

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Aug. 29, 2021 9:00 am Mass Celebrant; Rev. Donatus Mgbajuo Deacon Julian Richard request by Mrs. Gloria Richard

Monday Aug. 30th NO MASS

Tuesday Aug. 31st 9:00 am

Wednesday, Sept. 1st, 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, Sept. 2nd, 9:00 a.m.

Friday, Sept. 3rd, 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, Sept. 4th, 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:

Horace Broussard 29

September Birthday List Happy Birthday to:

Ryaisha Daughtery 2
 Ursula Johnson Smith 3
 Doris Hayes 5
 Fabian Green 5
 Debra Hawkins 5
 Monic Guillory 14
 Jermaine Mitchell 15
 Cindy Hampton 16
 Darius Mitchell 18
 Elizabeth Mitchell 18
 Wayne Sparrow 19
 Richellee Roberts 20
 Rose Davis 22
 George Davis 22
 Justin Sparrow 22
 Jalen Jefferson 27
 Chris Popillion 28

LECTORS SERVING AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

Saturday's/ one reader

Aug.28th - Gary Mims
 Sept. 4th - Mona Richard
 Sept. 11th - Leo Jackson
 Sept. 18th - Freda Guillory
 Sept. 25th - Veronica Berry

Sunday's/ one reader

Aug. 29th - Freda Guillory
 Sept. 5th - Eva Platt
 Sept. 12th - Peggy Green
 Sept. 19th - Earnette Mitchell
 Sept. 26th - Felicia Richard

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

Last week Income & Expenses

Attendance Sat: 13 Sun: 39

Collection

Bld Rental \$ 500.00
 Saturday \$ 188.00
 Sunday \$ 1,612.00

Total Deposit \$ 2,300.00

Expenses paid out

Spectrum business <\$ 139.33>
 City of Orange <\$ 193.08>
 Center Point Energy <\$ 139.18>
 Entergy <\$ 1,436.85>
 Liturgy <\$ 52.25>

St. Therese Catholic Church

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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 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B August 29, 2021

“Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person”



READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. Aug. 29 - Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 Jas 1:18 Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Mon. Aug. 30 - 1 Thes 4:13-18 Ps 6:1 & 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 Lk 4:18 Lk 4:16-30

Tues. Aug. 31 - 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Lk 7:16 Lk 4:31-37

Wed. Sept. 1 - Col 1:1-8 Ps 52:10, 11 Lk 4:18 Lk 4:38-44

Thurs. Sept. 2 - Col 1:9-14 Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 Mt 4:19 Lk 5:1-11

Fri. Sept. 3 - Col 1:15-20 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Jn 8:12 Lk 5:33-39

Sat. Sept. 4 - Col 1:21-23 Ps 54:3-4, 6 & 8 Jn 14:6 Lk 6:1-5

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

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Inside Story

Historians tell us that more knights in shining armor died because of that very shining armor than because of sword or lance or arrow. The shining armor was so constricting, so suffocating, and so cumbersome that the poor knight could be overcome by heat exhaustion and his heart would stop. The life-giving rules and customs of a people can become a deadly suit of armor. They can cause death of the heart. Jesus knew this, and he had plenty to say about it.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5
SECOND READING: James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Comment

Today we return to the Gospel according to Mark. Jesus is being closely observed by the custom-bound Pharisees. He is apparently breaking one of the endless, minute, and demanding laws created to protect the Law of Moses. They tell Jesus of his infraction, and he responds with the astounding brilliance and sharpness that often accompanies anger. Not anger against persons, but against customs and ideas and traditions that cause the death of the heart and soul of a people.

Now, Jesus knew that the Law is a sign of God's own love. He knew the readings from Deuteronomy, wherein Moses calls on the chosen people to accept and observe the Law in its entirety, without addition or subtraction. Clearly, the Law did not need help; it needed whole-hearted observance. Accepting and observing the Law is more than a matter of obedience. It is a matter of furthering the plan of salvation. The Law in its integrity creates life; it does not suffocate it. The prescriptions insisted on by the Pharisees in this story squeeze the very life out of the Law and out of the people. In his time, Jesus witnessed the end of a precipitous fall from the time when Israel was a great nation of a proud and honorable people whose God has drawn so close.

The second reading takes up the meaning of religion pure and simple. It consists, says James, who echoes the sentiments of Jesus, in acting on the Word of God that is rooted deep within us. Religion is the way we love, work, eat, give, take, and do justice. We cannot run for cover here. We cannot set up defenses against seeing and acting.

Reflection

Manners and customs and conventional behaviors are telling. Simple manners ease relationships among strangers. In everyday commerce, we live in the company of strangers, to whom we owe respect. When our conventional behaviors are truly rooted in respect, manners help create a civil and decent people. But when manners cover for indifference or outright contempt, we are in deep trouble. Our words and ways must be honest expressions of respect and love. They must communicate a sense of mutual trust and responsibility.

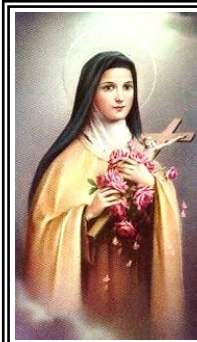
What is true of the health of society is also true of religion. The core of our religion cannot be found in this or that era, custom, tradition, or set of rules. Searching for the heart of faith in any of these places may simply be enshrining a particular period in Christian history and endowing it with authority above all others. It may be our new little idol. When this is the case, mere lip service and empty reverence replace charity and service. The chatterers replace the doers; those who know about rules replace those who act in love.

Attention Everyone

The Parish Community Breakfast/Brunch is coming in September, please be looking for the date

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 Odum
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 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

Hurricane Prayer

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude; you are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control. The Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming, lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster. During this hurricane season, we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us.

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.