

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Aug. 15, 2021 9:00 am Mass
Celebrant; Rev. Leonard Ogbonna
Deacon Julian Richard
request by Mrs. Gloria Richard

Monday Aug. 16th NO MASS

Tuesday Aug. 17th 9:00 am
Deacon Melvin Payne
Communion Service

Wednesday, Aug. 18th, 9:00 a.m.
Deacon Melvin Payne
Communion Service

Thursday, Aug. 19th, 9:00 a.m.
Deacon Melvin Payne
Communion Service

Friday, Aug. 20th, 9:00 a.m.
Deacon Melvin Payne
Communion Service

Saturday, Aug. 21st, 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).

August Birthday List
Happy Birthday to:

Dorothy Jacobs	10
Gloria Richard	11
Veronica Warren	11
Walter Davis	15
Tyler Rodriguez	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	5th
57 years	
Patrick & Brenda Mims	18th
47 years	
John & Tammy Richard	12th

LECTORS SERVING IN AUGUST

Saturday's/ one reader

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

Sunday's/ one reader

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

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

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. Aug. 15 - Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
 Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 1 Cor 15:20-27
 Lk 1:39-56

Mon. Aug. 16 - Jgs 2:11-19 Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab & 44 Mt 5:3 Mt 19:16-22

Tues. Aug. 17 - Jgs 6:11-24a Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 2 Cor 8:9 Mt 19:23-30

Wed. Aug. 18 - Jgs 9:6-15 Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Heb 4:12 Mt 20:1-16

Thurs. Aug. 19 - Jgs 11:29-39a Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Ps 95:8 Mt 22:1-14

Fri. Aug. 20 - Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22 Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 Ps 25:4b, 5a Mt 22:34-40

Sat. Aug. 21 - Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17 Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Mt 23:9b, 10b Mt 23:1-12

Brothers and Sisters

The Health Department from the City of Port Arthur in cooperation with Catholic Charities of Southeast Texas will offer COVID-19 vaccinations for no cost at the Hospitality Center on **Monday, August 16 from 10:30AM to 12:30PM.**

The Hospitality Center is currently operated at **St James Catholic Church** (3617 Gulfway Dr, Port Arthur, TX 77642) in **Kirwin Hall.**

If you have not yet been vaccinated, Bishop Toups encourages you to do so as a way to protect yourself and those around you.

Last week Income & Expenses

Attendance Sat:	Sun:
Collection	
E-giving	\$ 25.00
Saturday	\$ 193.00
Sunday	\$ 5,902.00

Total Deposit \$ 6,120.00

Expenses paid out

Central Administration Office
 D.O.B. <\$ 4,371.89>

Admin phone <\$ 94.20>

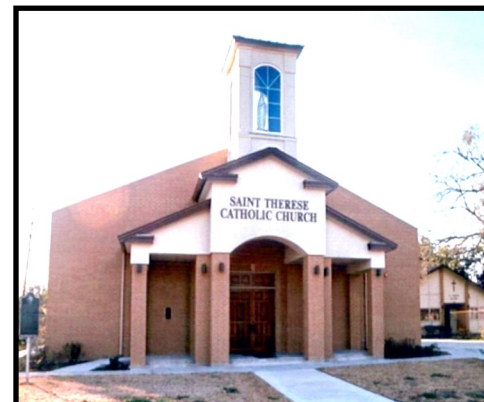
St. Therese Catholic Church

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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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15, 2021

**“Alleluia,
 Mary is taken up to
 heaven”**



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

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

A Mary Day

The impetus for the celebration of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary did not come from on high. It came from deep in the earth, deep in the human spirit. The groundswell of devotion to Mary has always been with us. By the fourth century Mary was honored as the Mother of God. She was honored by her own son as the blessed one who hears God's word and keeps it. Today we celebrate the triumph of Mary and of all who hear God's word and keep it.

FIRST READING: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab **RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 45:10, 11, 12, 16**
SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:20-27 **GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-56**

Comment

Mary is the first of those who came wholly into God's presence. In the earliest of the Church documents, we read of the "dormition"—that is, the falling asleep or death—of Mary. Documents dating from the fifth century indicate that the Church in the East celebrated the feast of the Dormition of Mary.

The celebration of her assumption expresses our faith in the saving power of the resurrection of Christ. Celebrations of Mary are at root celebrations of Christ. There is a "proper order" to our celebration, Paul tells us: "Christ the firstfruits; and then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ." This is how those who have "fallen asleep" will be raised from the dead. The Church has long known that if anyone belonged to Jesus, it was Mary—although in the natural order of things, Jesus first belonged to Mary; he was her child, after all. That is the focal point of the Gospel reading of the day. And what a child!

Bright and early, we might imagine, Mary was up and off to visit her cousin Elizabeth. This rare down-home story is peculiar to Luke, and we are glad to have it for all days and especially for today. It was by the gift of the Holy Spirit that Elizabeth recognized that the pregnant Mary was to be mother of "my Lord." Mary's response to Elizabeth's faith is the *Magnificat*. This prayer connects Mary back to another woman of faith, the mother of the judge Samuel. Mary's prayer draws heavily from 1 Samuel 2:1-8. Mary belongs to the long line of great women of her race.

Reflection

She is also the crown of all women. Mary blesses God, but on this day, we call Mary blessed. We celebrate her as the Mother of God and at the same time the one who belongs to God—fully and at long last. The Church has specially honored Mary, and in the West, she "... belonged to him" from the beginning of her life to its end without end. The feast of the Immaculate Conception in dark winter considers the beginning. As the new Church year begins, we celebrate her. It is fitting that one conceived without sin should bear the sinless one. Now, in high summer's season of abundant fruits, we pause to celebrate the reflected glory of Christ—first Christ, and "then ... those who belong to Christ."

The first reading is a passage from the highly symbolic Book of Revelation, the last book of the Christian Scriptures. Placed here on this feast day, we are invited to regard Mary as the triumphant one, clothed in the colors and surrounded by the creatures that connote the heavens—the stars, the moon. She bore the child who would defeat all sin and evil. Jesus is the one who would save the people from their sins. Business as usual would be upended. As Mary's *Magnificat* proclaims, the mighty are cast off their thrones and the lowly are lifted up. The hungry are filled. The rich are sent away empty. The second reading echoes this upending and the triumph of God. The eternal life won by Jesus and given fully to Mary is the manifestation of God's promise fulfilled.

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

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 October 10, 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.
 - 75% 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:**
- 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.
 - 75% 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.