

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

Mass at 50% capacity

Sunday's Facebook LIVE!

Sunday, Mar. 14, 2020 9:00 am Mass

Monday Mar. 15th NO MASS

Tuesday Mar. 16th 9:00 am

Wednesday, Mar. 17th, 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, Mar. 18th, 9:00 a.m.

Friday, Mar. 19th, 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, Mar. 20th, 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  
Extraordinary Minister of Communion \* Dorothy Broussard  
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Finance \* Janice Semien  
Fund Raiser \* Walter Davis  
Hospitality \* Horace Broussard  
Lectors \* Peggy Green  
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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

**LAST WEEK  
Income & Expenses**

Attendance Sat: 10 Sun: 27

**Collection**

Fish/Fund \$ 906.00  
Donations \$ 120.00  
Saturday \$ 1,193.00  
Sunday \$ 1,007.00

Total Deposit \$ 3,226.00

Expenses paid out

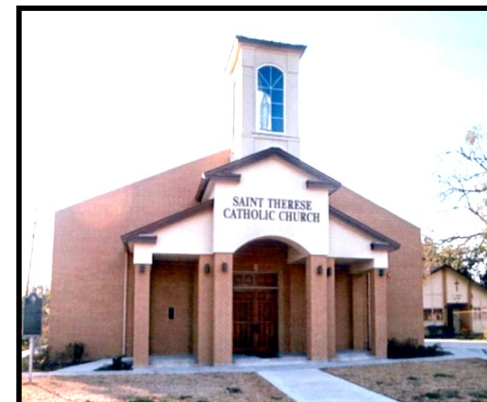
**St. Therese Catholic Church**

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

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Email: donachrisneo@yahoo.com  
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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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent  
Year B  
March 14, 2021**

**“The light came  
into the world, but  
people preferred  
darkness to light”**



**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

**LECTORS SERVING  
IN MARCH**

**Saturday's/ one reader**

Mar. 13th - Leo Jackson  
Mar. 20th - Peggy Green  
Mar. 27th - Felicia Richard

**Sunday's/ one reader**

Mar. 14th - Horace Broussard  
Mar. 21st - Freda Guillory  
Mar. 28th - Cindy Hampton

**READINGS FOR THIS WEEK**

**Sun. Mar. 14 -** 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23  
Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 Eph 2:4-10 Jn  
3:16 Jn 3:14-21

**Mon. Mar. 15 -** Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2 &  
4, 5-6, 11-12a & 13b Am 5:14 Jn 4:43-  
54

**Tues. Mar. 16 -** Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-  
3, 5-6, 8-9 Ps 51:12a, 14a Jn 5:1-16

**Wed. Mar. 17 -** Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9,  
13cd-14, 17-18 Jn 11:25a, 26 Jn 5:17-  
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**Thurs. Mar. 18 -** Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19  
-20, 21-22, 23 Jn 3:16 Jn 5:31-47

**Fri. Mar. 19 -** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16  
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29 Rom 4:13, 16-  
18, 22 Ps 84:5 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or  
Lk 2:41-51a

**Sat. Mar. 20 -** Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3,  
9bc-10, 11-12 Lk 8:15 Jn 7:40-53

**LENT 2021**

- **CONFESSIONS**  
every Tuesday  
4 pm - 5 pm or by  
appointment  
(409) 454-3958
- **VICARIATE  
CONFESSIONS**  
Tuesday, **March 16th,**  
**4 - 5pm** all parishes in the  
eastern vicariate will have  
confessions simultaneously,  
St. Therese, St. Mary, St.  
Francis, St. Henry, Our  
Lady of Lourdes, St.  
Mauriceville, and St.  
Helens you may chose  
where you want your  
confession heard.
- **ROSARY**  
at 7pm every evening by  
Conference Call dial-in#  
(712) 770-5384  
Participant code: 750678,  
please everyone join us!
- **STATIONS Friday's**  
beginning February 19th, at  
6 pm, social distancing,  
temperature checks and  
hand sanitizing.



# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## Salvation

Salvation is all but unimaginable. It is unconditional, unfettered, no-strings-attached love. It is a love no one can earn. It is a boon, freely given, reserved for lovers. It is powerful, powerful enough to bring life out of death.

**FIRST READING: 2 Chronicles 36:14–16, 19–23**    **RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 137:1–2, 3, 4–5, 6**  
**SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:4–10**    **GOSPEL: John 3:14–21**

## Comment

The reading from 2 Chronicles highlights the faithfulness of God, even though God's people were unfaithful. In faithful love, God sent messengers and prophets to warn Israel, to call the people to faithfulness, and to love God in return. These overtures were spurned. Because of Israel's infidelity and lack of love, Jerusalem was destroyed, the people lost their home, and the nation was taken into captivity.

Still, God remains faithful and loving. In their suffering, the people recognize this. God's anger abates, and God extends salvation from a totally unexpected source—through Cyrus, a foreign conqueror. The promise of a new Jerusalem and a rebuilt temple is given. Salvation comes from the loving hand of God and the people are brought home safe.

