

# St. Therese Catholic Church

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Deacon Julian Richard (409) 221-2743

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



## 2nd Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy)

April 23, 2017

**“Thomas...said to him,  
‘May Lord and my God’”**

### 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

#### Adoration

Fridays: 6 p.m.

#### 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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Robert Gobert

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday  
April 23 Acts 2:42-47 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24  
1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31

Monday  
April 24 Acts 4:23-31 Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 Jn 3:1-8  
or Col 1:24-29 Ps 34:2-9 Jn 17:20-26

Tuesday  
April 25 1 Pt 5:5b-14 Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17  
Mk 16:15-20

Wednesday  
April 26 Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9  
Jn 3:16-21

Thursday  
April 27 Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2 & 9, 17-18, 19-20  
Jn 3:31-36

Friday  
April 28 Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Jn 6:1-15  
or 1 Cor 1:18-25 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Mk 1:14-20

Saturday  
April 29 Acts 6:1-7, Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Jn 6:16-

### 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  
Quinn Slocum 23  
Ryan Edwards 24  
Donovan Richard 25  
Diane Johnson 20

### Happy Anniversary

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

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. However,  
Fr. Donatus has reserved Friday's for the  
homebound

### MINISTERIES FOR THE WEEKEND HOSPITALITY

Saturday: Willie Olivier, Shirley Allison, Rose Davis &  
Walter Davis  
Sunday: Staci Powers, Rose Bottley, Fred Green &  
Coretta Ambers

### ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: A: Freda Guillory L: Felicia Richard &  
Josie Curtis  
Sunday: A: Wayne Sparrow L: Gloria Richard &  
Youth

### ALTAR SERVER:

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

### MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday: Gloria Richard & Russell Bottley  
Sunday: Dorothy Broussard & Shirley Ray

### \*Helping Hands\* Assisted Living

**Ridasha Hafford RN**  
Owner/founder

Office number:  
(409) 221-5280

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(409) 920-3640

1818 24th Street  
Orange, TX 77630

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday  
April 23 9:00 a.m.

Monday  
April 24 No Mass

Tuesday  
April 25 8:00 a.m. +

Wednesday  
April 26 8:00 a.m.+

Thursday  
April 27 8:00 a.m. +

Friday  
April 28 8:00 a.m.

Saturday  
April 29 4:00 p.m.+ Gavin Richard  
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).

### 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  
Joe Ware

### Bishop Faith Appeal

Goal : \$25,000.

It is the time of year again where we to begin the  
work on our BFA goal., and for those of us that has  
not yet pledged please do so and for those of us that  
has Thank You so much. For any information  
please contact Robert Gobert at (504) 232-5640 or  
Shirley Ray (409) 779-9922. We are look forward to  
the continued growth of our parish

### Attendance

Saturday 54 Sunday 150

### Weekend Collection

Youth fund ONLY \$ 1,040.00

Mail In \$ 20.00  
Loose \$ 248.78  
Holy Land \$ 69.17  
Saturday \$ 160.00  
Sunday \$ 2,048.65

Total Deposit \$3,586.60

Easter Collection is for the Education of Seminarians &  
Ministers <\$ 2,477.43> Holly Land <\$ 69.17>  
Security, phone & liturgy <\$ 196.73>  
Center Point <\$ 204.01>

# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

## Post-Easter Faith

It's hard not to be skeptical these days. We're bombarded with advertisers spending mega-bucks to tell us things that are not absolutely true. The newspaper is filled with stories of people deceiving others. Even some of our political and religious leaders are involved in dubious dealings. How are we to sort it all out? Sometimes, like Thomas, we have to see things for ourselves. We have to try the product to see if it really does what the advertiser claims. We have to talk with and check out references for people who will have an impact on our lives. We have security systems, answering machines and caller ID to protect ourselves from strangers. It's easy to criticize Thomas, but how open are we to the incredible?

**FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47    RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24**

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9    GOSPEL: John 20:19-31**

## Comment

After Easter, the apostles went out courageously and told the story of Jesus, his resurrection, and the Good News he brought. Many people believed the words, signs, and wonders of Jesus' followers. Together they broke bread, prayed, shared stories, and helped one another. Many sold their possessions and used the proceeds to help the less fortunate. The conversion described in Acts is joyful and dramatic.

As we look closely at Peter's letter and John's Gospel, we see less joy and drama. Peter warns new Christians that it is not always easy to be a follower, but the bottom line is that our souls will be saved. We haven't realized yet what that means exactly. Its full impact will not be realized until we join Christ in heaven.

