

**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE MONTH**

- 1st wk. * Choir & Ushers
- 2nd wk. * Knights of Peter Claver & Ladies of Auxiliary
- 3rd wk. * Extra-Ordinary Ministry of Communion & Lectors
- 4th wk. * Youth
- 5th wk. * ALL Parishioners

WEEKLY MASS

Sunday, Nov. 18, 2018 9:00 am Mass

Mon. Nov. 19, NO MASS

Tues. Nov. 20, 8:00 am

Mr. John Louis Riggs Sr.

Requested by Mrs. Claudine Riggs

Wed. Nov. 21, 8:00 am

Mr. Samuel Riggs

requested by Mrs. Claudine Riggs

Thurs. Nov. 22, 8:00 am

Mrs. Lee Ester Floyd

requested by Mrs. Claudine Riggs

Fri. Nov. 23, 8:00 am

Mr. Rodney Dove

requested by Mrs. Claudine Riggs

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 pm

Saturday, Nov. 24, 2018

Mr. Sidney Anthony Gus

requested by Mrs. Freda Guillory

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).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun. Nov. 18- Dn 12:1-3 Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 Heb 10:11-14, 18 Lk 21:36 Mk 13:24-32

Mon. Nov. 19 - Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Jn 8:12 Lk 18:35-43

Tues. Nov. 20 - Rv 3:1-6, 14-22 PS 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 1 Jn 4:10b Lk 19:1-10

Wed. Nov. 21 - Rv 4:1-11 Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 See Jn 15:16 Lk 19:11-28

Thurs. Nov. 22 - Sir 50:22-24 Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11 1 Cor 1:3-9 Ps 66:16 Lk 17:11-19

Fri. Nov. 23 - Rv 10:8-11 Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 Jn 10:27 Lk 19:45-48

Sat. Nov. 24 - Rv 11:4-12 pS 144:1, 2, 9-10 See 2 Tm 1:10 Lk 20:27-40

MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND HOSPITALITY

Sat: Shirley Allison, Rose Davis, Willie Oliver & Richard Scott

Sun: Fred Green, Peggy Green, Phyllis Thibodeaux, Veronica Bradford

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Sat: **1st Rdr.:** Leo Jackson
2nd Rdr.: Freda Guillory

Sun: **1st Rdr.:** Tina Kindle
2nd Rdr.: Horace Broussard

*1st reader = greeting & response
2nd reader = prayer of faithful & Announcements*

ALTAR SERVER:

Saturday: *Needed*

Sunday: *Needed*

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday Freda Guillory & Russell Bottley
Sunday: Mr. & Mrs. Adam Jacobs

***November Birthday List
Happy Birthday to:***

Rose Bottley	6
Archangel Cexar, Jr	10
Earnett Mitchell	11
Deacon Julian Richard	12
Mormon Richard	12
Antoine Warnell	14
Pat Roberts	15
Beverly Stewart	21
Gary Mims	22
Kevin Hebert	23
Edmayia Riggs	24
Ina Chavis	26
Phyllis Thibodeaux	28
Patricia Blair-Wilks	29

Happy Anniversary

Clifton & Felicia Richards 12th
Marvin & Cindy Hampton 24th

Weekly Expenses:

Admin Supplies <\$ 366.21 >
Spectrum <\$ 201.19 >
Innovative repair <\$ 338.00 >
Spectrum <\$ 134.37 >
Amin phone <\$ 91.30 >
2nd collections
Pro. of Faith <\$ 191.00 >
Catholic Charities <\$ 109.00 >

COORDINATORS OF MINISTRIES

Meeting for ALL COORDINATORS will be held every 4th Thursday of each month

Activities - Brushelle Scott

Bishop Faith Appeal - Shirley Ray

Bereavement Committee - Rose Bottley

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

Environmental - Ina Chavis

Extraordinary Minister of Communion - Dorothy Broussard

Finance - Janice Semien *
finance meetings are held every 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Fund Raiser - Walter Davis

Hospitality/Ushers - Rose Davis

Lectors - Peggy Green

Life Center - Adam Jacobs

Plumbing - Joe Fontenot

Mission & Retreat - Cecilia Davis

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

Pastoral Council - Richard Scott
meetings held every 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Religious Education - Sonja Popillion

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

Youth - Felicia Richard

Stewardship- Gary Mims

Attendance
Saturday: 29 Sunday: 60

Weekend Collection

Mail In	\$ 340.00
Mass Stipend	\$ 65.00
Loose	\$ 72.00
Saturday	\$1,365.00
Sunday	\$1,541.00

Total Deposit \$ 3,383.00

St. Therese Catholic Church

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



The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 18, 2018

“The sun will be darkened, and then they will see ‘the Son of Man.’”

Eucharistic Celebration

Weekends:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m. & Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

Weekdays:

Tuesday-Friday 8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:20 p.m. 3:55 p.m.

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday: 6 p.m.

Adoration & Benediction

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

Infant Baptism:

Please contact the pastor two (2) months in advance

Marriage:

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

SECRETARY

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PARISH COUNCIL

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

End Times

As the liturgical year draws to a close, this Sunday propels us even further forward to the end times—to the second coming of Christ. For most of us, thinking about the end times is not a favorite topic. Let's face it, the thought is scary. However, our faith isn't geared to scare, but to save. Today's readings call us to faith and draw on our faith to help us face the end times without trepidation.

FIRST READING: Daniel 12:1-3 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11
SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18 GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-32

Comment

The Book of Daniel was written about two hundred years before the birth of Jesus. Israel was suffering under the tyranny of despots who sought to break its heart and spirit. To lift Israel's spirit and mend its heart, the prophet Daniel arose. In the book attributed to him, we find a collection of victorious visionary writings, each of which addresses God's inevitable triumph over evil and Israel's own imperishable life in God.

