

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mass at 50% capacity
Sunday's Facebook LIVE!

Sunday, Jan. 31, 2021 9:00 am Mass
Mr. Roland Thomas
requested by Cindy Hampton

Monday Feb. 1st NO MASS

Tuesday Feb. 2nd 9:00 am

Wednesday, Feb. 3rd, 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, Feb. 4th, 9:00 a.m.

Friday, Feb. 5th, 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, Feb. 6th, 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 & 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

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. Jan. 31 - Dt 18:15-20 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mt 4:16 Mk 1:21-28

Mon. Feb. 1 - Heb 11:32-40 Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 Lk 7:16 Mk 5:1-20

Tues. Feb. 2 - Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:32 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Wed. Feb. 3 - Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a Jn 10:27 Mk 6:1-6

Thurs. Feb. 4 - Heb 12:18-19, 21-24 Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 Mk 1:15 Mk 6:7-13

Fri. Feb. 5 - Heb 13:1-8 Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc Lk 8:15 Mk 6:14-29

Sat. Feb. 6 - Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Jn 10:27 Mk 6:30-34

**COORDINATORS OF
MINISTRIES**

Activities * Brushelle Scott
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Pastoral Council * Lester Popillion
D.R.E * Sanja Popillion
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Stewardship * Gary Mims



Income and Expenses for last week

Attendance Sat: 10 Sun: 35

Collection

2nd collect \$ 121.00
Saturday \$ 126.00
Sunday \$ 1,478.00

Total Deposit \$ 1,725.00

Expenses paid out

City of Orange <\$ 226.94>
Spectrum <\$ 146.15>
Religious Retirement <\$ 67.00>
Center Point <\$ 233.99>
Admin Supplies <\$ 351.37>

St. Therese Catholic Church

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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.



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**The 4th Sunday in
Ordinary Time - Year B**

January 31, 2021

**“He commands
unclean spirits and
they obey him”**



**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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Authority

The word “authority” comes from the Latin word *auctor*, which means “author.” The word doesn’t mean that a person with authority must be a writer. But it does mean that the person with authority must be an artist—someone who “authors” something. But what does that person author? Jesus knew the answer: life. The bringer of life has authority to change the world.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 18:15–20 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 95:1–2, 6–7, 7–9

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:32–35 GOSPEL: Mark 1:21–28

Comment

In today’s Gospel, we see that the authority of Jesus was clearly grasped by the opposition. The cry from the demon, the spirit of evil, is unmistakable and chilling: “I know who you are!” This is to say, “You are the ultimate threat to us.” Evil will no longer have its way. Jesus has served notice, and the spirit of evil knows it. The lines are drawn.

It is characteristic of Mark to draw the battle lines early in his Gospel. He shows us that the embodiment of God’s goodness is diametrically opposed to the power of evil that is tolerated in the world. The collusion of systems and institutions that drives the people to distraction and keeps them poor and ignorant goes on and on and on. The words coming from the mouth of the single tormented man in the synagogue are startling, to say the least. But the great wonder is the durable hope of the people at large. Finally, at long last, could this be the author of life? The creator of something new under the sun? The crowd was held spellbound by Jesus. He spoke of newness. He did not sound like the tired, soulless teachers the plentiful poor had grown so weary of. Jesus was not the “same old, same old.”

The first reading would have prepared the people at Capernaum. They knew by heart the grace and beauty of the book of Deuteronomy, literally, the “second law.” This book gave them the great *Shema*: “Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!”(6:4) The revered Moses has primacy of place in this book.

It may come as a surprise to us that Moses is described as a prophet. Not only that, he is the standard by which all other prophets are measured. There is often widespread confusion about the vocation of the prophet. An authentic prophet is not one who sees into the future, but rather one who speaks for God. Moses, the great one who speaks for God, reminds the people that God will raise up a prophet like Moses himself. This prophet will speak in God’s name and only in God’s name.

We can easily make the transition to Jesus himself. We see him stand up to read the Scriptures in the synagogue of Capernaum. Those who heard him were astonished. The spirit of evil was enraged. The time was ripe. The Author of life was ready for battle.

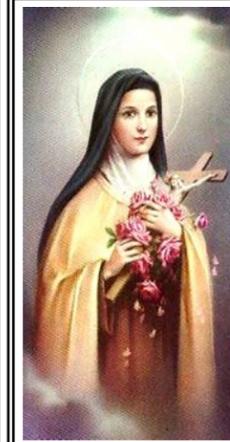
A mere fifty-six years after Jesus’ resurrection the world was changing. Paul writes a letter to the Church at Corinth, the second reading today. He understands that with baptism comes a new day that would yield to the supposedly imminent second coming. In the face of this grace-filled time of great expectation, we sense Paul’s urgency. He counsels the Corinthians to be free of anxiety and to realize that they are called to devote themselves entirely to the Lord. For all his sense of urgency, Paul nonetheless bears within himself an assurance and serenity born not of self-confidence but of grace. He wishes this for the Corinthians and for us.

Reflection

God has raised up one like Moses and greater than Moses. Jesus is understood as good news for those who are willing to receive him. He is a threat or a matter of indifference for those who will not. In Mark’s Gospel, the first miracle is a casting out, an exorcism. The simplest and the most sophisticated listeners understood that they were witnessing a new time. Sin had overstayed its time and lost its power. There was someone new under the sun, and he would change the world.

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

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.

Why Is There No Ordinary Time in the Traditional Calendar?

Ordinary Time is a feature of the current (post-Vatican II) liturgical calendar. In the traditional Catholic calendar used before 1970 and still used in the celebration of the Traditional Latin Mass, as well as in the calendars of the Eastern Catholic Churches, the Sundays of Ordinary Time are referred to as the Sundays After Epiphany and the Sundays After Pentecost.

How Many Sundays Are There in Ordinary Time?

In any given year, there are either 33 or 34 Sundays in Ordinary Time. Because Easter is a moveable feast, and thus the Lent and Easter seasons "float" from year to year, the number of Sundays in each period of Ordinary Time vary from the other period as well as from year to year.

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.

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.

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.