

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

Mass at 50% capacity

**Sunday's Facebook LIVE!**

**Sunday, Feb. 7, 2020 9:00 am Mass**

Monday Feb. 8th NO MASS

Tuesday Feb. 9th 9:00 am

Wednesday, Feb. 10th, 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, Feb. 11th, 9:00 a.m.

Friday, Feb. 12th, 9:00 a.m.

**Saturday, Feb. 13th, 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).

**LECTORS SERVING IN FEBRUARY**

Saturday's/ one reader

Feb. 13th - Mona Richard

Feb. 20th - Gary Mims

Feb. 27th - Veronica Warren

Sunday's/one reader

Feb. 14th - Peggy Green

Feb. 21st - Tina Kindle

Feb. 27th - Youth

**READINGS FOR THIS WEEK**

**Sun. Feb. 7 -** Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 Mt 8:17 Mk 1:29-39

**Mon. Feb. 8 -** Gn 1:1-19 Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c Mt 4:23 Mk 6:53-56

**Tues. Feb. 9 -** Gn 1:20—2:4a Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Ps 119:36, 29b Mk 7:1-13

**Wed. Feb. 10 -** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17 Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 Jn 17:17b, 17a Mk 7:14-23

**Thurs. Feb. 11 -** Gn 2:18-25 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 Jas 1:21bc Mk 7:24-30

**Fri. Feb. 12 -** Gn 3:1-8 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 Acts 16:14b Mk 7:31-37

**Sat. Feb. 13 -** Gn 3:9-24 Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 Mt 4:4b Mk 8:1-10

**February Birthday List**  
Happy Birthday to:

Diane Hebert	1
Albert Thibodeaux	1
Ryland Blackwell	3
Santina Robertson	5
Stacy Johnson	5
Gerald Richard	6
Jada Semien	9
Ralph Wilkes	11
Athena Jefferson	13
Italia Green	14
Leo Jackson	18
Richard Scott	20
Ry'Asian Daughtery	22
Ariel Anderson	27

**Happy Anniversary**

Albert & Phyllis Thibodeaux 6th

**MASS STIPENDS**

Effective January 1, 2021, any NEW mass offerings/stipends will be a minimum of \$10 per mass. Thank you for your support.

**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. There were two suggestions the same to pay down the debt owed to the Diocese of Bmt.

**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.**

**COORDINATORS OF MINISTRIES**

<b>Activities</b>	* Brushelle Scott
<b>BINGO</b>	* Evangeline Platt
<b>Bishop Faith Appeal</b>	* Adam Jacobs & Dorothy Jacobs
<b>Bereavement Committee</b>	* Rose Bottley
<b>Donut Sunday's</b>	* Freda Guillory
<b>Environmental</b>	* Ina Chavis
<b>Extraordinary Minister of Communion</b>	* Dorothy Broussard
<b>Custodian</b>	* Veronica Warren
<b>Finance</b>	* Janice Semien
<b>Fund Raiser</b>	* Walter Davis
<b>Hospitality</b>	* Horace Broussard
<b>Lectors</b>	* Peggy Green
<b>Life Center</b>	* Adam Jacobs
<b>Maintenance</b>	* Joseph Ware Sr.
<b>Mission/Retreat</b>	* Cecilia Davis
<b>Music Director</b>	* Leo Jackson
<b>Pastoral Council</b>	* Lester Popillion
<b>D.R.E</b>	* Sanja Popillion
<b>Youth</b>	* Felicia Richard
<b>Stewardship</b>	* Gary Mims

**Income & Expenses for last week**

**Attendance Sat: 10 Sun: 27**  
**Collection**

Mass stipend	\$ 20.00
Lec. book	\$ 12.00
Missal	\$ 5.00
Youth Grant	\$ 2,208.33
Saturday	\$ 364.00
Sunday	\$ 1,496.00

**Total Deposit \$ 4,105.33**

**Expenses paid out**

<b>Rel. Ed.</b>	<\$ 35.92>
<b>Entergy</b>	<\$ 984.98>
<b>Admin. Supplies</b>	<\$ 542.44>

**St. Therese Catholic Church**

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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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*The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B*  
*February 7, 2021*  
**“Jesus helped her, and the fever left her”**



**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

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## The Need for Quiet

Sometimes days or weeks are so full that I find myself anxious to cross off each event as it is completed. Mostly these events are not moments to dread. They are enjoyable activities like a party, a play, a wedding, or graduation. As I race to check off each celebration, I look forward to a day I can relax. Suddenly, I become irritated with myself for not enjoying each event. Rather, the enjoyment comes in completing the activity so that I am one step closer to that day of relaxation.

**FIRST READING: Job 7:1-4, 6-7    RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6**  
**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23    GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39**

## Comment

The first reading from the magnificent Book of Job is sobering indeed. Job, a good and upright man, has lost everything. We find him today sitting on the dung heap enduring the windy speeches of three so-called friends. They cannot make head or tail of Job's plight. They cannot crack the mystery of the good man's suffering. In this reading, Job gives his unpolished view of the human condition. Job has no view of life after death. Life is hard, and he knows it.

Though this reading carries the plaintive cry of the long-suffering and faithful Job, we know that after he endures endless lectures (thirty-six chapters worth!), God speaks to him and he is vindicated. The responsorial psalm that follows the reading of the Book of Job echoes this vindication while acknowledging acute pain: "Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted." Job speaks for all who suffer long and patiently, who struggle to understand their life and God's life. The brokenhearted can sing praise.

Paul, the minister of the good news of the Resurrection, voices an unshakable trust and hope. He is the servant of good news. His passion is as active as Job's is passive. Paul moves like fire and takes on its color and heat. He is poor with the poor; weak with the weak. He is all things to all people for the sake of the gospel that brings life and is literally good news.

We turn to that Gospel still carrying the tone and feel of these previous readings. We can imagine an assembly of the hopeful poor hearing Jesus' words in the synagogue at Capernaum on the Sabbath. We can see Jesus taking the short Sabbath walk to the home of Simon Peter, whose mother-in-law is in the grip of a fever so great that she is not able to render the simple hospitality permitted on the Jewish Sabbath. Crowds assemble at the door gawking and waiting—but not, probably, with the patience of Job! Jesus helps her up. Peter's mother-in-law is so fully returned to health that she is able to be hospitable! She welcomes and serves the one who restored her. And when the Sabbath sun sinks in the west, the crowds come and come and come. They want immediate physical healing. And Jesus does heal. He does forgive. He longs to lead those who gather around deeper and deeper into the mystery of the Kingdom of God that is now among them. Those who believe are raised to life, to physical health, to the renewal of the human spirit.

## Reflection

In the ideal world, commentaries and reflections for weekend readings would come immediately. A writer wouldn't have to spend much time researching, thinking, and praying. One would be done with the writing in good time and get on to the next project.

It's the same ideal world where all homilies last seven minutes exactly, where gourmet meals are on the table within thirty minutes, and every problem of the day is resolved in less than sixty seconds. Job's world wasn't like that and he was getting discouraged. The people who came knocking at Peter's door looking for Jesus wanted an instant cure for their ailments. Jesus was the one who knew that these things take time, yet he also sensed the urgent needs of these seekers, and responded in charity.

In order to refocus, recollect, and revitalize himself, Jesus went off in the midst of commotion to a quiet place to pray. Throughout the New Testament, we see Jesus take time away to revitalize himself in thought and energy through prayer and contemplation. We learn a great deal from the words of Jesus found in Scripture, but he also demonstrates life's healthy habits through his actions. Taking time to pray and place ourselves in God's presence is one of the many important actions we witness and follow through Jesus' good example.

*Black History Month is one of Remembering*

## 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



## St. Monica

St. Monica, (c. 332 – 387 AD) an African laywoman is a Christian saint with whom most black women can readily and easily identify, because Monica epitomized the present-day black women. St. Monica was born in Tegaste in northern Africa in about 331. She was a devout Christian and an obedient disciple of St. Ambrose. Through her patience, gentleness and prayers, she converted her pagan husband. To her son, St. Augustine of Hippo, whom she loved dearly, she gave thorough religious training during his boyhood, only to know the disappointment of seeing him later scorn all religion and live a life of disrepute. Before her death, Monica had the great joy of knowing that Augustine had returned to God and was using all his energies to build Christ's Church, and that her youngest daughter had become a nun. St. Monica's feast day is August 27th.

She is remembered and honored in the Catholic and Orthodox Churches, albeit on different feast days, for her outstanding Christian virtues, particularly her suffering caused by her husband's adultery and her prayerful life dedicated to the reformation of her son, who wrote extensively of her pious acts and life with her in his Confessions. Popular Christian legends recall Saint Monica weeping every night for her son Augustine.

## St. Augustine

Augustine the sinner is all too well known. Known as a convert and author of Confessions, little is known of him as Father of the Church and as a saint. His thousands of letters, sermons and tracts, combined with 232 books, instructed the Early Church and have relevance for the Church today. It is said that Christian scholars through the ages owe much to St. Augustine and that the full impact of his psychology and his embryonic theology will be felt in years to come. Augustine lived an austere life, performing great acts of mortification and penance. He wrote, "I pray to God, weeping almost daily." His memorial day is celebrated on August 28.



## The Establishment of Black Catholic History Month

The National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus (NBCCC) of the United States voted on Tuesday, July 24, 1990, while meeting in convention at Fordham University in New York, to establish November as Black Catholic History Month. The reason behind the selection of the month of November was the number of important dates to Catholics of African descent that fell within this month.

- Nov. 1 All Saints Day: an opportunity to review the lives of the hundreds of Saints of African descent in the first 300 years of the Church.
- Nov. 2 All Souls Day: a time to remember all those African lost to cruel treatment in the Middle Passage crossing of the Atlantic Ocean.
- Nov. 3 Martin de Porres became the first black American saint. He was canonized by Pope John XXIII on May 16, 1962. Throughout his life, St. Martin de Porres exemplified God's love for all people, regardless of their level in society.
- Nov. 13 The birth of St. Augustine in 354 A.D., the first Doctor of the Church from North Africa.
- Nov. 20 The death of Zumbi of Palmares in Brazil, South American founder of a free state for Blacks.