

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sun. Feb. 25** - Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10

**Mon. Feb. 26** - Dn 9:4b-10 Ps79:8, 9, 11 & 13 Lk 6:36-38

**Tues. Feb. 27** - Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23 Mt 23:1-12

**Wed. Feb. 28** - Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 Mt 20:17-28

**Thurs. Mar. 1** - Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6 Lk 16:19-31

**Fri. Mar. 2** - Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Sat. Mar. 3** - Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**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  
Richard Scott 20  
Ryasian Daughtery 22  
Ariel Anderson 27

**Happy Anniversary**

Albert & Phyllis Thibodeaux 6th

**\*\*\*St. Mary's Catholic School\*\*\***

St. Mary Catholic School is currently enrolling PreK3 through 8th grade for the 2018 – 2019 School Year. For more information, please contact S. Mary's  
St. Mary Catholic  
2600 Bob Hall Rd  
Orange, TX 77630 \*409 883-8913

**MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEKEND  
HOSPITALITY**

Saturday: Shirley Allison, Rose Davis, Walter Davis & Richard Scott  
Sunday: Phyllis Thibodeaux, Dorothy Jacobs, Elizabeth Mitchell, Veronica Bradford

**ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:**

Saturday: A: Leo Jackson  
L: Gary Mims & Josie Curtis  
Sunday: A: Dorothy Broussard  
L: Eva Platt & Amiyah LeBlanc  
Wayne Sparrow

**ALTAR SERVER:**

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

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:**

Saturday Gail Jefferson & Russell Bottley  
Sunday: Lucy Jones & Cecilia Davis

**COORDINATORS OF  
MINISTRIES**

**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.  
**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: 37 Sunday: 61**

**Weekend Collection 2nd collect for  
Black & Indian Mission**

Mail In \$ 149.00  
Black & Indian \$ 153.96  
Loose \$ 96.63  
Saturday \$ 436.50  
Sunday \$ 916.00

**Total Deposit \$ 1,752.09**

**Expenses:** center point <\$ 235.90>  
ADT security <\$ 48.70>  
administrative fees <\$ 400.>

**St. Therese Catholic Church**  
*Served by The Missionary Society of St. Paul from Nigeria since 2000*

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**Pastoral Team:**

**Rev. Donatus Mgbeajuo, 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.



**2nd Sunday of Lent**

**February 25, 2018**

**“Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus”**



**Eucharistic Celebration**

**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

**Weekends:**

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

**Reconciliation**

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

**Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Every Friday: 5 p.m.

**Infant Baptism:**

Please contact the pastor two (2) months in advance

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**During Lent “Only” Masses  
Monday thru Saturday at 7:00am**

Sunday, Feb. 25, 2018 9:00 am Mass

Monday Feb. 26, 2018 7:00 am MASS

Tuesday, Feb. 27, 7:00 am & 6:00 pm

Wednesday, Feb. 28, 7:00 & 6:00 pm

Thursday, Mar. 1, 7:00 am & 6:00 pm

Friday, Mar. 2, 7:00 am & 6:00 pm  
Stations of the Cross

Saturday, Mar. 3, 2018 7:00 am  
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).

**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

**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Sanja Popillion (409) 670-0808

**FINANCE COUNCIL**

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



**Gospel Reading "Mark 9:2-10"**  
**Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, James, and John.**

**Family Connection**

Every family has special moments that they remember and share again and again. In sharing these stories, the meaning and importance of these events develop and deepen over time. This is how it was with the disciples' remembrance of Jesus' Transfiguration. The full significance of what they had seen and experienced could only be understood after Jesus' death and Resurrection. As they told other believers about this event and recorded the story for us in the Bible, our understanding of what it means to call Jesus God's own Son has also deepened.

As you gather as a family, think about some special family memories that your family tells over and over again. Talk about why these memories are important to you. Recall that in the Bible we find many important memories about Jesus that have been recorded for us so that we can believe that Jesus is God's Son. Read today's Gospel, Mark 9:2-10. What do we learn about Jesus from this Gospel? (He fulfills the promises God made to Israel through the Law and the prophets. God glorified Jesus in his Resurrection. Jesus is God's Son.) Conclude in prayer together that as we continue to read the Bible, we will deepen our understanding of and our love for Jesus. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

**\*\*\*Important\*\*\***

As I think about this profound prayer, "The Lord's prayer" (MT 6:7 -15) I remembered a text I got years ago, I don't know anymore from whom it came from. This text makes us aware how dangerous the prayer: "Our Father" actually is. Here is the text:

