

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sun. Feb 4** - Job 7:1-4, 4-7 Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 Mk 1:29-39

**Mon. Feb 5** - 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 Mk 6:53-56 or 1 Cor 1:26-31 Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 & 8ab, 16bc & 17 Lk 9:23-26

**Tues. Feb 6** - 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 Ps 84:3, 4, 5 & 10, 11 Mk 7:1-13 or Gal 2:19-20 Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 Mt 28:16-20

**Wed. Feb 7** - 1 Kgs 10:1-10 Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 Mk 7:14-23

**Thurs. Feb 8** - 1 Kgs 11:4-13 Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 & 40 Mk 7:24-30 or Tobit 12:6-13 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11 or 1 Cor 7:25-35 Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 Mt 25:1-13

**Fri. Feb 9** - 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19 Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 Mk 7:31-37

**Sat. Feb 10** - 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22 or Sg 8:6-7 Ps 148:1bc-2, 11-13a, 13c-14 Lk 10:38-42

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, Feb. 4, 2018 9:00 a.m. Mass**

**Monday Feb. , 2018 NO MASS**

Tuesday, Feb. , 6:00 p.m.  
Communion Service

Wednesday, Feb. , 6:00 p.m.  
NO Service

Thursday, Feb. , 6:00 p.m.  
Communion Service,

**Friday, Feb. 5:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.**  
**Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Service**

Saturday, Feb. 2018  
3:20 - 3:55 Reconciliation  
4:00 p.m. Mass

(N.B. You can request Mass to be offered for you/your love ones, or any deceased person. Speak with the Pastor or call the office to schedule your mass intention).

**February Birthday List**

Happy Birthday to:

Diane Hebert	1
Albert Thibodeaux	1
Ryland Blackwell	3
Santina 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

**MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEKEND**

HOSPITALITY

Saturday: Shirley Allison, Rose Davis, Walter Davis & Johnny Riggs  
Sunday: Fred Green, Rose Bottley, Emmanuel Taylor, Coretta Ambers

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: A: Freda Guillory  
L: Eva Platt & Josie Curtis  
Sunday: A: Horace Broussard  
L: Phyllis Thibodeaux & Wayne Sparrow

ALTAR SERVER:

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

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday Gail Jefferson & Russell Bottley  
Sunday: Robert Gobert & Shirley Ray

**\*\*\*Tax Letters\*\*\***

Contribution letters have been prepared for everyone. Because the content of these letters is personal, the ushers will only give per individual pick up or only your letter. If you need them to be mailed, please contact the parish office.

**COORNATORS OF MINISTRIES**

**Bishop Faith Appeal** - Robert Gobert

**Bereavement Committee** - Rose Bottley

**Donut Sunday's** - Freda Guillory\*  
Donuts and coffee in the Education Building 1st, 3rd & 4th Sunday of each month.

**Extraordinary Minister of Communion** - Shirley Ray

**Finance** - Andre' Robertson \* finance meetings are held every 2nd Wednesday of each month.

**Fund Rising** - Walter Davis

**Hospitality/Ushers** - Rose Davis

**Lectors** - Gary Mims

**Life Center** - Adam Jacobs

**Plumbing** - Joe Fontenot

**Mission & Retreat** - Cecilia Davis

**Music Director** - George Alexander \* choir rehearsal's are every Tuesday at 6:30 pm

**Pastoral Council** meetings held every 3rd Wednesday of each month.

**Socials** - Knights of Peter Clever & Ladies Auxiliary \* Parish Luncheon, the second Sunday of each month.

**Youth** - Felicia Richard

**Stewardship**-Wayne Sparrow

**1st Friday of each month Fr. Donatus has 11 am Mass at Orange Villa located on 3rd Street. There will be NO evening Mass that day, adoration only, everyone is invited to come.**

Attendance

Saturday: 31 Sunday: 58

Weekend Collection  
2nd \* the Church in Latin America

Mail In	\$ 87.00
Latin America	\$ 117.00
Loose	\$ 110.00
Saturday	\$ 1,175.00
Sunday	\$ 1,046.00

**Total Deposit \$ 2,535.00**

**Expenses:** admin sup <\$ 447.59>  
Direct tv <\$77.54> city of orange <\$188.43> entergy <\$ 1,388.40> spectrum <\$ 82.31>



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**Pastoral Team:**

**Rev. Donatus Mgbajuo, MSP**

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Deacon Julian Richard (409) 221-2743  
Deacon Hazen Kenney (512) 791-0847

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



**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**February 4, 2018**

**“Jesus helped her and the fever left her”**



**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 6:00 p.m.

**Adoration & Benediction**

1st Friday each month 5p.m.-6:30p.m.

