

**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. 23, 2020 9:00 am Mass  
Conference - Call - Cum - Mass

Monday Aug. 24th NO MASS

Tuesday Aug. 25th 9:00 am & 5:30 p.m. Meditation and prayer through our patron St. Therese

Wednesday, Aug. 26th, 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, Aug. 27th, 9:00 a.m.

Friday, Aug. 28th, 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, Aug. 29th, 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 \$ 30.00  
Saturday \$ 111.00  
Sunday \$ 3,576.00

**Total Deposit \$ 3,317.00**

Expenses:  
Center Point Entergy <\$ 126.52>  
Spectrum Busi <\$ 159.97>  
Liturgy <\$ 35.95>

**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  
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.

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.

**READINGS FOR THIS WEEK**

Sun. Aug. 23 - Is 22:19-23 Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 Rom 12:1-2 Mt 16:21-27

Mon. Aug. 24 - Rv 21:9b-14 Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 Jn 1:49b Jn 1:45-51

Tues. Aug. 25 - 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17 Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 Heb 4:12 Mt 23:23-26

Wed. Aug. 26 - 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18 Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 1 Jn 2:5 Mt 23:27-32

Thurs. Aug. 27 - 1 Cor 1:1-9 Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mt 24:42a, 44 Mt 24:42-51

Fri. Aug. 28 - 1 Cor 1:17-25 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 Lk 21:26 Mt 25:1-13

Sat. Aug. 29 - 1 Cor 1:26-31 Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21 Mt 5:10 Mk 16:17-29

**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 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A  
August 23, 2020**

**“You are Peter, and upon this rock  
I will build my Church.”**

**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
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**MAINTENANCE & GROUNDS**

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Sonja Popillion (409) 670-0808

**FINANCE COUNCIL**

Janice Semien	883-7126
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# TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Keys

The holder of the keys to a palace or to the city portals holds great power. One did not lightly hand over the keys to one's domain. The old skeleton key has been retired or reduced to ornament. Now we have access codes and combinations. But they all do what the clunky keys once did. They control access. How are the keys to be used? What are they to protect? What to unlock? Who gains admittance? And to what?

*FIRST READING: Isaiah 22:19-23    RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8*  
*SECOND READING: Romans 11:33-36    GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20*

## Comment

The first reading and the Gospel for today both speak of the role of one who holds the keys. In the first reading, it goes poorly for Shebna, the holder of the palace keys at the capital. Isaiah has to deliver the bad news that Shebna is not a trustworthy holder of the keys. Isaiah informs him that he will be thrust down and a new one will replace him. Shebna's error was that he went along with the king's decision to form military alliances with other nations. This military policy was expressly counter to the will of the Lord. The merging of nations meant the dilution of the religion of Israel, the introduction of other gods, the betrayal of the covenant established on Mount Sinai and renewed with David. No ambassadorial niceties here: The symbols of the office—the robe and sash and key—would be placed on another's shoulders.

The key of the House of David recalls the Davidic covenant, which would last forever. The words of this oracle, "when he opens, no one shall shut, when he shuts, no one shall open" (Isaiah 22:22), remind us of the "O" Antiphon on December 20: "O Key of David, O royal Power of Israel controlling at your will the gate of heaven: come break down the walls of death." This antiphon looks forward to the Messiah, the fulfillment of God's promise.

In today's Gospel, we see a small gathering in a kind of quiet, reflective time. Jesus and his disciples are on the road again, but they are not among the crowds, for a change. They seem at ease. There is interior work to be done.

With no introduction, Jesus turns to these men and asks what others say of him. The disciples report that Jesus seems to be a continuation of the Jewish tradition and Scriptures—he is a prophet, perhaps. It's hard telling. When Jesus pointedly asks what they think, it is Peter who speaks for himself and for the rest. He seems to have the undisputed role as leader, as Jesus' right-hand man. Peter does not merely say what they had said only recently, in the becalmed boat after the storm at sea had subsided: "Truly you are the Son of God" (Matthew 14:33). Peter's confession is broader in its reach, deeper in its expression: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). The other evangelists also wrote of this incident, but Matthew alone gives us the story of Peter's commissioning. His given name, Simon, is formally changed. This renaming is charged with meaning. Simon is called Peter, a word that means "rock" in Greek and in Latin. Then he is given the keys; he is given the authority to loose and to bind.

## Reflection

Before Jesus hands over his authority to Peter, he makes it clear that Peter is chosen because he is obedient to God's revelation. He is not the recipient because he is cool and clever or tough. For he is none of these. Indeed, he seems to stumble, and frequently.

Jesus has taken the measure of this man. He has seen his stride while taking into account his stumble. The Gospel reading only two Sundays ago told us of Peter's doubt about his vision of Jesus on the waters, of Peter's own faltering steps, of his reaching out to be saved by Jesus. He was drawn up out of the waters then. Now Jesus reminds him, the Church he leads will face troubled waters—the very gates of the nether world—in case one would doubt the forces of opposition he and his small assembly would have to face. It is to faithful, fallible Peter that the leadership goes.

## 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 growth of our parish. If you have any questions or concerns about the BFA, please contact chairpersons Adam or Dorothy Jacobs or Fr. Donatus.

**We still have not reached our goal, and we are asking those who can do more to help with whatever monetary gift you can. God bless,**

## 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 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 an 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.

## Congratulations

**Baptism:**  
Ariah Washington

**First Communion:**  
Ariah Washington  
E'Retrious Gus Jr.  
Aliyah Gus  
Ar'Laisha Sweet

**Confirmation:**  
Ariah Washington  
Jo'Nire Pete  
Tamie Gunn

## \*\*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, TX 77630 or email at sttherese1350@yahoo.com. For more information please call the Parish Office 409-883-3783.