

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, June 27, 2021 9:00 am Mass
Mrs. Rose Davis

Monday June 28th NO MASS

Tuesday June 29th 9:00 am

Wednesday, June 30th, 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, July 1st, 9:00 a.m.

Friday, July 2nd, 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, July 3rd, 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).

LECTORS SERVING IN JUNE & JULY

Saturday's/ one reader

June 26th - Felicia Richard

July 3rd - Gary Mims

July 10th - Mona Richard

July 17th - Tina Kindle

Sunday's/ one reader

June 27th - Tina Kindle

July 4th - Cindy Hampton

July 11th - Peggy Green

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

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: 40

Collection

Fr's mileage \$ 470.40

Saturday \$ 382.00

Sunday \$ 2,048.00

Total Deposit \$ 2,900.40

Expenses paid out

Center Point <\$ 129.58>

City of Orange <\$ 204.64>

Equipment contract <\$ 50.60>

Admin Supplies <\$ 105.91>

Spectrum business <\$ 322.33>

Plant & maint <\$ 30.00>

June Birthday List	
Happy Birthday to:	
Hollis Fain	28
Emmanuel Taylor	29
Happy Anniversary	
Reginald & Tina Kindle	5th

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. June 27 - Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24
Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15 Mk 5:21-43 or 21-24, 35b-43

Mon. June 28 - Gn 18:16-33
Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11 Ps 95:8 Mt 8:18-22

Tues. June 29 - Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles Acts 12:1-11
Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 Mt 16:18 Mt 16:13-19

Wed. June 30 - Gn 21:5, 8-20a
Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Jas 1:18 Mt 8:28-34

Thurs. July 1 - Gn 22:1b-19 Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 2 Cor 5:19 Mt 9:1-8

Fri. July 2 - Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67
Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 Mt 11:28 Mt 9:9-13

Sat. July 3 - Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle Eph 2:19-22 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Jn 20:29 Jn 20:24-29

ST. Therese Catholic Church Youth Ministry Presents: SUNDAY FUN

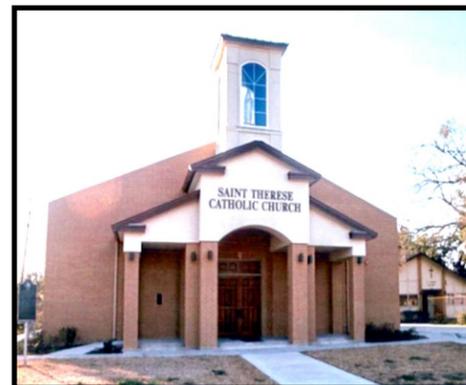
Who: Grades 4th through 7th (1:30 pm - 4:30 pm)
Grades 8th through 12th (5:00 pm - 8:00 pm)

What: Prayer, Popcorn, Pizza, Games, Snacks, and DVD

When: Tentatively scheduled Sunday, July 18, 2021

Where: St. Therese Family Life Center/Grounds

Please join us. If you plan for your student to participate in this parish event, please sign your name and theirs on the sheet provided. Also, please list any known food allergies



St. Therese Catholic Church

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

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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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Cindy Hampton (409) 882-0935

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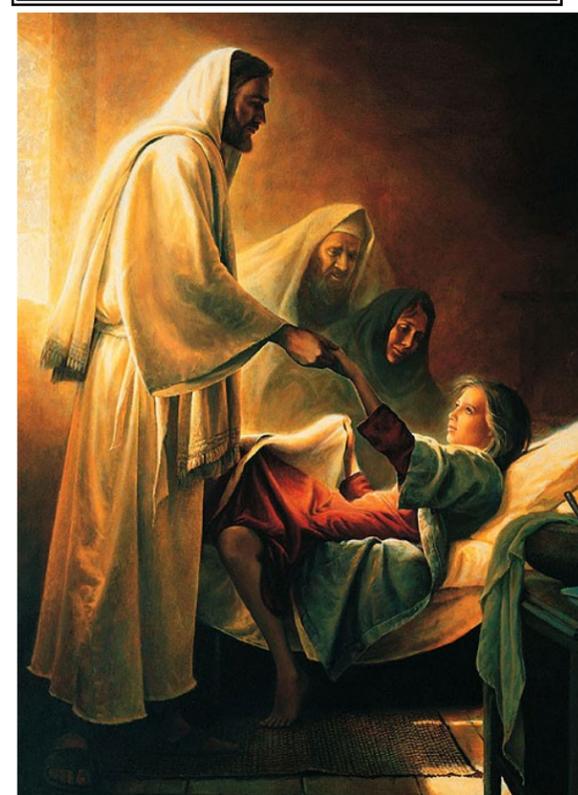
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The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B
June 27, 2021
"Little girl, I say to you, arise"