**Marriage:**

Please call Rectory six (6) months prior to proposed date

**SECRETARY**

Cindy Hampton (409) 882-0935

**PARISH COUNCIL**

Richard Scott, Chairman	779-7587
Rose Davis, Vice Chairman	883-0762
Steven Allison, Secretary	313-0586
Cecilia Davis	920-1136
Rose Bottley	886-1525
Charlis D. Rogers	988-8719
Adam Jacobs	883-9688
Albert Hebert III	746-2627

**MAINTENANCE & GROUNDS**

Joe Ware 886-5331

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Sanja Popillion (409) 670-0808

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Andre Robertson	882-0012
Robert Gobert	(504) 232-5640
Sheila Arnold	313-2062
Janice Semien	883-7126
Tina Kindle	238-4447

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## The Need for Quiet

Sometimes days or weeks are so full that I find myself anxious to cross off each event as it is completed. Mostly these events are not moments to dread. They are enjoyable activities like a party, a play, a wedding, or graduation. As I race to check off each celebration, I look forward to a day I can relax. Suddenly, I become irritated with myself for not enjoying each event. Rather, the enjoyment comes in completing the activity so that I am one step closer to that day of relaxation.

*FIRST READING: Job 7:1-4, 6-7    RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6  
SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23    GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39*

## Comment

The first reading from the magnificent Book of Job is sobering indeed. Job, a good and upright man, has lost everything. We find him today sitting on the dung heap enduring the windy speeches of three so-called friends. They cannot make head or tail of Job's plight. They cannot crack the mystery of the good man's suffering. In this reading, Job gives his unpolished view of the human condition. Job has no view of life after death. Life is hard, and he knows it.

Though this reading carries the plaintive cry of the long-suffering and faithful Job, we know that after he endures endless lectures (thirty-six chapters worth!), God speaks to him and he is vindicated. The responsorial psalm that follows the reading of the Book of Job echoes this vindication while acknowledging acute pain: "Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted." Job speaks for all who suffer long and patiently, who struggle to understand their life and God's life. The brokenhearted can sing praise.

Paul, the minister of the good news of the Resurrection, voices an unshakable trust and hope. He is the servant of good news. His passion is as active as Job's is passive. Paul moves like fire and takes on its color and heat. He is poor with the poor; weak with the weak. He is all things to all people for the sake of the gospel that brings life and is literally good news.

We turn to that Gospel still carrying the tone and feel of these previous readings. We can imagine an assembly of the hopeful poor hearing Jesus' words in the synagogue at Capernaum on the Sabbath. We can see Jesus taking the short Sabbath walk to the home of Simon Peter, whose mother-in-law is in the grip of a fever so great that she is not able to render the simple hospitality permitted on the Jewish Sabbath. Crowds assemble at the door gawking and waiting—but not, probably, with the patience of Job! Jesus helps her up. Peter's mother-in-law is so fully returned to health that she is able to be hospitable! She welcomes and serves the one who restored her. And when the Sabbath sun sinks in the west, the crowds come and come and come. They want immediate physical healing. And Jesus does heal. He does forgive. He longs to lead those who gather around deeper and deeper into the mystery of the Kingdom of God that is now among them. Those who believe are raised to life, to physical health, to the renewal of the human spirit.

## Reflection

In the ideal world, commentaries and reflections for weekend readings would come immediately. A writer wouldn't have to spend much time researching, thinking, and praying. One would be done with the writing in good time and get on to the next project.

