

**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, Aug. 9, 2020 9:00 am Mass Conference - Call - Cum - Mass**

**Monday Aug. 10th NO MASS**

**Tuesday Aug. 11th 8:00 am & 5:30 p.m. Meditation and prayer through our patron St. Therese**

Wednesday, Aug. 12th, 8:00 a.m.

Thursday, Aug. 13th, 8:00 a.m.

Friday, Aug. 14th, 8:00 a.m.

**Saturday, Aug. 15th, 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  
No Congregational Mass*

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

E-giving \$ 200.00

Sunday \$ 2,462.00

**Total Deposit \$ 2,662.00**

**Expenses:**

**Plant & Maint. <\$ 203.04>**

**Administration <\$ 960.30>**

*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  
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](http://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!

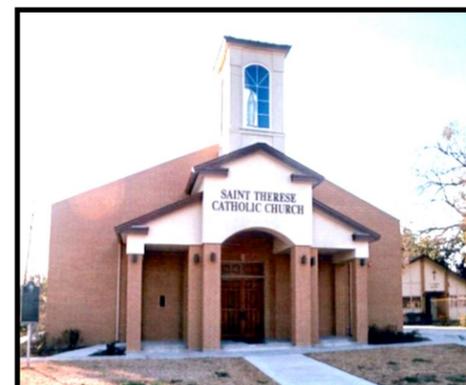
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**Office Hours**  
Tuesday thru Friday  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
Lunch 12-1:00 pm



**The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A  
August 9, 2020**

**“It is I; do not be afraid”**

**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
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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. Aug. 9** - 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a, Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 Ps 130:5 Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-33

**Mon. Aug. 10** - 2 Cor 9:6-10 Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 Jn 8:12 Jn 12:24-26

**Tues. Aug. 11** - Ez 2:8-3:4 Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 MT 11:24 MT 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

**Wed. Aug. 12** - Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22 Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 2 Cor 5:19 Mt 18:15-20

**Thurs. Aug. 13** - Ez 12:1-12, Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62 Ps 119:135 Mt 18:21-19:1

**Fri. Aug. 14** - Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 1Thes 2:13 Mt 19:3-12

**Sat. Aug. 15** - Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56

# NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Presence

The gathering prayer today speaks of the Spirit who is given to us and who will guide us to the inheritance promised. The Spirit seems at times elusive. To be sensitive to the presence of the Spirit of God requires quiet, uncluttered, care-filled attention and focus.

**FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11–13a    RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 85:9, 10, 11–12, 13–14**  
**SECOND READING: Romans 9:1–5    GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22–33**

## Comment

Elijah was willing to wait for the Lord. He was open to all the customary manifestations. After all, the first manifestation of the Lord on Mount Sinai was accompanied by great rumbling and smoke. Elijah would be right to expect some natural disturbance, some deep shaking and groaning of the earth as it bears witness to God's amazing, frightening appearance. But God is not in the earthquake nor in the mighty wind nor in the fire. No, God is present in the quietest possible breeze. One holds one's breath watching Elijah who waits. One is quietly satisfied and delighted at Elijah's apprehension of the Lord's appearance and his response to it. Elijah, the non-writing prophet, is truly a man of God. He was in the Lord's presence, and he knew it. He is a prophet worth heeding.

Now we turn to another story in which a natural phenomenon figures. In this, it resembles the first reading. In the first reading, God is the central figure and Elijah is the object of God's attention. In the Gospel reading, Jesus is central and Peter is the object of his attention, and ours. Matthew, Mark, and John all tell the story of the storm at sea. They all set before us the arresting image of a small boat battered by the angry winds. But the stories differ in significant ways. Mark and John have Jesus walking over the waters toward the boat. Peter stays put. The endings of these three stories all differ also. The disciples are amazed and speechless. Only Matthew has Peter act and speak. Jesus summons Peter to meet him on the waters. Peter does fine as long as he is focused on Jesus; he begins sinking the moment his focus is on himself. Without skipping a beat, Jesus reaches out to steady Peter. Jesus also locates the cause of Peter's near drowning—"Why did you doubt?" (Matthew 14:31) Peter does not respond. Jesus boards the small craft. The wind ceases. Then comes the confession of faith by the apostles, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

## Reflection

Miracles attract attention and they are signs of something. But, they are often ambiguous. It is commonly noted that seeing is believing. For example, in heaven one is not likely to need faith. For in heaven one will possess vision; one will see. John the Evangelist and apostle calls Jesus' miracles signs of God's active presence among us. What are we to make of spectacular happenings such as the calming of the sea, not to mention walking on water? We know that in the temptation stories, Jesus forsook spectacular actions that would only serve to dazzle people without also fundamentally strengthening them in mind and body.

What are we to make of today's Gospel? What is it teaching us? Among other things, it graphically shows us the Church—a small boat tossed about by the storm at sea. It is a picture that helped the early Church, and it is one that helps us now. When this Gospel was written, well within the first century, the Church was small indeed, and the strong winds were blowing against it, threatening its survival. The vision of Jesus walking on water inspired fear and awe. After Jesus calls them to task, Peter makes a conditional request. "If it is you ..." And Jesus simply challenges Peter by issuing the command: "Come!" Peter is clearly the leader. It is he who fixes his eyes on the one who summoned him. And it is Peter who falters. But more importantly, it is Peter who recovers by grasping the hand of the One who reaches out to him.

This reaching out to grasp the proffered hand is enough for the Church. In the strength of Christ, the Church can stand against the sinful forces of the world in which it finds itself. The Church will falter when its faith falters. It will fail when it doubts the presence of its Lord. It will experience the poise and calmness of soul that comes with firm faith in the presence of Jesus Christ in its midst.

## 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.

## 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**  
**Dial-in num (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.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

## 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.

\*\*ATTENTION Job Seekers\*\*

St. Therese is seeking a Parish Director of Youth Ministry, must be a practicing Catholic with Theology, Religious Education, or related educational field and or certificate in ministry or theology or one to three years related experience in education of youth. Under the direct supervision of the Pastor and in accordance with established policies and procedures, is responsible for the development, coordination, supervision, and execution of parish programs designed to engage and educate the youth of the parish. Will act as an advocate and link for youth and their families to the pastoral team, the parish family, and the surrounding community. Please send your resume to the St. Therese Catholic Church 1409 N. 6th Street, Orange, TX77630 or email at sttherese1350@yahoo.com. For more information please call the Parish Office 409-883-3783.

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