John breaks into the story slowly. He begins by telling us that the apostles had gathered, frightened, in an upper room with locked doors. Jesus appears in the room and gently offers them peace. There's certainly excitement, relief, joy, tears of understanding as the miracle continues to unfold, but even this joy is quieted by Thomas' reluctance to believe what had transpired while he was gone. Still, the same conditions exist for the apostles and for us today as the early Christians found after Easter. We break bread, pray, share stories, and help one another.

## Reflection

All the characteristics of the new church still hold true for us today. In the spirit of the peace Jesus offered the disciples and continues to offer us, we share the victory of the Cross. In the breaking of the bread, prayer, sharing stories, and serving one another, Jesus sends us out, clothed with the Holy Spirit, to proclaim the Good News.

## Divine Mercy

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

**A** - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

**B** - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

**C** - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

The message and devotional practices proposed in the *Diary of Saint Faustina* and set forth in this web site and other publications of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception are completely in accordance with the teachings of Church and are firmly rooted in the Gospel message of our Merciful Savior. Properly understood and implemented, they will help us grow as genuine followers of Christ.

Spend time to learn more about the mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to you.

*Proclaim that mercy is the greatest attribute of God.*



## Protecting God's Children UPCOMING DATES

4/25/2017 6 pm Sacred Heart-St. Mary  
St. Katharine Drexel Building, Port Arthur  
**Sheryl Channel 409-985-5104**

5/9/2017 6 pm Catholic Pastoral Center Assembly Hall,  
Beaumont **Paul Thomas 409-924-4309**

5/24/2017 6 pm St. Jude Culotta Hall, Beaumont  
**Jeanne Fennell 409-866-9595 ext.2**

6/6/2017 6 pm Catholic Pastoral Center  
Assembly Hall, Beaumont **Paul Thomas 409-924-4309**

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

The Orange Schools Reunion is being held this summer in Orange and is inviting anyone who graduated from Wallace, North, Moton and West-Orange High Schools to join us.

We are offering scholarship money to anyone who is entering their second year of college. Scholarship applications can be picked up from the law office of Marcia B DeLarue.. Last year's Scholarship was One Thousand dollars (\$1,000.). DEADLINE is May 31st. We need your transcript proving your attendance in college last year.

Sincerely,  
The Orange Schools Reunion Scholarship Committee

## DAY OF REFLECTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS 17 June 2017, Holy Family Retreat Center, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

*A prayerful and meditative day of reflection for all Liturgical Ministers-Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Music Ministry, Hospitality-- sponsored by the Diocesan Office of Worship led by David Kauffman, gifted composer, singer, retreat master.*

The day of prayer and music will take place on the peaceful grounds of Holy Family Retreat Center.

The small fee of \$20.00 will help defray the cost of all materials and meals.

Please include a \$10.00 non-refundable deposit with your pre-registration form.

Pre-registrations due by May 15 to guarantee sufficient interest that assures this day will take place.

**Invite the liturgical ministers in your parish and encourage them to come.**

## 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.**

## Hey Youth Ministries

### Upcoming Events

April  
29 - Volleyball Tournament

June  
14-17 - 51st Annual Youth Convention  
May  
6 - CMD Youth Ministry Workshop  
Open to any adults (18+) working with youth! Scholarships available!  
8 - Convention Meeting + NCYC Meeting

Summer Camp

July

9-14 - Week 1 For those entering grades 4th to 6th  
16-21 - Week 2 For those entering grades 7th to 9th

## \*\*\*Congratulation's\*\*\*

Great job! Amiyah LeBlanc made Cheerleader for LCM for 2017-2018 on your accomplishments. We pray that God

## \*\*\*Attention Graduates\*\*\*

Anyone graduating high school or college please contact the parish office if your interested in participating in the graduation mass this upcoming May/June

## ST. Mary's Catholic School 83rd Annual Festival 2017

Saturday, April 29th    Sunday, April 30th  
10 am to 6 pm                      11 am to 5 pm

Menu: bar-b-que brisket, beans, potato salad, pickles, onions and a desert, \$8.00. Dinners will be ready for pick-up after church. There is also hamburgers, fried okra, funnel cakes, games and much more. Mass with Fr. Jim Sichko Saturday @ 7pm

1-quart of gumbo    \$ 10.00  
1-pound of crawfish    \$ 5.00