

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mass at 50% capacity

Sunday's Facebook LIVE!

Sunday, April 4, 2021 9:00 am Mass

Monday April 5th NO MASS

Tuesday April 6th 9:00 am

Deacon Melvin Payne

Communion Service

Wednesday, April 7th, 9:00 a.m.

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Communion Service

Thursday, April 8th, 9:00 a.m.

Deacon Melvin Payne

Communion Service

Friday, April 9th, 9:00 a.m.

Deacon Melvin Payne

Communion Service

Saturday, April 10th, 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).

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

**Sun. April 4 - Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Col 3:1-4 or
I Cor 5:6b-8 Victimae paschali laudes
Cf. I Cor 5:7b-8a Jn 20:1-9**

**Mon. April 5 - Acts 2:14, 22-33 Ps 16:1
-2a & 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 Ps 118:24 Mt
28:8-15**

**Tues. April 6 - Acts 2:36-41 Ps 33:4-5,
18-19, 20 & 22 Ps 118:24 Jn 20:11-18**

**Wed. April 7 - Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-2,
3-4, 6-7, 8-9 Ps 118:24 Lk 24:13-35**

**Thurs. April 8 - Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2ab
& 5, 6-7, 8-9 Ps 118:24 Lk 24:35-48**

**Fri. April 9 - Acts 4:1-12 Ps 118:1-2 &
4, 22-24, 25-27a Ps 118:24 Jn 21:1-14**

**Sat. April 10 - Acts 4:13-21 Ps 118:1 &
14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 Ps 118:24 Mk
16:9-15**

April Birthday List Happy Birthday to::

Joe Fontenot	2
Taffy Arceneaux Richard	2
Ella Garrett	3
Tremond Warnell	4
Aliyah Gus	11
Clifton Richard	23
Tracy Richard	23
Ryan Edwards	24
Donovan Richard	25
Diane Johnson	20

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.

COORDINATORS OF MINISTRIES

Activities	* Brushelle Scott
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Youth	* Felicia Richard
Stewardship	* Gary Mims

Income and Expenses for last week

Attendance Sat: 8 Sun: 32

Collection

Youth Grant	\$ 2,208.33
Church Clean	\$ 100.00
Donation	\$ 250.00
Saturday	\$ 25.00
Sunday	\$ 1,880.00

Total Deposit \$ 4,463.33

Expenses paid out

Admin. Supplies <\$ 944.31>

Liturg <\$ 30.78>

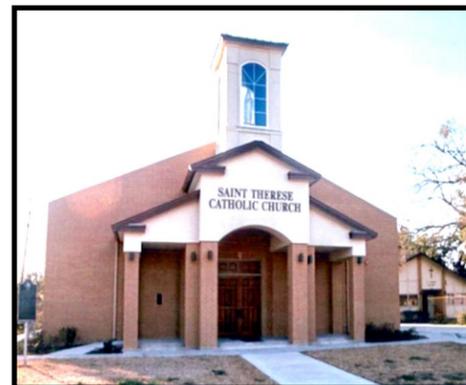
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Office Hours
Tuesday thru Friday
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Lunch 12-1:00 pm
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



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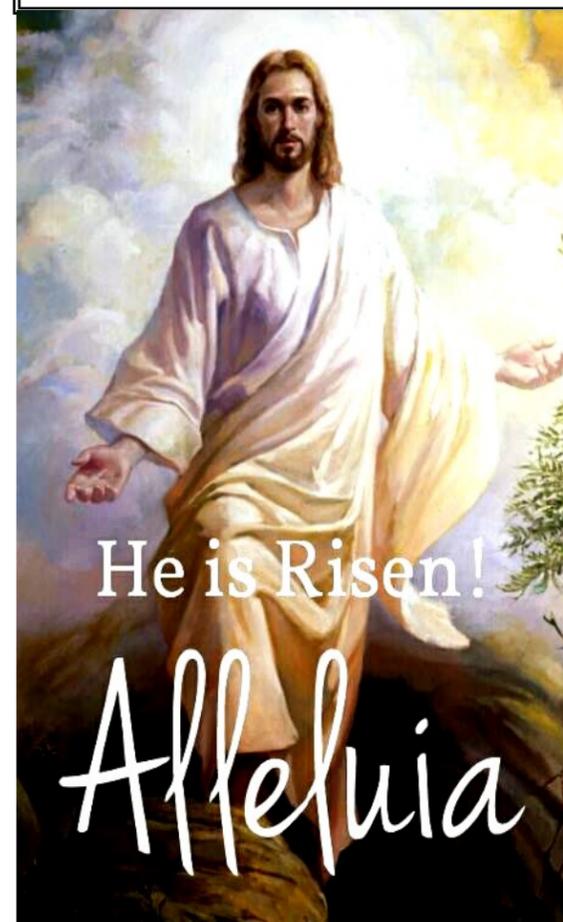
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EASTER SUNDAY April 4, 2021

**"I have risen, and I am
with you still"**



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

EASTER SUNDAY

The Day of the Lord

The antiphon from today's responsorial psalm proclaims, "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad." This, indeed, is a brand new day, the first of days. This day unlocks the meaning of all our days. Sin is banished, death conquered, and life opens onto life. The day celebrates new creation. This day, the tree of destruction has become the tree of life, whose first blossom is Christ, whose fragrance gives life, and whose blooming sets us all free.

