

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

*Mass at 50% capacity  
Sunday's Facebook LIVE!*  
**Sunday, Jan. 24, 2020 9:00 am Mass**  
**Deacon Julian Richard**  
*requested by Cindy Hampton*  
**Monday Jan. 25th NO MASS**  
**Tuesday Jan. 26th 9:00 am**  
**Betty Broussard**  
*requested by Veronica Warren*  
**Wednesday, Jan. 27th, 9:00 a.m.**  
**Jack Broussard**  
*requested by Veronica Warren*  
**Thursday, Jan. 28th, 9:00 a.m.**  
**Celestine Broussard**  
*requested by Veronica Warren*  
**Friday, Jan. 29th, 9:00 a.m.**  
**Alchrist Broussard**  
*requested by Veronica Warren*  
**Saturday, Jan. 30th, 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. 24** - Jon 3:1-5, 10 Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:15 Mk 1:14-20  
**Mon. Jan. 25** - Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Jn 15:16 Mk 16:15-18  
**Tues. Jan. 26** - 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 Mt 11:25 Mk 3:31-35  
**Wed. Jan. 27** - Heb 10:11-18 Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 Mk 4:1-20  
**Thurs. Jan. 28** - Heb 10:19-25 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Ps 119:105 Mk 4:21-25  
**Fri. Jan. 29** - Heb 10:32-39 Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 Mt 11:25 Mk 4:26-34  
**Sat. Jan. 30** - Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 Jn 3:16 Mk 4:35-41

**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 & FEBRUARY**

Saturday's/ one reader  
Jan. 30th - Gary Mims  
Feb. 6th - Leo Jackson  
Feb. 13th - Mona Richard  
Feb. 20th - Gary Mims  
Feb. 27th -  
Sunday's/one reader  
Jan. 31st - Felicia Richard  
Feb. 7th - Eva Platt  
Feb. 14th - Peggy Green  
Feb. 21st - Tina Kindle  
Feb. 27th - Youth

**Income and Expenses for last week**

**Attendance Sat: 10 Sun: 26**  
**Collection**

Blk & Ind. Grant \$ 1,500.00  
Saturday \$ 192.00  
Sunday \$ 1,660.00

**Total Deposit \$ 3,352.00**

**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  
**Custodian** \* Veronica Warren  
**Finance** \* Janice Semien  
**Fund Raiser** \* Walter Davis  
**Hospitality** \* 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  
**D.R.E** \* Sanja Popillion  
**Youth** \* Felicia Richard  
**Stewardship** \* Gary Mims

**Funeral Services for  
Deacon Julian Richard**

Wednesday, January 27, 2021 @  
St. Francis of Assisi  
Viewing 9:00 am, Rosary 9:30 am  
Funeral Mass 10:00am  
**Requirements:**  
Face Mask & Temperature check

**Expenses paid out**

Center Point Entergy <\$ 233.99>

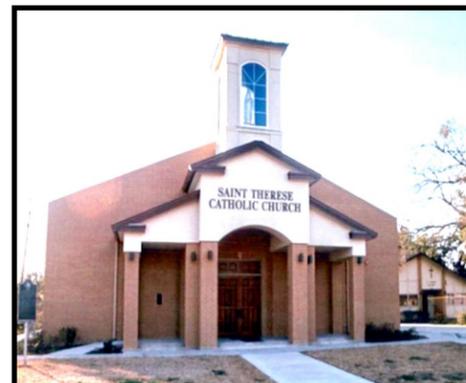
**St. Therese Catholic Church**

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

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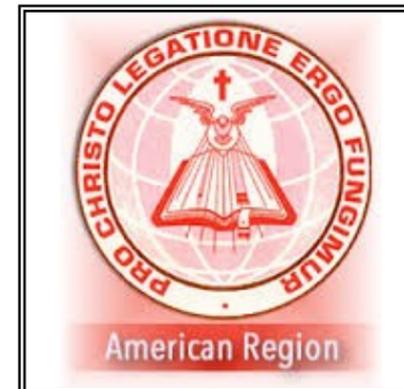
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**Pastor: Rev. Dr. Donatus  
Mgbeajuo, MSP**

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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.



**PARISH SECRETARY**

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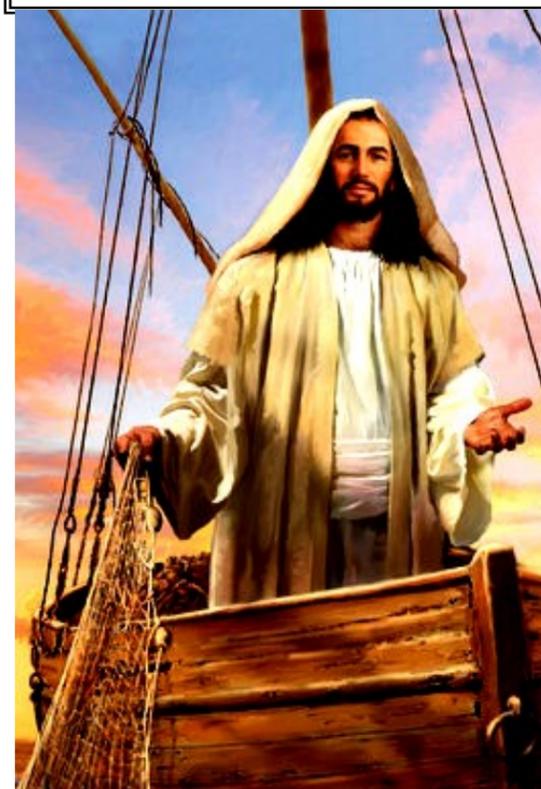
Janice Semien (409) 883-7126

