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



READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Sunday April 30	Acts 2:14, 22-23 Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 1 Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35
Monday May 1	Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24, 26-67, 29-30 Jn 6:22-29 or Gn 1:26-2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24 Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14, 16 Mt 13:54-58
Tuesday May 2	Acts 7:51-8:1a Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 30-31 Jn 6:30-35 or 1 Jn 5:1-5 Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 30-31 Mt 10:22-25
Wednesday May 3	1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Jn 14:6-14
Thursday May 4	Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 Jn 6:44-51
Friday May 5	Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Jn 6:52-59
Saturday May 6	Acts 9:31-42 Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 Jn 6:60-69

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

MINISTERIES FOR THE WEEKEND	
<u>HOSPITALITY</u>	
Saturday:	Richard Scott, Shirley Allison, Rose Davis & Walter Davis
Sunday:	Phyllis Thibodeaux, Dorothy Jacobs, Fred Green & Elizabeth Mitchell
<u>ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:</u>	
Saturday:	A: John King L: Freda Guillory & Gary Mims
Sunday:	A: Dorothy Broussard L: Eva Platt & Youth
<u>ALTAR SERVER:</u>	
Saturday:	Reagan Pitre & William Pitre
Sunday:	D'Ana Williams
<u>MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:</u>	
Saturday	Cecilia Davis & Russell Bottley
Sunday:	Lucy Jones & Cecilia Davis



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

Helping Hands Assisted Living	
Ridasha Hafford RN	Owner/founder
Office number:	(409) 221-5280
Cell number:	(409) 920-3640
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MASS INTENTIONS	
Sunday April 30	9:00 a.m.
Monday May 1	No Mass
Tuesday May 2	8:00 a.m. +
Wednesday May 3	8:00 a.m.+
Thursday May 4	8:00 a.m. +
Friday May 5	8:00 a.m. +
Saturday May 6	4:00 p.m. +

(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	

Attendance	
Saturday	48
Sunday	57
Weekend Collection	
Deductible	Non-Deductible
Altar Society	\$ 1.75
Loose	\$ 56.00
Saturday	\$ 1,420.00
Sunday	\$ 1,365.00
Total Deposit	\$ 2,842.75
Elec. <\$ 860.79> water <\$ 402.94> phone <\$ 77.85> Liturgy <\$ 153.48> Admin <\$ 880.67>	
Expenses	<\$ 2,375.73>

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

The 3rd Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2017

"Their eyes were opened and They recognized him"



Eucharistic Celebration

Weekends: Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 9:00 a.m.	Weekdays: Tuesday-Friday 8:00 a.m. Thursday: Faith Program 5:30 p.m.
Reconciliation Saturdays: 3:20 p.m. 3:55 p.m.	Adoration Fridays: 6 p.m.
Infant Baptism: Please contact the pastor two (2) months in advance	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
Adam Jacobs, Vice Chairman	883-9688
Dayna Smith, Secretary	988-6705
P.R.O., Leo Jackson	886-9692
Horace Broussard	883-7937
Shirley Ray	779-9922
Martin Feathers	882-4186
Albert Hebert, Jr.	746-2627
Freda Guillory	882-1768
Lanny DeLarue	330-0791
John King	920-2448
DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	
Sanja Popillion	(409) 670-0808
FINANCE COUNCIL	
Andre Robertson	882-0012
Janice Semien	883-7126
Tina Kindle	238-4447
Robert Gobert	(504) 232-5640

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to visit with you for a few moments through this letter. During the last year many wonderful things have been happening at our parish. We are so blessed that you and I have been able to be part of formation of our Youth group, my Installation as the Pastor, Family & Friends, and the Gospel Extravaganza just to mention a few events. Through these opportunities and events, the Holy Spirit has been guiding us to grow closer as a parish family.

Christian life means following Jesus closely so that we may catch a glimpse of His attitudes and start imitating him. Christian life means a commitment to write the Gospel of Jesus into our lives, thus we become the His living Word. We introduce and re-introduce Jesus to others not through words usually but by our very lives mostly.

But we must remember our discipleship is lived not only personally but also communally. We do not journey alone but we journey as a church – a community of believers who empower one another to grow into what Jesus would have us be. On this journey the tasks that each of us are presented with are very different. However, our Creator has also blessed us with varied gifts so that we can accomplish what we are called to do.

One of the tasks that may be part of God's call for you is a leadership role in our parish family. But first, before we can discern God's work for us, we must know how God has gifted us. We must also face our shortcomings, those places where we are especially in need of God's grace and the help of our brothers and sisters. We must also understand the gifts as well as the needs of the community that we serve.

With that in mind, I am inviting you to be part of the discernment process for our new Pastoral Council. Together we will be learning how our God-given gifts can best be used to carry out the mission of Jesus here in Orange County. Then we will look at the type of gifts that are most needed for service on the Pastoral Council as we discern together our new lay leadership.

Spend the next five weeks with us in prayer and reflection as we talk about the specific gifts needed for this important venture. Then I hope to see you in the actual day-long process which is scheduled for Saturday, June 3, 2017. We will begin with Morning Prayer followed by a continental breakfast. On that day, we will be discerning 5 new positions for Pastoral Council. During the next few weeks, I will be providing you with more details on the actual discernment day.

Respond bravely knowing that the work is not solely yours or mine or your fellow parishioners. The task has been set by our loving Creator. We are mere instruments in God's loving hands. See your smiling faces at Discernment Day, June 3! Let us serve the Lord in joy!

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Donatus Mgbajuo

Discernment is the process of making careful distinctions in our thinking about truth. In other words, the ability to think with discernment is synonymous with an ability to think biblically.

First Thessalonians 5:21-22 teaches that it is the responsibility of every Christian to be discerning: "But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good; abstain from every form of evil." The apostle John issues a similar warning when he says, "Do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world" (1 John 4:1). According to the New Testament, discernment is not optional for the believer-it is required.

Thank You So Much!!!!

Peter Roberson	\$500.	Shirley Ray	\$500.
Adam Jacobs	\$100.	Leon Cross	\$100.
John Judge	\$100.	Andre Robertson	\$100.
Albert Hebert	\$100.	Cindy Hampton	\$100.
Marina Taylor	\$ 50.	Diane Hebert	\$ 50.
Cecile Davis	\$ 50.	Marisa Kirt	\$ 50.

To everyone for your generous monetary donation to St. Therese Parish. Your donations will purchase new communion cups and chalice set for communion. We are blessed to have generous people like yourselves in our parish, and your generosity is heartfelt and appreciated. There are still some items to be purchased if you would like to give, anything you do is to better serve this parish.

Mission Appeal

There will be a second collection next weekend for the African missions of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. The Brothers through their representative, Brother Paul Montero is asking for your prayers and financial support. The Brothers of the Sacred Heart are religious educators who staff schools and other establishments in over thirty countries. Your contributions will especially benefit young men who are preparing to enter religious life and needy students in the African countries of Kenya, Lesotho, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Please be generous.

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.

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 or June graduation mass.

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 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
Member: Franklin George Alexander

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

Attention Youth

There will be a meeting for all Youth and Youth Parents, Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at 5:30 pm in the education building. We ask that all be in attendance. For more information please contact Felicia Richard.