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 to desired date of baptism prior

Marriage:
Please call the Rectory six (6) months prior to proposed date

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Heart to Heart

“Heart speaks to heart” was the motto of Cardinal John Henry Newman. This man of great learning was also a pastor and a man of exquisite spiritual insight. He valued and balanced mind and heart. His learning was brought to the service of the needs of his companions as well as those in his charge.

FIRST READING: Wisdom 1:13–15; 2:23–24 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 30:2, 4, 5–6, 11, 12, 13
SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13–15 GOSPEL: Mark 5:21–43 [21–24, 35b–43]

Comment

Among the Old Testament books, the book of Wisdom was written a mere handful of years before the birth of Jesus. Its words are a balm to us: God does not “rejoice in the destruction of the living. ... The creatures of the world are wholesome, and there is not a destructive drug among them ...” (1:13, 14)

This first reading skips to a reflection on the life and death of the soul. The reading omits the sardonic riff mimicking the materialist, who decides essentially that in the face of our inevitable physical death, we ought to eat, drink, and be merry. The materialist scorns the upright and just people because they rebuke those who seek material comforts. Today, the writer of Wisdom says that the materialist has it all wrong. We are imperishable. There is for us no second death, no death of the human spirit made in God’s image.

Nor does Jesus rejoice in the destruction of the living. His presence and touch bring life. Further, he risks the sarcasm and opprobrium of the powerful. Today’s Gospel sets before us a miracle wrapped in a miracle. An official of the synagogue begs Jesus to come to his home, for his little daughter is deathly ill. Jesus walks with this man, and on the way, a woman’s need overcomes her fear. She reaches out simply to touch his garment. She is cured. Then her boldness comes to light. Even though crowds crush upon Jesus, the woman is discovered. She confesses her faith in Jesus’ ability to cure her, and he declares that her faith cured her. He bids her go on her way forever freed from the source of illness and sin.

The child, too, is awakened from either a deep and deadly sleep or from death itself; one cannot tell. And it does not matter, really. She is cured, and Jesus asks that she be attended to. She is healthy enough to keep food down. A good sign.

These are touching miracles, literally and figuratively. Jesus cannot seem to help himself. Two desperate people reach out to him. Jesus responds, though it is against the Law that prohibits touching one with an issue of blood and touching the dead. Jesus knew and acted on a deep knowledge that God does not “rejoice in the destruction of the living” and that “the creatures of the world are wholesome” (Wisdom 1:13, 14).

Reflection

Jesus set out to save people, not to win arguments. Today, his compassionate words and actions reveal the deepest truth of his life and of God’s life, too. For God did not make death or desire the destruction of the living. Interestingly, in the *Divine Comedy*, Dante pictures the very depths of hell as ice, not fire, for the cold, white paralysis of ice so aptly depicts the hellish state of lovelessness. Jesus chooses death’s opposite—the warmth and light that draws us as surely as a lost child is drawn to the porch light, as the ship on the storm-tossed sea searches for the beacon.

The way of compassion so clearly enunciated as the ideal in the Book of Wisdom is enfolded in the generous companionship of Jesus as he walks with desperate Jairus and is accosted by an equally desperate woman who pushes herself forward in such an unseemly manner. Jesus does not stand on ceremony; he does not claim special privileges. He leans toward Jairus, toward the woman, toward the child. This is how he wins hearts. This is how heart speaks to heart.

