Carroll & Mable Durio 57 years 5th
- Patrick & Brenda Mims 47 years 18th
- John & Tammy Richard 12th
- Lester & Sanja Popillion 31st



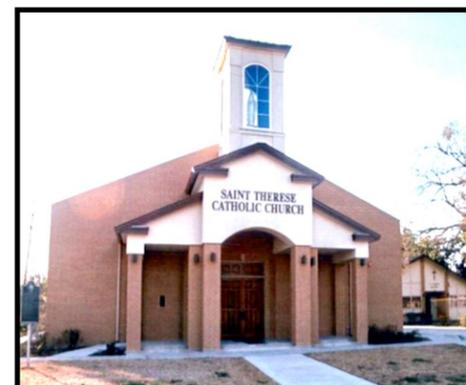
St. Therese Catholic Church

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



The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A
August 2, 2020

**“Taking the five loaves and the two fish,
he said the blessing”**

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. Aug. 2 - IS 55:1-3 PS 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 ROM 8:35, 37-39 MT 4:4B MT 14:13-21

Mon. Aug. 3 - JER 28:1-17 PS 19:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102 JN 1:49B MT 14:22-36

Tues. Aug. 4 - JER 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22 PS 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 AND 22-23 JN 1:49B MT 14:22-36

Wed. Aug. 5 - JER 31:1-7 JER 31:10, 11-12AB, 13 LK 7:16 MT 15: 21-28

Thurs. Aug. 6 - DN 7:9-10, 13-14 PS 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 2 PT 1:16-19 MT 17:5C MT 17:1-9

Fri. Aug. 7 - NA 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7 DEUTERONOMY 32:35CD-36AB, 9ABCD, 41 MT 5:10 MT 16:24-28

Sat. Aug. 8 - HAB 1:12-2:4 PS 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 SEE 2 TM 1:10 MT 17:14-20

SECRETARY

Cindy Hampton (409) 882-0935

PARISH COUNCIL

- Richard Scott, Chairman 779-7587
- Rose Davis, Vice Chairman 883-0762
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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A Free Lunch

There is no such thing as a free lunch. At least this is the unchanging principle of the commercial world. Somewhere along the chain of buying and selling, someone will have to pay. God's ways are different, of course. Grace is free. God's life is freely given. The readings today reiterate this revelation. We are told this in the poetry of Isaiah, a letter from Paul, and a story from Matthew.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-3 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18
SECOND READING: Romans 8:35, 37-39 GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

Comment

The book of Isaiah is the work of at least three writers. Today we hear from "Second Isaiah," the prophet and author of the "book of consolation." The first Isaiah, "Isaiah of Jerusalem," had the odious task of warning Israel of impending disaster. Second Isaiah wrote 150 years later. His vocation was easier, if a prophet's vocation ever is. The disaster did indeed come to pass, and Israel was in exile in Babylon. It is from here that Second Isaiah writes his book of consolation, which comprises chapters 40 through 55. The exile was drawing to a close, and Isaiah announces the good news of God's deliverance. The Lord's chosen remnant are the blessed ones, says Isaiah. They are the beginning of a new creation, a new age, a new social order. The Lord promises them refreshing water, ample enriching food for body and spirit, a renewal of the covenant once made with David.

It is not difficult to make the leap from this first reading to the Gospel proclamation. We can easily imagine the view that greeted Jesus. A raggedy assembly who were so hungry for deliverance that they followed Jesus "... on foot." They sought him out; they pleaded for personal deliverance. They hung on his every word. They were heedless of the day, the hour, their distance from home, from food and water. And finally they were hungry for simple physical sustenance. The compassion Jesus felt for the crowds readily translated into his action for their physical well-being. That came first.

We know the story of the loaves and fishes well. The people who gathered around knew the roots of the story well, too. They were people of the book—the Jewish Scriptures. They knew of manna in the desert, first recorded in Exodus. They sang of the abundance of necessary food in the psalms—16, 78, 145, to name a few. Banquets and suppers were everywhere images of the fullness of God. The crowds knew by heart the verses from Isaiah: "You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; come ..." (55:1). The words once penned by Isaiah, were a reality in Jesus. The promises had come true.

Reflection

Paul, who is keenly aware of the helplessness of human beings, rhetorically asks how we will be delivered. His answer, of course, is that the love of Christ is our deliverance. We are not the source of our own deliverance. Paul has enough and more than enough experience of his own failings. His hope is not in the law and certainly not in himself, but in Christ and him crucified. Every now and then as we read Paul's letters, we see his words take flight. He bursts into these ecstatic utterances that are simply stunning. They are eloquent, and we love reading them. Paul's hymn to love found in 1 Corinthians 13 is an example of this. The second reading today is another. Here Paul flowers. He pours out his lyrical exaltation about the love of God in Christ Jesus.

We listen carefully to Paul today, for he knows whereof he speaks. He has endured persecution and hunger and nakedness and the sword. And the love of God has not let go of him. All who have kept faith can sing this song. The exiles in Babylon, who possessed no coinage to pay the ransom, were delivered by God's grace. The hungry in the deserted place in Palestine were healed and fed and sent home full. The angry, raging Pharisee named Paul was given the blinding vision of Jesus, who identified with his faithful. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting" (Acts 9:5). Paul knew as we do that the love of God is fully revealed in Christ, who will not let us go, as God would not. This is quite a revelation! Nor must we let go of God. We are called to rise up from the banquet table this day fully fed and ready to take up their lives. We go on our way nourished by God's Word and by the Bread of Life.

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,

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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 parish meetings that is held via zoom every Friday at 3:00 pm. Zoom will also be used for religious education, CCD, RCIA, 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 that come, and persevere in prayer.



St Therese Online-Giving

We have resume our Masses, and some do not feel it is safe to return, 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!

St. Therese Capacity at 50%

We are excited to resume Masses Saturday, August 8th , @ 4 pm and Sunday, August 9th @ 9 am. 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
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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.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.