

# St. Therese Catholic Church

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



## The 4th Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2016

# "I am the light 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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## FINANCE COUNCIL

Andre Robertson 882-0012  
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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday  
March 26 1Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5,  
6 Ep 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17,  
34-38

Monday  
March 27 Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2 & 4, 5-6, 11-12a & 13b  
Jn 4:43-54 or **Mi 7:7-9 Ps 27:1, 7-8a, 8b-  
9abc, 13-14 Jn 9:1-41**

Tuesday  
March 28 Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 5:1-16  
or **(same as bold above)**

Wednesday  
March 29 Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13cb-14, 17-18  
Jn 5:17-30 **(same as bold above)**

Thursday  
March 30 Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23  
Jn 5:31-47 **(same as bold above)**

Friday  
March 31 Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 & 23  
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 **(same as bold above)**

Saturday  
April 1 Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12  
Jn 7:40-53 **(same as bold above)**

## 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 G Thibodeaux  
Alma C 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 serve 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 your needs.

## MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEKEND

### HOSPITALITY

Saturday: Shirley Allison, Richard Scott, Walter Davis & Willier Olivier

Sunday: Dorothy Jacobs, Elizabeth Mitchell, Fed Green & Phyllis Thibodeaux

### ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: A: Mona Richard L: Freda Guillory & Felicia Richard

Sunday: A: Dorothy Broussard L: Tina Kindle & Youth

### ALTAR SERVER:

Saturday: William & Reagan Pitre

Sunday: D'Ana Williams

### MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday: Russell Bottley & Cecilia Davis

Sunday: Lucy Jones & Freda Guillory

## Stations of the Cross

Date: Mar 24, 2017  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Ministry: Volunteer

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

## 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 Pilette  
Robert Simmons

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday  
March 26 9:00 a.m.

Monday  
March 27 No Mass

Tuesday  
March 28 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday  
March 29 8:00 a.m.

Thursday  
March 30 8:00 a.m.

Friday  
March 31 8:00 a.m.

Saturday  
April 1 4:00 p.m. + Richard Guillory 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).

## Bishop Faith Appeal

Goal : \$25,000. Pledged: \$1,025.

Paid: \$1,025.

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

## Attendance

Saturday 67 Sunday 64

## Weekend Collection

**Deductible** **Non-Deductible**

Mail In \$ 10.00 \$ 913.00  
Fish Fundraiser \$ 406.26  
Reimburse \$ 406.26  
Building rental \$ 250.00  
Loose \$ 162.81  
Saturday \$ 905.00  
Sunday \$ 1,376.00

**Total Deposit \$ 4,023.07**

utilities & phones <\$ 395.00> plant & maint. <\$ 390.00>  
Liturgy mat. & suppl <\$2,009.00> contract & ins <\$1,075.25>

**Total Expenses <\$ 3,869.25>**

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## A Reading Lesson

Sound is by definition only sound when it is heard. Jesus' miracle in today's Gospel is a sign. That's what John calls miracles—signs. But signs are not signs unless they are read.

**FIRST READING:** 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6–7, 10–13a **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 23:1–3a, 3b–4, 5, 6  
**SECOND READING:** Ephesians 5:8–14 **GOSPEL:** John 9:1–41 [1, 6–9, 13–17, 34–38]

## Comment

The first reading tells us the story of Samuel's journey to Bethlehem to the house and family of Jesse. Here, God tells Samuel he should anoint the future king of Israel. Samuel meets the older, strapping, capable boys and thinks they're fine indeed. But these were not God's choice. Samuel is reminded that God sees into the heart; God sees differently. So Samuel calls for the youngest boy—David. He is God's choice, and the spirit rushes upon him.

This story and the Gospel are complementary. The story of the cure of the man born blind is also about seeing. A blind beggar draws Jesus' attention. He gives elaborate directions, which the blind man follows. And lo and behold! he comes back seeing. So far, the blind man has no further insight. All he knows is that once he could not see and now he does.

His neighbors take him to the Pharisees. This is standard operating procedure at that time. So far, so good. But then things turn sour. The educated and religiously sophisticated Pharisees cross-examine the poor fellow. Rather than rejoicing in his newfound vision, they castigate him for violating the Sabbath.

There is a lot of back and forth in this story, and in the end, the blind man stands alone. His parents are cowed or bullied, and do not speak up for him. The establishment condemns him. The man born blind is thrown out of the temple, that vital center of Palestinian life.

Then Jesus comes to him. He asks simple, direct questions of the man, and the man answers simply and directly. In the end faith is added to sight, as the man who was once blind sees: "I do believe, Lord."

## Reflection

The Ephesians, whom Paul addresses in the second reading, never saw Jesus physically. Paul himself saw him in a flash of blinding insight. We are all in the same "faith" boat here. We and the Ephesians are counseled to remember that we all were once in spiritual blindness, and now are light in the Lord. This isn't something tacked on; it's intrinsic. At one time in the Church's history, the newly baptized were called *illuminati*, the illuminated, those wholly filled with the light of Christ.

Light is everywhere in these readings. The insight of God chooses David as the future king. The Responsorial Psalm is from the most beloved and well-known of all the psalms, Psalm 23, the "Good Shepherd Psalm." It is sung today largely because of these words: "Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil." If ever there was a dark-valley walker, it was the man born blind. Jesus Christ, the light of the world, is the one to whom the blind man, now seeing, finally confesses his faith. As we move through this Lent, we too are invited to shed our blindness's and walk in the light of Christ, who is with us in even the darkest valley.

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## \*\*\*Fundraiser Event\*\*\*

The youth of St. Therese have an interest in participating in a Youth Conference in Houston, Texas scheduled June 14th – 17th. In order to attend we, the youth, will be hosting a fundraiser event scheduled for Saturday, April 8th from 1:00pm – 6:00 pm and Sunday, April 9th immediately after church. Menu will consist of pork steak, red beans & rice, cornbread and cake for \$10.00...All proceeds will assist with travel, hotel fees and registration. If you should have any questions, please contact one of the following:

Felicia Richard @ 988-8058  
Taura Ware @ 670-6814  
Sanja Popillion @ 313-1536

Thanking all in advance for purchases and/or donations  
St. Therese Youth Group

## \*\*\*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 Cecilia Gower at (409) 988-4287 if you have any questions. I can also be reached by email at [may2017acts@gmail.com](mailto:may2017acts@gmail.com).

## 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.

Five (5) or more dinners will be delivered

## 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.**

## \*\*\* Penance Service\*\*\*

Date: Tuesday, April 4, 2017  
Time: 6:30 pm  
Where: St. Mary's Catholic Church  
912 W. Cherry St. Orange, TX

Everyone is invited to attend a penance service at St. Mary's Orange. There will be several local priest hearing confessions including Fr. Donatus.

## \*\*\*ATTENTION\*\*\*

The office is in the process of updating the sacramental register if you have any information or would like to check if all your sacraments are completed recorded please call or come by the parish office.

## To ALL Who Are Interested

As we know Holy Thursday (*Washing of the Feet*) is near if anyone would like to be part of the 12-people getting their feet washed please contact the parish office, first 12 will be chosen, children included.

## Your input is **NESSASARY**

Thank you to everyone that came out for the Town Hall meeting your input is vital to the growth and success of our parish.

## 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**