

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS
Sunday, Oct. 31, 2021 9:00 am Mass
St. Mary's Cemetery 2:00 pm
Richard Guillory
requested by Freda Guillory
Monday Nov. 1st 9:00 am
Tuesday Nov. 2nd 9:00 am & 6 pm
Wednesday, Nov. 3rd, 9:00 am
Thursday, Nov. 4th, 9:00 am
Friday, Nov. 5th, 9:00 am
Saturday, Nov. 6th, 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).

**LECTORS SERVING
 IN OCTOBER & NOVEMBER
 Saturday's/ one reader**

Oct. 30th - Gary Mims
 Nov. 6th - Mona Richard
 Nov. 13th - Freda Guillory
 Nov. 20th - Veronica Berry
 Nov. 27th - Peggy Green

Sunday's/ one reader

Oct. 31st - Eva Platt
 Nov. 7th - Tina Kindle
 Nov. 14th - Peggy Green
 Nov. 21st - Freda Guillory
 Nov. 27th - Peggy Green

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. Oct. 31 - Dt 6:2-6 Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 Heb 7:23-28 Jn 14:23 Mk 12:28b-34

Mon. Nov. 1 - Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 11:28 Mt 5:1-12a

Tues. Nov. 2 - Wis 3:1-9 Ps23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Rom 6:3-9 Mt 25:34 Jn 6:37-40

Wed. Nov. 3 - Rom 13:8-10 Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 1 Pt 4:14 Lk 14:25-33

Thurs. Nov. 4 - Rom 14:7-12 Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 Mt 11:28 Lk 15:1-10

Fri. Nov. 5 - Rom 15:14-21 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 1 Jn 2:5 Lk 16:1-8

Sat. Nov. 6 - Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 2 Cor 8:9 Lk 16:9-15

Happy Anniversary
 George & Mary Alexander 30th

**November Birthday List
 Happy Birthday to::**

Rose Bottley 6
 Earnett Mitchell 11
 Mormon Richard 12
 Antoine Warnell 14
 Pat Roberts 15
 Beverly Stewart 21
 Gary Mims 22
 Kevin Hebert 23
 Edmayia Riggs 24
 Ina Chavis 26
 Phyllis Thibodeaux 28
 Patricia Blair-Wilks 29

Happy Anniversary
 Clifton & Felicia Richards 12th
 Marvin & Cindy Hampton 24th

**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.

**COORDINATORS OF
 MINISTRIES**

Activities * Brushelle Scott
BINGO * Evangeline Platt
Bishop Faith Appeal
 * Adam Jacobs & Dorothy Jacobs
Bereavement Committee
 * Rose Bottley
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 *Deacon Melvin Payne
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 * Jada Semien
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Life Center * Adam Jacobs
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Mission/Retreat * Cecilia Davis
Music Director * Leo Jackson
Pastoral Council * Lester Popillion
Stewardship * Gary Mims

Last week Income & Expenses

**Attendance Sat: Sun:
 Collection**

World Mission \$ 169.00
 Fr.'s mileage \$ 682.08
 Saturday \$ 240.00
 Sunday \$ 1,574.00

Total Deposit \$ 2,665.08

Expenses paid out

Entergy <\$ 1,106.69>
 Spectrum Admin <\$ 170.27>
 City of Orange <\$ 190.57>

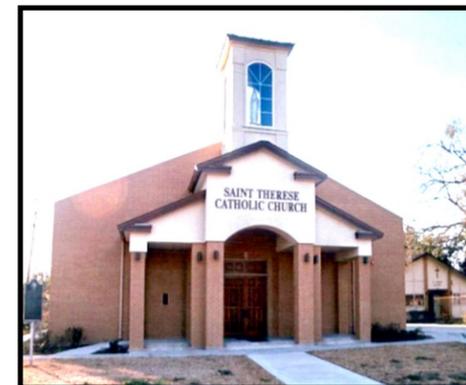
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Office Hours
Tuesday thru Friday
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Lunch 12-1:00 pm
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



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**The 31st Sunday in
 Ordinary Time - Year B
 October, 2021**

**"You shall love your
 neighbor as yourself."**



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

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Loving God

Most of us have had friends who have faced difficult times. Perhaps one is the sole supporter of the family who recently learned that he or she no longer has a job. Perhaps one is facing a sudden and tragic death of a son or daughter—maybe having already lost a child before this one. We never quite know what to say. There's very little we can do, but we know we have to be there. That's what friends are for—someone to turn to in times of trouble and need.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 6:2-6 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

