

St. Therese Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Tuesday thru Thursday
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



2nd Sunday of Lent

March 12 2017

“Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him”



Eucharistic Celebration

Weekends:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:20 p.m. 3:55 p.m.

Infant Baptism:

Please contact the pastor two (2) months in advance

Weekdays:

Tuesday-Friday 8:00 a.m.
Thursday: Faith Program 5:30 p.m.

Adoration & Benediction

1st Friday each month 6p.m.-7p.m.

Marriage:

Please call Rectory six (6) months prior to proposed date

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday
March 12 Gn 12:1-4a Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22
2 Tm 1:8b-10 Mt 17:1-9

Monday
March 13 Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8, 9, 11 & 13
Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday
March 14 Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 9:2-3 Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday
March 15 Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16
Mt 20:17-28

Thursday
March 16 Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6
Lk 16:19-31

Friday
March 17 Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-17,
18-19, 20-21 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday
March 18 Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10,
11-12 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND

John Abram
Mary Brown
Mary Crossley
David Jayce Carey
Courtney Chavis
Therese Ferguson
Hollis Fain
Joe B. Forward
Theresa Garrett
Anna Garrick
Elias Gobert
James Mims
John Richard, Sr.
Alma Thibodeaux
Alma Thibodeaux
Sammie Williams

March Birthday List Happy Birthday to::

Clinton Giron 1
Calvin Johnson 3
Yvette Spearman 5
Adam Jacobs 8
Michael Jackson 13
Emma Nelson 17
Enrique Warnell 20
Hazel Johnson 21
Dominique Guillory 24
Orion Guillory 24
Felicia Richard 24
Florence Craig 24
Lisa Jackson 26

Happy Anniversary

Gerald & Virginia Richard 22nd
Walter & Rose Davis 29th

To all our sick and homebound **THANK YOU** so much for your unwavering commitment and contributions to your parish. To better service everyone Fr. Donatus is available to visit **ALL** parishioners at the appointed time. Therefore, Fr. Donatus has reserved Friday's for the Homebound. Please call for an appointment stating whatever service you need or want rendered, communion, reconciliation, etc., so arrangements can be made to best serve you.

MINISTERIES FOR THE WEEKEND HOSPITALITY

Saturday: Willie Olivier, Walter Davis, Richard Scott & Shirley Allison
Sunday: Staci Powers, Lucy Jones, Horace Broussard & Fred Green

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: A: Mona Richard L: John King & Felicia Richard
Sunday: A: Phyllis Thibodeaux L: Josie Curtis & Eva Platt

ALTAR SERVER:

Saturday: Reagan Pitre & William Pitre
Sunday: D'Ana Williams

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday: Freda Guillory & Russell Bottley
Sunday: Cecilia Davis & Dorothy Broussard

Stations of the Cross

Date: Mar 17, 2017
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Ministry: Hospitality

Each Friday a different ministry will be ask to lead the stations, everyone is encouraged to participate.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday
March 12 9:00 a.m.

Monday
March 13 No Mass

Tuesday
March 14 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday
March 15 8:00 a.m..

Thursday
March 16 8:00 a.m. + Mrs. Elvina Mims requested by Mary Crossley

Friday
March 17 8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross, Hospitality

Saturday
March 18 4:00 p.m. + Sidney A. Gus requested by Freda Guillory

(N.B. You can request Mass to be offered for you/your loves one, or the deceased.. Speak with the Pastor or call the office to schedule).

PRAY FOR THE SICK

James Arceneaux
Mary Feathers
Alberta Fontenot
Frances Freeman
Debra Glaude
Margaret Green
Myrtle Guillory
Marvin Hampton
Celestine Johnson
Calvin Johnson
Stacy Johnson
Rose Lee Johnson
Lakeisha Guidry-Jones
Leothus Jones
Raffelitta Jonea Lee
John Milton
Ruby Milton
Mr. & Mrs. Mace
Bettye Odom
Clayona Pillette
Robert Simmons

Bishop Faith Appeal

Goal: \$18,987. Pledged: \$ 1,025.

