

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Aug. 8, 2021 9:00 am Mass
 Monday Aug. 9th NO MASS
 Tuesday Aug. 10th 9:00 am
Deacon Melvin Payne
Communion Service
 Wednesday, Aug. 11th, 9:00 a.m.
Deacon Melvin Payne
Communion Service
 Thursday, Aug. 12th, 9:00 a.m.
Deacon Melvin Payne
Communion Service
 Friday, Aug. 13th, 9:00 a.m.
Deacon Melvin Payne
Communion Service
Saturday, Aug. 14th, 4 p.m.
Reconciliation by appointment

August Birthday List
Happy Birthday to:

Jill Mosby	1	
Marina Taylor	1	
Lauren Jackson	2	
Christopher Henry	4	
David Thomas III	6	
Dorothy Jacobs	10	
Gloria Richard	11	
Veronica Warren	11	
Walter Davis	15	
Tyler Rodriquez	15	
Mary Lazenby	17	
Morgan Jackson	19	
Reginald Kindle	23	
Patrick Mims	27	
John Riggs Sr.	28	
Horace Broussard	29	
Happy Anniversary		
Carroll & Mable Durio		
57 years	5th	
Patrick & Brenda Mims		
47 years 18th		
John & Tammy Richard	12th	

COORDINATORS OF MINISTRIES

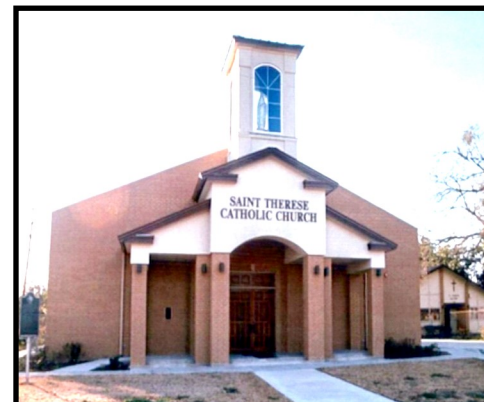
Activities * Brushelle Scott
BINGO * Evangeline Platt
Bishop Faith Appeal
 * Adam Jacobs & Dorothy Jacobs
Bereavement Committee
 * Rose Bottley
Director of Youth Ministry
 *Deacon Melvin Payne
Assistant Director of Youth
 * Jada Semien
Donut Sunday's * Freda Guillory
Environmental * Ina Chavis
Extraordinary 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

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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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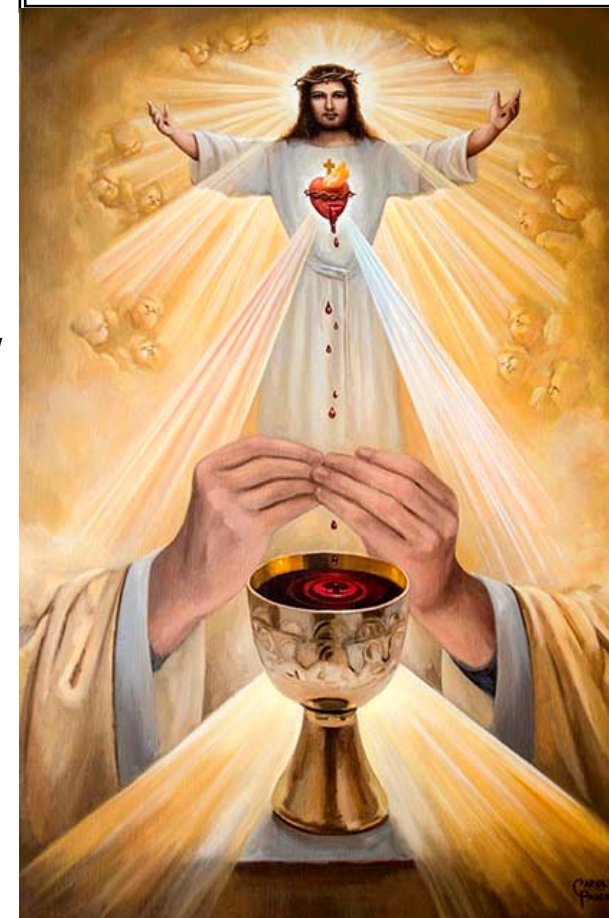
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The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year B
August, 2021

“I am the bread of life”



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

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. Aug. 8 - 1 Kgs 19:4-8 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Eph 4:30—5:2 Jn 6:51 Jn 6:41-51

Mon. Aug. 9 - Dt 10:12-22 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 2 Thes 2:14 Mt 17:22-27

Tues. Aug. 10 - 2 Cor 9:6-10 Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 Jn 8:12bc Jn 12:24-26

Wed. Aug. 11 - Dt 34:1-12 Ps 66:1-3a, 5 & 8, 16-17 2 Cor 5:19 Mt 18:15-20

Thurs. Aug. 12 - Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17 Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Ps 119:135 Mt 18:21-19:1

Fri. Aug. 13 - Jos 24:1-13 Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 & 24 1 Thes 2:13 Mt 19:3-12

Sat. Aug. 14 - Jos 24:14-29 Ps 16:1-2a & 5, 7-8, 11 Mt 11:25 Mt 19:13-15

LECTORS SERVING IN AUGUST

Saturday's/ one reader

Aug. 7th - Peggy Green
 Aug. 14th - Mona Richard
 Aug. 21st - Leo Jackson
 Aug. 28th - Gary Mims

