

### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, July 25, 2021 9:00 am Mass**  
**Ronald Hebert and Lanier Robertson**  
*requested by Janice Semien*

Monday July 26th NO MASS

Tuesday July 27th 9:00 am

Wednesday, July 28th, 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, July 29th, 9:00 a.m.

Friday, July 30th, 9:00 a.m.

**Saturday, July 31st, 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).

### July Birthday List Happy Birthday to::

Amiyah LeBlanc	12
Brent Hebert	12
Ronald Hebert	12
Lanier Robertson	16
David Riggs	20
Maria Riggs	23
Torian Riggs	28
Claudine Riggs	29
Lester Popillion	30

#### Happy Anniversary

Joe & Mary Ware	4th
John & Janice Semien	13th
Mormom & Ann Richard	25th
George & Cecilia Davis	27th

### COORDINATORS OF MINISTRIES

Activities \* Brushelle Scott  
BINGO \* Evangeline Platt

**Bishop Faith Appeal**  
\* Adam Jacobs & Dorothy Jacobs

**Bereavement Committee**  
\* Rose Bottley

**Director of Youth Ministry**  
\*Deacon Melvin Payne

**Assistant Director of Youth**  
\* Jada Semien

**Donut Sunday's** \* Freda Guillory

**Environmental** \* Ina Chavis

**Extraordinary Minister of Communion** \* Dorothy Broussard

**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

**Stewardship** \* Gary Mims

## St. Therese Catholic Church

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

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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.



### 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. July 25** - 2 Kgs 4:42-44 Ps145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 Eph 4:1-6 Lk 7:16 Jn 6:1-15

**Mon. July 26** - Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 Jas 1:18 Mt 13:31-35

**Tues. July 27** - Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 Mt 13:36-43

**Wed. July 28** - Ex 34:29-35 Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 Jn 15:15b Mt 13:44-46

**Thurs. July 29** - Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a & 8a, 11 Jn 8:12 Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

**Fri. July 30** - Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 Ps81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab 1 Pt 1:25 Mt 13:54-58

**Sat. July 31** - Lv 25:1, 8-17 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 Mt 5:10 Mt 14:1-12

### LECTORS SERVING JULY & AUGUST

#### Saturday's/ one reader

July 24th	- Peggy Green
July 31st	- Freda Guillory
Aug. 7th	- Peggy Green
Aug. 14th	- Mona Richard
Aug. 21st	- Leo Jackson
Aug. 28th	- Gary Mims

#### Sunday's/ one reader

July 25th	- Cindy Hampton
Aug. 1st	- Eva Platt
Aug. 8th	- Horace Broussard
Aug. 15th	- Tina Kindle
Aug. 22nd	- Cindy Hampton
Aug. 29th	- Freda Guillory

### Last week Income & Expenses

Attendance Sat: Sun:  
Collection

Saturday	\$ 175.00
Sunday	\$ 4,187.00

**Total Deposit \$ 4,362.00**

#### Expenses paid out

Office supplies	<\$ 16.38>
Youth supplies	<\$ 96.09>
Special collections	<\$ 108.00>
Central Admin off./DOB	<\$ 3,447.66>

### PARISH SECRETARY

Cindy Hampton (409) 882-0935

### PARISH COUNCIL

Lester Popillion, Chairman  
(409) 670-0808

John Semien, Vice Chairman  
(409) 313-0594

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(409) 779-1442

Horace Broussard (409) 883-7937

Ina Chavis (409) 779-4096

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Peter Roberson (409) 221-1866

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### DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY

Deacon Melvin Payne (409) 351-4051

### MAINTENANCE & GROUNDS

Joseph Ware Sr. (409) 886-5331

### FINANCE COUNCIL

Janice Semien (409) 883-7126

Sheila Arnold (409) 313-2062

Tina Kindle (409) 238-4447

Andre' Robertson (409) 882-0012

## The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B July 25, 2021

# "Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining"



### 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

# SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Bread Given

It took Mahatma Ghandi to remind Christians of one of the deepest understandings of the Eucharist. He spoke from a deep knowledge of the human spirit, and from an equally deep understanding of famine and poverty, when he reminded us that there are so many hungry people in the world that God can only come to them in bread. He did not as far as we can tell mean to refer to the Christian Eucharist, but he well could have. We will take our lessons where we can get them.

**FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4:42-44    RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18**  
**SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-6    GOSPEL: John 6:1-15**

## Comment

Each year the Church focuses on one of the Gospels, and this year it focuses on Mark's. But because Mark's is the shortest of the four (sixteen chapters), the Church dips into the Gospel of John and considers the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. This Sunday and the three following Sundays are all devoted to the lengthy sixth chapter from the Gospel according to John. We are invited to use this languorous late summer time to meditate on the Bread of Life.

As we consider today's readings, we are struck by the similarity of the first reading and the Gospel. Both tell of the journey from scarcity to abundance. Both tell of the presence (acknowledged or not) of God's grace. In the first, less familiar reading, the non-writing prophet Elisha, successor to the great Elijah, is with his men in a dry place without access to food or provision. Through the generosity of a local farmer from the coastal plains, Elisha is given twenty barley loaves, barely enough for one hundred men. It takes the befuddled servant to state this obvious fact. Undaunted, Elisha gives directions for the orderly distribution of the food, which by God's action is more than adequate.

