

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Sept. 19, 2021 9:00 am Mass
 Monday Sept. 20th NO MASS
 Tuesday Sept. 21st 9:00 am
 Wednesday, Sept. 22nd, 9:00 a.m.
 Thursday, Sept. 23rd, 9:00 a.m.
 Friday, Sept. 24th, 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, Sept. 25th, 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: 12 Sun: 40
Collection

Hurri Ida	\$ 311.00
Saturday	\$ 283.00
Sunday	\$1,533.00

Total Deposit \$ 2,127.00

Expenses paid out

DOB Central-Statement	<\$ 4,719.44>
DOB- Special Collections	<\$ 197.>
Function 4	<\$ 55.66>
Starlight Church	<\$ 400.00>
Verizon	<\$ 94.14>

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.



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

ATTENTION EVERYONE

St. Therese will be having Baptism September 26, 2021 At 2:00 pm. 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.

LECTORS SERVING IN SEPTEMBER

Saturday's/ one reader

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

Sunday's/ one reader

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

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. Sept. 19 - Wis 2:12, 17-20
 Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6 & 8 Jas 3:16—4:3 Cf. 2 Thes 2:14 Mk 9:30-37

Mon. Sept. 20 - Ezr 1:1-6 Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 Mt 5:16 Lk 8:16-18

Tues. Sept. 21 - Eph 4:1-7, 11-13
 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Te Deum Mt 9:9-13

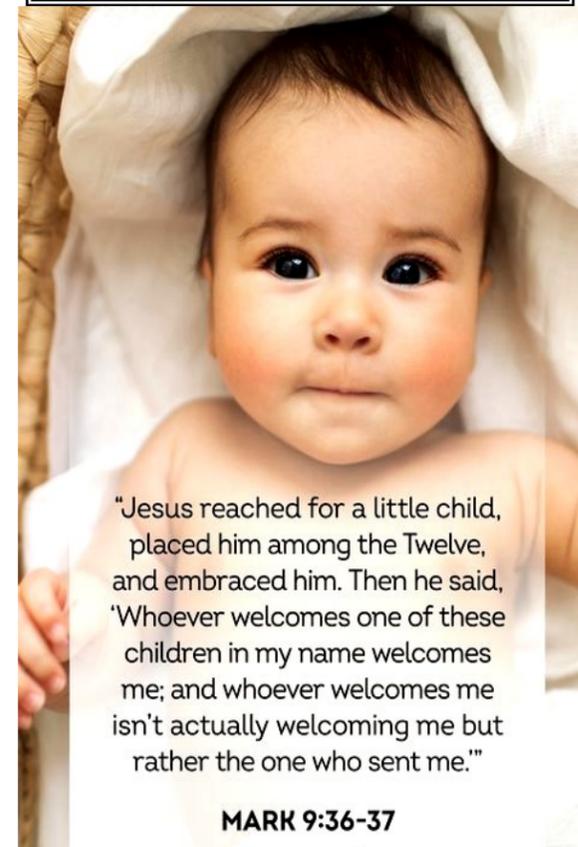
Wed. Sept. 22 - Ezr 9:5-9 Tobit 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 Mk 1:15 Lk 9:1-6

Thurs. Sept. 23 - Hg 1:1-8 Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a 9b Jn 14:6 Lk 9:7-9

Fri. Sept. 24 - Hg 2:1-9 Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4
 Mk 10:45 Lk 9:18-22

Sat. Sept. 25 - Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a
 Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 2 Tm 1:10 Lk 9:43b-45

The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
September 19, 2021
"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me."



"Jesus reached for a little child, placed him among the Twelve, and embraced him. Then he said, 'Whoever welcomes one of these children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me isn't actually welcoming me but rather the one who sent me.'"

MARK 9:36-37

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Success

People who have “come up the hard way” and are now rich or famous or both are successful according to many. Well, maybe so. Jesus has another idea about success, and it’s a better one. It’s more inclusive, too.

FIRST READING: Wisdom 2:12, 17–20 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 54:3–4, 5, 6–8
SECOND READING: James 3:16 — 4:3 GOSPEL: Mark 9:30–37

Comment

The reading from the Book of Wisdom draws our attention to the trials the “just one” must endure. The plotters resent this person who dares point out their mistakes. They wonder aloud if the just one would stand for God and against threats of condemnation and death. As celebrated in today’s liturgy, the passage can easily be viewed as a prediction of the Passion, which Jesus himself announces in today’s Gospel reading. In Mark’s Gospel, this is Jesus’ second prediction of his passion.

