

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

Mass at 50% capacity

Sunday's Facebook LIVE!

Sunday, Mar. 21, 2020 9:00 am Mass

Monday Mar. 22nd NO MASS

Tuesday Mar. 23rd 9:00 am

Wednesday, Mar. 24th, 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, Mar. 25th, 9:00 a.m.

Friday, Mar. 26th, 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, Mar. 27th, 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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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

**Income & Expenses for last week**

Attendance Sat: Sun: 30

Collection

BFA \$ 14,160.00  
Fish/fund. \$ 943.00  
Catholic Relf. \$ 166.00  
Saturday \$ 230.00  
Sunday \$ 2,112.00

Total Deposit \$ 17,611.00

**Expenses paid out**

Blk & Ind <\$ 75.00>  
Admin phone <\$ 94.19>  
Central Admin Dio. <\$ 3332.85>

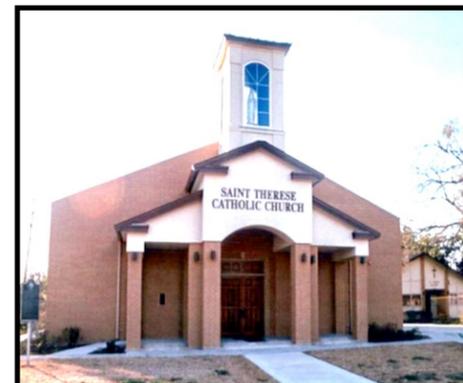
**St. Therese Catholic Church**

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

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Pastor: Rev. Dr. Donatus Mgbeajuo, MSP

Email: donachrisneo@yahoo.com  
Contact information: cell (409) 454-3958

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**

Cindy Hampton (409) 882-0935

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**LECTORS SERVING IN MARCH**

**Saturday's/ one reader**

Mar. 20th - Peggy Green  
Mar. 27th - Felicia Richard

**Sunday's/ one reader**

Mar. 21st - Freda Guillory  
Mar. 28th - Cindy Hampton



**READINGS FOR THIS WEEK**

Sun. Mar. 21 - Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 Heb 5:7-9 Jn 12:26 Jn 12:20-33

Mon. Mar. 22 - Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Ez 33:11 Jn 8:1-11

Tues. Mar. 23 - Nm 21:4-9 Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 Jn 8:21-30

Wed. Mar. 24 - Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 Lk 8:15 Jn 8:31-42

Thurs. Mar. 25 - Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 Heb 10:4-10 Jn 1:14ab Lk 1:26-38

Fri. Mar. 26 - Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 Jn 6:63c, 68c Jn 10:31-42

Sat. Mar. 27 - Ez 37:21-28 Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 Ez 18:31 Jn 11:45-56

**LENT 2021**

• **CONFESSIONS**  
every Tuesday  
4 pm - 5 pm or by  
appointment (409) 454-3958

• **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.

**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**

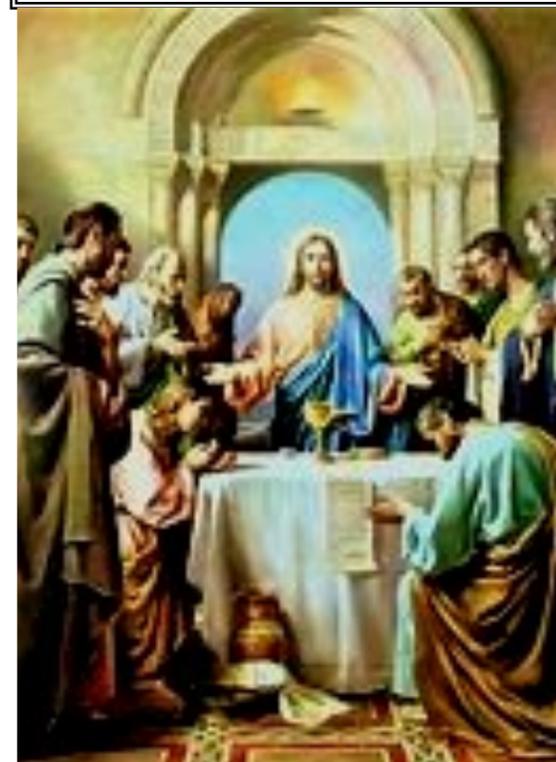
every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

**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



**The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
Year B  
March 21, 2021**

**“Some bystanders heard  
a voice from heaven and  
maintained, ‘An angel  
has spoken to him’.”**

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## Covenant-Obedience

The word “covenant” is almost too familiar to Christians. It is a word so often found in our liturgies, in our prayers, and in our mouths, that it comes too trippingly off the tongue. And yet, “covenant” is far too strong and too binding a word to be tossed off and trifled with. Today, most attorneys would advise against using the word “covenant” in a contract, because the word is so legally binding. When one makes a covenant with another, one is making a promise and commitment that cannot be broken without serious consequences. Christians are a people of covenant, a God-made and God-given covenant. When God established the covenant with us, God knew exactly what it entailed: God and humanity were bound in an unbreakable relationship, a relationship so strong it would outlast even death itself.