SECOND READING: Hebrews 7:23-28 GOSPEL: Mark 12:28b-34

Comment

Combined, these readings help us show our love to God. While the Book of Deuteronomy is a book of civil and religious laws, its purpose is to show how to live as God's people. Fearing God is not the same as being afraid. It is more about how we adore and uphold God as a loving parent while we are the loving and obedient children. The *Shema* prayer of Orthodox Jews is based on the Deuteronomy reading: "Hear, O Israel." The people reciting the prayer every morning profess their love for God, obedience to God, and the call to pass on the love of God to their children. God commanded that these words are not to leave the chosen people even for a moment. They are obliged to pass them on to the next generations.

Jesus came to lead all people to God. He is the chief mediator between the human race and God. His is the ultimate priesthood, the perfect priesthood, since he is both perfect like God and human like us. The ministry of an ordained priest ends with his death, while the ministry of Christ the High Priest continues for all time.

Returning to Deuteronomy, the Gospel reiterates the primary command of Christians to love God. Jesus was asked by a scribe to name the greatest commandment. Some scribes only asked Jesus questions hoping to trick him or entrap him. But many wanted the life Jesus offered. Scholars support the evidence that the scribe of this account genuinely wondered which, of all the laws, Jesus found the most important. As Jesus' answers always proved to be, his response was brilliant, concise, and on the mark. Quoting Deuteronomy, Jesus told the scribe, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." (Mark 12:30) Neither is it unusual that Jesus would have more to say on the subject. He went on to define the second most important commandment to love our neighbors as much as we love ourselves. Jesus meant more than just the people whose yards adjoin ours. Our neighbors are all other people. When Jesus recognized that the scribe understood all that Jesus told him, he assured the man that if he believed and practiced what Jesus had just said, he was very close to the reign of God.

Reflection

The Scriptures often refer to "fear" of God. For some, that conjures up emotions of terror and confinement in relationships. As a result, we sometimes misunderstand the mutual relationship God intended for us. Fear, as it is used in the Deuteronomy reading, is the perception of God's awesomeness. God's magnificence and power strike us with feelings of something we don't understand. Sometimes fear strikes us the same way. We don't understand something, and so we are afraid of it. It is more accurate for us to be amazed by God rather than afraid of God. In our smallness, we are insignificant compared to God.

The laws God gives us are blueprints for how to live. God doesn't want us to obey the laws out of fear. They are given to us in love and built on a relationship of trust. We turn to God because of God's love, not because of fear. Jesus takes the law one step further than the law described in Deuteronomy. He says that we are to love our neighbor. There are no qualifying words that define neighbor or love. The bottom line is this: in order to show our love for God, we must show that love through the way we take care of our neighbors, especially in their most vulnerable moments.

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

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 participating in a parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute! We need your help!

Please help us by participating in a 10-15-minute survey online. The survey can be accessed through an online link from October 14 to November 22 and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole.

If you prefer a paper copy you may pick up a paper copy of the survey after any scheduled Mass. They will be located at the rear of the church or at the parish office. Printable version of the survey is also available to at www.dioceseofbmt.org. To submit the completed paper survey, please drop off at rear of the church or at the parish office. To make special arrangements for getting a paper copy, please contact John Semien at 409-313-0594.

Thank you for helping with this important project

ATTENTION EVERYONE

To all students, parents, grand-parents, and/or guardians. A kickoff meeting for our Religious Education program is planned for Saturday, November 6th. from 10AM to Noon. This will be an informational and fun morning for all students from the 2nd grade through high school. Along with their parents, grandparents, and/or guardians. The meeting will be held in the Family Life Center. All eligible students are strongly encouraged to participate in St. Therese Faith Formation for year 2021-2022, Registration forms are on the table in the vestibule of the church.

ATTENTION EVERYONE

Parish Office hours are from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon & 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Tuesday through Friday. When contacting the parish office, there's a possible you won't get thru, please leave a detailed message and your call will be returned. Anything after 4:00 pm will be addressed the next business day. **If there is an emergency please contact Fr. Donatus, (409) 454-3958. Thanks in advance**