The same pattern occurs in John's telling of the story of the multiplication of the loaves. Here, fishes are added, but the loaves remain the type consumed by the poor—barley loaves. In John's story, the crowds are enormous, even overwhelming. Philip cannot imagine how they can all be fed. In this he doubts, just as Elisha's servant did. It is Jesus who is sure of himself as he calmly directs his disciples to organize the crowd for the feast that is to come.

Though the food is more than adequate, the crowd's understanding comes up short. They want to be assured of daily bread and a king who would supply it in abundance. This is an understandable desire during a time when famine was as near as the most recent crop failure. Jesus knew that this short-range dream of food was about all the crowd could manage on this day, so he slipped away for the time being.

## Reflection

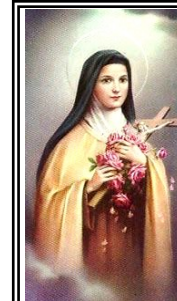
Of all the Gospel stories, this one is told more frequently than any other. (By contrast, the story of Christmas is told once in Luke's Gospel; the story of the magi is told only once, by Matthew; the events surrounding the Resurrection are uniquely told by each of the evangelists.) The story of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes is told no fewer than six times.

Clearly the story is of enormous importance to the early Church. Why? Because the taking, blessing, breaking, and giving of bread is a eucharistic story, one that is essential to the formation of the Church. These actions are identified with Jesus Christ crucified and risen and present among us. The Last Supper uses these same words and intends the early Church to form around Jesus Christ's death and resurrection. Before the early Church had a name it had the celebration of the Eucharist.

Of course, the story would be told, acknowledged, absorbed, repeated, and raised to a place of prominence in the life of the Church. How could it be otherwise? No Christian hearing the story could possibly miss the allusion to the Eucharist.

## PRAY FOR THE SHUT-IN

Mary Alexander  
Mary Brown  
Courtney Chavis  
David J. Carey  
Leon Cross  
Lawrence Gant  
Hollis Fain  
Beatrice Guillory  
Ella Mae Garrett  
Mary Gray  
Margaret Green  
Mark Mitchell Jr.  
Betty Odom  
Westley Papillion  
Gloria Richard  
Mormon Richard  
Rosa Scott  
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  
Mrs. Doris Hayes  
Roy Hayes  
Ruby Milton  
Clayona Pillette  
John Richard Sr.  
Claudine Riggs  
Tiffany Winphrey

## ATTENTION YOUTH

The Sonja Popillion Youth Ministry of St. Therese will begin meeting on the 2nd Sunday of each month (starting Sunday August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021) after the 9:00 A.M. Mass. All youth, 9 years old and older are invited and encouraged to attend. Meetings to be held in the Education Building.

Youth Ministry Director, Deacon Melvin Payne:  
Email: [melbeve@att.net](mailto:melbeve@att.net) or call 409-351-4051 for any questions.

Every St. Therese parishioner is encouraged to bring their child, grandchild, great grandchild, child of a friend or a youth from the community to the first meeting of August 8<sup>th</sup>

## \*\*\*ATTENTION EVERYONE\*\*\*

Catholic Men's Conference August 21, 2021 7am - 3:30 pm St. Francis of Assisi Parish - Orange, TX register online @ [ChristInYou.info](mailto:ChristInYou.info)

"What does it mean to truly live the Catholic Faith as a man in every area of life? The answer, on a practical level, really depends on where you are in your journey.

That's why, for this conference we're drilling down into the practical lessons of living our vocation as Fathers, Husbands, Sons, and Disciples.

Regardless of where you are in your life, we are going to give you a little something new that you've never thought of before. And it might just transform your life."

## Mass for Several Deceased Persons

Bishop Toups will offer a Mass for Several Deceased Persons in St. Anthony Cathedral-Basilica (700 Jefferson Street Beaumont, TX) on Wednesday, July 28th, at 6:00 PM Mass, the vigil of the Feast of Ss. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. This Mass is offered for all those who died in the previous year. The Mass will assist those who need a public and communal way to mourn and memorialize this period of history. Pictures of a loved one who died during this past year can be brought to the Mass and placed on a table that will be located near the main altar. A reception will follow in the Cathedral Center. For more information please contact John Miller at [jmiller@dioceseofbmt.org](mailto:jmiller@dioceseofbmt.org), or by phone at 409-924-4311.

Charismatic Renewal at St. Anne Catholic Church  
on September 11, 2021

"The Charismatic Renewal invites all to rediscover our freedom ! Let us again enjoy fellowship at St. Anne's Catholic Church Hall, on Saturday September 11, 2021 from 9 am till noon.

We are having a Renewal, with Bishop David Toups teaching and leading us in understanding the Impact of the Charismatic Renewal on the Catholic Church. Save the date and plan to join us in a thanksgiving celebration of all our blessings. We ask for your prayers, for a successful Renewal and for all ministries in our Diocese."