

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mass at 50% capacity

Sunday's Facebook LIVE!

Sunday, Feb. 28, 2020 9:00 am Mass

Mr. Willie Olivier

requested by Peter Roberson

Monday Mar. 1st NO MASS

Tuesday Mar. 2nd 9:00 am

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

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

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

Saturday, Mar. 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).

LECTORS SERVING IN MARCH

Saturday's/ one reader

Mar. 6th - Mona Richard

Mar. 13th - Leo Jackson

Mar. 20th - Peggy Green

Mar. 27th - Felicia Richard

Sunday's/ one reader

Mar. 7th - Eva Platt

Mar. 14th - Horace Broussard

Mar. 21st - Freda Guillory

Mar. 27th - Cindy Hampton

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. Feb. 28 - Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ps116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19

Rom 8:31b-34 Cf. Mt 17:5 Mk 9:2-10

Mon. Mar. 1 - Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8, 9, 11 & 13 Jn 6:63c, 68c Lk 6:36-38

Tues. Mar. 2 - Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23 Ez 18:31 Mt 23:1-12

Wed. Mar. 3 - Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 Jn 8:12 Mt 20:17-28

Thurs. Mar. 4 - Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6 Lk 8:15 Lk 16:19-31

Fri. Mar. 5 - Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 Jn 3:16 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Sat. Mar. 6 - Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 Lk 15:18 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

February Birthday List
Happy Birthday to:

Ariel Anderson 27

March Birthday List
Happy Birthday to:

Clinton Giron 1

Calvin Johnson 3

Yvette Spearman 5

Blake Thompson 5

Adam Jacobs 8

Michael Jackson 13

Emma Nelson 17

Tara Thompson-Ware 18

Enrique Warnell 20

Hazel Johnson 21

Dominique Guillory 24

Orion Guillory 24

Felicia Richard 24

Florence Craig 24

Lisa Jackson 26

Happy Anniversary

Gerald & Virginia Richard 22nd

Walter & Rose Davis 29th

Income & Expenses
for last week

Attendance

Sat: 8 Sun: 28

Collection

Blk/Ind \$ 75.00

Saturday \$ 245.00

Sunday \$ 683.00

Total Deposit \$ 1,003.00

Expenses paid out

Center Point <\$ 200.80>

Admin Suppl <\$182.76>

Spectrum Busi <\$ 322.33>

Latin America <\$ 121.00>

City of Orange <\$ 193.05>

Admin Spect. <\$ 136.64>

Entergy <\$ 1,097.49>

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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 commitment to serving His people. Romans 8:28 say's "For those who love God, all things work together for the good." Making 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.

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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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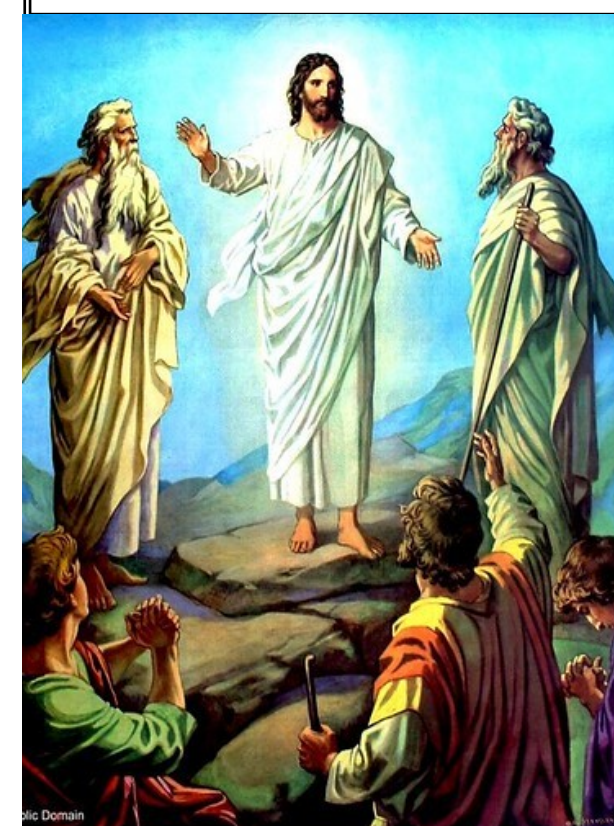
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The 2nd Sunday of Lent
February 28, 2021
"Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus"



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 OF LENT

Sustaining Experiences

Moments of intense or exalted awareness or insight occur to us only infrequently. We cannot sustain these heightened experiences for long, but they can sustain us for a lifetime. We need these sustaining moments as surely as we need sustaining bread. These ecstatic moments have the power to shake us to our roots, reorient us. They become references and pivotal points from which we proceed. Today's readings tell us about such sustaining experiences.