Placed next to the first reading, the Gospel may seem only to be a prophetic fulfillment, but it is more than that. Jesus makes it clear that his deliverance into the hands of men is not accomplished by humans, as in the first reading, but is part of his mission and part of God’s wisdom. But becoming the servant to this wisdom of God will not only overthrow the wisdom of human beings, it will save those very human beings in the bargain.

The beginning of today’s Gospel is filled with foreboding. Jesus, who is alone with his closest followers, announces his mission to fulfill God’s will in this horrifying way. One can feel the tension in the air. But then the scene quickly deteriorates into an odd comedy. The disciples either don’t get it, or they get it and can’t face it. So they skirt the issue entirely and bicker among themselves about who is greatest.

Jesus persists, however. He will not allow them to get away with their misinterpretation and ensuing childishness. As if to make the point more strongly, Jesus takes a small child by the hand and sets him in plain sight, so they can’t miss his intentions. He urges his followers to be childlike, to make themselves open and of service to others. In the end, Jesus rescues the scene by linking his mission to the image and meaning of being a child, that is, a servant. (In Greek, the word for servant and child is the same.)

Reflection

If you had to make up a *curriculum vitae* of Jesus’ life, what would it look like? Would it be a story of a successful man? His birth and the first thirty years of his life are almost unknown. He was a carpenter, but he chose to be an itinerant preacher for the rest of his short life. He chose followers, most of whom were illiterate and simple working men. He welcomed everyone, but mostly the poor and powerless came to him. The people from his hometown nearly threw him off a cliff, he so upset them with his claims. He couldn’t write; he had very little formal education; he owned nothing; bought and sold nothing. Poor people clamored after him for a while, but they mostly abandoned him in the end. His closest followers abandoned him, too. Only one stood by him at his death outside the city. Does this sound like success?

Or you could look at it this way. At his birth, he was welcomed by Mary and Joseph and poor shepherds. It is said that the heavens were filled with angels on that night. He learned his foster father’s trade, but he burned with an unusual passion to know about God, whom he called Father. He spent the short years of his ministry announcing the presence of God among us. He chose simple, good-hearted followers. He welcomed everyone, but mostly the poor and powerless came to him in their need. The people from his hometown were outraged at his claim to be God’s Messiah. He had no home or possessions. The poor, who clamored after him, mostly abandoned him in the end. Excepting one, his closest followers abandoned him, too. He died almost alone outside the city, asking for God’s tenderness, extending forgiveness to a repentant thief, and asking forgiveness for his unwitting executioners. Does this sound like success to you?

And equally important, do those who failed him sound like they succeeded? Do those few who followed him sound like they succeeded? How?

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.

Men's A.C.T.S. Retreat (23-26 Sept.) hosted by St. Francis of Assisi in Orange, Texas

In our preparations for the next Men’s ACTS Retreat the team has created a prayer poster to gather support for the event. Please consider committing to giving one or more hours of prayer in support of the retreatants, that they might receive God's grace abundantly. The Poster is at the rear of the church, please sign your name next to the hour you will pray in support of these men.

Thank you for all you do to build God's kingdom.

From the Office of the Chancellor September - October Mass Counts

In most of the diocese in the U.S. this is the time for each parish to record Sunday Mass attendance on a weekly basis; the Diocesan Presbyteral Council has approved the same practice in the Diocese of Beaumont this year .

The purpose of this count is to provide an estimate of the number of mass attendance in the Diocese. The information gathered from this count assists the Office of the Bishop in tracking shifting parish populations, assessing various needs in the Diocese, and planning for the future.

All Pastors and Parochial Administrators will use a provided form to keep track of attendance throughout the last 2 weekends in September and the first 2 of October and then at the end of the month, please enter the total attendance information. Use a separate attendance sheet if the parish has a mission. Instructions and procedures can be downloaded at the website.

The completed form will be returned to the Office of the Bishop no later than October 16, 2021 by email to the Office of the Chancellor

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