

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mass at 50% capacity

Sunday's Facebook LIVE!

Sunday, Mar. 7, 2020 9:00 am Mass

E'Retrious Gus

request by Cindy Hampton

Monday Mar. 8th NO MASS

Tuesday Mar. 9th 9:00 am

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

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

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

Saturday, Mar. 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).

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

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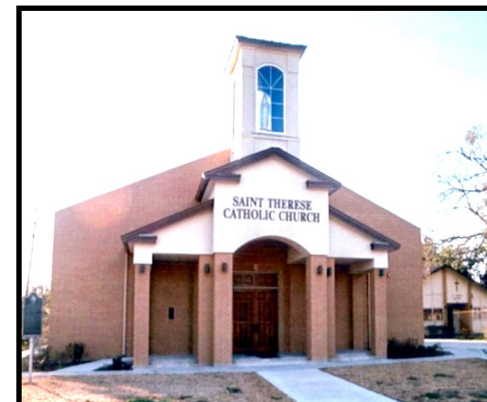
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Office Hours
Tuesday thru Friday
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Lunch 12-1:00 pm
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



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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

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.

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. The person 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.

Income & Expenses for last week

Attendance Sat: 10 Sun: 27
Collection

Chr/cleaning	\$ 25.00
Youth Grant	\$ 2,208.33
Mass Stipend	\$ 10.00
Saturday	\$ 325.00
Sunday	\$ 1,484.00

Total Deposit \$ 4,052.33

Expenses paid out

Admin Supplies <\$ 1,195.56>

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. Mar. 7 - Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 3:16 Jn 2:13-25

Mon. Mar. 8 - 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 Ps 130:5, 7 Lk 4:24-30

Tues. Mar. 9 - Dn 3:25, 34-43 Ps25:4-5ab, 6 & 7bc, 8-9 Jl 2:12-13 Mt 18:21-35

Wed. Mar. 10 - Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Jn 6:63c, 68c Mt 5:17-19

Thurs. Mar. 11 - Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Jl 2:12-13 Lk 11:14-23

Fri. Mar. 12 - Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 7 17 Mt 4:17 Mk 12:28-34

Sat. Mar. 13 - Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab Ps 95:8 Lk 18:9-14

The 3rd Sunday of Lent
Year B
March , 2021

"Stop making my Father's house a marketplace "



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 OF LENT

Revelation

“Revelation” is a tricky word. It contains the Latin root that means “to veil or cover” something, as well as the modifier that changes the meaning to its opposite. Something veiled is tantalizing. We cannot quite ignore it. We are curious, interested, intrigued, caught. We want to know, because we want closure. We don’t want to know, because we like the mystery or because in knowing we might end up having to make a decision that might mean that there will be no going back.

FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1–17 [1–3, 7–8, 12–17] RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11
SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:22–25 GOSPEL: John 2:13–25

Comment

If we could gather all the knowledge and experience in the world, we might come to some glimpse or insight about the ways of God. But we would still be guessing. Personal revelation of the divine is a gift. In the Exodus and forging of a covenant, God is apprehended as one who acts on behalf of an enslaved people. God’s deepest will for these people is that they respond to a covenant. The covenant is offered by God to a beloved and bewildered people on a desert mountain. Who would have thought it? Dreamed it? “I, the LORD, am your God who brought you out of ... that place of slavery.” God the deliverer. God the covenant-maker. That is the exposed and veiled truth.

It took a long time for an enslaved people to understand that the commandments established the features of a relationship of God to a people and each person to the other. This newly freed people would know that they should keep God firmly in first place and reverently in mind and word. They should take a day a week off! Slaves should rest in the Lord! And then, they should care for one another and the good earth that encircles them. These ten commandments are avenues of expression, ways to let love show, ways to keep the covenant.

Thus we come to Jesus, whose behavior in this Gospel reading is somewhat surprising. Unlike the synoptic accounts of the cleansing of the Temple, which are set at the end of Jesus’ public life, John sets Jesus’ action near the beginning of his Gospel. Jesus’ dramatic cleansing of the Temple occurs long before we are aware of any animosity from the official teachers of Israel. John is not so much concerned about auditing the Temple treasury as declaring clearly who Jesus is—the dwelling of God among us.

Today’s Gospel action echoes the words that open John’s Gospel: “And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us” (1:14). The Temple in all its glory is not the dwelling that ultimately and finally counts here. Six and forty years abuilding, the Temple was still no more than a building set aside for holy purposes. John wants us to make no mistake: Jesus is the new dwelling of God, who will not be destroyed and who will be raised up in three days.

