

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, Nov. 21, 2021 9:00 am Mass**  
**Deacon Julian Richard**

Monday Nov. 22nd 9:00 am Mass

Tuesday Nov. 23rd 9:00 am

Wednesday, Nov. 24th 9:00 am

**Thanksgiving Day**

**Thursday, Nov. 25th 9:00 am**

Friday, Nov. 26th 9:00 am

**Saturday, Nov. 27th 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 NOVEMBER**

**Saturday's/ one reader**

Nov. 20th - Veronica Berry

Nov. 27th - Peggy Green

**Sunday's/ one reader**

Nov. 21st - YOUTH

Nov. 27th - Peggy Green

**READINGS FOR THIS WEEK**

**Sun. Nov. 21 - Dn 7:13-14 Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 Rv 1:5-8 Mk 11:9, 10 Jn 18:33b-37**

**Mon. Nov. 22 - Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 Mt 24:42a, 44 Lk 21:1-4**

**Tues. Nov. 23 - Dn 2:31-45 Daniel 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 Rv 2:10c Lk 21:5-11**

**Wed. Nov. 24 - Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 Daniel 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 Rv 2:10c Lk 21:12-19**

**Thurs. Thanksgiving Day Nov. 25 - Sir 50:22-24 Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11 1 Cor 1:3-9 1 Thes 5:18 Lk 17:11-19**

**Fri. Nov. 26 - Dn 7:2-14 Daniel 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81 Lk 21:28 Lk 21:29-33**

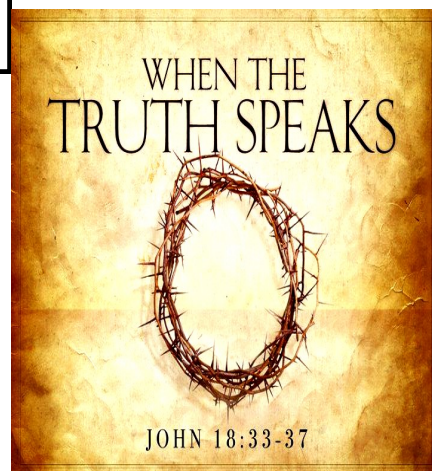
**Sat. Nov. 27 - Dn 7:15-27 Daniel 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87 Lk 21:36 Lk 21:34-36**

**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**

<b>Activities</b>	* Brushelle Scott
<b>BINGO</b>	* Evangeline Platt
<b>Bishop Faith Appeal</b>	* Adam Jacobs & Dorothy Jacobs
<b>Bereavement Committee</b>	* Rose Bottley
<b>Director of Youth Ministry</b>	*Deacon Melvin Payne
<b>Assistant Director of Youth</b>	* Jada Semien
<b>Donut Sunday's</b>	* Freda Guillory
<b>Environmental</b>	* Ina Chavis
<b>Extraordinary Minister of Communion</b>	* Dorothy Broussard
<b>Finance</b>	* Janice Semien
<b>Fund Raiser</b>	* Walter Davis
<b>Hospitality</b>	* Horace Broussard
<b>Lectors</b>	* Peggy Green
<b>Life Center</b>	* Adam Jacobs
<b>Maintenance</b>	* Joseph Ware Sr.
<b>Mission/Retreat</b>	* Cecilia Davis
<b>Music Director</b>	* Leo Jackson
<b>Pastoral Council</b>	* Lester Popillion
<b>Stewardship</b>	* Gary Mims

**Last week Income & Expenses**

**Attendance Sat: 19 Sun: 35**  
**Collection**

Youth donation	\$ 10.00
Donations	\$ 50.00
Saturday	\$ 476.00
Sunday	\$ 1,413.00

**Total Deposit \$ 1,949.00**

**Expenses paid out**

Equipment contract	<\$ 109.18>
Plant & Maintenance	<\$ 161.68>
Liturgy Supplies	<\$ 31.14>
Admin supplies	<\$ 94.08>

