

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, Sept. 20, 2020 9:00 am Mass Conference - Call - Cum - Mass

Monday Sept. 21st NO MASS

Tuesday Sept. 22nd 9:00 am & 5:30 p.m. Meditation and prayer through our patron St. Therese

Wednesday, Sept. 23rd, 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, Sept. 24th, 9:00 a.m.

Friday, Sept. 25th, 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, Sept. 26th, 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

**September Birthday List
Happy Birthday to::**

- Ryaisha Daughtery 2
- Ursula Johnson 3
- Fabian Green 5
- Debra Hawkins 5
- Deborah Crosson 8
- Monic Guillory 14
- Jermaine Mitchell 15
- Cindy Hampton 16
- Darius Mitchell 18
- Elizabeth Mitchell 18
- Wayne Sparrow 19
- Richellee Roberts 20
- Rose Davis 22
- George Davis 22
- Justin Sparrow 22
- Doris Gans 25
- Jalen Jefferson 27
- Chris Popillion 28



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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
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



**The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A
September 20, 2020**

**“The last shall be first,
and the first shall be last”**

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. Sept. 20 - Is 55:6-9 Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 Phil 1:20c-24, 27a Mt 20:1-16a

Mon. Sept. 21 - Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Mt 9:9-13

Tues. Sept. 22 - PRV 21:1-6, 10-13 PS 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 LK 11:28 LK 8:19-21

Wed. Sept. 23 - PRV 30:5-9 PS 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 MK 1:15 LK 9:1-6

Thurs. Sept. 24 - ECCL 1:2-11 PS 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 AND 17BC JN 14:6 LK 9:7-9

Fri. Sept. 25 - ECCL 3:1-11 PS 144:1B AND 2ABC, 3-4 MK 10:45 LK 9:18-22

Sat. Sept. 26 - ECCL 11:9-12:8 PS 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 AND 17 2 TIMOTHY 1:10 LK 9:43B-45

Attendance last Weekend

Saturday: Sunday: 15

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

Last Weekend Collection

Sunday \$ 1,202.00

Total Deposit \$ 1,202.00

Expenses:

**MINISTERS SERVING
IN SEPTEMBER &
OCTOER/2020**

LECTORS ONLY

Saturdays-1st reader/2nd reader

- Spet. 26.- Peggy Green
- Oct. 3rd - Mona Richard
- Oct. 10th - Peggy Green
- Oct. 17 - Leo Jackson
- Oct. 24 - Gary Mims
- Oct. 31 - Felicia Richard

Sundays-1st reader/2nd reader

- Sept. 27th - Tina K./Gary M.
- Oct. 4th - Eva P./Freda G.
- Oct 11th - Wayne S./Veronica W.
- Oct 18th - Cindy H./Tina K
- Oct. 25th - Peggy G./Horace B.

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

SECRETARY

Cindy Hampton (409) 882-0935

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

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Equality

My sister keeps careful track of what she does for each of my children. If she takes one out to the movies, she has to work it in her schedule to take the others on an outing, too. If she spends ten dollars on one gift, she will not spend nine or eleven dollars on anyone else. They all have a price limit of ten dollars. I admire her sense of fairness, but mostly I admire her ability to keep track of what she's done over the course of the year!

I have learned a phrase that my children will complain I use all too often. When things just don't seem to be working out evenly, I tell them, "The world is not divided into five equal pieces." I must admit, none of my kids would have been very happy working in the vineyard all day and watching someone who worked half the time get the same amount of pay.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:6-9 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16a

Comment

The readings from Isaiah, the psalm and Philippians focus on a merciful and just God—a God who is near, who is loving, who pardons. The people of Isaiah had lost their faith and hope in God. They were in exile and did not live the way God wanted them to. Their ways were not God's ways, and their thoughts were not the thoughts of God. But rather than abandon these people or punish them, God called them to return. Paul knew God to be kind and loving. He told the Philippians not to despair but to live good lives according to the gospel message. God's loving generosity became clear in the parable when Jesus suggested that it is all right, even admirable, for a vineyard owner to pay some of his workers generously. The parable causes us to look inward and discover what it is that makes the other apostles and us jealous of the workers who did little, and got paid the same amount we did.

Reflection

We expect God to be near, loving, and to pardon us. We find no contention in this description and have probably used these words to describe God ourselves.

So why then do we find ourselves in league with the grumbling workers of the Gospel? Those guys didn't show up till almost quitting time. "It's not fair that they receive the same amount of money as the workers who came early," many people would complain. Haven't we complained in the same way ourselves?

The parable, on closer examination, is not so much about people getting more than they deserve as it is about God's generosity. And God continues to be generous to us. Ours is a loving, forgiving God who is quietly involved in our lives.



Cartegena Court #32

Grand Lady Mary Joseph and some members of the St. Cartagena Court #32 Ladies Auxiliary of Port Arthur, TX made a visit to St. Therese Parish to present our Ladies Auxiliary St. Ann Court #44 members with gift cards, also present Fr. Donatus Mgbeajuo MSP. At the time to except this gift was Financial Secretary Lady Rose Bottley. These Sisters, as believers and followers of Christ came to share with us their support and encourage one another to continue service to God's people.

Encouragement was and is an essential way of extending grace to each other. With humbled hearts and gratitude simply, **Thank You!**

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 Papillion
Florence Craig	Mary Gray	Mormon Richard
Therese Ferguson	Beatrice Guillory	Alma C Thibodeaux
Mrs. Mary Alexander		Deacon Julian Richard

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.**

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.



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Horace Broussard Jr.
 Ruby C Broussard
 Horace Broussard III
 Jalen A. Chambers
 Mable Durio
 Margaret Green
 Mrs. Doris Hayes
 Roy Hayes
 Ronald Hebert
 Lucy Mitchell
 Ruby Milton
 Clayona Pillette
 Andre Platt
 John Richard Sr.
 Gerald Richard
 Claudine Riggs
 Sammie Ware
 Tiffany Winpfrey

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#

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. 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 stthereseorangerx.org. If you need assistance please contact the parish office. As always, thank you for your support!

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 and Fr. Donatus.



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.

