

St. Therese Catholic Church

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9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12, 2017

“Go first and be Reconciled with your Brother”

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 Feb. 12 Sir 15:15-20 Ps 119 1 Cor 2:6-10 My 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37
Monday Feb. 13 Gen 4:1-15, 25 Ps 50:1 & 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday Feb. 14 Gen 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 Ps 29:1a & 2, 3ac-4, 3b & 9c-10 Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday Feb. 15 Gen 8:6-13, 20-22 Ps 116:12-13, 14-5, 18-19 Mk 8:22-26
Thursday Feb. 16 Gen 9:1-13 Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 & 22-23 Mk 8:27-33
Friday Feb. 17 Gen 11:1-9 Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15 Mk 8:34-9:1
Saturday Feb. 18 Heb 11:1-7 Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 Mk 9:2-13

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND 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
Rena Jenkins
James Mims
John Richard, Sr.
Alma Thibodeaux
Sammie Williams
Da'Morrius Allison
James Arceneaux
Mary Feathers
Alberta Fontenot
Frances Freeman
Debra Glaude
Margaret Green
Myrtle Guillory
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

February Birthday List Happy Birthday to:

Diane Hebert 1
Albert Thibodeaux 1
Ryland Blackwell 3
Saintina Robertson 5
Stacy Johnson 5
Gerald Richard 6
Jada Semien 9
Ralph Wilkes 11
Athena Jefferson 13
Italia Green 14
Leo Jackson 18
Ryasian Daughtery 22
Ariel Anderson 27

Happy Anniversary

Albert & Phyllis Thibodeaux 6th

Bishop Faith Appeal

Congratulations over \$ 780. of our goal

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday Feb. 12 9:00 a.m.
Monday Feb. 13 No Mass
Tuesday Feb. 14 No Mass
Wednesday Feb. 15 No Mass
Thursday Feb. 16 No Mass
Friday Feb. 17 No Mass
Saturday Feb. 18 4:00 p.m. + James Milton & Kent Chavis requested by Felicia Richard

(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).

Attention All Parishioners

End of the year contribution statements are ready and can be picked up. Please if you have any questions or concerns please contact the parish office.

St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica Soul of the City Concert Series

The Joseph L. Donnelly Jr. Memorial,
Allen Organ **FREE** Concert.
Saturday, February 25, 2017 * 7:30 p.m.
700 Jefferson Street, Beaumont, TX

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEKEND HOSPITALITY

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

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: A: Mona Richard L: Gary Mims & John King
Sunday: A: Dorothy Broussard L: Josie Curtis & Lucy Jones

ALTAR SERVER:

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

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday Mr. & Mrs. Adam Jacobs
Sunday: Freda Guillory & Cecilia Davis

Attendance

Saturday 55
Sunday 56

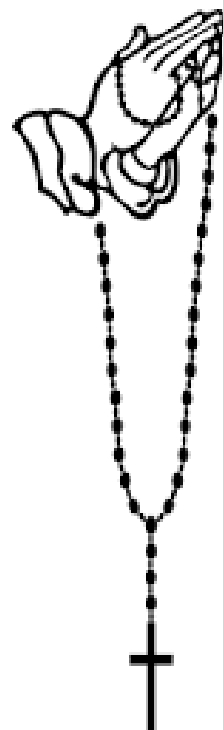
Weekend Collection

Deductible

Non-Deductible

Mail In \$ 40.00
Saturday \$ 754.00
Sunday \$ 1,477.55

Total Deposit \$ 2,271.55



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Choice

On a driveway on a busy street, a resident posted a sign that read, “Don’t even think of parking here.” He meant business, clearly. He also knew that the thought was father to the action. The driver who might have been tempted was free to choose, of course, but he or she would have to bear the consequences. Today we consider the spirit and letter of laws and our freedom to choose.

FIRST READING: *Sirach 15:15–20* RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalms 119:1–2, 4–5, 17–18, 33–34*
 SECOND READING: *1 Corinthians 2:6–10* GOSPEL: *Matthew 5:17–37*

Comment

In today’s continuation of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus addresses the relationship between the current interpretation of the law of Moses and his own. He insists that he has come to fulfill, not abolish the law. Jesus is explicit here. He repeats the phrase, “You have heard ...” with the counterpoint, “But I say ...” As with the Beatitudes, Jesus again aims for the heart, the spirit. This time, he addresses the heart and spirit of the law. He will not settle for mere avoidance of outright murder or adultery or lying. He goes to the source of murder—hatred, resentment, spite. He insists on chaste living. He overrules the one-sided loopholes that allow men to divorce women, a law based on the view of women as property. He disallows all the means people employ to play fast and loose with marriage. His words urge mutual fidelity. He has no truck, either, with sloppiness about telling the truth, swearing oaths, and confusing well-meaning people with a bright blur of words.