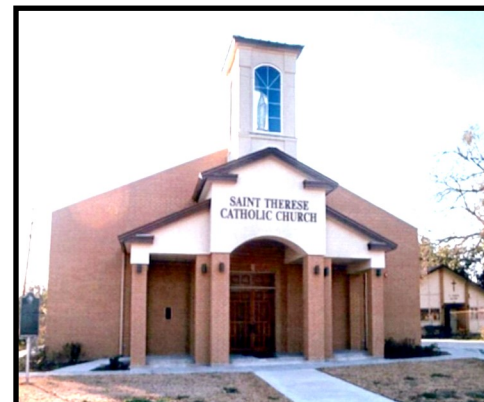
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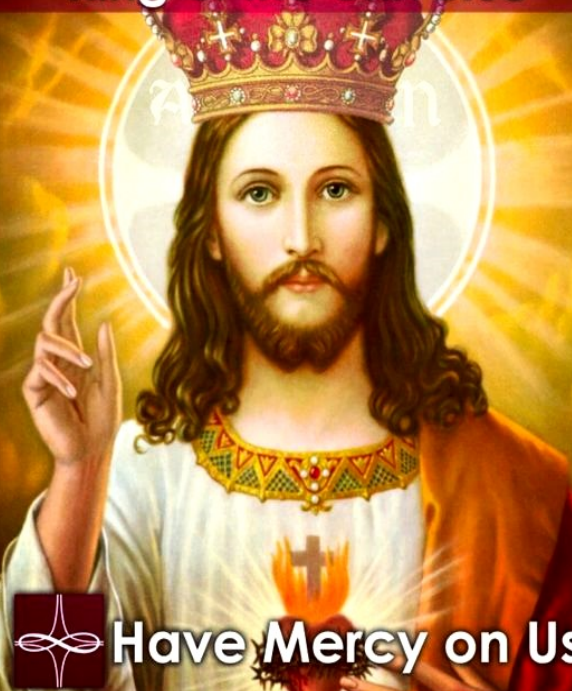
**Pastor: Rev. Dr. Donatus Mgbeajuo, MSP**  
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Contact information: cell (409) 454-3958

**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.



**The Last Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B**  
**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**  
**November 21, 2021**  
**"My Kingdom does not belong to this world."**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**



**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

# THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING

## Kings

We in the United States have never been much for kings. Our nation began with a nasty war to free us from a king, and today, most Americans find monarchies curious and quaint. All this combines to make us all but shrug at the notion of celebrating the solemnity of Christ the King. Our neighbors in Mexico, however, don't share our misgivings and indifference. The Mexican people are just as proud of their revolution, just as proud of their democracy, just as scornful of royalty as we are. Still, they have a robust love for Christ the King. In fact, seventy years ago, when Mexico was ruled by the tyrant Plutarco Calles, the Church was persecuted, Mass was outlawed, and priests were hunted as criminals. A priest named Miguel Pro lived in Mexico City. He went about the city in disguise. He celebrated Mass here and there in hiding, heard confessions, and anointed the sick and dying. At last Padre Pro was captured by government officials and summarily executed without the benefit of a trial. As he stood before the firing squad, arms extended in the form of a cross, his last words were, "Viva Christo Rey!" "Long live Christ the King!" When Padre Pro was buried, Mexico City rang with shouts of "Viva Christo Rey!"

**FIRST READING: Daniel 7:13-14    RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 93:1, 1-2, 5**

**SECOND READING: Revelation 1:5-8    GOSPEL: John 18:33b-37**

## Comment

The reading from Daniel is from an apocalyptic or "revelation" book. The same may be said about today's second reading (from the Book of Revelation). If you recall, such books speak of and speak from visionary experiences. Likewise, they generally speak to an audience of people badly in need of such visions, badly in need of something on which to pin their hopes and on which they can rely.

Daniel is writing to a persecuted minority. When the prophet speaks of a vision of "one like a Son of man," he is striking a familiar chord with his audience. They recognize the figure of the "son of man" not so much as an individual but as a corporate identity that stands for all God's people. Thus, Daniel's audience finds strength and support in the assurance that ultimate and everlasting victory will be theirs.

By the time the Book of Revelation was written, the figure "son of man" had come to represent a concrete, historical person. The early (and persecuted) Christian community that first heard the words of Revelation probably associated any reference to the "son of man" directly with the person of Jesus Christ.

The passage of Revelation proclaimed in today's liturgy is really a hymn (or doxology) to Jesus Christ. It extols him as the great and noble king who has kept faith, risen from death, rules over all rulers, and has rescued and redeemed his people. Even more, this great king has transformed his people into a nation of priests in order that they might serve God and glorify God's Son. The Gospel, however, seems to belie the greatness of this king of ours. In today's passage, we find Jesus bound and handed over to face a petty official. Hardly the position of a king! Yet Pilate addresses him as such, asking if he is, indeed, the king of the Jews. Jesus responds with a question, but does not duck Pilate's inquiry. Eventually he responds in the affirmative, but it is not the tidy political response Pilate hopes for, the response that would have made dealing with this Nazarene nuisance simply a matter of course. Jesus describes his kingship in terms that are beyond the scope of caesars and nations. He is king where truth resides, king of human hearts. Pilate's heart is closed. He cannot or will not open himself to truth. Can we? Will we?

