

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, Sept. 5, 2021 9:00 am Mass**  
 Monday Sept. 6th NO MASS  
 Tuesday Sept. 7th 9:00 am  
 Wednesday, Sept. 8th, 9:00 a.m.  
 Thursday, Sept. 9th, 9:00 a.m.  
 Friday, Sept. 10th, 9:00 a.m.  
**Saturday, Sept. 11th, 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).

**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

**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: 15 Sun: 41**  
**Collection**

E-giving	\$ 2,400.00
Haiti E-quake	\$ 197.00
Donation	\$ 100.00
Reimbur clergy	\$ 729.12
Saturday	\$ 172.00
Sunday	\$ 1,737.00

**Total Deposit \$ 5,335.12**

**Expenses paid out**

Reimburse Rental	<\$ 500.>
E/Catholic Website	<\$ 240.>
Liturgy	<\$ 210.>

**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.



**PARISH SECRETARY**

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 (409) 779-1442

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**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. Sept. 5** - Is 35:4-7a Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 Jas 2:1-5 Cf. Mt 4:23 Mk 7:31-37

**Mon. Sept. 6** - Col 1:24-2:3 Ps 62:6-7, 9 Lk 6:6-11

**Tues. Sept. 7** - Col 2:6-15 Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 Jn 15:16 Lk 6:12-19

**Wed. Sept. 8** - Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 Ps 13:6ab, 6c Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

**Thurs. Sept. 9** - Col 3:12-17 Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 1 Jn 4:12 Lk 6:27-38

**Fri. Sept. 10** - 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 Ps 16:1b-2a & 5, 7-8, 11 Jn 17:17b, 17a Lk 6:39-42

**Sat. Sept. 11** - 1 Tm 1:15-17 Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 & 6-7 Jn 14:23 Lk 6:43-49

**LECTORS SERVING IN SEPTEMBER**

**Saturday's/ one reader**

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

**Sunday's/ one reader**

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

**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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Crystal Clear

Crystals are so clear, you can get six pure colors from them. As children we may have been surprised the first time light broke into six colors refracted through a small prism or crystal or through mist after rain. This surprising turn delights us, even though we now understand the physics. The surprising turn of events in this Sunday's readings reaches beyond delight. It draws us into the mystery of God's dealings with us.

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7a    RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10**

**SECOND READING: James 2:1-5    GOSPEL: Mark 7:31-37**

## Comment

Isaiah prophesies that the nation's melancholy will turn to its opposite. He uses images to make this crystal clear. The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the one who cannot move will win foot races, the one who is without words will be full of words—songs even. The very land itself will come alive: sands will be watered, deserts will flower.

The Gospel directly parallels Isaiah's vision. Through Jesus, God's power reverses the condition of the man who cannot hear and therefore cannot speak. All of Jesus' miracles can be viewed through the crystal of his death and resurrection. All of his words and actions are pure colors of that singular clear and pure crystal. Each healing, saving action, and word is but a manifestation of the great saving action of the Paschal Mystery.

## Reflection

Miracles are manifestations of the reign of God. In all the miracle stories, healing of both body and soul occurs. Whole new worlds open up, and the healed one gains a kind of access to the community he or she never had before. The person is whole and is wholly restored to the community. In welcoming the healed one, the community itself is healed and restored and made rich.

The heart-rending reality for the deaf man was that his impairment closed him out of everyday life. Jesus' action on his behalf makes it crystal clear that no one need be left out of the reign of God.

In the second reading, James develops this theme. He reminds us to see as Jesus saw and act as he acted. The community is to be the welcoming and freeing body gathered in his death and resurrection. This may call for a reversal on our part. We are asked to identify with the ones who are poor in the eyes of the world. Our business is not to hand down recrimination and stand in judgment. Our business is to see anew and be renewed.

Each of us has a particular world view, a personal lens through which we observe and interpret life. Our outlook may not be the best one or the only one available. We may find it difficult to readjust our sights once we have them set. We may not want to bother with all the messiness conversion implies. We may be tempted to narrow our focus rather than broaden it.

We are each called by baptism to open our eyes, our ears, and our mouths. Miracles fill our lives each day as we use the gifts God has given us. God only asks that we witness compassion for others as we give of ourselves to others like loving parents. Through our speech and prayer, our goodness and actions, obedience and attention, we go out into the world transforming it and the people in it for Jesus Christ. We and the world will be better off if we take some time this week to refocus or broaden our vision. Maybe we are the blind one who will be able to see, the deaf one who will finally hear, the mute one who sings. Maybe our personal little desert will bloom for the benefit of the world.

## 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

## 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.

## 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](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

## Attention Everyone

**The Parish Community Breakfast/Brunch will be September 19, 2021, held in the Family Life Center after the 9:00 am Mass. Everyone is invited to come out and fellowship with one another.**