

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Nov. 7, 2021 9:00 am Mass
Monday Nov. 8th 9:00 am Mass
 Tuesday Nov. 9th 9:00 am
 Wednesday, Nov. 10th 9:00 am
 Thursday, Nov. 11th 9:00 am
 Friday, Nov. 12th 9:00 am
Saturday, Nov. 13th 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).

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

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

LECTORS SERVING IN NOVEMBER

Saturday's/ one reader
 Nov. 6th - Mona Richard
 Nov. 13th - Freda Guillory
 Nov. 20th - Veronica Berry
 Nov. 27th - Peggy Green
Sunday's/ one reader
 Nov. 7th - Tina Kindle
 Nov. 14th - Peggy Green
 Nov. 21st - Freda Guillory
 Nov. 27th - Peggy Green



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. Nov. 7 - 1 Kgs 17:10-16 Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 Heb 9:24-28 Mt 5:3 Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44
Mon. Nov. 8 - Wis 1:1-7 Ps139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 Phil 2:15d, 16a Lk 17:1-6
Tues. Nov. 9 - Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 Ps 46:2 -3, 5-6, 8-9 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 2 Chr 7:16 Jn 2:13-22
Wed. Nov. 10 - Wis 6:1-11 Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 1 Thes 5:18 Lk 17:11-19
Thurs. Nov. 11 - Wis 7:22b-8:1 Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175 Jn 15:5 Lk 17:20-25
Fri. Nov. 12 - Wis 13:1-9 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab Lk 21:28 Lk 17:26-37
Sat. Nov. 13 - Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9 Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 2 Thes 2:14 Lk 18:1-8

Last week Income & Expenses

Attendance Sat: Sun: 49
Collection
 Youth Don. \$ 1,050.00
 Saturday \$ 251.00
 Sunday \$ 1,789.00
Total Deposit \$ 3,090.00
Expenses paid out
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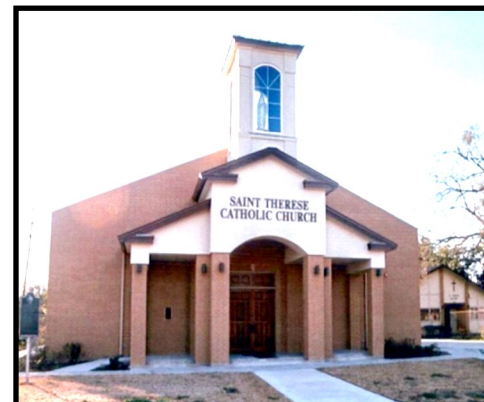
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Office Hours
 Tuesday thru Friday
 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
 Lunch 12-1:00 pm
 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



PARISH SECRETARY

Cindy Hampton (409) 882-0935

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The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
November 07, 2021

"They gave from their surplus wealth, but she has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Generosity of the Poor

Our parish sponsored a food drive one holiday season. We took a large basket of food and gifts to the home of a woman with eight children. Her husband was out of work, and by anyone's standards, they were about to have a meager Christmas. She looked at all that was brought to her and her eyes gleamed. She trembled with excitement and said, "Oh, you must help me get all this to my sister's house. Her husband has just been laid off and they really need help!"

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17:10-16 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10
SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:24-28 GOSPEL: Mark 12:38-44 [41-44]

Comment

The generosity of the poor is illustrated by the unselfish widows in the first reading and the Gospel reading today. During a time of famine, we learn in 1 Kings, Elijah encountered a pagan widow. He had been told by God that there would be a great drought, but there would be a widowed woman to help him. When Elijah saw the woman, he asked for a drink of water. His request was not unusual in the terribly hot climate, but he pressed his luck another step. He didn't even wait for her response before he asked her for some bread to go with the water. She had so little to give him. She had nothing baked and only a small amount of flour and oil in her home. She explained to Elijah that she was about to prepare a fire to bake the last of her provisions. Elijah promised her that if she gave what she had, she and her family would not go hungry during the drought.

The widow didn't ask Elijah for proof, assurance, or credentials. Instead she trusted. Because of her trust, her supplies for baking did not run low during the scarce times.

It was a widow again in the Gospel account who gave generously from her meager resources. Jesus noticed her as he explained to the others what discipleship meant. There were many officials of Jesus' day who reveled in their power. They wore long, flowing robes, and liked to strut around flaunting their authority and power. They were greeted reverently by others in the markets. These officials reveled in the glory of the people's homage. They prayed loudly and conspicuously so that others would recognize their piety, but Jesus was not duped by their performance. He told the disciples that these hypocrites would receive "a very severe condemnation."

In contrast to these officials, Jesus pointed out to the disciples a poor widow who put into the treasury two small coins. In comparison to what others gave, her financial contribution was quite small. The significance of her gift, however, was that the coins came from her substance and not from her surplus. Her gift did not serve her or any member of her family, either. Her gift would assist a stranger.

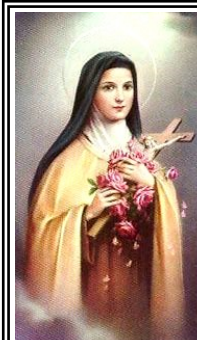
Reflection

Both of the widows in today's readings put their health and very lives in jeopardy because they trusted God. When Elijah told the widow that her jar and jug would not be empty, it was probably hard for her to fathom. She knew how much she had and it was only enough for one more cake. Even so, she trusted. The second widow had very little money and what she did have, she gave to the ministry of her synagogue. She trusted that the money would be used for God's purposes. Jesus knew that she would go without something in her own life in order to offer this gift. In the end, her gift, as it would be counted in the treasury, was quite small; but in the realm of God's kingdom, she gave the most.

It was not so important what these widows gave as it was how they gave it. They gave without selfishness for the good of others. They put themselves in jeopardy in order to serve another person. On the brink of starvation, they risked their own health and even their lives in order to give to others. There is a significant similarity between their gift and the gift Jesus gave each of us. The widows offered their lives for God. Jesus offered his life for us.

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

ATTENTION EVERYONE

To all students, parents, grand-parents, and/or guardians. A kickoff meeting for our Religious Education program is planned for Saturday, November 20th. 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.

Come ONE, Come ALL!!

All members of St. Therese Parish Family are invited to a Christmas Program on Sunday, December 19th following the 9:00 am Mass. The program is being presented by the Students of our Religious Education Program. Please save this date. Come support our youth and enjoy the program along with Christian Fellowship

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 at www.dioceseofbmt.org. 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. To complete the Parish Survey, paper copy or online. All paper copies to be returned at the rear of the Church and online at dioceseofbmt.org. If you need any assistance, please contact John Semien at 409-313-0594.

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION

A Memorial Mass and Celebration of life in honor of Deacon Julian Richard will be held on Sunday, November 21st in the Family Life Center. The Mass is at 9:00 am and a Luncheon and remarks will follow. Anyone who wish to help with preparations in any capacity, serving, cooking, cleaning, or donations, we need and appreciate your help. Please contact Ms. Rose Bottley or any member of the Bereavement Committee, who is overseeing the Luncheon. Thanks in advance

Christmas schedule are as follows:

Friday Dec. 24th,	Christmas Eve Mass 6:00 pm.
Saturday, Dec. 25th,	Christmas Day Mass 9:00 am, NO 4 pm Mass
Friday, Dec. 31st,	New Year's Eve Mass at 6:00 pm.
Sat, January 1, 2022	New Year's Day Mass 9:00 am, NO 4 pm Mass