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 GOSPEL: John 20:1-9

Comment

Although the reading from the Acts of the Apostles serves as a powerful recapitulation of Jesus' ministry, its final verse also provides a definition of the meaning of the resurrection. Namely, Peter and the other apostles found the Resurrection to be an experience of forgiveness and reconciliation. Peter and the other followers of Jesus—all but a few of whom had abandoned Jesus in his final hours—experienced the Resurrection as healing, reconciliation, and wholeness restored. Peter, then, urges his listeners to faith so that they might also experience resurrection in their lives.

The passage from Paul's letter to the Colossians reminds us to delight in the fullness and newness of life that abides within us. Fear and alienation should be things of the past. Anxiety, dread, and apprehension should no longer afflict or concern us. Glory is ours, the same glory that is Christ's. Nothing should inhibit us from unfettered joy. Since we are resurrection people, we must recognize that the risen Christ is present in the nitty-gritty of life and choose to act and live now as people who truly have died and risen to new life.

The resurrection of Jesus is God's way of restoring our humanity to us. Perhaps that is why the Gospel is far more concerned with what happens to Jesus' followers than it is in detailing what happened to Jesus. The good news of the Resurrection is much more than a happy ending to a violent tale. It is the beginning of a whole new way of life and living—our living and our lives. Like the disciples in the Gospel, all we need do to share in this life is to believe.

Reflection

Interestingly, Jesus himself does not appear in these Easter readings. The witnesses do. We read their stories. They are transformed in the news of his resurrection. We know how thoroughly transformed they were by reading the accounts from Acts and from the letters of Paul. For today's second reading, the Church offers us the option of two readings, one from Paul's first letter to Corinth; the other, his letter to Colossae. Both affirm the reality and power of the Resurrection. Both call for action. Faith in the resurrection means acting as people risen with their risen Lord. In the letter to the Colossians, Paul reminds us that we who have risen with him have also died with him. For baptized Christians, the old unredeemed world holds no sway, has no validity, is not worth our time and attention. The first letter to the Corinthians says this in another way. The old, worn way is like old yeast in the dough. Life in Christ is new, all new.

Though Jesus Christ does not appear as risen Lord in these readings, he is where the witnesses are. They who were once followers do not walk with him side by side or a little behind him. They live in him. They have passed from death to life in his death and resurrection. They are called to live as a new people. So are we.

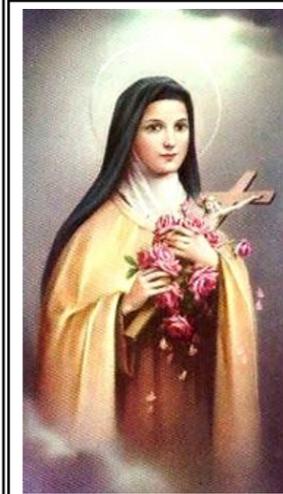
Bishop Faith Appeal Goal : 17,049.

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.

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.
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. Freda Guillory
Mrs. Doris Hayes
Roy Hayes
Mrs. Dorothy Jacobs
Ruby Milton
Clayona Pillette
John Richard Sr.
Claudine Riggs
Sammie Ware
Tiffany Winphrey
Roger Dell White

A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE TO CONFESSION BEFORE GOING TO CONFESSION:

1. Pray. Ask God to give you the grace to make a good confession.
2. Examine your conscience. Reflect on your life, trying to recall all the times you sinned against God since your last confession. Use an Examination of Conscience to help you.
3. Be truly sorry for your sins.
4. Make the resolution to avoid committing these sins in the future.

DURING CONFESSION:

1. Upon entering the confessional take your place. You may choose to either confess anonymously by going behind the screen or by going face-to-face if this option is available. Depending on the confessional, you may either kneel or sit.
2. Greet the priest. A simple "Good Morning" or "Good Evening" will do.
3. Then make the sign of the Cross and say the following: "Bless me father, for I have sinned. It has been (state how many days, weeks, months, or years) since my last confession. These are my sins."
4. At this time, confess your sins briefly and clearly. It might be helpful to start with the one that is most difficult to say since it will make it easier to mention the rest. Remember that for a confession to be valid all mortal sins must be confessed. If you do not know whether a sin is mortal or not, ask the priest for guidance. If you do not know what to say, feel uneasy or ashamed, simply ask the priest to assist you. Be assured that he will help you to make a good confession. Simply answer the questions he might ask you without hiding anything out of shame or fear. Place your trust in God who is your merciful Father and wants to forgive you.
5. When you finish confessing your sins, say: "...and I am truly sorry for all my sins."
6. The priest will then give you some words of advice and/or encouragement to help you become a better person and a more faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.
7. Following this, he will assign you a penance which you are to do when you leave the confessional. It might be something like saying a few prayers, doing an act of charity, or making some sacrifice. Whatever it is, make sure that you understand it clearly and that you remember to do it later.
8. After giving you the penance, the priest will ask you to say the Act of Contrition. You may say whichever one you know. If you do not know an Act of Contrition, ask the priest to assist you.
9. When you are finished praying the Act of Contrition, the priest will say the Prayer of Absolution. Listen attentively to that prayer, bless yourself as he makes the Sign of the Cross and at the end of the prayer, answer, "Amen."
10. After giving you absolution, the priest will say, "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good." at which you respond, "His mercy endures forever." The priest then concludes by saying, "Your sins are forgiven. Go in peace." and you respond, "Thanks be to God."

AFTER CONFESSION:

1. Say a prayer of thanksgiving. Give thanks to God for the gift of his infinite mercy and for the sacrament you have just received.
2. Do your penance. It is advisable that you do your penance as soon as possible so that you will not forget to do it