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31–34    RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 51:3–4, 12–13, 14–15**  
**SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:7–9    GOSPEL: John 12:20–33**

## Comment

In today’s first reading, Jeremiah, who had seen the fall of Jerusalem, now predicts its rise and the reestablishment of God’s people. Those in exile will return home. The uprooted will be replanted. God will make a new covenant written not on tablets of stone, but on hearts of flesh. In other words, the will of God will not be something imposed from without, but something discovered from within. What’s so radically “new” about this covenant, then, is its universality. No longer shall God’s will and law be the purview of a few “chosen;” it shall be accessible to each and every person—to all people: “All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD.”

Likewise, this new covenant will not rely on the fidelity of fickle people but on the constancy of the God of faithfulness. Because of this new covenant, all people will know, from the bottom of their hearts, that God is their God and that they are God’s own. This new covenant will be so powerful as to cause the God of all remembrance to forget—to forget the sins and failings of God’s people—to forget and to forgive. This new covenant is ours if we but open our hearts.

And how do we open our hearts? The author of the letter to the Hebrews gives an answer, but it is not a simple one: obedience, a word most of us do not like to hear. Yet the personification of the new covenant, Jesus Christ, is also the personification of perfect obedience, obedience to death, even to death on a cross.

Only the openhearted can afford to obey. Only the openhearted can trust enough to obey. Today’s second reading calls us to be openhearted, to trust enough to walk in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. Through such obedience, salvation is guaranteed. We claim our share in the benefits of the new covenant by doing as Christ did, that is, by becoming obedient to him, by dying and rising as he did.

The Gospel graphically demonstrates the meaning of God’s new covenant and the obedience it requires. Only through obedience will the grain become what it was meant to become. Only through obedience will the covenant flower. John tells us that Jesus himself is the seed who is buried and dies in obedience to God’s will. Then, when John relates that Jesus says, “Whoever serves me must follow me ... The Father will honor whoever serves me,” the evangelist is telling us that the covenant established by Jesus’ death and resurrection is our covenant if we but follow Jesus in obedient service. Here John is inviting us to claim our share in the paschal mystery, the source and proof of the new covenant, and to realize that the salvation wrought by adherence to the covenant is no cheap grace. It will require sacrifice and suffering. Jesus himself will suffer, will give himself over to death as does a grain of wheat, only to rise, blossom, and produce grain on which others may feed. John reminds us that such is the lot of all who, through obedience, claim a share in the covenant—a dying, to be sure, but then a resurrection to a new and more glorious life.

## Reflection

Obedience is not a popular term these days. To our ears, obedience smacks too much of subservience, of giving up and giving over one’s free will. And yet, Jesus was clearly *the* model of obedience. Can we really claim that Jesus is our model, too? We can if, like Jesus, we recognize that God’s new covenant with us is one that is heartfelt and heart-written. We can if we realize that God’s new covenant with us is one that asks no limits of and places no limits on us. Then, as heart of our hearts, God’s new covenant will surely lead us to obedience. It will prompt us to give of ourselves to others, to be “lifted up” for others, even to die for others, all for the sake of the love that exists both between us and God and among all of us whose hearts God has embraced.

## PRAY FOR THE SHUT-IN

Mary Alexander  
Mary Brown  
Courtney Chavis  
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

## \*\*ATTENTION ALL\*\*

St. Therese has Mass Intention Cards available to individuals whom wish to have a Mass offered for another person, living or died. The Card would be sent to that person or family member to inform them of the Mass that is being offered. The Cards are \$5. and the Mass is \$10. for a total of \$15. dollars. On the right of the bulletin is a sample of the card. Please contact the Parish Office for your Mass Intention or any further information regarding this matter.



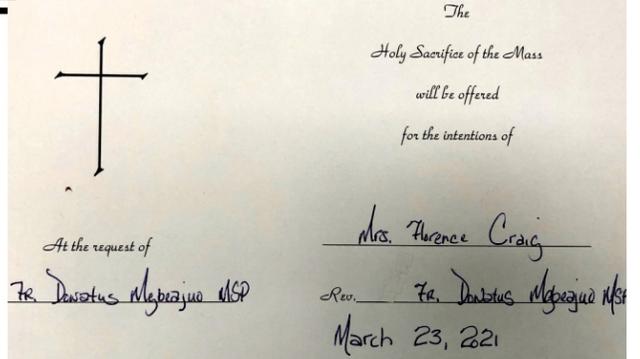
"My mission - to make God loved - will begin after my death," she said. "I will spend my heaven doing good on earth. I will let fall a shower of roses." Roses have been described and experienced as Saint Therese's signature. Countless millions have been touched by her intercession and imitate her "little 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.

## 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. 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.

## 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

## 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**