

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. 27, 2020 9:00 am Mass
Facebook Live!

Monday Sept. 28th NO MASS

Tuesday Sept. 29th 9:00 am
reminder of private meditation and prayer
through our patron St. Therese

Wednesday, Sept. 30th, 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, Oct. 1st, 9:00 a.m.

Friday, Oct. 2nd, 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, Oct. 3rd, 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 - Sanja Popillion

Youth - Felicia Richard

Stewardship - Gary Mims

Attendance last Weekend
Saturday: 8 Sunday: 22

Join us on Facebook LIVE!

Last Weekend Collection

Inf/Priest \$ 105.00
Saturday \$ 128.00
Sunday \$ 809.00

Total Deposit \$ 1,042.00

Expenses:

Center Point <\$ 128.75>

Entergy <\$ 625.93>

Sparkling Clean <\$ 125.>

City of Orange <\$ 165.37>

Spectrum busi <\$ 159.97>

September Birthday List
Happy Birthday to::

Ryaisha Daughtery	2
Ursula Smith	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
Jalen Jefferson	27
Chris Popillion	28

MINISTERS SERVING IN SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER/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.

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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Deacon Julian Richard (409) 221-2743

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



The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A
September 27, 2020

“Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you.”

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
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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. Sept. 27 - Ez 18:25-28 Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5 JN 10:27 Mt 21:28-32

Mon. Sept. 28 - JB 1:6-22 PS 17:1BCD, 2-3, 6-7 MK 10:45 LK 9:46-50

Tues. Sept. 29 - DN 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab PS 138:1-2AB, 2CDE-3, 4-5 PS 103:21 JN 1:47-51

Wed. Sept. 30 - JB 9:1-12, 14-16 PS 88:10BC-11, 12-13, 14-15 PHIL 3:8-9 LK 9:57-62

Thurs. Oct. 1 - JB 19:21-27 PS 27:7-8A, 8B-9ABC, 13-14 MK 1:15 LK 10:1-12

Fri. Oct. 2 - JB 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5 PS 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14AB PS 103:21 MT 18:1-5, 10

Sat. Oct. 3 - JB 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17 PS 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130 MT 11:25 LK 10:17-24

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Freedom of Choice

Miss Havisham in Dickens' *Great Expectations* could not change the past, so she made the choice to live in it. She sat at a long banquet table covered with cobwebs, nibbling mice, and rotted food, waiting for her husband-to-be. She wore a yellowed wedding dress as tarnished and torn as her view of life. While she held desperately to the past, the present was not negotiable. Living in the past with regrets and mistakes causes us to despair and lose hope. All the readings today encourage us to change from the harmful ways of the past and live in good emotional and spiritual health during the present.

FIRST READING: *Ezekiel 18:25-28* **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9*
SECOND READING: *Philippians 2:1-11 [1-5]* **GOSPEL:** *Matthew 21:28-32*

Comment

During the Babylonian exile, the prophet Ezekiel told God's people that they were responsible for their own actions. They did not accept their responsibility for their own behavior and blamed their separation from God on their ancestors. They made excuses for their behavior and blamed their problems on the sinfulness of the generations before them. Ezekiel challenged them to get in the present and take responsibility for their own actions, to do what they knew was right regardless of past events.

Paul's message to the Philippians also encouraged them to live obediently in the present. For the Philippians, they had the advantage of having Jesus as an example. They saw how fullness came to Jesus because he was humble and obedient before God. Jesus gave us the example of living God's law of love—to love one another more than ourselves.

Matthew asked the question about who would inherit the promises of God. Last week we discovered that we would inherit the Kingdom because of God's generosity. This week, the parable shows us how we will live with God because of choices we make and actions we take. When a father wanted his two sons to work in the field, one said "no," but later changed his mind and went to the field to work. The other son said he would go, but never did. The parable shows us how God calls us to change our lives from saying "no" to saying "yes" by our actions of repentance. It is far worse to be like the son who said "yes" but did nothing. To act this way would be like telling people that we are Christian and love God but not having our actions fit our words.

Reflection

God gives us free will to choose. We can choose to say "yes," or we can choose to say "no." The most saintly among us will say "yes" right away and go to work in the field at once. Others of us say "no," but change our minds and hearts and try to live God's command to love one another. Still others of us say "yes" but do nothing. We are lazy, stubborn, or have a well-worked list of excuses for not showing our love.

By giving us free will, God shows us unconditional love. We are responsible for ourselves and our own actions, but with unconditional love God embraces us and our mistakes with mercy and pardon.

Attention Everyone

The second collection on the weekend of October 3-4 is for the benefit of our local Catholic Charities. Thanks to dedicated staff, volunteers, and faithful supporters of our diocese, Catholic Charities helps thousands of people in need each year. All funds received by the agency stay here to serve our local community. Please give generously to this collection so they can continue providing help and creating hope for our neighbors in need.

24 Hour Video Surveillance Protection

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.**

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#**

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
Carroll Durio
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 Winphrey

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.