Jesus’ condemnation of those who fail to fulfill the law is swift and harsh. He seems incensed. The syntax is spare and pointed. Clearly, Jesus cares a lot about the spirit and the letter of the law. His listeners and followers are to honor the law wholly and not minimally. His demands are uncompromising. The consequences of failure are clear and severe. The smallest are watching. They are those rendered powerless by age or ignorance or circumstance. These little ones depend on the word and action of the mature and knowledgeable. To betray these little ones is to fail miserably.

Reflection

Now, we keep in mind that Jesus speaks against a steady drumbeat of criticism and disdain from just those on whom the least depend. Those schooled in the subtleties of the law use their wisdom and knowledge to subvert the same law Jesus reverences. Jesus realizes that the very persons who are trained in the law use their power to condemn people and to pile on rules that defeat rather than sustain one’s life with God. Jesus’ anger here is not toward the struggling little ones, but toward the crafty, condemning big ones—the scribes and Pharisees.

Paul also addresses the little ones. His little ones are the members of the church at Corinth, and they are a little shaken right now. Paul is aware of the self-proclaimed high and mighty and those who profess to practice religions that are inaccessible to common folk who possess little power. The powerful, or fake powerful, loom large on their horizon. Paul dismisses the pretenders and exalts the wisdom of God revealed to the smallest. We recall from the second reading last Sunday that this wisdom is the wisdom of Christ crucified. For this Sunday, suffice it to say, the Christians at Corinth possess this wisdom revealed by God, and what God has planned for them is beyond their imagining. They are not to worry or be fearful, nor be dismayed.



Bishop Curtis J. Guillory, S.V.D., The fifth bishop of Beaumont, Texas in 2000. He is a member of Catholic Extension's Board of Governors. He is the first African American bishop of Beaumont, or ordinary of any diocese in Texas, for that matter. Born September 1, 1943 (age 73) Mallet, Louisiana Ordination: December 16, 1972

“Faith should be the guiding light for all of us as we continue to seek and promote justice and equality, not just for African Americans, but for all people who are oppressed. Faith keeps people out of the eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth business, and gives people a non-violent option and a sense of belonging.

Faith in the civil rights movement, particularly with voting rights, showed that a number of people could come together at the same time—Martin Luther King, President Johnson, Rosa Parks, Malcolm X, Catholic leaders, the marchers—in a unified way. Every-one could see the injustice and brutality and the need for change.

Barack Hussein Obama II is an American politician who went on to become President of the Harvard Law Review and a U.S. senator representing Illinois. In 2008, he was elected President of the United States, becoming the first African-American commander-in-chief. He served two terms as the 44 president of the United States.



Born: August 4, 1961 (age 55 years), Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children, Honolulu, HI

“Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.”

“Each path to knowledge involves different rules and these rules are not interchangeable.”



Thurgood Marshall was an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, serving from October 1967 until October 1991. Marshall was the Court's 96th justice and its first African-American justice.

Born: July 2, 1908 Baltimore, MD.

Died: January 24, 1993

Education: Frederick Douglas High School, Howard University, Howard University School of Law, Lincoln University.

“Our whole constitutional heritage rebels at the thought of giving government the power to control men's minds.”

“The measure of a country's greatness is its ability to retain compassion in times of crisis.”

“In recognizing the humanity of our fellow beings, we pay ourselves the highest tribute.”

Andrew Jackson Young, Jr. is an American politician, diplomat, and activist. Beginning his career as a pastor, Young was an early leader in the Civil Rights Movement, serving as executive director of Southern Christian Leadership Conference Young served first as a U.S. Congressman from Georgia, then United States Ambassador to the United Nations, and finally Mayor of Atlanta (1982–1990).



Born: March 12, 1932 (age 84 years), New Orleans, LA

Education: Hartford Seminary, Howard University, Dillard University

“My hope for my children must be that they respond to the still, small voice of God in their own hearts.”

“In a world where change is inevitable and continuous, the need to achieve that change without violence is essential for survival”.

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.**

Thank You

Thank you St. Therese congregation for your generosity and support. **We have surpassed our BFA goal by \$780.** There is no way to fully express our gratitude for your loyalty. When a church has great needs, the offering appeal can be primarily about asking for a generous donation, not for serving. We don’t serve to be recognized, but giving words of affirmation to those who serve says, “What you do is important and makes an eternal difference.” You have displayed perseverance through all your hard work, service, giving and gave more to support our church family. With your donations through the Bishop Faith Appeal there are many services provided. You all are teammates, and It is an honor to be on your team. **Stewardship Committee, Coordinator M. Shirley Ray**

You Are Invited

Mont Olive Baptist Church Senior Gospel Choir

26th Year Annual Red/White Tea and Hat Show

Date: Sunday, February 12, 2017

Time: 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Location: Mont Olive Baptist Church Life Center 106 W. Park Avenue, Orange, TX

Theme: “A Loving Fellowship with the Latest Of Styles and Tea”

1 Corinthians 13:13 “And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three but the greatest of these is charity. Food, fun, fellowship, admission free, donations accepted.

Honoring 1st female mayor and councilwoman “Essie Bellfield”