Reflection

We are told that the “cleansing of the Temple” happened during the Passover festival, when Jesus was in Jerusalem with thousands of others who flocked there to recall the original Exodus and covenant. During that time, many came to believe in Jesus, but many also didn’t. Jesus’ anger in this story is aimed at those cynical leaders whose self-righteousness demands a clear, unambiguous sign tailor-made to oppose their comfortable expectations. Jesus is not the revelation they wanted.

There was not a way in the world that Jesus could reveal anything about himself or about God to these people in the usual way. For when the heart is closed and cynicism reigns, all signs are scorned and all bets are off. It did not matter what Jesus did in the Temple or what he said; a predisposition against Jesus would inevitably lead to a misreading of him. Even in our own time, the message of Jesus Christ is a challenge to the status quo.

MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
Greetings in the name of our crucified and risen Lord Jesus! We find ourselves in the midst of the Lenten Season, a time of making small sacrifices for the good of others, and I am going to ask each of us to continue to put charity ahead of our own comfort and convenience. For the past year, our churches have been operating safely and the well-being of our parishioners has been the guiding principle of all of our decisions. Due to the hard work of our pastors and parishioners there have been no reported outbreaks occurring due to our church gatherings. For this, many have expressed their deep gratitude and comfort in coming to Mass.

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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 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. Freda Guillory
Mrs. Doris Hayes
Roy Hayes
Ronald Hebert
Ruby Milton
Clayona Pillette
Andre Platt
John Richard Sr.
Gerald Richard
Claudine Riggs
Sammie Ware
Tiffany Winphrey

On Tuesday March 2, 2021, Governor Abbott’s executive order, which is effective March 10, 2021, rescinds the statewide mask mandate. At the same time, he said that entities still have the right to operate how they want and can “limit capacity or implement additional safety protocols.” The executive order said there was nothing stopping businesses and non-governmental agencies from “requiring employees or customers to follow additional hygiene measures, including the wearing of face coverings.” The lifting of the statewide mandate does not limit the importance of continued measures of protection from the coronavirus. Offering further clarification on Thursday, the Governor said, “Texans have learned the best practice, and that is to wear a mask; and we still strongly recommend that people do wear a mask.”

The good news is that we are making great progress in the fight against COVID-19. We all need to celebrate the advances of the medical community and the sacrifices that have gotten us to this point. In order to protect our people, it is too early for the church in Southeast Texas to completely relax our protocols. In dialogue with our diocesan staff and clergy, health professionals, and the bishops of the State of Texas, the following has been decided (effective March 13, 2021):

1. **Use of Masks:** There has been unanimous agreement among our diocesan task force to continue requiring the use of masks in our churches and schools for the time being. This is not a long-term decision, but until we get a little farther along in the fight against the virus, it is for the safety and well-being of all.
2. **Social Distancing:** Depending on the pastoral need of the parish and the architecture of the church, the pastor may make the decision to eliminate some of the current limitations in church seating. At least half of the church should remain reserved for social distancing for those who have compromised health or are simply more comfortable with being more socially distanced.
3. **Regarding the reception of Holy Communion:** We continue to strongly encourage the reception of our Eucharistic Lord in the hand, but for those who deeply desire to receive on the tongue, please come at the end of the Communion line (or in another way the pastor may indicate) so that the clergy/extraordinary minister of Holy Communion can then immediately purify their hands after distribution.
4. **Cleaning:** We are committed to continuing to sanitize our churches between services in order to ensure further safety and protection, and I am extremely grateful to all of those “teams” who so selflessly serve the rest of us by doing so.

The diocesan COVID-19 task force will continue to monitor the scientific health reports and metrics of the nine counties of Southeast Texas weekly. Depending on the number of active cases in a particular county, greater restrictions may be applied. Recognizing that the virus is real and has taken the lives of over a half a million people in our country, we will continue to stay attentive to the spread and virility of the disease or any new variants. The dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation remains in place, in particular for those whose health is compromised and for their caregivers.

As bishop, shepherd, and spiritual father of this local Catholic community, I look forward to the day when the dispensation can be lifted and we can gather as a whole family of faith once again. I encourage those who have not yet returned to Mass to examine their reasoning for not attending, and make a well-informed moral decision for the good of your health and of your soul. We all need the Eucharist, and the community needs you. Let us pray that by the Easter Season we will have made even greater progress in our battle against the coronavirus and can celebrate with great joy and come together as parish families to celebrate the new life brought about through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Most Rev. David L. Toups, Bishop of the Diocese of Beaumont