

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mass at 50% capacity
Sunday's Facebook LIVE!

Sunday, Jan. 10, 2020 9:00 am Mass
Leothus & Lucy Jones
requested by Mona Richard

Monday Jan. 11th NO MASS

Tuesday Jan. 12th 9:00 am
Dylinda Mims Hebert
requested by Gary Mims

Wednesday, Jan. 13th, 9:00 a.m.
Miranda Mims requested by Patrick Mims

Thursday, Jan. 14th, 9:00 a.m.
Adrian Mims requested by Gary Mims

Friday, Jan. 15th, 9:00 a.m.
Gary Mims Jr. requested by Gary Mims

Saturday, Jan. 16th, 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).

January Birthday List

Happy Birthday to:

Jace Robertson	1
Christina Edwards	3
D'Ana Williams	5
Ryan Robertson	5
Cynthia Rogers	6
Freda Guillory	7
Marvin Hampton	8
Joe Ware Sr.	12
O'Ril Guillory	18
Horace Broussard III	18
Coretta Ambers	24
Ariel Anderson	25
David Feathers	28

Happy Anniversary

Adam & Dorothy Jacobs	8th
John & Cecelia Judge	16th

LECTORS SERVING IN JANUARY

Saturday's/ one reader

Jan. 2nd - Mona Richard
Jan. 9th - Veronica Warren
Jan. 16th - Leo Jackson
Jan. 23rd - Peggy Green
Jan. 30th - Gary Mims

Sunday's/one reader

Jan. 3rd - Eva Platt
Jan. 10th - Horace Broussard
Jan. 17 - Cindy Hampton
Jan. 24th - Freda Guillory
Jan. 31st - Felicia Richard

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
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- Finance * Janice Semien
- Fund Raiser * Walter Davis
- Hospitality * Horace Broussard
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- Life Center * Adam Jacobs
- Maintenance * Joseph Ware Sr.
- Mission/Retreat* Cecilia Davis
- Music Director * Leo Jackson
- Pastoral Council * Lester Popillion
- D.R.E * Sanja Popillion
- Youth * Felicia Richard
- Stewardship * Gary Mims



Income and Expenses for last week

Attendance Sat:	Sun:	Expenses paid out
Collection		
Cleaning	\$ 115.00	
Missals	\$ 10.00	
New Years	\$ 182.00	
Saturday	\$ 142.00	
Sunday	\$ 1,501.00	
Total Deposit		\$ 1,950.00

St. Therese Catholic Church

Established in 1924; Served by The Missionary Society of St. Paul from Nigeria since 2000

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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.



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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - Year B
January 10, 2021
"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased"



Eucharistic Celebration

Weekends:

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Weekdays:

Tuesday-Friday
9:00 a.m.

Reconciliation:

Saturdays
3:20 p.m. - 3:55 p.m.

Adoration & Benediction

1st Tuesday of each month
5:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m.

Exposition & Adoration Of the Blessed Sacrament

every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

Infant Baptism:

Please contact the Pastor two months prior to desired date of baptism

Marriage:

Please call the Rectory six (6) months prior to proposed date

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. Jan. 10 - Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9 Cf. Jn 1:29 Mk 1:7-11

Mon. Jan. 11 - Heb 1:1-6 Ps 97:1 & 2b, 6 & 7c, 9 Mk 1:15 Mk 1:14-20

Tues. Jan. 12 - Heb 2:5-12 Ps 8:2ab & 5, 6-7, 8-9 See 1 Thes 2:13 Mk 1:21-28

Wed. Jan. 13 - Heb 2:14-18 Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 Jn 10:27 Mk 1:29-39

Thurs. Jan. 14 - Heb 3:7-14 Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 See Mt 4:23 Mk 1:40-45

Fri. Jan. 15 - Heb 4:1-5, 11 Ps 78:3 & 4bc, 6c-7, 8 Lk 7:16 Mk 2:1-12

Sat. Jan. 16 - Heb 4:12-16 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 Lk 4:18 Mk 2:13-17

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

God's Favor

We have all experienced being chosen or favored in some way, large or small. Whatever the size of the favor, we know both the inherent excitement and fear. We quickly recognize that we have work to do or risks to take. If we are favored by being chosen as a member of a team or named to the first position, we know we carry a new responsibility and take on a new task. Sharing in God's favor is both a gift and a commission, a grace and a task. Since much is given, much will also be expected—but not too much! The challenge is to recall who has favored us and then to get on with it.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1–11 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Isaiah 12:2–3, 4bcd, 5–6
SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1–9 GOSPEL: Mark 1:7–11

