

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, June 20, 2021 9:00 am Mass
Mr. Albert Hebert Sr.

Requested by Mr. Albert Hebert Jr.

Monday June 21st NO MASS

Tuesday June 22nd 9:00 am

Caitlyn Wickersham

requested by Deacon Hazen Kenney

Wednesday, June 23rd, 9:00 a.m.

Deacon Julian Richard

requested by Deacon Hazen Kenney

Thursday, June 24th, 9:00 a.m.

Solemnity of the Nativity of
Saint John the Baptist Vigil

Friday, June 25th, 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, June 26th, 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. June 20 - Jb 38:1, 8-11 Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 2 Cor 5:14-17 Lk 7:16 Mk 4:35-41

Mon. June 21 - Gn 12:1-9 Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 & 22 Heb 4:12 Mt 7:1-5

Tues. June 22 - Gn 13:2, 5-18 Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 Jn 8:12 Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wed. June 23 - Gn 15:1-12, 17-18 Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 Jn 15:4a, 5b Mt 7:15-20

Thurs. June 24 - Jer 1:4-10 Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab & 17 1 Pt 1:8-12 Jn 1:7; Lk 1:17 Lk 1:5-17

Fri. June 25 - Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 Mt 8:17 Mt 8:1-4

Sat. June 26 - Gn 18:1-15 Luke 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 & 53, 54-55 Mt 8:17 Mt 8:5-17

June Birthday List
 Happy Birthday to:

John Semien	1
Albert Hebert	4
Josh Riggs	6
Fr. Donatus Mgbeajuo, 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

LECTORS SERVING IN JUNE & JULY

Saturday's/ one reader

June 19th - Freda Guillory
 June 26th - Felicia Richard
 July 3rd - Gary Mims
 July 10th - Mona Richard
 July 17th - Tina Kindle
 July 24th - Peggy Green
 July 31st - Freda Guillory

Sunday's/ one reader

June 20th - Peggy Green
 June 27th - Tina Kindle
 July 4th - Cindy Hampton
 July 11th - Peggy Green
 July 18th - Leo Jackson
 July 25th - Cindy Hampton



Be Prayerful

COORDINATORS OF MINISTRIES

- Activities * Brushelle Scott
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- D.R.E * Sanja Popillion
- Youth * Felicia Richard
- Stewardship * Gary Mims

Last week Income & Expenses

Attendance Sat: Sun:
 Collection

Donation	\$ 50.00
Saturday	\$ 175.00
Sunday	<u>\$1,693.00</u>

Total Deposit \$ 1,918.00

Expenses paid out

Youth department <\$ 224.28
 Admin phones <\$ 94.22>

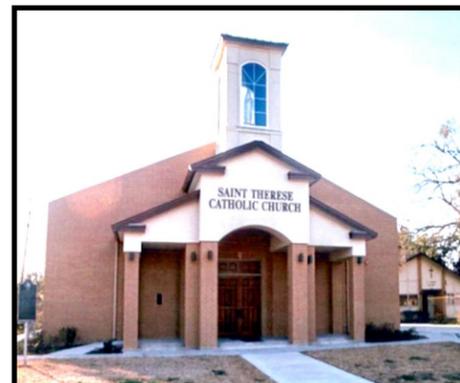
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 Tuesday thru Friday
 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
 Lunch 12-1:00 pm
 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



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The 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B
June 20, 2021

“Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey”



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

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Miracles

My mother was a miraculous cook. By that, I don't mean that she was a practitioner of haute cuisine. There's not much haute to a cuisine that's being spread out among eight kids, seven of whom are rather large and ravenous males—just a lot of cuisine. No, by calling my mother a miraculous cook, I'm simply reflecting on something she often murmured while in the midst of preparing a new recipe: "If this turns out edible, it'll be a miracle." Guess what? It always turned out. Why? My mother had faith that it would. And faith, after all, is the prime ingredient of miracles.

FIRST READING: Job 38:1, 8–11 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 107:23–24, 25–26, 28–29, 30–31

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:14–17 GOSPEL: Mark 4:35–41

Comment

Throughout the Book of Job, its anguished protagonist calls upon God to speak to him. Today's first reading records God's initial response. God's reply, however, is not what Job had expected or hoped for. God assaults Job with a battery of unanswerable queries. Job got more than he bargained for: He wanted solutions from God; instead, he got mystery—that God's ways are not his (or any other creature's, for that matter).