FIRST READING: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 **RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19**
SECOND READING: Romans 8:31b-34 **GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-10**

Comment

Today we hear of powerful, energizing promises fulfilled. We read of life drawn from a situation that portends cruel death. These stories take us to two summits—Mount Moriah of Abraham's nightmare, and Mount Tabor of Jesus' transfiguration. First, Abraham, our father in faith. We recall that he uprooted his family and journeyed from present-day Iraq across the Fertile Crescent to an unknown land. Abraham, who faltered and grew weary, moved steadily forward on the singular promise that his and Sarah's children would be as numerous as the stars on clear, cool nights and as many as the sands they could see in the burning and shadowless desert. Abraham and Sarah finally and at long last have the child of God's promise, a son named Isaac. And now, Abraham understands that this son is to be offered up—by Abraham himself. Mercifully, we are given a happy ending here. The mysterious God whom Abraham apprehends is not like the neighboring Canaanite gods, who demand human sacrifice. In the end, Abraham understands that God asks obedience and even sacrifice, but not this kind of sacrifice. Abraham's trust in God is absolute. God asks for and receives Abraham's fidelity, which is richly rewarded in his posterity—the twelve tribes of Israel.

This first reading is set before us to heighten and enhance the layered meanings of the Gospel itself. For the Gospel also brings us to a mountaintop, this time Mount Tabor. Here three of Jesus' closest apostles—Peter, James, and John—are privileged to witness the vision of Jesus with Elijah and Moses. These two represent the whole of the Hebrew prophetic and patriarchal tradition. On this apex, heaven and earth meet, and the former and new dispensation meet also. Again, God's voice is heard, and it speaks again of sonship. On Mount Moriah, God's words rang in Abraham's ears, reminding him that Isaac is his son, his only son. Here the voice of God introduces Jesus as "my beloved Son."

This ecstatic experience is so stunning and attractive that Peter would like it to go on forever. This is a deeply human response. As yet, the apostles do not know they will need all the inner strength they can summon as this Son, this beloved Son, enters into his passion and death.

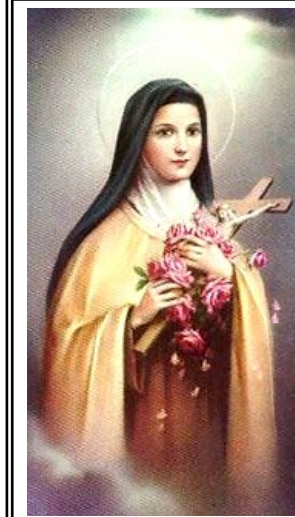
Reflection

In the second reading, Paul asks the rhetorical question, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" We are tempted to say that plenty can be against us! Perhaps on our better or easier days we can see that God is on our side. But not always. Like the three who were with Jesus on the top of Mount Tabor, we see and we do not see—or we forget. After Jesus' death and resurrection, the apostles will remember and grow to understand this mix of death and life that transpired from that first Good Friday to that first Easter Sunday. On Friday, the apostles surely recalled who was against them. They succumbed to those forces, in fact. They subsequently recovered their balance, however, because God was for them and with them. They were forgiven, granted peace, and commissioned to preach the gospel. The resurrection of Jesus provided the light and the life that the apostles could live by. The vision on Mount Tabor offered a glimpse of the full life of God attained in the death and resurrection to come. The image on Mount Tabor hinted at the life of the risen Lord, who broke all boundaries and exceeded all dreams. Though God spared Abraham's only son, the Son of God was not spared. The zenith on Mount Tabor eventually is balanced by the nadir of the Garden of Olives, where Jesus prayed for deliverance. But ultimately, the glory prefigured in the Transfiguration will be the fate of all believers, just as it was for Jesus Christ.

