

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 75% capacity

Sunday, Nov. 29, 2020 9:00 am Mass
Albert and Priscilla Hebert
 request by **Albert Hebert Jr.**

Facebook LIVE!

Monday Nov. 30th NO MASS

Tuesday Dec. 1st 9:00 am

Hilda Bellard request by Albert Hebert Jr.
private home meditation and prayer
through our patron St. Therese

Wednesday, Dec. 2nd, 9:00 a.m.

Harry Trahan request by Coretta Ambers

Thursday, Dec. 3rd, 9:00 a.m.

Peter Trahan request by Coretta Ambers

Friday, Dec. 4th, 9:00 a.m.

Bruce Trahan request by Coretta Ambers

Saturday, Dec. 5th, 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

- 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
- 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
- Pastoral Council - Lester Popillion
 meetings are held *every other* month.
- Religious Education - Sanja Popillion
- Youth - Felicia Richard
- Stewardship - Gary Mims

Attendance last Weekend
 Saturday: 6 Sunday: 24

Collection for November 14 & 15

Sat. & Sun \$ 1,129.00

Last Weekend Collection

- Clergy mil \$ 294.00
- 2nd collection \$ 83.87
- Lector guide \$ 12.00
- Chr/cleaning \$ 25.00
- Saturday \$ 123.00
- Sunday \$ 1,713.00

Total Deposit \$ 2,250.87

Expenses:

- Center Point <\$ 129.25>
- Entergy <\$ 701.51>
- City of Orange <\$ 250.06>
- Liturgy <\$ 120.45>

November Birthday List
 Happy Birthday to::

- Rose Bottley 6
 - Earnett Mitchell 11
 - Deacon Julian Richard 12
 - Mormon Richard 12
 - Antoine Warnell 14
 - Pat Roberts 15
 - Beverly Stewart 21
 - Gary Mims 22
 - Kevin Hebert 23
 - Edmayia Riggs 24
 - Ina Chavis 26
 - Phyllis Thibodeaux 28
 - Patricia Blair-Wilks 29
- Happy Anniversary
- Clifton & Felicia Richards 12th
 - Marvin & Cindy Hampton 24th

MINISTERS SERVING IN NOVEMBER
LECTORS ONLY

Saturdays-1st reader/2nd reader

- Nov. 7th - Mona Richard
- Nov. 14th - Veronica Warren
- Nov. 21st - Leo Jackson
- Nov. 28 - Freda Guillory

Sundays-1st reader/2nd reader

- Nov. 1st - Eva P./Freda G.
- Nov. 8th - Peggy G./Horace B.
- Nov. 15th - Cindy H./Earnett M.
- Nov. 22nd - Wayne S./Tina K.
- Nov. 29th - Gary M./Felicia R.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. Nov. 29 - Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37

Mon. Nov. 30 - Rom 10:9-18 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 MT 4:19 Mt 4:18-22

Tues. Dec. 1 - IS 11:1-10 PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 LK 10:21-24

Wed. Dec. 2 - IS 25:6-10A PS 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6 MT 15:29-37

Thurs. Dec. 3 - IS 26:1-6 PS 118:1 AND 8-9, 19-21, 25-27A IS 55:6 MT 7:21, 24-27

Fri. Dec. 4 - IS 29:17-24 PS 27:1, 4, 13-14 MT 9:27-31

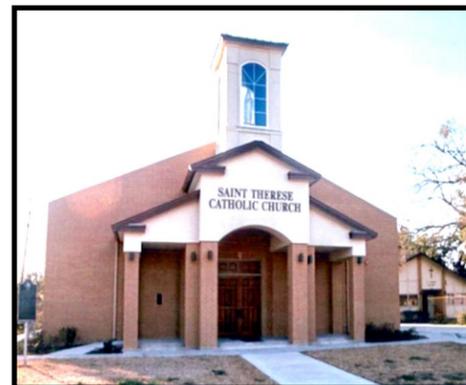
Sat. Dec. 5 - IS 30:19-21, 23-26 PS 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 IS 33:22 MT 9:35-10:1, 5A, 6-8

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



The 1st Sunday of Advent - Year B
November 29, 2020

“What I say to you, I say to all; Watch!”

