

St. Therese Catholic Church

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



The 4th Sunday of Easter May 7, 2017

“The sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice”

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

Adoration

Fridays: 6 p.m.

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 7 Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
1 Pt 2:20b-25 Jn 10:1-10

Monday
May 8 Acts 11:1-18 Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday
May 9 Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7
Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday
May 10 Acts 12:24-13:5a Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 & 8
Jn 15:16, 19

Thursday
May 11 Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 & 27
Jn 13:16-20

Friday
May 12 Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab
Jn 14:1-6

Saturday
May 13 Acts 13:44-52 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5
Jn 14:7-14

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
Boniface & Carolyn Gobert 17th



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: Richard Scott, Shirley Allison, Rose Davis, Willie Olivier

Sunday: Joseph Fontenot, Rose Bottley, Emmanuel Taylor, Coretta Ambers

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: A: Felicia Richard L: Josie Curtis & Leo Jackson

Sunday: A: Wayne Sparrow L: Lucy Jones & Horace Broussard

ALTAR SERVER:

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

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday Mr. & Mrs. Adam Jacobs
Sunday: Gloria Richard & Shirley Ray

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

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 40 Sunday 55

Weekend Collection

Deductible Non-Deductible

Mail In \$ 50.00
Home Missions \$ 138.00
Missallets \$ 10.00
Loose \$ 85.00
Saturday \$ 680.00
Sunday \$ 999.00

Total Deposit \$ 1,962.00

Office of Diocese Administration <\$ 2,350.43>
phone <\$ 173.89> liturgy <\$ 243.84>

Total Expenses <\$ 2,768.16>

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

A Change of Mind

If you've ever been around two or more children at a time, you know the chances are good that someone will do something to make one or the other angry. It might be an action, a word, an expression. Adults spend a lot of time trying to get youngsters to tell each other they're sorry. Sometimes they really are. Sometimes you can cut the charade with a butter knife. Children need direction on how to say they're sorry and truly repent. Sometimes adults need help, too. We offer children guidance by teaching them not only to say they're sorry, but take active steps in preventing the same hurt again. It's similar to following the voice of a shepherd ... someone who shows us the way to love and peace.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:20b-25 GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

Comment

Peter told the people gathered that they had crucified Jesus, the one that God had made both Lord and Christ. Although the accusation was certainly general, its impact was sincerely felt by Peter's audience. They were sorry and wanted to know what they needed to do. "Repent," was the word Peter used. They accepted Peter's invitation and came to the waters of baptism.

Notice that Peter's audience didn't come back with, "Who? Us? We didn't do anything wrong!" No, indeed. Of course, Jesus did not die directly at their hands, but they went right past the accusation. They were "cut to the heart," and wanted to know what to do to make things right. The amazing things missing from their response were guilt, denial, and blame. The people gathered were open to forgiveness. That's why they were so eager to be baptized.

In Peter's letter, he affirms that we should bear what we suffer for our good deeds patiently. After all, Jesus did no less. He didn't do anything wrong. He was without sin. He didn't ridicule or berate others. Even when his enemies accused him of preposterous things, aren't we amazed at the patience Jesus always exhibited in his response? Haven't you ever thought, "I wonder if I could have thought that quickly," when we read some of his responses to his enemies? Peter confirms that Jesus is our model. Even if we stray and falter in following his example, he is the Shepherd and will continue to call us back.

Reflection

In order to call us back, the Shepherd is always like an open door. We have encountered many types of doors in our lives. There are swinging doors, locked doors, revolving doors, trap doors, fun-house doors, open doors, and sliding doors, to name just a few. For the most part we go through doors every day without much thought. We go in and out of our homes, work places, schools, and stores almost like involuntary reflexes. But there are some doors that really get our attention as we're about to pass through them. Have you ever had to walk through a hospital door on the way to see someone seriously ill? Have you ever been called to the principal's or boss's office? Have you ever gone through the doors to a counselor or support group for yourself or someone you love? It's likely that you paused and took a deep breath before going through some of these doors, clearing your mind to gather the thoughts and form the words that you knew were necessary for the meeting.

Jesus creates the door of peace for us. We don't have those foreboding feelings of apprehension. It's not like the fun house—there's no distortion in what Jesus promises us. Jesus is not a revolving door—he always opens a straight path for us. We will find a safe pasture in the life the Shepherd has won for us.

Flower's for Mother's Day

A Mother is one of the greatest prayer warriors and teachers of compassion, love and fearlessness and there's probably lots of women in your life who support you. If love is sweet as a flower, why not purchase and send flowers to show your appreciation?

For individuals who would like to purchase any type flower plant or plants in memory of your Mothers, sisters, aunts or any women, please take the opportunity to purchase and drop off your flowers at the church or parish office by Friday evening or contact the office. EVERYONE is encourage to bring your flowers.

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.**

An Exciting and Sacred Time for St. Therese Parish!

And, YOU are part of the process!

The process of discernment for Pastoral Council for our parish is now underway and YOU are a vital part of the process. Our process begins now and ends with the actual discernment on Saturday, June 3. 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 St. Therese Parish and to assist our pastor in

Assessing the spiritual and temporal needs of the whole parish

To consult the pastor in the implementation of a pastoral plan

Foster unity and a sense of community while recognizing the beauty of the diversity of our parish

Promote programs recommended by Bishop, Diocesan Pastoral Office and the Council itself.

What gifts/talents/skills should a person bring to Council in order to be effective?

Be a person of prayer who is committed to the unity of the parish and the mission of Jesus

Be committed to the contemporary vision of the Church as the People of God

Be in full communion with the Church and a registered member of our parish

The gift of exhortation - able to encourage others in the faith journey of the parish/diocese

The gift of communication - able to clearly present the vision and direction of the parish.

The gift of integrity – able to be direct but kind, able to keep confidences, mature in one's approach to meeting challenges

The gift of being a good listener – able to be open to the concerns and ideas of others without judgment, able to understand the consultative role of Pastoral Council

The gift of time – able to devote the time to reach conclusions through consensus and able to keep his/her commitment to attend meetings

That sounds a little overwhelming! How do I know if I am right for the position?

That's what the discernment process is all about. During the coming weeks Father will be discussing the gifts and the role of Council members during weekend Mass and at other parish functions and meetings. You will also be provided with material about the various gifts and the consultative role Council plays in the working of the parish. You can also review diocesan guidelines on the diocesan website (dioceseofbmt.org/resources/resources/policies/parishpolicies.pdf). As we go through the process together, you will be able to decide if you want to present yourself for final discernment on May 6, 2017. Or, you may decide that a fellow parishioner is better suited for the role. You will play an important part in our process by suggesting to that person that you see that they are gifted in the very ways that are needed by our parish.

The most important part of the discernment process is prayer. Please pray with us at every Mass, all during this Lenten and then Easter season at every parish meeting and activity and also spend time in prayer alone asking God for clarity and wisdom.

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

Attention ALL Eucharistic Minister's

Fr. Donatus will have informative workshops for all eucharistic ministers on the following Saturdays, May 13, 20 & 27, 2017 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. It is essential that everyone be in attendance.

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.

ATTENTION EVERYONE

May is the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we take the month of May as an opportunity to renew our own devotion to the Mother of God through prayers. EVERY Friday in May will pray the Rosary with Adoration and Benediction all beginning a 6 pm. However, May 19, 2017 Adoration and prayer will begin at **5:00 PM.**