

St. Therese Catholic Church

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



The 5th Sunday of Easter May 14, 2017

**“In my Father’s house there
 are many dwelling places”**

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 May 14 Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 1 Pt 2:4-9 Jn 14:1-12
 Monday May 15 Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 Jn 14:21-26
 Tuesday May 16 Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 Jn 14:27-31a
 Wednesday May 17 Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 Jn 15:1-8
 Thursday May 18 Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 Jn 15:9-11
 Friday May 19 Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57:8-9, 10 & 12 Jn 15-12-17
 Saturday May 20 Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 Jn 15:18-21

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

May Birthday List Happy Birthday to::

Cecilia Davis 3
 William Davis 10
 John King 12
 Ronald Warnell 21
 Mary Alexander 22
 Dorothy Broussard 22
 Ashley Anderson 30
 Marva Hebert 31
 Herman Richard 31

Happy Anniversary

Fred & Peggy Green 8th



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

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEKEND HOSPITALITY

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

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: A: Gary Mims L: John King & Eva Platt
 Sunday: A: Phyllis Thibodeaux L: Josie Curtis & Youth

ALTAR SERVER:

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

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday Cecilia Davis & Freda Guillory
 Sunday: Freda Guillory & Dorothy Broussard

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
 Brushelle Scoot
 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 47 Sunday 54

Weekend Collection

Deductible Non-Deductible

Mail In \$ 55.00
 Loose \$ 66.00
 Brother of Sacred Heart \$ 445.07
 Saturday \$ 1,205.00
 Sunday \$ 863.00

Total Deposit \$ 2,634.07

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Building a Home

Have you ever noticed the progress of a house under construction? If it's on a route you go by regularly, you can learn much about the routine of new construction. There has to be leadership—usually a general contractor. It is this person's responsibility to coordinate all the work. Each person brings his/her own gifts to the job site. First the foundation is built. Block by block it rises, each block depending on the previous one—each one bound distantly to the first block. Once the foundation is done, frames for subsequent rooms are nailed and filled with wires, pipes, and insulation. Drywall covers the interior as the house heads toward decoration and ultimate completion. Today's readings show us a similar construction plan.

FIRST READING: Acts 6:1–7 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 33:1–2, 4–5, 18–19
SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:4–9 GOSPEL: John 14:1–12

Comment

The construction crew for the early Church was established in Acts. Some dispute arose about who would do what and who did more than someone else. The Hellenists accused the Hebrews of shortchanging their widows. The disciples stepped in to help the community determine who the leaders would be and what their responsibilities were to be.

In his letter, Peter further shows that the foundation is poured. Jesus Christ is the cornerstone of the Church. He is a precious stone to those who believe. For them, he will be the foundation. For those who reject the stone, however, he will be the rock that causes them to stumble.

The construction continues as John describes in the Gospel how Jesus goes before all of us to prepare our rooms. We can only imagine what the room will look like and how its construction takes place, but we know for sure that God has called us to come to that room if only we accept the Son, the cornerstone. We are the living stones of the Church. We bring new life day after day, generation after generation, century after century.

Reflection

When we run into obstacles in life—at work, with our families, in volunteer work—we look for a new and creative approach to solve the problem. This involves looking at the situation in a new way. It seems that musicians are among some of the most creative people we know—and they should be. After all, they only have twelve notes to work with, but look at all they do with them! They look at these same notes differently each time they create a new composition.

As living stones of the Church, we are invited to look at things in a new way. We are called to be open and creative in our view of the world, to be enthusiastic about our mission. Our mission is but one block in the construction of the whole Church, small and inconsequential when we view it individually; but an integral part of a significant structure. If we accept our place in this foundational structure, we are promised a room in the Father's house.

It is almost time for St. Therese inventory to the Diocese if you have anything that is not donated to the Church or its properties please take them home or they will be counted as part of the inventory. Thanks, in advance

May is the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we will take this opportunity to renew our own devotion to the Mother of God. Every Friday at 6 pm we will pray the Rosary and have Adoration. This coming Friday, May 19, we will begin at 5 pm.