The queries in God's response concern themselves with the sea, a standard scriptural image for primeval turmoil or chaos. The rowdy sea would do what it wills but for the limits the much more powerful word of God has set upon it. Remember, the expansive word of God was the instrument of creation. Here, the word of God is restrictive. It limits the sea (and all else) that would seek to undo creation. God will not be tested, not by the mighty sea, not by poor old Job.

The Gospel finds Jesus at sea, asleep during its raging, seemingly oblivious to the terror of his followers, who call to him for rescue. When Jesus finally responds, he calms the sea with a word. Then, like God in the first reading, he turns to question those who called upon him. He reproves his disciples, asking them why they are so short on faith. For their part, the disciples also have a question: "Who can this be that the wind and the sea obey him?" This query already contains at least the beginnings of some understanding and growth in that greatest of miracles, faith.

The members of the Church who read Mark's Gospel surely understood the image of the sea as a sign of chaos. They also recognized the boat as an image of the Church, a boat in which they sailed under the watchful eye of Jesus, who shipped with them. Jesus ships with us as well, standing firm at the helm. A good image to remember when the seas get choppy, when the wind is wild.

The reading from Second Corinthians speaks of the new creation brought about by Christ. "New things have come." These are words of power. Just as the sea is limited by God's word, just as the tempest is calmed by Jesus' words, these words remind us that even death itself is limited and becalmed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is, indeed, a miraculously new creation.

Reflection

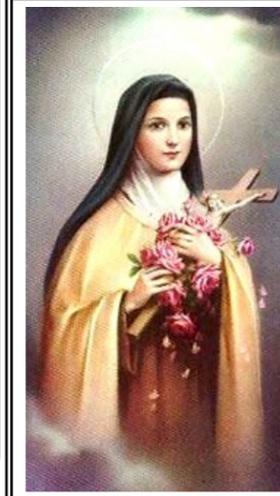
All of Jesus' miracles, even his so-called "nature miracles," are bound up in faith. A miracle is not the power to do something superhuman. It's the power to do good. Miracles are signs of faith. Thus, faith can work miracles. Jesus' miracles were faith-filled, compacted, diamond-like salvation events that flashed forth the reign of God. In God's dominion, all things were subject to God's word, and people were healed in body and soul and were brought into the community. Jesus' miracles were signs that God's reign had arrived and all who had faith would find themselves in the same boat, safe with Jesus.

Jesus' miraculous actions show us that our faith in the coming of the reign of God means the coming of God's powerful and miraculous action on our behalf. That's why we Christians can and do believe in miracles. That's why we Christians can work miracles.

Think about it. Jesus cured a smattering of people. As faithful followers of Jesus, we can join with others to support programs that bring healing to multitudes. Jesus fed a few thousand. We faithful followers of Jesus have it within our power to feed the world. Jesus raised a handful of people from the dead. As faithful followers of Jesus, we can join together in generosity to grant life to countless millions. Yes, we can do all this, if we refuse to be "lacking in faith," and if we but remember that we're all in the same boat.

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

To ALL,

Thanks so much for the beautiful plaque and message. I will treasure it, that which now hangs on my wall. To all of those whom I've had the privilege and blessing of knowing and serving, the smiling peace and extended hands of welcome after Mass, thank you, thank you!

May our Blessed Lord continue to bless you all. I hope to come visit occasionally. It's so uplifting to visit St. Therese! Please keep us in your prayers, as we so you.

All is Grace
Hazen & Connie Kenney

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

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.

A Father's Day Message

When you think about Father's day, its a day to celebrate Men doing what God called them to do: to be strong leaders for their families. Fathers should create a healthy, safe, and nurturing environment where their children can grow to be strong and confident individuals.

Fathers have a responsibility to raise their children to become helpful citizens in our society and just all around good people. For a boy to grow into a man, there has to be a male role model for him to learn from; A father figure to emulate. A positive male figure to teach him discipline. Every male child should be blessed to have other positive male role models like brothers, cousins, teachers, coaches, clergymen, and mentors to guide them during their childhood and teenage years.

"THANK YOU" to all of the men who take on the responsibilities that comes with being a father.

I also challenge every man who reads this to look for a child to mentor because it truly takes a village to raise a child.