

**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 INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018 9:00 am Mass**  
 Mon. Dec. 10, NO MASS  
 Tues. Dec. 11, 8:00 am  
*Thomas Davis requested by Cecilia Davis*  
 Wed. Dec. 12, 8:00 am  
*Ms. Mae Ella Crossley Pete requested by Cecilia Davis*  
 Thurs. Dec. 13, 8:00 am  
*Mr. Paul Thibodeaux requested by Paul Thibodeaux*  
 Fri. Dec. 14, 8:00 am  
*Mrs. Alma Thibodeaux requested by Paul Thibodeaux*  
 Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 pm  
 Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018  
*Mrs. Elvina Mims requested by Gary Mims*  
 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. Dec. 9** - Bar 5:1-9 Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6. Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:4, 6 Lk 3:1-6  
**Mon. Dec. 10** - Is 35:1-10 ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 Lk 5:17-26  
**Tues. Dec. 11** - Is 40:1-11 Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 Mt 18:12-14  
**Wed. Dec. 12** - Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Judith 13:18bcde, 19 Lk 1:26-38  
**Thurs. Dec. 13** - Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab See Is 45:8 Mt 11:11-15  
**Fri. Dec. 14** - Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Mt 11:16-19  
**Sat. Dec. 15** - Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 Lk 3:4, 6 Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**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: 32 Sunday: 66**

**Weekend Collection**

Mail In	\$ 200.00
Missals	\$ 80.00
Loose	\$ 118.00
Saturday	\$ 730.00
Sunday	\$ 799.00

**Total Deposit \$ 1,927.00**

**MINISTERS FOR THE  
WEEKEND HOSPITALITY**

Sat: Veronica Bradford, Rose Davis, Walter Davis & Richard Scott  
 Sun: Dorothy Jacobs, Peggy Green, Sonja Popillion & Kenneth Mason

**ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:**

Saturday: **1st Rdr.:** Freda Guillory  
**2nd Rdr.:** Richellee Roberts

Sunday: **1st Rdr.:** Jo'Nire Pete  
**2nd Rdr.:** Wayne Sparrow

**1st reader = greeting & responsorial**  
**2nd reader = prayer of faithful & announcements**

**ALTAR SERVER:**

Saturday: **Needed**  
 Sunday: **Needed**

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:**

Saturday Gail Jefferson & Russell Bottley  
 Sunday: Mr. & Mrs. John Simien

**December Birthday List**

Happy Birthday to:

Draven Platt	1
Eva Platt	3
Sonja Popillion	4
Betty Odum	5
Courtney Chavis	6
Debra Henderson	11
Lawrence DeLarue	12
Jordan Richard	13
Shirley Cezar	14
Ashton Spearman	17
Zederick Cezar	19
Mary Crossley	21
Lucy Jones	22
Rosie Scott	23
Mary Rigsby	27
Brushelle Scott	28
Russell Bottley	29

**Happy Anniversary**

Andre & Lanier Robertson	8th
Richard & Brushelle Scott	8th
Herman & Mona Richard	10th

**Expenses for the Week:**

**Liturgy <\$ 100.05>**

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



**Second Sunday of Advent**

**December 9, 2018**

**“John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance.”**

**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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Andre' Robertson	882-0012
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# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## Good News

All of us love good news. Today's liturgy of the word abounds in good news. The Lord comes to rescue and redeem, not one, not some, but all. Spread the good news!

*FIRST READING: Baruch 5:1-9    RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6*

*SECOND READING: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11    GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6*

## Comment

Baruch was the prophet Jeremiah's follower and secretary (scribe). He is generally granted authorship of portions of the Book of Jeremiah. However, most biblical scholars say that he did not write the Book of Baruch. Rather, this book is probably the work of another scribe and contains the teachings and viewpoints of both Baruch and Jeremiah. Its form was finalized in the third century B.C., some four centuries after the two prophets' time on earth. By that time, the Hebrew people had returned from exile, the slashed and burned land had rejuvenated itself, and Jerusalem had been restored, standing tall and proud once again. Thus, today's first reading speaks of the "justice from God," of God's care, and of the coming of God's even more universal salvation: "God will show all the earth your splendor" (Baruch 5:3). It's as if the prophet were declaring, "How sweet it is! God's in the heavens! All's right with the world!"