Jesus loved his life as dearly as we love ours. Yet he also recognized God's will and what was worth dying for. His embrace of his own death was equal to his embrace of God's words, "This is my beloved Son." For us, it is difficult to keep the seeming extremes of life and death in balance. Though our faith teaches us that life can come through death, we resist mightily. We need the vision of the Transfiguration to sustain us; we need the power of the Resurrection to strengthen us. We can find no better inspiration than our Lord Jesus Christ, the beloved Son, who has shown us the way through death to life.

PRAY FOR THE SHUT-IN

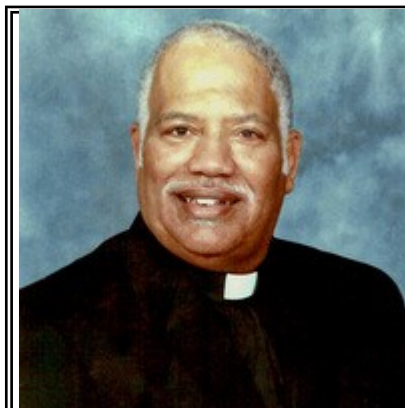
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Mary Gray
Mark Mitchell Jr.
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Westley Papillion
Gloria Richard
Mormon Richard
Alma C Thibodeaux



"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 Theresia'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. Theresia 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
Ruby Milton
Clayona Pillette
Andre Platt
John Richard Sr.
Gerald Richard
Claudine Riggs
Sammie Ware
Tiffany Winphrey



Julian Joseph Richard Sr. was born November 12, 1942 in Opelousas, La to Hilda Dejuan Richard and Morman Richard Sr. He was united in Holy Matrimony on July 31, 1964 to Gloria Ann James for over 50 years before his passing on December 23, 2020. Julian and Gloria were blessed with two children, Julian Richard Jr., and Charlotte Richard Fontenot.

Julian worked for years at U.S. Intec and Levingston Shipyard. Following retirement, Julian felt a calling to the Diaconate of the Roman Catholic Church. Julian felt in his heart that this is what the Lord wanted him to pursue. And pursue he did. Despite his limited formal education, Julian knew that God would see him through his formation of becoming a deacon. Julian believed in the saying "God doesn't call the qualified. He qualifies the called." He was determined and he persevered through many obstacles, and challenges during his formation years. He knew his calling was not of man but of God, and he did not allow negative feedback to deter him. Through the courage provided him by the Holy Spirit, he prayerfully continued to pursue his heart's lead of becoming a permanent deacon. On June 13, 1992 Julian Joseph Richard Sr. heart's desire was realized when he was ordained a permanent deacon in the Roman Catholic Church.

Deacon Richard became the first Black deacon assigned to his home parish of St. Theresia Catholic Church in Orange Texas. One aspect of Julian's deaconate ministry was to bring our Lord in Holy Communion to the Catholic residents of the Oaks Nursing Home. He brought joy to all the residents during his visits. They always looked forward to his coming. He had a wonderful sense of humor and along with his heavy Creole accent he would always bring a smile or laugh to all those he visited and ministered to, Catholic and non-Catholic alike. He saw everyone as a child of God and lovingly shared his gift of humor with them. With the loving support of Gloria, his wife, he faithfully and lovingly carried out his ministry of service for over 27 years as a deacon at St. Theresia and for the Diocese of Beaumont, Texas until his health started failing in 2019.

Deacon Julian life witnessed his faith and trust in God. He knew that with God, all things are possible according to His will. Julian life serves as a wonderful example of what can be accomplished through courage, determination, perseverance, of not taking no for an answer and in believing not in your own ability but in the ability provided you by Almighty God. As a Black Deacon, Julian lived a life of love and service to God and his fellowman.

Memorial Service for Ms. Lucy Mitchell

Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 2:00 pm.
Broussard's Crematorium
5150 Strives Street
Beaumont TX 77705

Lenten Fish Dinners donation \$ 10.00

March 5th through March 26th

Fried Fish or Grilled Fish
Season Red * Potato Salad * Green beans *

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