Exciting News

St Therese now has Online-Giving and Online Bishop Faith Appeal

For your convenience you can make your pledges and pay your thighs online. Simply go to our website at stthereseorangetx.org click on the option you need, create you on profile and start giving today!

There is one more Formation Day for Lectors this fiscal year: Monday, June 5 (Part 1 of 2 parts) and Thursday, June 8 (Part 2 of the 2 parts). Catholic Pastoral Center, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Bmt, TX

June 17, Day of Reflection for Liturgical Ministers (Communion Ministers, Lectors, Hospitality, all ministers). HFRC, 9:00 – 3:00. \$20.00 fee. Presenter: David Kauffman.

Very important: that all registrations go through the Office of Worship, no later than one week prior to the event.

Is God calling YOU to Serve? An Exciting and Sacred Time for St. Therese!

As you already know, the process of discernment for Pastoral Council for our parish is now underway. This is the time for YOU to begin thinking about how God has gifted YOU and whether YOU are the person our parish needs to serve in this important leadership role. The process ends with the actual discernment on Saturday, June 3, 2017. Remember, Pastoral Council's purpose is to offer counsel to the pastor in order to bring together the needs, anxieties and hopes of parishioners and the larger community in order to set a direction for our parish

Two of the important gifts for a parishioner to bring to the Pastoral Council are

The gift of **exhortation** – the ability to encourage others in the faith journey of the parish/diocese.
The gift of **communication** – the able to clearly present the vision and direction of the parish.

How does a person know if he/she is gifted in this way?

The first step is prayer. Ask God for clarity and wisdom. Then reflect quietly on the following questions.

Has my professional or personal life called me to be a communicator?

Am I a teacher or have I worked in the communication industry? Does my work require public speaking, making presentations? Am I a parent? (Parents naturally learn to communicate with their children long before the little ones are even able to talk.) Do people seem to understand when I am conveying a message or an instruction? Do I like social gatherings, meeting new people? Do I enjoy the new social media (Facebook/Twitter)? Have I ever been part of a parish hospitality or newcomer committee? Do I have good written communication skills?

Do I encourage and inspire people?

Have I coached a team? Worked in public relations, marketing or sales? Been a youth minister, girl scout/boy scout leader? Do I end up in a leadership role on any committee on which I serve? Do I lead a prayer group? Have I been part of a parish bereavement committee? Am I able to see and value people's differences? Do I write lots of thank you notes or notes of encouragement to my friends? Am I the one who tells fellow parishioners they did a "great job" when we finish a parish project?

Not every parishioner who presents himself/herself for discernment on June 3 will have all of the gifts needed to serve in this important leadership role. However, with the Holy Spirit's guidance, Council will reflect these gifts as a unit working together. All that God is asking of YOU as this time is to consider your own gifts in light of what is needed. This is not the time to decide! That will come later. However, if you see that a fellow parishioner has been gifted as an exhorter or communicator, let that person know you see him/her in that light! Often times, we do not see our own gifts. And by the way, in doing so, you will also be practicing the gift of "exhortation" as well as communicating your thoughts. This is also a good time to carefully listen to what other people say to you about YOU. God may be pointing out your gifts through the positive words of others.

Prayer in Preparation for Discernment

God our Father, as we prepare for discernment hear us as We come before you as your children, wanting to grow in faith not only individually but also as a parish family. We ask that you tenderly guide us, revealing your will for our community. Help us create your kingdom here in Orange County.

God the Father, Grant us Creativity.

Baptism

To **All** parishioners, if you have anyone that is a potential candidate for baptism please pick up a copy of the application from the parish office, to be completed by the parents. Fr. Donatus will meet with Parents and potential Catholic God parents please call and schedule an appointment for your child's baptism. . Baptism will be held at ST. Therese June 25, 2017 at 9:00 AM.

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.**

Attention ALL Eucharistic Minister's

Fr. Donatus will have informative workshops for all eucharistic ministers on the following Saturdays, May 20 & 27, 2017 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. It is essential that everyone be in attendance.