It's the same ideal world where all homilies last seven minutes exactly, where gourmet meals are on the table within thirty minutes, and every problem of the day is resolved in less than sixty seconds. Job's world wasn't like that and he was getting discouraged. The people who came knocking at Peter's door looking for Jesus wanted an instant cure for their ailments. Jesus was the one who knew that these things take time, yet he also sensed the urgent needs of these seekers, and responded in charity.

In order to refocus, recollect, and revitalize himself, Jesus went off in the midst of commotion to a quiet place to pray. Throughout the New Testament, we see Jesus take time away to revitalize himself in thought and energy through prayer and contemplation. We learn a great deal from the words of Jesus found in Scripture, but he also demonstrates life's healthy habits through his actions. Taking time to pray and place ourselves in God's presence is one of the many important actions we witness and follow through Jesus' good example.

### PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND

John Abram  
Mary Brown  
Mary Crossley  
David Jayce Carey  
Courtney Chavis  
Therese Ferguson  
Hollis Fain  
Joe B. Forward  
Theresa Garrett  
Ella Mae Garrett  
Anna Garrick  
Beatrice Guillory  
Mark Mitchell Jr.  
James Mims  
Westley Popillion  
John Richard, Sr.  
Alma G Thibodeaux  
Alma C Thibodeaux



### PRAY FOR THE SICK

James Arceneaux  
Mable Durio  
Alberta Fontenot  
Frances Freeman  
Debra Glaude  
Margaret Green  
Peggy Green  
Myrtle Guillory  
Marvin Hampton  
Rena Mae Jenkins  
Celestine Johnson  
Calvin Johnson  
Stacy Johnson  
Rose Lee Johnson  
Lakeisha Guidry-Jones  
Leothus Jones  
John Milton  
Ruby Milton  
Bettye Odom  
Clayona Pilette  
Doris Robertson  
Brushelle Scott  
Richard Sco  
Robert Simmons  
Joe Ware

### \*\*\*The Conversion Experience\*\*\*

February is Black History Month and each weekend we will have a speaker from our parish to speak at every mass. However, gladly we announce that St. Therese will be closing out the month with "Conversion Experience" In general, conversion to Christian Faith primarily involves repentance for sin and a decision to live a life that is holy and acceptable to God through faith, NOT just black history but OUR history. How exciting would it be to share personal conversion through communicating with fellowship among believers, and spread openly evangelistic outreach within our communities? The program will be held on February 26, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Life Center. The festivities will have speakers, music and a light meal. Please come out and help support this event.

### Mount Olive Baptist Church Senior Gospel Choir 27th Annual Red/White Tea and Hat Show

**THEME:** "A Loving Fellowship with lots of Fun and Food"  
**Scripture:** 1 John 4:8 He that love not know not God; for God is love.

Date: Sunday, February 11, 2018  
Time: 4:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m.  
Where: Mount Olive Baptist Church Life Center  
106 W. Park Ave - Orang, TX 77630

\*The church with the most attendance will receive a special gift  
\*Refreshments will be served  
\*Donations are accepted

Contact person: Sister Loretta Jones,  
Senior Choir President

Sister S. Geraldine Richard (409) 883-5894

Sister Mary Green (409) 883-7730

Reverend Ronnie A. E. Crockett, Sr., Pastor

To all our sick and homebound THANK YOU so much for your unwavering commitment and contributions to our parish. To better serve everyone Fr. Donatus is available to visit **ALL** parishioners at the appointed time. And has reserved every other Friday for the homebound. However, Fr. Donatus will resume home visits when he returns from vacation.

### 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.**

### \*\*\*Fish Dinners\*\*\*

With Lent approaching that also means it's time for our wonderful fish/seafood dinners!

Our parish Fundraising Committee will need your help with donations of any kind, some may buy dinners, purchase items, or help making delivers. Below you will find a list of our menu for those who want to purchase accordingly. Thanks in advance.

**Fried or Grilled Fish**  
**Seasoned Rice      Potato Salad**  
**Green Beans      Sliced Cake & Bread**

The cost of the dinners will be \$8.00 beginning Friday, February 16, 2018 until Friday, March 23, 2018. Thank you in advance for serving in whatever capacity you choose.

Wise\*Men



Still Seek  
Him