And this is how Paul exhorts his fellow Christians at Corinth. Actually, he’s soliciting contributions from the richer church for the poorer ones. They are rich in faith and discourse and knowledge. He wants them to abound in charity, and he has a good ideas about how they might demonstrate that charity.

Top 10 list from the DYC 2021

While we celebrate Mass beautifully and joyfully, there is always room for improvement. So I have composed a top ten list of “table manners” – which apply to us at the Table of the Lord.

- 1) RSVP. When invited to a dinner engagement we are asked to RSVP. Imagine getting an invitation to an important event with the most famous person you can think of, and either declining or simply not responding – that would be preposterous! Well, we have just such an invite from the Lord every week to the most important Supper we could possible go to – for the Catholic, Sunday Mass is not an option, but an invitation from God to draw closer to Him and be nourished.
- 2) Dress appropriately. Now there is a balance to be sought from the Mass being a fashion show and on the other hand being inappropriately clad. The Mass is the “wedding feast of the Lamb,” and so I would suggest that what you might wear to a wedding would likewise be appropriate (no tuxes please!). In the business world they speak in terms of “dress for success”; thus what we wear affects the way we feel and the importance we give to it. I know that none of us desires to ever be a distraction for others at Mass, but if we are not dressed respectfully we can be just that.
- 3) Wash up. Before any meal we should always make sure we are cleaned up, especially by washing our hands. In the same way, we should be spiritually prepared to receive Our Lord in Holy Communion by making a good Confession if we are conscious of any serious sin in our lives. Please look in the bulletin for upcoming Penance Services and the weekly Confessional schedule. Please also wash your hands!
- 4) Arrive on time. If you are invited to an important meal, you would not dream of being “fashionably late.” Every minute of the Mass is important – even the beginning of Mass! Don’t miss out and also please realize it is rude to show up late and distract those who are praying (I have a special fondness and leeway for the occasional slipup from families with small children – I can only imagine that this is not easy!).
- 5) Greet the Host. Upon arriving at Buckingham Palace, you would formally greet the Queen with a profound bow – here we greet the KING of Kings with a genuflection to His Presence in the Tabernacle and the Sign of the Cross. We also greet the others at table with us, and so our attitude toward those around us in church affects the way they are able to worship – let’s make sure that we are always an inviting and welcoming community.
- 6) Don’t spoil your supper. How many times did Mom say that one?! The Church asks us to fast for one hour before the reception of Holy Communion – this reminds us of what (or Whom) we are preparing to receive. This practice is certainly easy enough – so please, no Snickers on the way into Mass (and since we are talking about candy, no chewing gum in Church, thanks!).
- 7) Eat politely. We were all taught to use the proper utensils at meals, and in the same way we are to receive Jesus properly. This might sound so simple, but the variations are many! There are only two ways in which we are to receive Holy Communion: The first is on the tongue and the second is on the hand (left hand on top making a throne and the right hand underneath and then gently taking our Lord and reverently placing the Eucharist in your mouth).
- 8) Speak when spoken to. Children at table have been taught this from time immemorial. When we come forward to the Table of the Lord, when the priest or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion says “the Body of Christ,” grunts, mumbles, or silence are not appropriate. Please clearly say with conviction “Amen” – affirming your belief in this great Sacrament. This point also applies to the many other moments in the Mass when there are responses from the congregation, not to mention singing – thus we can fully, consciously, and actively participate all throughout the Mass.
- 9) Never leave the table until you are excused. There is not much I need to say here except that there was only one Apostle who left the Last Supper early – we call this the “Judas Shuffle.”
- 10) Say “thank you.” After Holy Communion, do we stop and thank our gracious Host for giving us Himself that we might be nourished? Our time in the pew after Communion is precious; stay focused and contemplate the Gift of God we have just received – say thanks!

Please know that all of this is meant in a non-judgmental and loving manner. If you feel challenged by any of the points mentioned I invite you to pray about how God might be challenging you as you come to the Table.

May Jesus Christ our King be praised, now and forever!

Bishop David Toups