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



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 15, 2017

“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the World”

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

SECRETARY

Cindy Hampton

(409) 882-0935

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Jan 15 Is 49:3, 5-6, (64a) Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10
1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34
Monday Jan 16 Heb 5:1-10 Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4
Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday Jan 17 Heb 6:10-20 Ps 111:1-2, 4-5
Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday Jan 18 Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4
Mk 3:1-6
Thursday Jan 19 Heb 7:25-8:6 Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17
Mk 3:7-12
Friday Jan 20 Heb 8:6-13 Ps 85:8 & 10, 11-12, 13-14
Mk 3:13-19
Saturday Jan 21 Heb 9:2-3, 11-14 Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
Mk 3:20-21

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Margaret Green
John Judge
Therese Ferguson
Frances Freeman
John Abram
Da'Morrius Allison
Julian Richard
Ruby Milton
Alma Thibodeaux
Rena Jenkins
Dorothy Broussard
Myrtle Guillory
Robert Simmons
Stacy Johnson
Leothus Jones
Debra Glaude
Mary Brown
Sammie Williams
John Richard, Sr.
Peggy Green
Elias Gobert
Mary Feathers
Clayona Pillette
Alberta Fontenot
Hollis Fain
James Arceneaux
John Milton
Gloria Richard
Ella Garrett
Bettye Odom
Fred Green
James Mims
Joe Ware, Sr.
Celestine Johnson
Mary Crossley
Calvin Johnson
Sanja Popillion
Lester Popillion
Joe B. Forward
Theresa Garrett
Andrew Hayes
Mary Ware
Courtney Chavis
Lakeisha Guidry-Jones
Brushelle Scott
Eva Platt
Mr. & Mrs. Mace
Rose Lee Johnson
David Jayce Carey
Ms. Tricia Slaughter
Raffelitta Jonea Lee

January Birthday List Happy Birthday to:

Jace Robertson 1
Chris Orebo 3
Christina Edwards 3
D'Ana Williams 5
Ryan Robertson 5
Freda Guillory 7
Marvin Hampton 8
Joe Ware Sr. 12
O'Ril Guillory 18
Horace Broussard III 18
Reginald Antoine 24
Ariel Anderson 25
David Feathers 28

Happy Anniversary

Adam & Dorothy Jacobs 8th
John & Cecelia Judge 16

Bishop Faith Appeal

Goal : \$18,693. Pledged : \$19,373

PAID: \$19,373

Thank you ALL for your pledges, we look ahead to the continued growth of our Parish

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday Jan 15 9:00 a.m.
Monday Jan 16 No Mass
Tuesday Jan 17 No Mass
Wednesday Jan 18 No Mass
Thursday Jan 19 No Mass
Friday Jan 20 No Mass
Saturday Jan 21 4:00 p.m. +

(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).

MINISTERIES FOR THE WEEKEND HOSPITALITY

Saturday: Shirley Allison, Brenda Mims, Patrick Mims & Walter Davis
Sunday: Youth Ushers

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: A: Gary Mims L: Josie Curtis & Leo Jackson
Sunday: A: Youth L: Youth

ALTAR SERVER:

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

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday: Cecilia Davis & Gloria Richard
Sunday: Mr. & Mrs. Adam Jacobs

Attendance

Saturday 49
Sunday 43

Weekend Collection

Deductible

Non-Deductible

Mail In \$ 30.00
Bake Sale
Mass Stipends
Saturday \$ 694.00
Sunday \$ 941.00

Total Deposit \$ 1,665.00

60th Annual Wild Goose Gumbo

The officers and members of St. Martin Council Knights of Columbus # 3452 cordially invite your Parish Priest (s) and all Knights of Columbus members at your parish to our 60th Annual Wild Goose Gumbo on Saturday January 28, 2017. Following our 4:00 p.m. Mass, the dinner will be held in the Pastoral Center of St. Louis Catholic Church. There will also be a Bingo and dinner for the ladies at the Winnie-Stowell Community Building located at 335 South Park St. in Winnie. TX

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Beginnings

We surround beginnings with ceremony and observance. We break ground for the new building. We cut ribbons and step over thresholds. We bear gifts welcoming the new neighbor, the new infant. Beginnings hold such promise for us. No matter how difficult the past, we are filled with hope. The aphorism is true: hope springs eternal. We are ready to begin anew. Today, Jesus is introduced to us, not as the babe of Bethlehem, but as God's chosen and beloved Son.

FIRST READING: *Isaiah 49:3, 5-6* RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalms 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10*
SECOND READING: *1 Corinthians 1:1-3* GOSPEL: *John 1:29-34*

Comment

The first reading from the book of Isaiah was written by a second writer, called deuterio- or second-Isaiah. At that time, Israel had returned from the Babylonian exile and was having trouble reestablishing itself as a unified people of God. The people struggled to get on their feet, to rebuild their temple, to secure their homes and their city. One can feel the discouragement, as if they sensed deeply that something huge had ended and the future was not at all clear.

The exile and destruction of Israel's homeland signaled a clear end. The question was how to begin again. This was no small task. The Lord reminded the people through the prophet that their idea about restoring Israel was too little. The Lord meant to make of Israel's dilemma a new beginning. The Lord saw Israel rebuilding a nation, but more than a nation. A new Israel had to come to life, and it would assume a new, pivotal role. Israel was to be a light to all nations. Through Israel, God's salvation would reach to the ends of the earth. How this would come about remained a mystery for centuries. But the people could live by this vision; they could be led by something bigger than themselves.

