

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Aug. 22, 2021 9:00 am Mass
Celebrant; Rev. Edmond Nnadozie
Deacon Julian Richard
request by Mrs. Gloria Richard

Monday Aug. 23rd NO MASS

Tuesday Aug. 24th 9:00 am

Wednesday, Aug. 25th, 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, Aug. 26th, 9:00 a.m.

Friday, Aug. 17th, 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, Aug. 28th, 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

August Birthday List
Happy Birthday to:

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

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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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.



The 21st Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Year B
August 22, 2021

“No one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father”

Eucharistic Celebration

Weekends:
 Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Weekdays:
 Tuesday-Friday
 9:00 a.m.

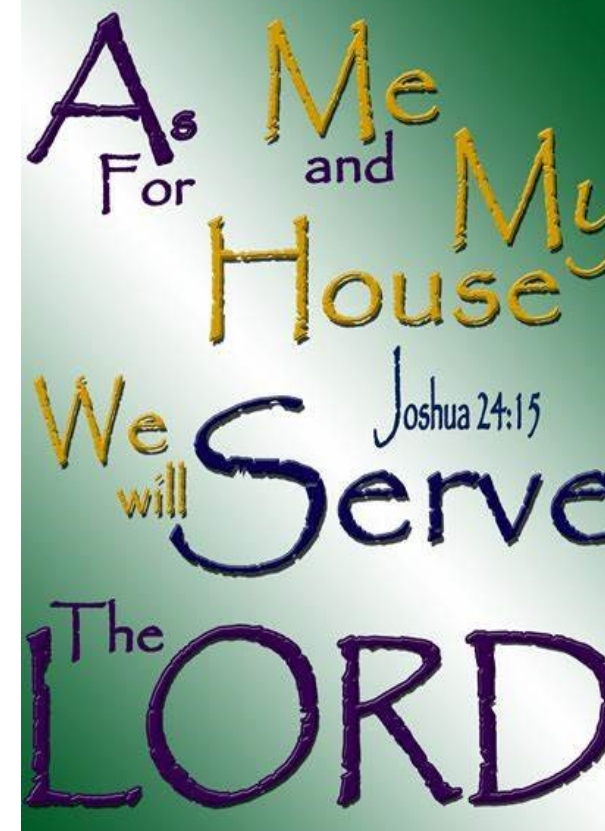
Reconciliation:
 Saturdays
 3:20 p.m. - 3:55 p.m.

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



READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. Aug. 22 - Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21 Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32 Jn 6:63c, 68c Jn 6:60-69

Mon. Aug. 23 - 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b Jn 10:27 Mt 23:13-22

Tues. Aug. 24 - Rv 21:9b-14 Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 Jn 1:49b Jn 1:45-51

Wed. Aug. 25 - 1 Thes 2:9-13 Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab 1 Jn 2:5 Mt 23:27-32

Thurs. Aug. 26 - 1 Thes 3:7-13 Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 & 17 Mt 24:42a, 44 Mt 24:42-51

Fri. Aug. 27 - 1 Thes 4:1-8 Ps 97:1 & 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 Lk 21:36 Mt 25:1-13

Sat. Aug. 28 - 1 Thes 4:9-11 Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 Jn 13:34 Mt 25:14-30

LECTORS SERVING IN AUGUST

Saturday's/ one reader

Aug. 21st - Leo Jackson
 Aug. 28th - Gary Mims

Sunday's/ one reader

Aug. 22nd - Cindy Hampton
 Aug. 29th - Freda Guillory

Last week Income & Expenses

Attendance Sat: 16 Sun: 39
Collection

Bld rental \$ 400.00
 Mass Stipend \$ 20.00
 Saturday \$ 105.00
 Sunday \$ 3,214.00

Total Deposit \$ 3,739.00

Expenses paid out

Equip Contract < \$ 78.31 >
 Spectrum Admin < \$ 168.39 >
 Liturgy < \$ 55.44 >

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TWENTY–FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Thresholds

The word “threshold” connotes exit and entrance. It is a Janus-like image facing both out and in. We pause at thresholds and rightly so. At one time grooms carried their brides across thresholds. New lives begin; old lives are left behind. Choices are acted out by stepping across a threshold. We pause at thresholds and rightly so.

FIRST READING: Joshua 24:1–2a, 15–17, 18b RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 34:2–3, 16–17, 18–19, 20–21
SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:21–32 [2a, 25–32] GOSPEL: John 6: 60–69

Comment

After forty years of wandering in the desert, the people of God stand at the entrance to the promised land. The Pentateuch ends with Joshua gathering all his people rank on rank at the Cannanite shrine of Shechem. This seems a peaceable place to end the sojourn and begin taking possession of what came to be called the Promised Land. Here at the shrine of Shechem the covenant is recalled and renewed. This momentous pause marks a threshold. It marks the ending of the sojourn in the desert and begins life in a new territory.

Though it is not included in this reading, Joshua reiterates the terms of the original covenant on Sinai and recalls God’s care for the people in their sojourn. Then, Joshua tells the people of his choice to serve the Lord and asks them to choose. They affirm their fidelity to the covenant: “Far be it from us to forsake the LORD ... we also will serve the LORD ... our God.” And with that, they cross the threshold and begin a new life.

The second reading deals with a covenant, with life after a threshold is crossed. In this case it is the covenant between husband and wife, the foundation of a people, a family. This reading, which is also the second reading for the feast of the Holy Family, speaks of the responsibility incurred when one enters into a loving relationship. The mutual and complementary love of the spouses is our best reflection of the relationship between Christ and the Church.

Reflection

Like the first reading, today’s Gospel also speaks of the moment of truth and choice. The Twelve have a right to pause here and consider. Jesus assures timorous people of good heart that the decision they make is not the result of their courage, but rather a manifestation of their faith in God. The followers of Jesus will not arrive at the truth of his life and words and work except by the action of the Father. This is reminiscent of Jesus’ words to Nicodemus another time in another place: “What is born of flesh is flesh and what is born of spirit is spirit” (John 3:6).

At the start of this discourse, which occupies the whole of the sixth chapter of John, thousands pursued Jesus. Now only a few remain. He asks the Twelve poignantly and pointedly, “Do you also want to leave?” We almost do not want Jesus to be this vulnerable, but he is. The response of the Twelve echoes the first reading, “Master, to whom shall we go? [We] ... are convinced that you are the Holy One of God” (John 6:67–68).

“We are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.” We try this one for size; we say it aloud to see if we can say this honestly. This choice of the Twelve is also ours to make a first time—and again, and again, as one choice opens to another, as one day follows another. As followers of Jesus Christ, our life is no less valuable, our response no less valued than that of the Twelve. Jesus is no less driven to ask us and to know our response. As persons baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, no response is small; all are consequential. We are invited to see to it that the daily choices we make originate in the Spirit and draw their strength from there. Thresholds lie before us, thresholds to the cross. But we have to make the choice.

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

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.

ATTENTION YOUTH

The Sonja Popillion Youth Ministry of St. Therese monthly meeting will be held Sunday, September 12th, 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 Life Center.

Youth Ministry Director, Deacon Melvin Payne:
Email: 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

Attention Everyone and Remember

The Sanja Popillion Youth Ministry of St. Therese is putting on a Recruitment Contest, the goal is to increase youth participation in the life of St. Therese Parish. The time for recruiting runs from August 15, 2021 to October 10, 2021. For those of you who don't remember, please refer back to your August 1st and 8th bulletin for Contest rules.

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 office at 409-883-3783 or come by Tuesday through Friday between 9am and 4pm.

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.