In the context of today's liturgy, the reading from Daniel serves as an assurance of good things to come. It reminds us that no matter how heart-breaking, faith-shaking, or spirit-crushing the events of life may be, a time is coming when our faith in God as the Lord of life will be proved true. No matter that we may be the brunt of earthly oppressors; our oppression will end. To those of us who remain steadfast in the face of persecution, whose faith stands firm, whose hearts remain open, and whose hands do justice, the future is assured and bright. A time is coming when it will be our turn to shine forever.

If Daniel's words do not persuade us that rescue and redemption are ours, the reading from Hebrews should. The author points out that Christ's sacrifice for us was not only perfect and true, but once and for all. Ancient sacrifices—temple sacrifices—were not efficacious for the removal of sin. That is why the ancient priests were obliged to "stand" and repeat such sacrifices "day by day," to offer them "again and again." Christ, on the other hand, is depicted as "seated." His sacrificial "offering" is an affair complete. It needs no repeating, no re-doing. Its potency is positively persistent.

Mark addresses his Gospel to a group of Jewish converts who were overwhelmed and unnerved. The times in which they were living were frightening, and they were looking hard for Jesus to come again and rescue them. Mark has Jesus drawing on triumphant images that would have been very familiar to his audience of Jewish converts. We Christians see these images heralding the Second Coming.

Mark goes on, however, to let his audience know that the time of triumph has already begun with Jesus' resurrection. Thus, he does not want them to rely only on ancient signs and images, but on faith that God will keep promises and act on their behalf. To this end, Mark assures his listeners that the matter of their ultimate salvation is already settled. They are already in the end time, the end of the old dispensation and the beginning of a radically new time that has begun with the Resurrection. Although no one knows the "exact day or hour" of Christ's coming again, for sure Christ will come, all in God's good time.

Reflection

Should we think that we are not interested in visionary images and writings, especially about end times, we should think again. At least we should look to the media, which would tell us that we are very interested indeed. Popular movies and television programs often reveal our culture's fascination with apocalyptic images. They show us both signs of the coming end and dramatic rescues from that end.

As Christians, that rescue is already ours. Today's readings point to the end times, reminding us that God's reign is already begun. Our task is neither to avoid nor to fear freak events of nature, but to seek out broken hearts to heal, captives to free, Good News to share—all of which are the signs of God's reign and the coming of the Messiah. Our universe of signs is an interior one. Drawing upon them, we can realize and recognize that salvation and victory are already ours. All we need do is claim them.

Thank you to the *Associate Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament* for joining St. Therese and its members to worship at Sunday Mass. Please join us in the Life Center for refreshments after mass.

PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND

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



PRAY FOR THE SICK

James Arceneaux
George Davis
Mable Durio
Alberta Fontenot
Frances Freeman
Debra Glaude
Margaret Green
Peggy Green
Myrtle Guillory
Calvin Johnson
Stacy Johnson
Rose Lee Johnson
Lakeisha Guidry-Jones
Leothus Jones
John King
Ruby Milton
Bettye Odom
Clayona Pillette
Herman Richard
Claudine Riggs
Doris Robertson
Robert Simmons
Mark Thibodeaux
Mary Ware
Joe Ware

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. However, Fr. Donatus has reserved the Forth Friday of the month for the homebound.

Raffle Tickets

St. Mary Catholic School is raffling Dallas Cowboy VS Philadelphia Eagles Game, held on December 9 in Arlington TX. Donations are \$20. The winner will receive Two Reserved Upper Level Sideline Tickets and two nights at the Holiday Inn. Raffle tickets will be available at the vigil and Sunday masses on November 24 and 25. A representative from St. Mary's will be here to sell the tickets. Thanks in advance for your support

Meeting

There will be a Coordinators meeting Thursday, November 29, at 6:00 pm, all Coordinators are asked to be in attendance.

Bishop Faith Appeal Goal : \$17,310 Paid: \$15,815.

As we deepen our commitment to the Gospel message, we come to understand that stewardship is a way of life which empowers us to share what we have. Thank you for your contribution to BFA, a commitment of people helping people. Please let's continue our unwavering support. If you have any questions or concerns about your contributions please contact Shirley Ray or Fr. Donatus. In Philippians 4:13 we read: I can do all things through Christ whom strengthens me. Thank you for your commitment as we look forward to the continued growth of our parish

ATTENTION EVERYONE

Parish Office hours are from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon & 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Tuesday through Thursday. When contacting the parish office the lines may be busy, if so, please leave a detailed message and your call will be returned. Anything after 4:00 pm will be addressed the next business day. **If there is an emergency please contact Fr. Donatus, cell # (409) 454-3958. Thanks in advance**

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.**

Thank You

On April 1, of 2018 Fr. Donatus was informed that the late Leonard P. Connor has named St. Therese in his last Will and Testament. Upon receipt, in late October, St. Therese received a check in the amount of \$1,200. Hundred dollars from Mr. Connor's Estate. Thank you to the benefactors and benefactrices for making sure that this donation has reached us.

Adult Confirmation Classes

Anyone who is interested in adult Confirmation Classes please register with the parish office or pick up a form at the rear of the Church to be returned to the parish office.

Family & Friends

If you have not yet paid for your t-shirts, please do so otherwise, because the purchase was made in the name of St. Therese, St. Therese will be responsible for the payment. There are some extra Family and Friends T-shirt and St. Therese Rosary for sale. If anyone is interested in these purchases please contact Cecilia Davis, Freda Guillory or the parish office. Cost is \$10. Each.