

MASS INTENTIONS
 Mass at 50% capacity
Facebook LIVE! Sunday

Sunday, Dec. 27, 2020 9:00 am Mass
 Richard Guillory & Howard Guillory
 requested by Cindy Hampton

Monday Dec. 28th **NO MASS**

Tuesday Dec. 29th 9:00 am
 Joseph Henry request by Miona Richard
 private home meditation and prayer
 through our patron St. Therese

Wednesday, Dec. 30th, 9:00 a.m.
 Eva Henry request by Mona Richard

Thursday, Dec. 31st, 9:00 a.m.
 Juanita Stewart request by Mona Richard

Friday, Jan. 1st, 9:00 a.m.
 Theo & Beatrice Richard
 request by Mona Richard

Saturday, Jan. 2nd, 2021 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
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 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



READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. Dec. 27 - SIR 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 PS 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 COL 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 COL 3:15A, 16A or Heb 1:1-2 LK 2:22-40

Mon. Dec. 28 - 1 JN 1:5—2:2 PS 124:2-3, 4-5, 7CD-8 MT 2:13-18

Tues. Dec. 29 - 1 JN 2:3-11 PS 96:1-2A, 2B-3, 5B-6 LK 2:32 LK 2:22-35

Wed. Dec. 30 - 1 JN 2:12-17 PS 96:7-8A, 8B-9, 10 LK 2:36-40

Thurs. Dec. 31 - 1 JN 2:18-21 PS 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 JN 1:14A, 12A JN 1:1-18

New Years' Day Fri. Jan. 01 - NM 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 GAL 4:4-7 HEB 1:1-2 LK 2:16-21

Sat. Jan. 02 - 1 Jn 2:22-28 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Heb 1:1-2 Jn 1:19-28

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

Last Weekend Collection

Saturday \$ 137.00
 Sunday \$ 1,646.00

Total Deposit \$ 1,783.00

Expenses:

MINISTERS SERVING IN DECEMBER

LECTORS ONLY

- Saturdays-1st reader/2nd reader
- Jan. 2nd -
- Sundays-1st reader/2nd reader
- Jan. 3rd -

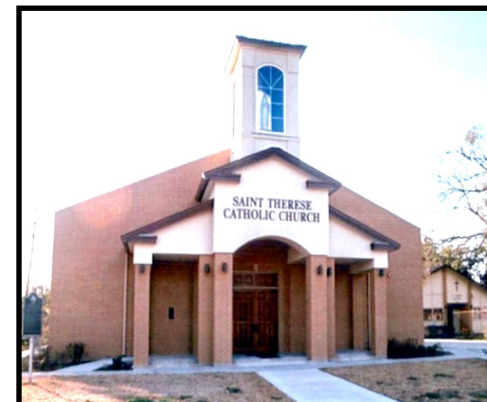
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Office Hours
 Tuesday thru Friday
 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
 Lunch 12-1:00 pm
 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary And Joseph
December 27, 2020

“Simeon said, “This child is destined for the full and rise of many in Israel”

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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SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Family Ties

The Christmas season always offers us an oversupply of achingly beautiful advertisements and television shows of perfect families with their perfect pets gathered in perfect homes with perfect snow falling through windless skies.

But for most families surrounded by children on vacation from school, family may be too much with us! Against all the prettied-up family films, we fail. Thank God we are not called to be a perfect people. We are called rather to be a compassionate people. This ties us all together.

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

Comment

In Luke's Gospel today we learn how much Mary and Joseph resemble new parents. They attempt to carry out faithfully the responsibilities of their religion. They go to the temple to fulfill the observance of the law of Israel. Here they meet saintly Anna and Simeon, both of whom give us a glimpse into Luke's intent. These two people seem to embody the mature wisdom of the entire people of Israel. In this wonderful and holy family, they see the fulfillment of Israel's vocation.

Because we know the Gospels, we know that Anna and Simeon were given the hard job of prophecy. But it is possible for young parents to be filled with dreams and hopes and therefore miss the full import of the prophecy, which in any case they could hardly be expected to fathom. So, Mary and Joseph returned home with their tiny child and did what parents always do. They cared for, supported, loved, and cherished their child. They did this knowing all the while, as all parents do, that the future is not theirs to control.

Reflection

What is in families' control is the grace and task of imparting and embodying the faith of which Paul speaks in the second reading. What is in their control are the courtesies and respect that should exist between and among the generations. Much is learned by osmosis. Families learn as they go along. Family members start out as novices. Strong families are all amateurs who never cease growing and learning. Members sometimes do the right thing and sometimes the wrong thing. Members sometimes know what to do and sometimes they don't. Members sometimes amaze each other and sometimes they fail terribly.

After all is said and done, family members do what they do for the love of the doing. In the sacrament of marriage, love is assumed, and faithfulness is promised. The rest is worked out in the living out of love and faith. The family that is underfoot is exactly the family we need. It has everything necessary to be a genuine holy family.

The season of Christmas does remind us of this enduring gift of family. Continue Christmas by celebrating with your family. Parents might consider writing a note to their children letting them know how much they cherish them. Children might get together and plan a simple, inexpensive way to say thanks to parents. These simple gifts remind us of what is so easy to forget or take for granted—that family, such as it is, remains an irreplaceable gift.

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	



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

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

Attention Everyone

Effective January 1, 2021, any NEW mass offerings/stipends will be a minimum of \$10 per Mass. Masses that are currently on the calendar as of December 31, 2020 will be celebrated at the dollar amount of the donated offering at the time of request, typically \$5. Mass offerings/stipends on the calendar for the next year that were paid in 2020 or before will be paid to the priest for the donated amount.

Praying for the Family

Father, we pray for the family and circle of friends who are grieving the loss of **Deacon Julian Richard**, who passed away Wednesday, December 23, 2020. He served as Deacon at St. Therese for over 25 years.

They're hurting for many reasons, and we ask You to help them through this season of loss. We reach out to You Lord, the Father of compassion and the Source of every comfort, asking You to touch them with Your unfailing love and kindness. Be their God who comforts them as they're going through their struggles, and bring them through the tough things ahead. Come alongside them in their pain, and strengthen them so they'll one day be able to help others who face the same struggles. (2 Corinthians 1:3-4; Psalm 33:22; 1 Samuel 20:14a)

Bishop Faith Appeal Our Goal has been Achieved

As we deepen our commitment to the Gospel message, we come to understand that stewardship is a way of life. A commitment to serving God's people. Working together one parish, "I can do all things through Christ that gives me strength." is a testament to what we can achieved. Congratulations on accomplishing those goals that are set before us. Thank you to everyone.

**Chairpersons,
Adam & Dorothy Jacobs and
Fr. Donatus.**

BEWARE * BEWARE *

Please be aware of this **HOLIDAY SCAM** these scams are on the rise. Father Donatus has been informed that someone is using his name to receive money from unsuspecting parishioners. Below is what is being sent. Please pass it on. Thanks and God bless

Hi, How are you?
I need a favor from you, please text me back as soon as you get this message.
Blessings,
Pastor. Donatus Chris Mgebejou,
And it goes on to ask for iTunes gift cards in the amount of \$500, in \$100 denominations. **PLEASE IGNORE**

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.