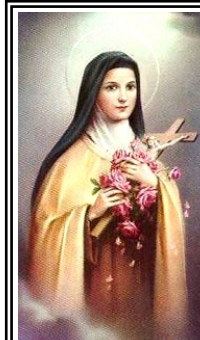
## Reflection

When Jesus says that his kingdom does not belong to this world, we tend to nod our heads and agree. We incline to think of Jesus' dominion as being "somewhere out there," but certainly not here, not on earth, not part of real life. Nothing could be further from the "truth!"

While the power and kingship Jesus speaks of do reach beyond space and time, they also reach the here and now. God's reign includes people like Pilate and people like us. It speaks to us and permeates us. It is present whenever anyone is willing to stand and speak—as Jesus stood and spoke—for the truth. And the truth is that God is not only above all, but in all.

### PRAY FOR THE SHUT-IN

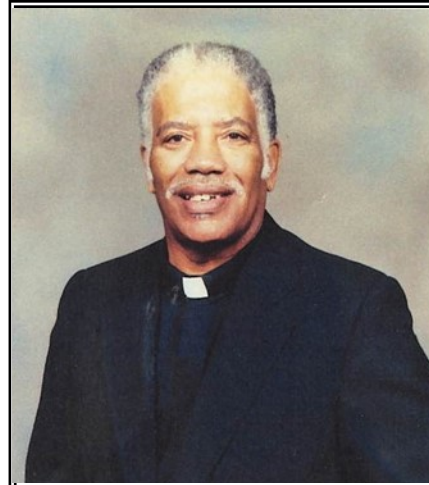
Mary Alexander  
Mary Brown  
Courtney Chavis  
David J. Carey  
Leon Cross  
Lawrence Gant  
Hollis Fain  
Beatrice Guillory  
Ella Mae Garrett  
Mary Gray  
Margaret Green  
Mark Mitchell Jr.  
Betty Odum  
Westley Papillion  
Gloria Richard  
Mormon Richard  
Rosa Scott  
Alma C Thibodeaux



"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



### Deacon Julian Richard Sr. NOVEMBER 12, 1942 - DECEMBER 23, 2020

Deacon Richard is survived by his wife Gloria Ann Richard of 56 years; one daughter, Charolette Fontenot (Ryan) of Beaumont; one son, Julian J. Richard, Jr. (Dantri) of Houston; and a host of family and friends

On June 13, 1992, he was ordained a permanent deacon, part of the third class of deacons, and ministered at his home parish of St. Therese. Deacon Melvin Payne was a Permanent Deacon classmate of Deacon Richard and a very good friend. Deacon Richard spoke highly of Deacon Payne and remained close friends until his death.

Through the adversity and discouragement, Deacon Richard recognized that he was answering God's call, not man's call. He was described as a minister of service and took great joy in sharing his love, especially when visiting those in nursing homes. He had a way with words and could make you smile. His prayer life was Deacon Richard's anchor.

We the members of St. Therese Catholic Church are so grateful for the years with Deacon Julian Richard. His kindness and humor was always the brightest part of the day. His Courage, strength, inspiration, encouragement, love, and guidance are things he displayed. If anyone were to write about all the reasons to be grateful for Deacon Richard on little pieces of paper, they would fill up an entire room. Thank you Deacon Julian Richard. For your valuable gift of SERVICE to us all. May God continue to bless your wife Gloria Richard and your family.



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in Peace.

### Advent Vicariate Penance Service

There will be an Advent Vicariate Penance Service at St. Henry's Catholic Church in Bridge City, TX Thursday, December 16, 2021 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Everyone is encouraged to come and take part in the service.

### ATTENTION

All members of St. Therese Parish 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. The support of everyone is a necessary element to the growth of our Parish.

### Christmas Mass 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
Sunday, Dec. 26th,	Day after Christmas Mass 9:00 am
Friday, Dec. 31st,	New Year's Eve Mass at 6:00 pm.
Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022	New Year's Day Mass 9:00 am, NO 4 pm Mass
Sunday, Jan. 2, 2022	Day after New Year's Mass 9:00 am