The reading from Philippians is also a sweet one. While Baruch speaks of the holy city, Paul speaks of the holy people. He is sure of their rootedness in Christ, so sure that he declares that they will ripen in him and bear sweet fruit, indeed. Paul is delighted. He rejoices—even though he writes from prison—in the faith of the followers. He assures them that their care for one another will prepare them well for the coming of the Lord.

The Gospel speaks of that great coming, that grand entrance. An old friend of mine—a Texan by birth and choice, as he likes to say—revels in quoting this passage from Luke as proof that Jesus was a Texan. My friend points out that Luke states, "A feller the name of Lysanias was the tetrarch—ya know, sorta like the county sheriff—of Abilene. And everybody who knows anything, knows Abilene's in Texas." Well, my old pal may be off by a few thousand miles, but he does draw attention to something interesting. By using specific references to religious and secular leaders of the age and by supplying some fairly precise geographical coordinates, the Gospel passage establishes the Messiah in time and place. Once established, the passage also directs our attention to a magnificent coming of a brand new age. "Listen up!" it declares. "Right here, right now, in this place, universal forgiveness and salvation are coming your way. Pay attention! Your life here and now and your life ever after depend on them."

## Reflection

Today's readings trumpet the themes of universal salvation through forgiveness of sins. Be assured, our faith turns on these. Indeed, Jesus spends his entire ministry trying to convince us of these truths and inviting us to make them our mission. Yet we resist. We find universal salvation too inclusive, forgiveness too hard and too simple. We prefer to believe that you get what you pay for, that not everyone is "worthy," and so we balk at these things, which come so duty-free and so widely offered.

Punishment, on the other hand, is easy to believe in. We see it all around us. It's logical, stands on the ethic of reprisal and retribution, and is our all-purpose solution to the pain of being hurt. But forgiveness and all-inclusive redemption? These are not logical at all. They are foreign words—a new language, the sound of salvation. Oh, we say we believe in them, yet our shame and our actions belie our words. People who truly believe in forgiveness and all-inclusive redemption believe that the love of God is fire that consumes sin and shame. They believe in a world where the crooked is made straight, the rough made smooth, the high made low, the low uplifted. Such people possess a love that "increase's ever more and more." Justice and mercy are their companions. These are people who eagerly await the coming and embrace of Emmanuel.

### Attention:

Every Thursday we clean the Church and we encourage those who will be available to please come. Everyone is encouraged to help keep our Church clean. please come and join in wiping clean the "Face of the Lord."

### \*\*\*Attention Students\*\*\*

There will be CCD classes on the following days in December, please make your schedules accordingly. Thanks in advance.

Saturday, December 15, 2018  
10:00 am

### ATTENTION:

We still have extra Family and Friends T-shirt and St. Therese Rosary for sale. To Purchase any please contact Cecilia Davis, Freda Guillory or the parish office. Cost is \$10. Each.

### 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.

### \*\*\*Attention Lectors\*\*\*

There will be a Lectors workshop Saturday, December 15, 2018 beginning at 9:00 am. ALL New Lectors are asked to be in attendance. If there are any long standing members of Lectors that is free to be in attendance, please do so because everyone's input is valuable. Coordinator for the workshop will be Gary Mims Thanks in Advance.

### ANNUAL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Service of Remembrance, a Community Outreach Program offered by Sparrow Funeral Home will be held here at St. Therese this Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

The annual program celebrates the lives of loved ones who have passed on over the last year.

Following the program, a meal will be shared in the Family Life Center.

### \*\*\*ATTENTION EVERYONE\*\*\*

Fr. Donatus is inviting adults become Altar Servers. If you want to learn more about what happens on the altar during the Mass, please contact him or call the office. All interested adults, men and women as well as the youths are welcomed.

### Christmas & New Years Mass Schedule

Dec. 24th - Christmas Eve, Choir 10:30 pm,  
Mass at 11:00 pm.

Dec. 25th - Christmas Day, Mass at 9 am.

Dec. 31st - New Year's Eve, Choir 10:30 pm  
Mass at 11:00 pm.

Jan. 1, 2019 - New Year's Day, Mass at 9 am.

### \*\*\*Attention Everyone\*\*\*



*Please join St. Therese every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. for devotional prayers through our Parton Saint Therese.*

### 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.**

### \*\*\*Communion Penance Service\*\*\*

Advent Communion Penance Service will be held Thursday, December 20, 2018 beginning at 6:00 pm. We are encouraged to come for our communal prayers and penance. Parishioners are encouraged to avail this opportunity to prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas.