

St. Therese Catholic Church

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



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday April 2 Ez 37:12-14 Ps 137:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45

Monday April 3 Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Jn 8:1-11 or 2 Kgs 4:18b-21, 32-37 Ps 17:1, 6-7, 8b & 15 Jn 11:1-45

Tuesday April 4 Nm 21:4-9 Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 Jn 8:21-30 (same as bold above)

Wednesday April 5 Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 (Ps) Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 Jn 8:31-42 (same as bold above)

Thursday April 6 Gn 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Jn 8:51-59 (same as bold above)

Friday April 7 Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 Jn 10:31-42 (same as bold above)

Saturday April 8 Ez 37:21-28 (Ps) Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 (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

April Birthday List Happy Birthday to::

Joe Fontenot 2
Taffy Arceneaux 2
Ella Garrett 3
Tremond Warnell 4
E'Remious Gus 22
Clifton Richard 23
Tracy Richard 23
Ryan Edwards 24
Donovan Richard 25
Diane Johnson 20

Happy Anniversary

Leothus & Lucy Jones 8th
Franklin & Doris Gans 11th

MINISTERIES FOR THE WEEKEND HOSPITALITY

Saturday: Richard Scott, Rose Davis, Johnny Riggs & Walter Davis

Sunday: Joseph Fontenot, Rose Bottley, Coretta Ambers & Emmanuel Taylor,

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: A: Leo Jackson L: 1-Eva Platt 2- John King P Narr- Leo Jackson Voice Josie Curtis

Sunday: A: H. Broussard L: 1-Wayne Sparrow 2 - D. Broussard P Narr - Horace B. Voice- Phyllis T.

ALTAR SERVER:

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

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday Freda Guillory & Gloria Richard
Sunday: Gloria Richard & Robert Gobert

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.

Stations of the Cross

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

Each Friday a different ministry will be ask 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 April 2 9:00 a.m. Jacobs & Monroe requested by Mary J. J Monroe

Monday April 3 No Mass

Tuesday April 4 8:00 a.m. +

Wednesday April 5 8:00 a.m. +

Thursday April 6 8:00 a.m. +

Friday April 7 8:00 a.m. +

Saturday April 8 4:00 p.m. + Corey Wells requested by the Feathers family

(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.

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

The 5th Sunday of Lent

April 2, 2017

"The dead man came out, tied hand and foot"



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

Fridays: 6 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

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PARISH COUNCIL

Joe Ware, Chairman 886-5331
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Sanja Popillion (409) 670-0808

FINANCE COUNCIL

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Tina Kindle 238-4447
Robert Gobert

Attendance

Saturday 46 Sunday 60

Weekend Collection

	Deductible	Non-Deductible
Mail In	\$ 00.00	
Fish Fundraiser		\$ 701.00
Loose	\$ 199.65	
Mass Stipends	\$ 5.00	
Catholic Relief	\$ 127.00	
Saturday	\$ 278.00	
Sunday	\$ 1,183.00	

Total Deposit \$ 2,493.65

Utilities, mat & phones <\$ 1,937.58> Liturgy mat <\$ 275.00>
Cont & suppl <\$ 612.49>

Total Expenses <\$ 2,825.07>

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Bigger Than Life

We might exclaim as we witness surprising, opulent life styles, "What a life!" or "Now, that's living." Well, we haven't heard the half of it. Today's stories are just bigger than life.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:12-14 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

SECOND READING: Romans 8:8-11 GOSPEL: John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Comment

Jesus, who has been set before us this Lent as the source of living water and light of the world, is today declared the resurrection and the life. The great signs narrated in John's Gospel lead up to this last great sign. There are other stories in other Gospels of people being raised from the sleep of death—the soldier's daughter, the widow's only son. John does not offer us these miracle stories. He gives us the protracted story of the raising of Lazarus. We may be understandably intrigued by Lazarus, but John keeps our attention focused on Jesus.

The Resurrection suffuses the Gospel narratives. The Gospels are the work of believing communities of the Resurrection. Each Gospel was first proclaimed and passed on through the community's oral tradition. Only later were they written down. The Gospels contain numerous accounts of persons who came whole and alive in Jesus' presence.

