

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mass at 50% capacity
Sunday's Facebook LIVE!

Sunday, Jan. 17, 2020 9:00 am Mass
T. G. & Rosa Lee Warren
requested by Veronica Warren

Monday Jan. 18th NO MASS

Tuesday Jan. 19th 9:00 am
Celestine Johnson
requested by Veronica Warren

Wednesday, Jan. 20th, 9:00 a.m.
Yvonne Warren
requested by Veronica Warren

Thursday, Jan. 21st, 9:00 a.m.
John Warren
requested by Veronica Warren

Friday, Jan. 22nd, 9:00 a.m.
Thomas "Butch" Warren Sr.
requested by Veronica Warren

Saturday, Jan. 23rd, 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. Jan. 17 - 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Jn 1:41, 17b Jn 1:35-42

Mon. Jan. 18 - Heb 5:1-10 Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 Heb 4:12 Mk 2:18-22

Tues. Jan. 19 - Heb 6:10-20 Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 & 10c See Eph 1:17-18 Mk 2:23-28

Wed. Jan. 20 - Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 Mt 4:23 Mk 3:1-6

Thurs. Jan. 21 - Heb 7:25—8:6 Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 2 Tm 1:10 Mk 3:7-12

Fri. Jan. 22 - Heb 8:6-13 Ps 85:8 & 10, 11-12, 13-14 Mk 3:13-19

Sat. Jan. 23 - Heb 9:2-3, 11-14 Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 Acts 16:14b Mk 3:20-21

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

Income and Expenses for last week

Attendance Sat: 8 Sun: 20

Collection

Missals	\$ 5.00
Saturday	\$ 335.00
Sunday	\$ 2,521.00

Total Deposit \$ 2,861.00

COORDINATORS OF MINISTRIES

Activities *	Brushelle Scott
BINGO *	Evangeline Platt
Bishop Faith Appeal *	
	Adam Jacobs & Dorothy Jacobs
Bereavement Committee *	
	Rose Bottley
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Environmental *	Ina Chavis
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Lectors *	Peggy Green
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



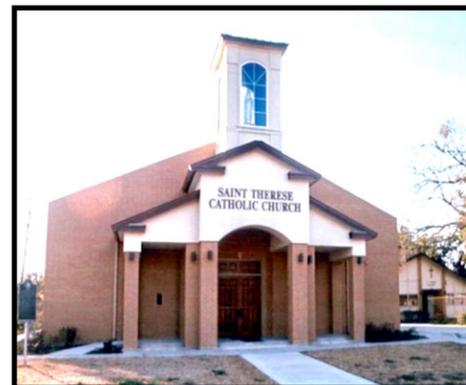
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Tuesday thru Friday
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Lunch 12-1:00 pm
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



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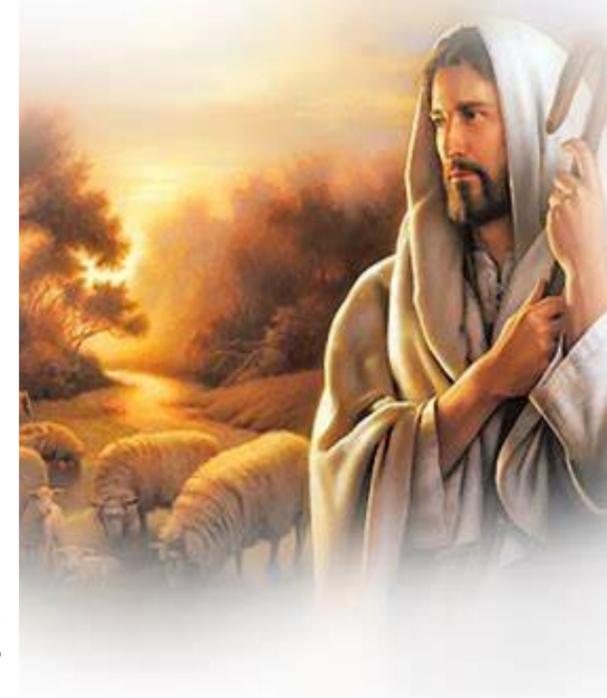
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The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
January 3, 2021

"Behold, the Lamb of God"



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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

God's Call

One of the fondest shared memories of childhood has to be the call to come home for supper. At the time, we may not have wanted to set aside our games, but now we recall the sweet long evening and the memory of being called to the original place of nurturing and community. However it came to us, we heeded: the six o'clock whistle blew or the Angelus bell rang or we heard the familiar voices of our parents calling down the alley, "Suppertime!" The call to each child is the call to all the children, each in his or her own family. No single one could pull up a chair to the table until all of the family was there. God's call is like that. Each and every one is called to a place of nurturing and community. God's call is directed to each of us and each of us must respond. Each of us is called, but none of us is called alone.

