

**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  
Facebook LIVE!

Sunday, Dec. 6, 2020 9:00 am Mass  
Jacobs and Monroe Families  
requested by Mary J. J. Monroe

Monday Dec. 7th NO MASS

Tuesday Dec. 8th 9:00 am & 6:00 pm  
Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
William Crossley request by Cecilia Davis  
private meditation and prayer  
through our patron St. Therese

Wednesday, Dec. 9th, 9:00 a.m.

Margie Gradney request by Ina Chavis

Thursday, Dec. 10th, 9:00 a.m.

Audrey Lowdins request by Ina Chavis

Friday, Dec. 11th, 9:00 a.m.

Hazel Thomas Barber  
requested by Cindy Hampton

Saturday, Dec. 12th, 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).

**READINGS FOR THIS WEEK**

Sun. Dec. 6 - IS 40:1-5, 9-11 PS 85:9  
-10-11-12, 13-14 2 PT 3:8-14 LK 3:4,  
6 MK 1:1-8

Mon. Dec. 7 - IS 35:1-10 PS 85:9AB  
& 10, 11-12, 13-14 LK 5:17-26

Tues. Dec. 8 - GN 3:9-15, 20 PS 98:1,  
2-3AB, 3CD-4 EPH 1:3-6, 11-12 LK  
1:28 LK 1:26-38

Wed. Dec. 9 - Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-2,  
3-4, 8 & 10 Mt 11:28-30

Thurs. Dec. 10 - IS 41:13-20 PS 145:1  
& 9, 10-11, 12-13AB IS 45:8 MT 11:11-  
15

Fri. Dec. 11 - IS 48:17-19 PS 1:1-2, 3,  
4 & 6 MT 11:16-19

Sat. Dec. 12 - ZEC 2:14-17 JUDITH  
13:18BCDE, 19 LK 1:26-38

**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

**December Birthday List  
Happy Birthday to:**

- Draven Platt 1
- Eva Platt 3
- Sanja Popillion 4
- Betty Odom 5
- Courtney Chavis 6
- Debra Henderson 11
- Lawrence DeLarue 12
- Jordan Richard 13
- Ashton Spearman 17
- Zederick Cezar 19
- Mary Rigsby 28
- Brushelle Scott 28
- Russell Bottley 29

**Happy Anniversary**

- Andre & Lanier Robertson 8th
- Richard & Brushelle Scott 8th
- Herman & Mona Richard 10th

**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.

**MINISTERS SERVING  
IN NOVEMBER**

**LECTORS ONLY**

Saturdays-1st reader/2nd reader

- Dec. 5th -
- Dec. 12th -
- Dec. 19th -
- Dec. 26th -

Sundays-1st reader/2nd reader

- Dec. 6th -
- Dec. 13th -
- Dec. 20th -
- Dec. 27th -
- Jan. 3rd -

**Attendance last Weekend**  
Saturday: 8 Sunday: 22  
Join us on Facebook LIVE!

**Last Weekend Collection**

- E-giving \$ 300.00
- Youth Grant \$ 2,208.33
- Loose \$ 67.00
- Saturday \$ 140.00
- Sunday \$ 1,436.00

**Total Deposit \$ 4,151.33**

**Expenses:**

**Plant & maint. <\$ 138.26>**

**Liturgy <\$ 115.66>**

**St. Therese Catholic Church**

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**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent - Year B  
December 6, 2020**

**"Prepare the way of the Lord"**

**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

**PARISH SECRETARY**

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# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## Preparing the Way

Today's readings spin an exciting, hurry-up, preparing story. They proclaim that the fast-approaching feast of Christmas is a celebration that acknowledges that the story of Christ has not come to an end, that God's concern for us is no less evident, no less real, than it was thousands of years ago. The message of today's liturgy is clear: "Pull out all the stops! Get busy! Get ready!"

*FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11    RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14*  
*SECOND READING: 2 Peter 3:8-14    GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8*

## Comment

Today's first reading treats us once again to the powerful words of Isaiah. The mighty Lord, our kindly shepherd, is coming. We must ready ourselves for this long anticipated advent. We must straighten out our crookedness, plane away our rough edges, broaden our narrow-mindedness, fill in our gaps with grace. Then we will be ready to see and receive "the glory of the LORD."

Today's second reading calls for a state of preparation that is analogous to that demanded of those who maintain the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. Once a crew finishes painting the bridge, it simply starts all over again. Peter calls Christians to a similar sort of perpetual preparation. The Lord *is* coming, but we can't know exactly when. Thus, the "way" of the Lord must remain in a constant condition of readiness, a steady state of repair. Conversion is ongoing. The "new heavens and the new earth" must be just that—*new*.

The Gospel directly parallels the first reading. Mark seems to admit that he can't do better than Isaiah, so he simply repeats the prophet's words: "Make ready the way of the Lord." How? By adhering to the Baptist's "five Rs," that's how: by remembering, reforming, returning, repenting, and reconciling our lives. Such is the grace-filled grammar of readiness for the coming of the Lord.

## Reflection

Minnesota, my home state, has but two seasons: Winter and Road-Repair. The latter, shorter season prepares Minnesotans for the former, longer one, which we are now enjoying.

The season of Road-Repair teaches us patience and composure and gives new meaning to the phrase "You can't get there from here." During this season, patience is not a virtue, it's a fact of life. One waits—till the pot-holes are filled in, till the bridges are reinforced, till the roads are seal-coated, till the overpasses are repaved. Until all this is done, the way from hither to yon is virtually impassable. We don't necessarily like it, but we know its urgency.

For without the season of Road-Repair, we Minnesotans would not be able to scoff at six-foot snow drifts, look forward to jump-starting the car, thrill to the adventure of slip-sliding our way to work, nor become such experts at the effects of road salt on auto quarter panels. We may not relish the season of Road-Repair, but we know that it's absolutely essential to prepare us for our favorite season.

Although the simile may limp a bit, the season of Advent for Christians is a lot like that of Road-Repair for Minnesotans. Advent is a time of getting ready or preparing the way for our favorite season, Christmastide. It's a time that not only tries, but builds up and reinforces our patience. Likewise, Advent points out that—as far as having Christmas as a goal is concerned—"you can't get there from here" unless we take the time for some lifestyle repair and reconditioning.

### 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.

**24 Hour  
Video Surveillance  
Protection**

### 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\*



*Although we do not physically meet on Tuesday's for Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, be encouraged to privately meditate and pray through our patron St. Therese*

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jalen A. Chambers	Ruby Milton
Carroll Durio	Clayona Pillette
Mable Durio	Andre Platt
Margaret Green	John Richard Sr.
Mrs. Doris Hayes	Gerald Richard
Roy Hayes	Claudine Riggs
Ronald Hebert	Sammie Ware
Lucy Mitchell	Tiffany Winphrey

### ATTENTION EVERYONE

The Liturgical Year-B began 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.

### Holy Day of Obligation - Tuesday, December 08, 2020 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

#### Reflection

In Luke 1:28 the angel Gabriel, speaking on God's behalf, addresses Mary as "full of grace" or "highly favored". In that context, this phrase means that Mary is receiving all the special divine help necessary for the task ahead. However, the Church grows in understanding with the help of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit led the Church, especially non-theologians, to the insight that Mary had to be the most perfect work of God next to the Incarnation. Or rather, Mary's intimate association with the Incarnation called for the special involvement of God in Mary's whole life.

The logic of piety helped God's people to believe that Mary was full of grace and free of sin from the first moment of her existence. Moreover, this great privilege of Mary is the highlight of all that God has done in Jesus. Rightly understood, the incomparable holiness of Mary shows forth the incomparable goodness of God.

### \*\*\*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.

### 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.