In his Letter to the Ephesians, Paul reemphasizes God's faithfulness and abiding love. Even in the face of our sins, God loves us and rescues us through the suffering and death of Christ. Paul stresses that we are alive because of Christ; salvation is sure if we have faith in him.

John's Gospel rounds out this Sunday's treatise on the salvation that comes to us through the love of God. The evangelist makes it abundantly clear that it is through the Son of God, the firstfruit of God's love, that the light of salvation is now ours. At the same time, John warns us that we must not flee the light, but embrace it. God's love seeks the response of acting in the light and living in truth. Only by such living do we recognize the salvation that God extends to us in our lives, in the sacraments, in the Church. Only then will we come to live secure in God's saving light, safe at home at last.

## Reflection

Some dramatists deal with the meaning of life by giving us a glimpse of it from the side of death. In the classic play by Thornton Wilder, *Our Town*, dead characters speak to one another about the meaning of life. When a young woman who has died in childbirth joins their number and voices her desire to return to visit the living, her deceased companions counsel her not to do so. In spite of their advice, the young woman returns to the scene of her life. She discovers that the living really do not prize the gifts of life at all. She returns to her companions in death, who do understand and appreciate life's worth.

We need not succumb to physical death to recognize the meaning and import of life. Rather, as today's readings remind us, we need but die to old ways of living and accept the gift of salvation that God offers us. This means recognizing that salvation—new life—is not something that comes after this life or something that is divorced or isolated from life. Rather, it is intrinsically linked to life, to real, everyday, even humdrum life. Salvation does not happen somewhere "beyond" the pale of physical life or apart from the mundane. It happens here and now. That's the whole meaning of the Incarnation, isn't it? All things are God-touched, packed with salvation, gifts waiting for our acceptance, our treasuring, our enjoyment, and our sharing with others.

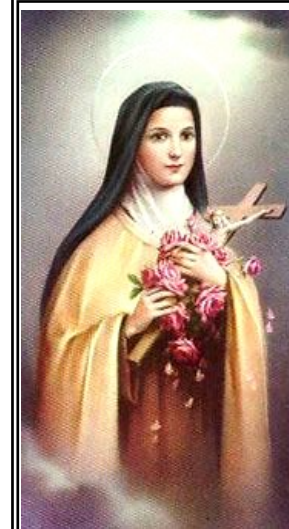
If we believe God loves us and loves us first, what a difference that "truth" will make in our lives and what "light" that truth will bring to our lives! The God we dare to believe in loves us no matter what. The God we dare to believe in rends the heavens with a divine and loving invitation to come home. All we need do is respond to the call and come live with God in Christ, safe at home forever.

### **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 says "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.**

## 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  
Mrs. Dorothy Jacobs  
Ruby Milton  
Clayona Pillette  
Andre Platt  
John Richard Sr.  
Gerald Richard  
Claudine Riggs  
Sammie Ware  
Tiffany Winphrey

## \*ATTENTION EVERYONE\*

### **Brothers in Christ Jesus,**

I am sending out this reminder about our Special Eastern Vicariate Confessions. Here is the note that I just sent out to the parishioners at St. Francis of Assisi, and will be posting to our Facebook page:

Good Morning!

Bishop Toups has called all of us to a time of penance during Lent. All of the parishes of the Eastern Vicariate (St. Francis, St. Mary, St. Therese, St. Helen/St. Maurice, St. Henry and Our Lady of Lourdes) will be holding a special hour of repentance on Tuesday, March 16th from 4:00-5:00 p.m.

We hope that many of our faithful Catholics will take advantage of this opportunity of reconciliation as they head home from work.

Please promote this special confession time in your parish community.

**Blessings,  
Rev. Sinclair  
EV-Eastern Vicariate**

## Please follow ALL directives given to us to keep each other safe!

Stay home when you are sick.

Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or cough/sneeze into your elbow Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces with disinfect disposable wipe.

### **Parishioners and Others:**

Observe adaptations in liturgical practices until instructed otherwise.

- Face coverings **must** be worn when entering the Church or Parish Office or any buildings on Church grounds.
- Temperature checks before entering the Church
- Members will receive the body of Christ in the palm of their hands.
- No shaking hands
- Practice social distancing, stay at least 6 feet from each other
- Use the hand sanitizer at the rear of the church for your convenience.

## 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. 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 tterese1350@yahoo.com. For more information please call the Parish Office 409-883-3783.

## Ministry to Men Workshop

Saturday, March 27, 2021  
8 am - 11 am (Lunch optional)

Holy Family Retreat Center \* Hebert Hall

One or two men designated by the pastor from each parish in the Diocese of Beaumont.

Because of a crisis of manhood in the Church. Men are becoming more absent in the Church community and less likely to lead their family in matters of spirituality. And, to identify and help counter the spiritual ill of the secular world. Even if your parish already has a Ministry to Men program, please participate in this workshop.

RSVP to: asonnier@christinyou.info - name, parish, will you be having lunch with us (\$10. fee per person)

**paypal lunch fee to:** tsullivan@gt.twcbc.com

**RSVP no later than March 22nd**