Comment

For the first six centuries of the Church's young life, the Baptism of the Lord was celebrated as *the* manifestation of God's saving power in Jesus. Jesus' baptism is of such importance that it is recounted in all three synoptic Gospels and, in John's Gospel is referred to as a watershed event. Today's Gospel reading from Mark does not tell us directly of the baptism itself, but focuses instead on the heavens that are torn open and the astounding message that is given. Mark does not want us to miss the import of this event. At long last God dramatically responds to Israel's ancient longing for a Messiah. In his typically straightforward and brief way, Mark tells us that Jesus is the favored one, the one on whom God's favor rests.

Just as Israel waited and waited, so, too, have we waited and waited. The whole Advent season carried our hope-filled prayer, "Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down ..." (Isaiah 63:19). Christmas and Epiphany celebrated that coming, and today the heavens are rent; today the Father's favor rests on a single person who is named the beloved Son.

The beloved Son came before John the Baptizer as a human being and as one among many people of Palestine who sought John's baptism. This baptism signified his (Jesus') acceptance of his humanity and his identification with us. This baptism also occasioned a complementary response from heaven. To Jesus' action that said, in effect, "I am a human among humans," is added the rest of the truth: "You are my beloved Son."

At no other time in Israel's history is an individual called "my Son." This relationship of Father and Son is something brand new under the sun. It signals a new relationship of humankind with God. It is a new epiphany. Here and now, John the Baptizer understands that his work has been brought to fruition, for Jesus is introduced to the waiting world and named the favored and beloved Son by the Father in the overshadowing presence of the Holy Spirit. Thus is God's visitation fully manifest. Now Jesus' public mission begins.

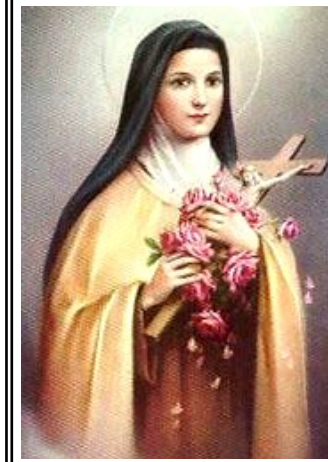
Reflection

When the waters of the Jordan parted and the heavens opened, the earth received its blessing in the person of Jesus, the Christ, the anointed servant who brings salvation. In the waters of our baptism, we share in the sonship (grace) and servanthood (task) of Christ. We pray that all who share in this great favor of God reflect the glory of the kingdom to the very ends of the earth.

A saint of the early Church, Ireneaus, once reminded us that the glory of God is humankind fully alive. That is an apt description of us today. The heavens that once opened to receive and proclaim Jesus as beloved Son are open to us and will always be open to us. We who share the humanity of Jesus also share his divinity. We can bring ourselves into the light of this revelation even though we may feel at times like weak and bruised reeds. We are (maybe in spite of ourselves) beloved daughters and sons. We can see ourselves from God's point of view; we can start with that act of faith and proceed.

PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND

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



way her spirituality has in flounced people all over the world.

"My mission - to make God loved - will begin after my death," she said. "I will spend my heaven doing good on earth. I will let fall a shower of roses."

Roses have been described and experienced as Saint Therese's signature. Countless millions have been touched by her intercession and imitate her "little way." She has been acclaimed "the greatest saint of modern times." In 1997, Pope John Paul II declared St. Therese a Doctor of the Church - the only Doctor of his pontificate - in tribute to the powerful

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

THE SUGGESTION BOX

At the rear of the Church there is a suggestion box for obtaining comments, questions, and requests to enhance our Parish buildings or grounds.

1. **Ice Marker**
2. **New Table at the Entrance,** Is it to replace something or will it be added to what is already there?
3. **New Stain-glass Windows,** what type and design of stain-glass would you like to see?

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.

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.**

MASS STIPENDS

Effective January 1, 2021, any NEW mass offerings/stipends will be a minimum of \$10 per mass, however the priest may accept less than \$10. 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.

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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.