

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

Mass at 50% capacity

**Sunday's Facebook LIVE!****Sunday, May 23, 2021 9:00 am Mass**

Monday May 24th NO MASS

Tuesday May 25th 9:00 am

Wednesday, May 26th, 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, May 27th, 9:00 a.m.

Friday, May 28th, 9:00 a.m.

**Saturday, May 29th, 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).

May Birthday List  
Happy Birthday to:

Cecilia Davis	3
William Davis	10
Ronald Warnell	21
Charles Rogers	21
Mary Alexander	22
Dorothy Broussard	22
Ashley Anderson	30
Marva Hebert	31
Herman Richard	31

Happy Anniversary  
Fred & Peggy Green 8th**LECTORS SERVING  
IN MAY****Saturday's/ one reader**May 22nd - Freda Guillory  
May 29th - Veronica Berry**Sunday's/ one reader**May 23rd - Cindy Hampton  
May 30th - Tina Richard**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Christ In You – CMC  
Saturday August 21, 2021  
7am-3:30pm****Tickets: ChristInYou.info**Follow registration link to  
Eventbrite**Early Bird - General Admission**\$40.00  
+\$4.06 Fee  
Sales end on Jun 30, 2021  
\$45 + \$4.37 fee - after June 30.**Father/Son Combination --**\$55.00  
+\$4.98 Fee**Father/Son add-ons**\$20.00  
+\$2.85 Fee**Senior Citizen 65+**\$30.00  
+\$3.46 Fee**Students (High School & College)**\$30.00  
+\$3.46 Fee**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**Custodian** \* Veronica Berry**Finance** \* Janice Semien**Fund Raiser** \* Walter Davis**Hospitality** \* Horace Broussard**Lectors** \* Peggy Green**Life Center** \* Adam Jacobs**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: 12 Sun: 37  
Collection**Saturday \$ 194.00  
Sunday \$ 1,757.00**Total Deposit \$ 1,951.00****Expenses paid out****Center Point <\$ 132.91>  
Admin supplies <\$ 144.54>****St. Therese Catholic Church**

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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**

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May 23, 2021****"They were all filled with  
the Holy Spirit"****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**READINGS FOR THIS WEEK****PENTECOST Sun. May 23 - Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25 Veni, Sancte Spiritus Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15****Mon. May 24 - Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14 Ps 87:1-2, 3 & 5, 6-7 Jn 19:25-34****Tues. May 25 - Sir 35:1-12 Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 & 23 Mt 11:25 Mk 10:28-31****Wed. May 26 - Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17 Ps 79:8, 9, 11 & 13 Mk 10:45 Mk 10:32-45****Thurs. May 27 - Sir 42:15-25 Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Jn 8:12 Mk 10:46-52****Fri. May 28 - Sir 44:1, 9-13 Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b Jn 15:16 Mk 11:11-26****Sat. May 29 - Sir 51:12cd-20 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 Col 3:16a, 17c Mk 11:27-33**

# PENTECOST SUNDAY

## Holy Spirit

There is no capturing the Holy Spirit. That is the good part. It sweeps us away, transcends us, enlivens us. There is just no end to this. The one of the two Gospels we can choose this day offers us a complementary story of the coming of the Spirit on the first Easter evening. This quiet Spirit is a commissioning Holy Spirit, a peace-bearing, forgiving Spirit

*FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-11    RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34*

*SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Galatians 5:16-25*

*GOSPEL: John 20:19-23 or John 15:26-27; 16:12-15*

## Comment

The story of the first Christian Pentecost began in fear and ended in joy. Or, more accurately, Pentecost has not yet ended. For today, we live in the time of this powerful Spirit.

But on the first day of the rest of the Church's life, the disciples crowded together in an out-of-the-way room, unsure and fearful. It would take an unmistakable manifestation of God's power to shake off fear and replace it with bold proclamation. And so it came to pass. We are told in the Acts of the Apostles that the descending Spirit came as a strong wind. The flames of fire playfully danced, then quietly rested over the disciples' heads.

Peter, the leader, rose up and left that closed room never to return. He proclaimed the death and resurrection of the Lord and called for repentance. A scattered people beyond number became one in their understanding. The writer of Acts takes great pains to tell us how desperate the people were, and how unified they would become. Though this reading does not tell us, we know that the listeners stepped forth to be baptized. And from that point on there was no turning back.

The second reading (from 1 Corinthians) tells us that the Spirit generates harmony and unity in the Church. No act of faith can be made, no good work accomplished, no ministry undertaken without the sustaining power of the Holy Spirit. All who are Church are one in the Spirit of unity. No one is less or better. All the lines of separation and status have been forever erased.

In an alternate second reading from Galatians, Paul describes the futility of an unredeemed life, that is a life in the "flesh." That done, he hurries on to identify what we have come to call the Fruits of the Spirit. Imagine the experience of a Spirit-filled community that is truly loving, joyful, peaceful, patient, kind, generous, faithful, and filled with gentle self-control.

This is not our doing, as the Gospel reminds us. It is our receiving that makes the circle complete. Christ appears before the fearful apostles and imparts the gift and Spirit of peace. This gift begins with his forgiveness of them and the showering of the Messianic peace for which Israel so longed and which is now bestowed so generously—on the first Easter evening and on that glorious Pentecost day.

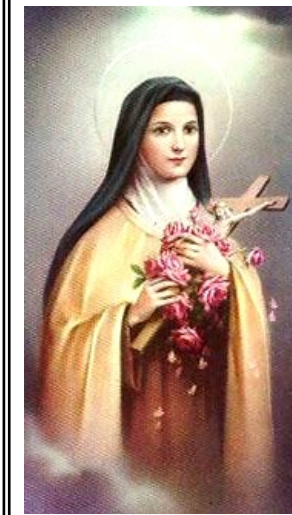
## Reflection

It might have been much easier for Paul to point out that life is not fair and some people have intrinsically better gifts than others. It would have been decidedly easier for him to insist on uniformity rather than unity. But God's will for us is far more interesting than that. Paul insists that God has given us gifts differing, and the task is to keep up with the Holy Spirit who provides a full range of gifts that serve the body of Christ so that it, in turn, can serve the world.

Diversity accounts for the Church's richness but also poses difficulties. The universal Church, receiver of multiple gifts, often needs a peaceful and forgiving Spirit. We all need help when it comes to celebrating diversity. We have all seen television footage of papal visits. These remind us of the universal reach and stunning variety of the Church that began on that first amazing Pentecost when everyone understood that something truly new and great was afoot. They marveled at this, and so can we.

## 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

## ATTENTION IMPORTANT

As we continue to take precautions to protect the most vulnerable through the protocols of sanitizing, social distancing

- The dispensation of the Sunday Mass obligation (decree) has been lifted. effective on Pentecost weekend May 22-23, 2021.
- Face-coverings will be encouraged but not enforced; every person must make informed and responsible decisions for their own well-being and be conscious of the needs and sensitivities of others and respect the choices of those around us who decide to wear a mask or not.
- Our parishes will continue to encourage the elderly and vulnerable with pre-existing conditions to wear masks and sit in the designated sections of our churches set aside for social distancing.
- The seriously sick and susceptible are exempt from Sunday Mass, please contact your local parish if you need to receive Holy Communion at home.

We need the Eucharist for nourishment and we need our Church family for strength, please come home we are waiting on you!

As we celebrate the Birthday of the Church on Pentecost, may we also experience the re-birth of this Church – together better than ever!

## 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.