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

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Where We Are

A common sense saying reminds us that wherever we find ourselves, there we are. We tend not to believe this, of course, much less act on it. When we are in trouble or anguish we ignore it or wish our way out of it. When we are on the bus, we think about the office. When we are at our computer, we think about the evening commute. We barely enter Advent, and our heads are full of Christmas plans. This Sunday we are asked to be where we are as we light a single bright candle to break up the darkness. We are asked to consider God's salvation, which dawns on us right here where we are.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14 GOSPEL: Matthew 24:37-44

Comment

The dawn of which Isaiah speaks is bright and special indeed. The prophet's elegant words offer us the first image of a messianic time. This vision is echoed in the angelic greetings of the Incarnation: "Peace on earth to those on whom God's favor rests." Here, in Isaiah's vision, all nations will stream up the high mountain. All people will come bearing in their hands the tools of husbandry and nurture. The tools of war have been transformed, and war will be no more. The messianic time will be a time of peace and justice among all nations.

Matthew's Gospel was written at a time when a good many followers of Jesus looked forward to his Second Coming. The mere taste of total victory was enough to unbalance the sturdiest of souls, who asked and were asked: "Why take up the tools of everyday labor? Why not just wait for the great coming of the Lord?"

This problem had to be addressed and it was. First, Matthew's Gospel has Jesus referring to the story of Noah. Note the seeming tranquility of the inhabitants of the earth, who appeared to be ordinary people pursuing their ordinary lives. This was not the problem. The problem was they were so occupied as to be "totally unconcerned," presumably about the things of God and about their obligations toward others. These people drifted into a state of oblivion or shallow silliness and failed to discern what a people with a soul should be expected to discern. Alas, so few saw impending trouble. We are familiar with Noah, who saw and understood and acted.

Questions abounded about the end times during Jesus' public ministry. Jesus' contemporaries also were ordinary people. They too would be going about their ordinary work grinding meal and working the land as they always had. Jesus has no quibble with people tending to their lives. However, the listener is cautioned to carry on his or her business and, at the same time, to be awake to its deep meaning and value. This meaning and value include and transcend the work at hand. When the Lord comes, the one who is awake to God's enduring presence will be ready and welcoming; the other will not.

The second, briefer image of the coming of the Lord is the image of the homeowner who is vigilant, lest a thief break in. Because homes in Jesus' time were made of relatively soft clay blocks, homes were not so much broken into as dug through. Little by little the thief would gain access. The homeowner's watchfulness, therefore, needed to be subtle and discerning; small signs of disturbance had to be attended to. Waiting for the Lord, who comes when we least expect, asks of us this kind of careful attention in the midst of a busy life.

Reflection

Some popular religions regularly call up images of fire and brimstone and evoke dire warnings and apocalyptic visions of world catastrophe, which are supposed to accompany the Second Coming. Against this steady drumbeat of preaching that generates more heat (or cold fear) than light, we need to pay close attention to the deeper challenge of this Sunday's Scriptures. Jesus does not address the end times in an attempt to frighten us or to pile on reasons to worry and fret over the salvation of our sweet little souls.

Rather, we are reminded to pay close attention to the movement of God in our midst. We are given images of domesticity because this is precisely where we live. And this is precisely where the incarnation of God occurs. If God's presence is attended to here and now amid the subtle shifts and erosions of our private and shared lives as a people, we need not worry. If we are preoccupied with tinsel and over-consumption, then this is the critical time for us to change our attitudes and ways.

PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Mary Alexander	Beatrice Guillory	Mark Mitchell Jr.
Mary Brown	Hollis Fain	James Mims
Courtney Chavis	Ella Mae Garrett	Westley Papillion
Florence Craig	Mary Gray	Mormon Richard
David J. Carey	Alma C Thibodeaux	
	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

The Liturgical Year-B begins November 29, 2020. The Church will not have any Missals for public use but there are some Missals for your personal use. If you want to purchase a Missal, there are some copies available, please contact the parish office. To ALL Lectors, publication guides for Year-B are also in the parish office, cost are \$12.00 each.

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.

Attention Everyone

The Holiday season is upon us and the Church is asking for those of you who want to donate live poinsettias, please leave them at the rear of the Church steps or the parish office. Thank you in advance and please All stay safe.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Southeast Texas hospitals urge continued vigilance to protect yourself, your loved ones and your neighbors from the virus, especially as we enter this critical holiday season against spread of COVID-19.

- Wear a mask or face covering around others.
- Practice social distancing. Stay at least six feet away from people who do not live in your household.
- Practice good hand hygiene. Wash your hands often with soap and water. Keep hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol and use it when you are unable to wash your hands.

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, TX77630 or email at sttherese1350@yahoo.com. For more information please call the Parish Office 409-883-3783.