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Tina Kindle (409) 238-4447

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**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in  
Ordinary Time- Year B**  
**January 24, 2021**  
**“Come after me,  
and I will make you  
fishers of men”**



**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

# THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Creativity

Prize-winning novelist Toni Morrison once told an interviewer that raising children nourished her creativity. The interviewer was startled. Surely, he thought, spending time with helpless infants, needy children, unsure adolescents would squelch creativity and occupy the time Morrison could spend instead at her desk creating yet another novel. But no, her children knew her as mother, as the creator and sustainer of their lives. They brought out the best in her. They freed her so that she could create even more.

**FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10    RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9**  
**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31    GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20**

## Comment

The readings from Jonah and the Gospel describe instantaneous and positive responses. Jonah is give the task of preaching conversion to hitherto unrepentant Nineveh. The demand for repentance barely leaves Jonah's lips, and the city rises up to obey. The people repent in sackcloth and ashes.

In the Gospel for this day, Jesus is walking the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Not once, but twice, he encounters a set of brothers, who abandon their nets at Jesus' call. Such spontaneous and obedient responses appear rarely. And today we get two such incidents in a row. We must not miss the point. God expects such a response from us. This is our chance, our big chance. God knows this, and if we are not too dull of spirit, we know it, too. God's call is Good News that we can seize. This may imply surrendering the bad news of our easy and trivializing habits, not someday or tomorrow, but right now.

Making such a response to God's offer of Good News calls for faith, yes, but more than that, it calls for freedom. God's call invites our free response. That is why Paul summons us in the second reading to travel light, to lead lives unburdened of those things that threaten to drag us down and keep us there. It would be drawing the wrong conclusion to infer that Paul is denigrating marriage or any other human good. Rather, he is simply calling attention to the fact that responding to Christ's summons means achieving a perspective that focuses the stuff of human life toward God.

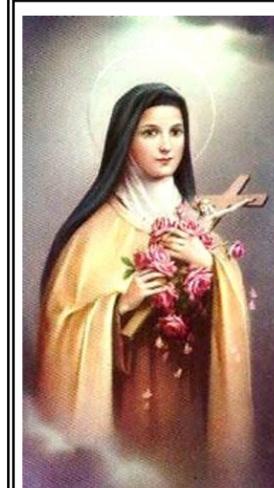
## Reflection

We know, of course, that the people of Nineveh responded immediately, but alas! Jonah didn't. He dragged his anchor, for sure. He had to be tossed overboard and coughed up on shore before he finally got himself turned around in the direction that led to the fulfillment of his prophetic mission—the conversion of the willing and pliable people of Nineveh.

Mark's account of the call of the disciples shows them accepting their mission instantly. The disciples abandon their old way without a second thought. Imagine yourself leaving your workplace at the drop of the hat without announcement or future plan or further thought. People who knew you well would search for a reason, a deep motivation. Jesus' call to the disciples touched their deeper sense, stirred something in the very soul of Israel and of its faithful people. The disciples recognized the one truth that was meant for them. This was the promised one of God and they were on their way. They discovered in him the freedom of the sons and daughters of God. In this new undertaking they were finally free. Not merely free *from* fish and fishing, but free *to* serve the Lord in a new and undreamed of, but wished for, way. Paul describes this sort of freedom in acceptance of the Lord's mission. He tells us that people who take up the mission of Jesus Christ must be free *from* the day-to-day worries that can drain the life out of a person. As we have noted, the person of mission—the Christian—is not called to detach himself or herself from the world, from family, from relationships. Rather, the Christian must involve himself or herself in these very worries and concerns so that they can be shaped and managed to serve the work of Christ on this great old joyful and painful earth. Christians are called to use all the tools at hand. Only then will the Christian be free, and only then can he or she help in the work of freeing others and helping them see and experience the presence of God, not by transcending this world, but by creatively taking it on.

## PRAY FOR THE SHUT-IN

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



"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

## Why Is Green the Color of Ordinary Time?

Likewise, the normal liturgical color for Ordinary Time—for those days when there is no special feast—is green. Green vestments and altar cloths have traditionally been associated with the time after Pentecost, the period in which the Church founded by the risen Christ and enlivened by the Holy Spirit began to grow and to spread the Gospel to all nations.

## 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. Thank you for your support.

## 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.**

## Bishop Faith Appeal Goal : 17,049.

While we are facing challenging times, keeping safe and preventing the spread of the coronavirus. God challenges us to share what we have with others, to make a commit to serving God's people. Romans 8:28 say's "For those who love God, all things work together for the good." Make your pledge to the BFA is one of the ways we are all called together, one parish, supporting others with what we have. Thank you for your support.

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

## TAX STATEMENTS

My fellow parishioners, if you need an end of the year tax statement for your records please contact the parish office or any parish council member and your statement will be made available to you. Because of the personal information, you may pick it up in person, have it mailed with the address on file or a family member with a signed request to be kept on file. Thank you for your cooperation.

## 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.