

# St. Therese Catholic Church

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Deacon Julian Richard (409) 882-4302

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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

#### PARISH COUNCIL

Joe Ware, Chairman 886-5331  
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#### DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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#### FINANCE COUNCIL

Andre Robertson 882-0012  
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Robert Gobert

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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. 6<sup>th</sup> 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**