- \*"Do not say 'Father' if every day you do not behave like a son or a daughter;
- \*Do not say 'Our' if you live isolated in your egoism;
- \*Do not say 'Who are in heaven' if you think only of earthly things;
- \*Do not say 'Holy be Your name' if you do not honor Him;
- \*Do not say 'Your Kingdom come' if you confuse Him with material success;
- \*Do not say 'Your will be done' if you do not accept it when it is painful;
- \*Do not say 'Give us this day our daily bread' if you are not worried about the people who are hungry, who are without culture & means to live;
- \*Do not say 'Forgive us our sins' if you bear your brother or sister a grudge;
- \*Do not say 'And lead us not into temptation' if you intend to keep on sinning;
- \*Do not say 'Deliver us from evil' if you do not take position against evil;
- \*Do not say 'Amen' if you do not take the words of the 'Our Father' seriously.

A dangerous prayer, don't you think so? The next time you recite it, take note of what you are actually saying. Otherwise, it becomes what Jesus calls in the Gospel passage, "a babbling of pagans (Mathew 6: 7) Has your prayer become a routine? Do you realize what you say when you repeat the prayer Jesus taught us? Our prayers are often a babbling of words without thinking what we say. May our prayers become more honest & loving conversation with God. Amen. Good day!

**PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND**

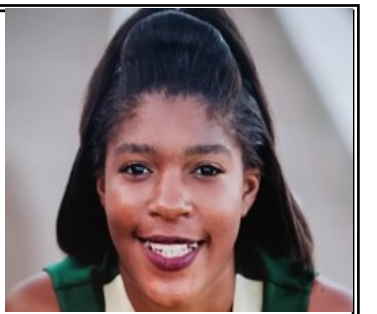
- John Abram
- Mary Brown
- Mary Crossley
- David Jayce Carey
- Courtney Chavis
- Therese Ferguson
- Hollis Fain
- Joe B. Forward
- Ella Mae Garrett
- Anna Garrick
- Beatrice Guillory
- Mark Mitchell Jr.
- James Mims
- Westley Popillion
- John Richard, Sr.
- Morman Richard
- Alma C Thibodeaux



**Mr. Adam Jacobs** - The husband of Mrs. Dorothy Jacobs, a father and grandfather. He is a member of St. Therese. He will be the speaker for

Saturday, February 24, 2018. Mr. Jacobs is a member of the pastoral council. He will share his own history with us. His story will be words of encouragement and influence. And we believe that his contribution is great.

**Ms. Amiyah LeBlanc** - A student of Little Cypress High School and a member of St. Therese. She is also a member of the gospel choir. Ms. LeBlanc will speak Sunday, February 25, 2018. She will give us some insight to the start of her history. We know Amiyah is a great contribution to St. Therese.



**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

- James Arceneaux
- Mable Durio
- Alberta Fontenot
- Frances Freeman
- Debra Glaude
- Margaret Green
- Peggy Green
- Myrtle Guillory
- 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 Scott
- Robert Simmons
- Mary Ware
- Joe Ware

*We are encouraged this Lenten season to drink **BEER***

**Bible** -read the word of God

**Empathy** -have compassion for one another

**Eucharist** -accept him into your life

**Reconciliation** -reconcile ourselves to God

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

February is Black History Month and each weekend we will have a speaker from our parish to speak at every mass. St. Therese will be closing out the month with "Conversion Experience" Pastors from other churches as well as Fr. Donatus will speak to their own conversion for this program. 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. This is a Parish activity, and we look forward to seeing everyone.

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 second and forth Friday of the month for the homebound.

**\*\*\*Important\*\***

The African American Commission & African American Ministry  
 12th annual Feast of St. Katharine Drexel  
 Hosted by Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Eucharistic Celebration 6:00 p.m.  
 Thursday, March 1, 2018  
 780 Porter Street, Beaumont, TX  
 Most Rev. Curtis Guillory, S.V.D., D.D. Celebrant and Homilist. Priests of the diocese are invited to concelebrate.  
 A reception will follow immediately after the Mass in the parish hall. All are invited.

If you attended or graduated from Blessed Sacrament, Sacred Heart or St. Therese Catholic Schools and would like to share any mementos such as pictures, albums etc. please contact Wanda Thompson at 409-543-6180. In addition, if you would like to wear your school colors and be seated as a group, please call Tommie Marshall at 409-924-4333 by Monday, February 26 for seating arrangements. choir members from these churches are also invited to join choir rehearsal at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church to provide music for the Eucharistic Celebration. Choir practice will be at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 25, 2018 at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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

**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 your contribution.