Sunday's/ one reader

Aug. 8th - Horace Broussard
 Aug. 15th - Tina Kindle
 Aug. 22nd - Cindy Hampton
 Aug. 29th - Freda Guillory

Last week Income & Expenses

Attendance Sat: 12 Sun: 29
Collection

E-giving \$ 400.00
 Saturday \$ 553.00
 Sunday \$ 1,111.00

Total Deposit \$ 2,064.00

Expenses paid out

City of Orange <\$ 193.08>
 Center Point <\$ 140.53>
 Spectrum Admin <\$ 164.99>
 Admin Supplies <\$ 875.81>
 Liturgy <\$ 35.50>

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Taste and See

Today most of us do not subsist on a steady diet of pizza and chocolate ice cream, no matter how much we may prefer these foods. As we were growing up, our parents had the good sense to offer us a wider and more nutritious variety of foods. Perhaps they promised us dessert only after we sampled the beets. Perhaps they cajoled us to just take a little bit, to just “taste and see.” Like a wise parent, Jesus—and the Church—does the same.

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:4–8 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 34:2–3, 4–5, 6–7, 8–9

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:30 — 5:2 GOSPEL: John 6: 41–51

Comment

In the first reading, we find Elijah at the end of his rope. Elijah was a non-writing prophet who had the difficult task of confronting King Ahab about the worship of Baal, a Canaanite deity. To make matters worse, Ahab’s wife, Jezebel, was responsible for the king’s broad tolerance of this false worship. Elijah had questioned the weak leadership of Ahab and revealed the uncommonly strong influence of his wife in the affairs of state and of religion. Eventually, worship was purified of false gods, but Jezebel’s influence continued unabated. She remained at the palace, but Elijah was exiled. Today, we see him alone and discouraged enough to pray for a release from life. God’s caring angel provides just the right kind of food for the long journey Elijah must still take to the mountain, where God will comfort him.

In today’s Gospel, we rejoin Jesus and the querulous, disbelieving crowd. Only in this reading, the crowd understands. Almost. The people understand that Jesus is saying that he is the heavenly bread, but they just can’t believe it. This goes to prove—as if we didn’t already know—that understanding is not the same as belief. In fact, Jesus himself explains this by saying that faith is not a rational quality but a divine gift. For Jesus, faith or lack of faith in him has eternal consequences.

Jesus goes on to explain to the crowd that, as living bread, he will be broken for them, so that they all might partake. He reminds the people that those who ate manna and those who ate of the loaves he had multiplied not only were and will be hungry again, but also died or will die. The manna and loaves were perishable bread, food for perishable bodies. The bread Jesus will give is—remember—the real thing, his life for the world, imperishable bread for imperishable people, people willing to taste and see.

Reflection

For us, the story of Elijah (as well as the Gospel) is a eucharistic story. In the language of the church fathers, those earliest of commentators on Scripture, the story of Elijah “prefigures” the Eucharist. We must insist that the story of Elijah is itself a full and complete story. However, we can easily make the connection between Elijah and us in our need for the sustenance we receive at our eucharistic celebration.

Today’s Gospel continues the story of Jesus sparring with those who will not taste and see. Jesus repeats, “I am the bread of life.” In that simple statement, he recalls the story of the manna in the desert. Amazingly, he reinterprets that experience; he does not reinterpret his own self-understanding. John is very clear about this: Jesus asks Israel to transform its self-understanding. He reorders Israel’s history and sets himself at its center. Someone greater than Moses is here; something greater than the miracle of manna is here.

John 6:51

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And this bread, which I will give for the life of the world, is My flesh.”

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
Daniel Ware



"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
Sanja Popillion
John Richard Sr.
Claudine Riggs
Tiffany Winphrey

Sanja Popillion Youth Ministry of St. Therese Recruitment Contest

GOAL: To increase youth participation in the life of St. Therese Parish

Time for recruiting runs from August 15th. 2021 to September 12th. 2021

Contest Rules:

- St. Therese parishioners are the only ones who can recruit youth to participate in Youth Ministry. Although youth outside of the parish can be recruited.
 - The youth recruited will have to actively participate in the ministry starting with the monthly meeting of September 12th. Active participation is considered as: 1.) Attending monthly meetings, 2.) Involvement in the different activities and functions of the youth ministry, 3.) Etc.
 - 80% to 100% participation rate until December 31st. 2021 will be required for the youth to qualify as an eligible recruit for the contest.
 - Each youth that meet the requirements will enable the parishioner name to be eligible for the prize drawing.
 - Parishioners are asked to recruit as many youth as possible, but they will only be eligible for a maximum of three entries for the prize drawing.
 - The prize drawing will start at \$100.00. For every youth that qualifies, the prize drawing will be increased by \$20.00. Maximum prize drawing is \$500.00.
 - Any questions concerning contest rules, please contact Deacon Payne @ 409-351-4051
- Again, the rules of eligibility for a youth to qualify as a legitimate recruit are as follows:**
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 - 80% to 100% participation until December 31st. 2021 will be required for the youth to qualify as an eligible recruit for the contest.
 - Contest drawing Sunday, January 2nd. 2022 after the 9:00 A.M. Mass

ATTENTION EVERYONE

St. Therese will be having Baptism September 26, 2021. Parents, Grandparents and Guardians please register your child or children. All candidates must register through the Parish Office. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact the parish Tuesday through Friday between 9am and 4pm.