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10
SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20 GOSPEL: John 1:35-42

Comment

God summoned the leaders of Israel in startling ways. Moses' mission, for example, was delivered from a burning bush; Isaiah's vocation was disclosed in a fiery vision in the temple. In today's first reading, we hear of a quiet invitation, one more within our experience. In the first two chapters of the first book of Samuel, which precede this reading, we learn that Samuel's mother, Hannah, had stormed heaven for a child. God answered her prayers and in due time she bore a son, Samuel. What Hannah could not have known was that Samuel's birth, so special to Hannah, was also a gift to Israel.

Samuel, now a boy, is growing up in the precincts of the temple in Shiloh, where the ark of the covenant is enshrined. One night he hears a voice calling. Three times he arises to see if his mentor, Eli, has called, and three times he is sent back to bed. Just before today's passage, it is noted that Samuel is new to this business of conversing with God, for at that time "revelation of the Lord was uncommon and vision infrequent" (1 Samuel 3:1). But, finally, Samuel understands that he is being called by God. He obeys and becomes, as it turns out, the first prophet during the time of the monarchy. Samuel's willing and attentive spirit sets the tone for today's meditation on those who heed God's call.

The Gospel follows and flows from the story of baptism of Jesus, which the Church heard proclaimed last Sunday. Though John does not record the baptism of Jesus, he refers to it here. Jesus is called the Lamb of God. The term "lamb" is the kind of wordplay that we often find in John's writing. The Aramaic word *talya* can mean both "lamb" and "servant." John the Baptizer pointed out Jesus, and described him as the servant of God. This was all the disciples needed as they ran to catch up to Jesus, who was passing by. They moved so quickly, almost impulsively, that when they caught up with Jesus and he asked them what they were searching for, they seemed to fumble their lines. They asked him, somewhat lamely, where he was staying. It was as if Jesus knew they were *searching* for a place or a way or a dwelling that Jesus had found or knew about. To the disciples' question, Jesus replied, "Come and see." Jesus' words implied, "Come and dwell where I do; come and know what or who I know." And they did. The disciples heard the call and followed.

Jesus' call was too good to keep bottled up. Andrew rushed off to tell his brother Simon, and confessed that he found the Messiah. Simon, too, came running, and his response to the call brought him a new name, "Peter," the rock. Peter would become the foundation of God's new people, the Church.

In the second reading Paul speaks of the glory found in all who respond to God's call. As followers of Christ, we are like Christ in body and spirit. We who were called one by one are now part of a greater whole. We are no longer our own; we have thrown our lot in with others. We are all one in Christ.

Reflection

To accept God's call means more than accepting a personal or private commission. It means accepting a communal life, a life of solidarity with others. We can always test whether we are really responding to that call by asking ourselves, "When God calls me, does God find a people, that is, a person committed to solidarity?" The person who is one in Christ is not marked by parochial concerns and demands for self-fulfillment. It does not follow that taking care of oneself first leads to caring for others. We are called to something greater than ourselves, and in obeying that call we are summoned beyond ourselves, to be servants like Jesus Christ.

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



to the powerful way her spirituality has influenced 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 way her spirituality has influenced people all over the world.

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

What Ordinary Time Means in the Catholic Church

Ordinary Time refers to parts of the calendar of the Catholic Church, and makes up most of the liturgical year, the fact that Ordinary Time refers to those periods that fall outside of the major liturgical seasons.

Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" not because it is common but simply because the weeks are numbered. The Latin word ordinal, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word *ordo*, from which we get the English word order. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time, in fact, represent the ordered life of the Church—the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in more severe penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ. It's appropriate, therefore, that the Gospel for the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (which is actually the first Sunday celebrated in Ordinary Time) always features either John the Baptist's acknowledgment of Christ as the Lamb of God or Christ's first miracle—the transformation of water into wine at the wedding at Cana. Thus for Catholics, Ordinary Time is the part of the year in which Christ, the Lamb of God, walks among us and transforms our lives. There's nothing "ordinary" about that!

Bishop Faith Appeal A new year a new GOAL coming soon

We will continue our commitment to the Gospel message, we know and understand that stewardship is a way of life. We are committed 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 achieve. We will strive to meet those goals that are set before us. Thank you in advance.

Chairpersons, Adam & Dorothy Jacobs and Fr. Donatus.

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.

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.