This prophecy is fulfilled on the banks of the River Jordan. John the Baptizer is the last of the Old Testament prophets. His mission is clear, and he carries it forward without hesitation. His life work was to announce the coming of God's chosen one and to prepare others to receive him. In the Gospel reading today, John the Baptizer is speaking of the events that occurred the day before, when he baptized Jesus in the River Jordan.

John admits that when Jesus came forward, John did not recognize him. That is to say, he didn't immediately recognize him as the one promised by God. John had undergone a long apprenticeship; he was prepared for the revelation of God, wherever it took him. So when the Spirit descended upon Jesus, John the Baptizer understood and spoke the truth that the heavens had proclaimed the day before: "This is God's chosen One."

The day after this theophany, as people mill about along the Jordan, Jesus returns, and John exclaims, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" John's faith identifies his cousin and fellow countryman from Galilee as the Lamb of God. John the Evangelist's use of the term lamb interprets Jesus as a servant who is compared to a lamb bearing the sins of the many (See Isaiah 53:7-12.). The designation is only used in the fourth Gospel, but it is used twenty-nine times in the book of Revelation to identify Jesus as risen Lord whose reign is finally established.

Reflection

We are among the many who know the story and have received the mercy of this servant of God. We are the most recent generations who live in this century at the undreamed-of ends of the earth. In the Isaian prophecy, we saw that God's dreams for Israel were larger than Israel's dreams for itself. God's dreams for us are larger than our dreams for ourselves, too. Little did Paul know that he would be numbered among the apostles to spread the news of the servant who is Lord. Little did he dream that when he sent greetings to the church at Corinth, we would be reading the letter as one addressed to us. Paul and his fellow-missioner, Sosthenes, greet the church at Corinth and all who have been called to be a holy people.

Grace and peace are given in the same abundance to us in our parishes on a Sunday morning in winter as they once were to the church at Corinth. The enlarged mission of Israel to be a light and salvation to the nations was made about six centuries before the birth of Jesus. Salvation is ours through Jesus, the Servant of God. Paul reminds us that the grace and peace of Christ are ours here, today, twenty centuries later. Now, really, what human person would have had the boldness to see this far down the centuries?

Rally For Life
Sunday, January 22, 2017
2:00 P.M.
St. Anne Catholic Church; Beaumont
(Calder @ 11th Street)

Please join us for our 'Sanctity of Life' Celebration, commemorating the 44th Anniversary of the Roe v Wade Supreme Court Decision to legalize abortion - on this exact date...

For more information please call:
Darrell Segura @ 409-720-9999 -or- Karen & Vic Soares @ 409-866-8652

Calling all ACTS Sisters!

If you are interested in serving on team for the May 2017 Women's retreat, please forward the following information to: may2017acts@gmail.com

*Your name *Address *Telephone number (s)
*E-mail address *Parish where you are registered
Parish you made your retreat through
Number of times you've been on an ACTS Team

Retreat is May 18-21, 2017. Team members pay the retreat cost of \$170 and will either purchase or have available ACTS shirts in blue denim and a red and white polo.

If you have questions, please feel free to talk to one of the directors. We are praying for you.

Cecilia Gower, (409) 988-4287 Sheila Babin, (409) 988-9920
Denise Fitts, (409) 313-2027

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Date: February 15, 2017 From: Marialice Sagan, NEC
Subject: 2017 National Education Contest

Themes: "Whatever you do for the least of my brethren, you do for me." Matt. 25:40 and Helping the needy where I live.

The choice of the categories is art, essay, poetry, computer art music and photography. For more information please contact Susan Bayliss at (409) 883-3540 or wbayliss@gt.rr.com

Please see Sonja Popillion or Felicia Richard

*****THANK YOU*****

From everyone at Orange Christian Services

Dear St. Therese Youth Group:
On behalf of our Staff and Board of Directors of Orange Christian Services, we thank you for your generous food donations of 172 pounds items. No goods or services were given for this donation.

We used this donation to assist us in providing special Holiday food items to needy individuals and families in Orange County. Thank you so much. We greatly value your partnership in continuing God's Love in Action. **Truly Yours**

Executive Director, Judy K. Jensen

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.**

Eleventh Annual St. Katharine Drexel Feast Day Celebration

**Celebration of the Eucharist
Thursday, March 2, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.
St. Therese Catholic Church
1409 N. 6th Street – Orange TX**

Most Reverend Curtis J. Guillory, S.V.D., D.D.
Bishop of Beaumont
**Celebrant & Homilist
Concelebrating Priests of the Diocese of Beaumont**

Come join us as we remember St. Katharine Drexel and her gifts to the Diocese of Beaumont through the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament to:

Blessed Sacrament Catholic School
Sacred Heart Catholic School
St. Therese Catholic School

Reception immediately following in Parish Hall

Underwritten by a grant from Black and Indian Mission Fund and the generosity of the people of the Diocese of Beaumont through the Bishops Faith Appeal

The Charismatic Renewal of the Diocese of Beaumont will hold its Annual Retreat, February 24-26, 2017, at Holy Family Retreat Center, 9920 North Major Dr., Beaumont. Bishop Sam Jacobs, recently retired from the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, Louisiana, will be the speaker for the weekend. The theme will be, "I THIRST," from John 19:28. Retreat will begin 7:00pm on Friday and end with Mass 1:00pm Sunday. One may register for the entire weekend or as a commuter.

Registration for weekend is \$130/person for double room, \$170/single, with \$60 deposit for either. Commuters registration is \$60 with a \$30 deposit. Registration cost for each of above includes 5 meals: three Saturday, two Sunday. For further information and registration, call 409-724-0650 or 409-724-7379.

*****ATTENTION*****

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