

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, June 13, 2021 9:00 am Mass
 Monday June 14th NO MASS
 Tuesday June 15th 9:00 am
 Wednesday, June 16th, 9:00 a.m.
 Thursday, June 17th, 9:00 a.m.
 Friday, June 18th, 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, June 19th, 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).

June Birthday List
 Happy Birthday to:

John Semien	1
Albert Hebert	4
Josh Riggs	6
Fr. Donatus Mgbajuo, MSP	7
Kaden Uriah Blackwell	7
Anessia Jacobs-Chambers	9
Shirley Ray	15
Melena Hampton	16
Devin Hebert	24
Hollis Fain	28
Emmanuel Taylor	29

Happy Anniversary
 Reginald & Tina Kindle 5th

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: 10 Sun: 35
Collection

E-giving	\$ 25.00
Stipend	\$ 70.00
Saturday	\$ 252.00
Sunday	\$ 3,479.00

Total Deposit \$ 3,826.00

Expenses paid out
Central Admin Off. D.O.B <\$ 3,366.39>
2nd collection <\$ 164.>
Admin supplies <\$ 1,235.95>
Office Supplies <\$ 1,406.98>

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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.



**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.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. June 13 - Ez 17:22-24 Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 2 Cor 5:6-10 Mk 4:26-34
Mon. June 14 - 2 Cor 6:1-10 Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 Ps 119:105 Mt 5:38-42
Tues. June 15 - 2 Cor 8:1-9 Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a Jn 13:34 Mt 5:43-48
Wed. June 16 - 2 Cor 9:6-11 Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 Jn 14:23 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thurs. June 17 - 2 Cor 11:1-11 Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 Rom 8:15bc Mt 6:7-15
Fri. June 18 - 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mt 5:3 Mt 6:19-23
Sat. June 19 - 2 Cor 12:1-10 Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 2 Cor 8:9 Mt 6:24-34

LECTORS SERVING IN JUNE

Saturday's/ one reader
 June 12th - Mona Richard
 June 19th - Freda Guillory
 June 26th - Felicia Richard

Sunday's/ one reader
 June 13th - Graduating Senior
 June 20th - Peggy Green
 June 27th - Tina Kindle

**The 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Year B
 June 13, 2021**

"The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed"

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS LIKE A MUSTARD SEED

Mark 4:30-32



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

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Secret Stories

If you want to capture someone's attention, tell a story. "Once upon a time ..." is a magical, world-creating phrase. We relish a good story told well. Good stories always contain more than we expect, and they enable us to bear sorrows and sustain joys. However, if you really want to capture someone's attention, tell a secret. There's nothing we like better than being recipients of a confidence. Secrets entice us, make us "insiders," "in-the-know," and partakers of mystery. Today's liturgy *really* wants our attention, for it not only wraps us in stories, it also immerses us in secrets. It envelops us in the mysterious plan of God.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34

Comment

Mark's Gospel, which is fond of "secrets," sees Jesus' parables as camouflage for direct revelation. Because Jesus' hearers are slow to accept him as the Messiah, Mark shows Jesus as reluctant to deter them further. So Jesus conveys God's message in a "secretive" way, revealing the key to that message only to a few of his followers. The key, of course, is faith in Jesus Christ as the Chosen One. And the type of faith required of Jesus' followers is outlined in the parables themselves.

The reign of God is like a seed. Once sown, what is required of the sower is patience. God alone initiates the germination and coming harvest. It is our part to trust that what is planted will grow and bear fruit. Likewise, we must stand ready to recognize that the growth is a sure indication that the harvest (God's reign) is, indeed, on its way. The faith Jesus calls for is one that is patient and perceptive.

Just such a faith is addressed in today's second reading. St. Paul reminds us that our faith requires us to trust in God and to see that there's more to life than meets the eye. Paul points us to the "harvest" time, urges us to be watchful for its coming and to recognize that the "secret" to our existence is simply to strive to please God.

Reflection

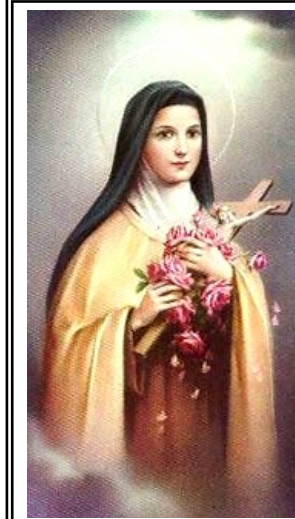
Like all good stories, the parables of Jesus stick in the mind. They endure. Jesus' parables also create a new and different territory to be explored, a strange and exciting homeland for us. This homeland is one that is rife with God's activity and presence. Like the seed hidden in the ground, God's will is inexorably being done. Like the tiny mustard seed burgeoning almost overnight into a mighty tree, home for the birds of the air, God's reign comes upon us with vigor, intensity, and surprise. It cannot be stopped. It will blossom and grow. It will triumph in the end. That's a promise, a promise of God! What are we to do? "Do as I do," said Jesus. "Rejoice!" "Celebrate with one another. Stop worrying. Love your enemies."

Since God's justice and love *will* triumph, since compassion is the core of reality, there can be no enemies, only neighbors. Jesus invites us to join with him in this mission of love. Remember the Gospel from the Body and Blood of Christ? "Share my mission. Spread this Good News. I'll be with you always, close to your hearts, until I come again to fulfill the reign of God." (See Matthew 28:20)

As citizens of this godly realm, we must be people attentive to the growth and development that is continually unfolding all around us. It is not enough for us simply to sit back and watch, however. No, we are tenders of the growth, stewards of God's blossoming crop. Yes, we can rely completely on God's good will and purpose. At the same time, however, we must be willing to care for and nurture as best we can that which God has planted and animates.

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



St. Therese

A big thank you to everyone of you, my dear parishioners, who helped to surprise me and made my birthday a joyful one. Your gifts in cash and kind were appreciated. You are all in my thoughts and prayers!

Blessings!!
Fr. Donatus

Congratulations Graduates

Every milestone in a person's life should be celebrated with grace and eloquence. Graduation is one of the first of these most prized moments. The sheer importance of it can make it difficult to come up with the perfect words to congratulate your achievements. A new phase of life starts right now, so, it can also be said that this is the beginning of your success. "The journey of life", where challenges, opportunities, and changes are dominant. Above all things Proverbs 3:5-6 says: **"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths"**. At St. Therese, your achievements is our success. Remember this is your home and we are praying for you.

Alexandria Gamble Jo'Nire Pete
Ariah Washington Amiya LeBlanc
Tony Hayward Williams III

Mrs. Mona Richard
CCD Teacher

Revitalizing Our Youth

Once again it's that time of year that kid's look forward to and some parents dread: **Summer vacation!** That also means that it's time for Vacation Bible School, and I want to extend a personal invitation to the children in your household and your family. We welcome your friends as well. Please be on the lookout for VBS dates that is coming soon. Parents we need you too!

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Sanja Popillion,
Director of Religious Education