Paid: \$ 1,025.

Thank you **ALL** for your generous support and contributions, we look forward to the continued growth of our Parish

Attendance

Saturday 49 Sunday 55

Weekend Collection

Deductible Non-Deductible

Mail In \$ 130.00
Loose money \$ 136.05
Mass Stipends \$ 5.00
BFA reimburse \$ 917.20
Black & Indian \$ 183.46
Saturday \$ 1,151.00
Sunday \$ 1,432.00
Lent Fish Fundraiser \$ 1,053.88

Total Deposit \$5008.59

Fish & fixings <\$ 1,472.00> Blk & Indian <\$ 183.46>
Youth retreat <\$ 455>
Cathedraticum, multi acct, health ins <\$ 2,196.76>

Expenses <\$ 4,307.22>

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

New Beginnings

Ever since I was a child, I've loved the first day of school. In a new dress and new shoes, I got to see old friends, walk on shiny floors, and smell new books. As a teacher I still loved the first day of school. I'd spend the summer honing some creative ideas into sure-to-succeed lesson plans that I couldn't wait to try out. Now that I have my own children, I *really* love the first day of school. I get to reclaim the kitchen, bathroom, and laundry room! I dig deep into the corners with Lysol® and start fresh. New beginnings. That's what we see in today's readings. God promises Abram a rich heritage and numerous descendants. All he has to do is leave home. The Transfiguration is one of the most awesome changes recorded in scripture. Change reminds us that we are on a journey. Faith reminds us that we are not alone. God goes with us.

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

Comment

God initiates the dialogue with Abram, calling him to a new beginning, a fresh start away from home. Abram obeys, but why? Not because God promises a large number of descendants (although God does), but because Abram simply chooses to obey. In the second reading, Timothy struggles with the call. Paul, the person he looks up to, is in prison. "How degrading to be in contact with a common criminal!" But it is a "common criminal" who hangs from the cross at Golgotha. Some time before that event, three apostles witness a tremendous change in Jesus, the dazzling face and white clothing. With him are Moses and Elijah also enveloped in radiant white light. Peter, James, and John, with Jesus at the Transfiguration, will also be there at Gethsemane.

The high mountain is a meeting place. God comes down and the disciples go up. It is a logical place to worship and so Peter prostrates himself and suggests building three tents. Jesus touches Peter, James, and John and tells them to rise up and not be afraid. He sends them off to a new beginning just as he sends us, to go forth as disciples.

Reflection

God has called each of us to a faith journey. It is God who initiates in us the desire to follow, just as it was God who called Abram and Timothy, and Jesus who gathered the disciples. Nowhere does God ever say the journey will be easy. There was much to suffer for Abram, for Jesus and the disciples, and yes, for us, too.

We can begin our new faith journey with different reactions. You recall that we don't hear Abram complain in Genesis. He obeys God's call without question. It's a marvel how people like Abram and Sarah have such faith, hope, and obedience. In our society today, "speaking our mind" and "being heard" are encouraged instead. Timothy, on the other hand, was reluctant. He procrastinated and avoided Paul. He was embarrassed that Paul was in prison. It is the Gospel, however, that has the power to change us and to mark new beginnings in our lives. How will we respond to God's call?

Thank You St. Therese

I thank each of you who attended the St. Katharine Drexel Feast Day Celebration on Thursday in Orange. For those who attended, I am sure you will agree that it was a wonderful celebration - the church was full, the choir did a wonderful job and the food for the reception was delicious. Your presence at the Mass and reception was supportive to Wanda and Freda Guillory and the committee members of St. Therese who worked so hard to make sure everyone felt welcome and at home. I will be out of the office from March 6-24. I am having back surgery on Monday, and recuperating. I would appreciate your prayers and kind thoughts. Thank you again, As always, I wish you blessings, peace and strength for your Lenten journey.