In this narrative, Jesus declares himself the resurrection and the life. He makes himself abundantly clear. He says that those who believe in him will come to possess life, even though they will physically die. Physical death is not final. The believer who possesses life in Christ lives with him now and will live with him forever. The person who is one with Christ in life will possess life through and beyond death. Then Jesus pointedly asks Martha, "Do you believe this?" Martha's response echoes that of the believing community at large. She speaks for us, confessing him as Lord, Messiah, and Son of God.

Reflection

The other readings today provide the setting for this Gospel, which is surely the jewel in the crown of this Sunday's readings. The first reading from Ezekiel speaks of the resurrection of the body—the clothing of flesh on bone, the opening of graves. There is nothing God cannot or will not do for the exiled people languishing in Babylon. The knowledge that they brought exile upon themselves is coupled with the humiliation of the exile itself. Over against the people's despair stands the action of God. When the people think it cannot get any worse than this, Ezekiel goes to great lengths to say what God will do. Ezekiel is the great prophet of hope for the exiled community. The actions of Israel will be trumped by the saving action of God. "I have promised and I will do it," says the Lord. And this is how Israel in exile will know that God is the Lord. Throughout his book of prophecy, after each amazing act of God, Ezekiel adds the affirmation akin to this one, "You shall know that I am the LORD."

The new life so evident in the promise of Ezekiel and realized in Jesus is addressed by Paul. The "flesh" he identifies here refers to a life outside of Jesus' saving resurrection. Jews did not conceive of humans as divided between body and spirit. The division for Paul was between the unredeemed (flesh) and redeemed (spirit). We are expected to live the new, redeemed life that is ours in baptism. More than the physical resuscitation of Lazarus, our new life is a transformation, an entirely new way of being. This is where Christ will lead us, if we let him. Then we can say with Martha, "Yes, Lord, I do believe."

Helping Hamds

Assisted Living

Ridasha Hafford RN

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ATTENTION

As we know Holy Thursday 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.

Times for Psalm Sunday thru Sunday of Divine Mercy

- Sat, April 8, 2017 reconciliation 3:20-3:55 followed by mass at 4 pm
Announcer-Leo Jackson
1reader-Eva Platt 2 reader- John King
Passion Narrator- Leo Jackson Voice Josie Curtis
- Passion Sunday, April 9, 9:00 am mass
Announcer-Horace Broussard
1reader-Wayne Sparrow 2reader-Dorothy Broussard
Passion Narrator-Horace Broussard.
Voice- Phyllis Thibodeaux
- April 11 & 12 8:00 am mass
- Holy Thursday, April 13, 6:00 pm
1 reader-Lucy Jones 2 reader-Freda Guillory
- Good Friday, April 14, Stations 2:00 pm followed by mass at 3:00 pm
1reader-Gary Mims 2reader-Tina Kindle/Dorothy B.
Passion Narrator-(Youth) Amaya Leblanc
Voice-Cecilia Davis
Solemn intercessions- George Alexander & Mona Richard
- Holy Saturday, April 15 Vigil of Easter 8:30 pm
1 reader-Gary Mims, 2 reader- Freda Guillory
3 reader-Dorothy B. 4 reader- Lucy Jones
5 reader-Leo Jackson 6 reader- Horace B.
7reader- Youth Epistle Youth
- Easter Sunday, April 16, 9:00 am (schedule)
- Sun. of Divine Mercy, April 23, 9:00 am (schedule)

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, corn-bread 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

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.**

****SPECIAL Meeting****

Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Where: Education Building

Time: 6:00 pm

There will be a special Call meeting for Parish Council and Heads of **ALL** Ministries PLEASE be in attendance. finance, lectors, BFA, DRE, Extraordinary ministry of Communion, Music, Youth, KPC, Ladies Auxiliary Hospitality, Bereavement, Friends & Family, Stewardship, Patron St. Therese and counters

*** Penance Service***

Date: Tuesday, April 6, 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.

Congratulations on your Achievements

Jo'Nire Pete Amaya Leblanc

Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Where: Stark Museum

Time: 5 pm to 7 pm

Congratulation's on having your paintings shown at the Stark Museum we the members of St. Therese are so proud of your accomplishments, continue the great work, your success is our success. We pray that God continued to Bless you all.

ATTENTION

Date: Thursday April 6, 2017 Time: 6:00 pm

Where: Education building

There will be a meeting for ALL lectors that is in preparation for Psalm Sunday and Holy Week all are required to attend.