Linda Duhon-LaCour, MCS
Director, Office of African American Ministry

NOVENA PRAYER TO ST. THERESE—THE LITTLE FLOWER

St. Therese, beloved friend, you promised to spend your time in heaven doing good upon the earth. WE come before you in our need. We believe that you listen to us and approach God for and with us. You are love in the heart of the God. Please accept these petitions, hopes, needs and dreams that I list below (pause). Please present them to our loving Father so that God may do what is best for us, for our loved ones, and for the fulfillment of God's Kingdom. Continue your shower of roses in our lives. We ask you, dear friend with the bold confidence and loving care. We make this prayerful petition in the name of Jesus and through the power of his Spirit. **AMEN.**

25th Annual Diocesan Third Age Day Celebration

When: Tuesday, May 16, 2017
Time: Rosary 9:15 am Mass 10:00 am
Where: Our Lady of the Assumption Parish,
4445 Avenue A, Beaumont, TX

Lunch, Entertainment, & Door Prizes following Mass Tickets \$12.00 purchase by April 28, 2017 available through Catholic Charities, Parish Social Ministry. For more information 409-924-4415

Women's ACTS Retreat

Women's ACTS Retreat Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. Monday, March 20th for the next St. Francis Women's ACTS Retreat. The retreat will be held May 18th-21st, 2017. The fee is \$170.00. To register, complete a registration form and turn in along with your deposit of \$50.00. Financial difficulties should not prevent anyone from attending the retreat. Registration forms can be found in the parish office. Please call (409) 988-4287 if you have any questions.

Workshop

Music in Divine Worship workshop don't miss this workshop if your ministry is leading music in your parish. Saturday, March 25, 2017 from 10 am to 12:30 pm at Sacred Heart/St Mary 920 Booker T Washington Ave Port Arthur TX presenter Rosalind Sanchez ALL registrations must be made through the Office of Worship .

MONSIGNOR KELLY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

WE FOCUS ON Community

We seek to educate the whole student in spirit, mind, and body and value the gifts and talents of all people.
Religious 70% Catholic, 30% other faiths
Economic 25% of families have annual income less than \$50,000

Academics

- * Student-teacher ratio is 21:1
- * Kelly students consistently score above the SAT and ACT Texas and National averages
- * From 2012-2016, Kelly graduates were offered over \$33 million in scholarships

Spirituality

Daily prayer
Weekly Mass in chapel
Monthly All-School Mass
Annual class retreats
Liturgical prayer services
Purposeful service in the community

For more information, please contact our Admissions Office at (409) 866-2351, ext. 139

Lectors Workshop

Liturgical formation day for all Lectors parts 1 & 2 Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 9 am to 1 pm here at St Therese all lectors those who need and/or want this workshop be encouraged to attend. ALL registrations must be made through the Office of Worship

"Take Control of your Healthcare"

RightWay Imaging is hosting a stroke prevention and vascular disease nine (9) ultrasound screening for about \$17.00 each! For answers to any questions a Representative for the company will be St. Therese March 18 & 19 during mass times

When: Saturday, April 1, 2017
Where: Holiday Inn Express, meeting room
Time: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Pre-Registration is required, please call now to schedule your screening. The exclusive offer is \$159.00 for the entire package. (281) 616-9192

Town Hall Meeting

Date: Wednesday, March 22, 2017
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Where: St. Therese Life Center

Fr. Donatus and the Parish Council has scheduled a Town Hall meeting to discuss how all of us working together can enhance and encourage the growth of our parish If anyone has any ideas, issues and/or concerns we are asking that you please make arrangements to be in attendance

Annual Lenten Fish Dinner Fundraiser

Fish 2-pieces	Red Rice
Potato Salad	Green Beans
Desert/Cake	Slice Bread

Time 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Cost: \$8.00

Every Friday through April 7, 2017 we will selling fish dinners during the Lenten season. We are asking for volunteers with serving and delivering dinners. Food and monetary donations are needed for the above items. To better service you please call in large orders at (409) 883-3783. Thanks in advance.

ATTENTION

If anyone has any announcements to be placed in the Bulletin, upon the Pastor's approval please submit your information to the parish office by 12 noon each Wednesday. **THANK YOU**