

**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, Dec. 02, 2018 9:00 am Mass
Jacobs and Monroe Families
requested by Mary J. J. Monroe

Mon. Dec. 03, NO MASS

Tues. Dec. 04, 8:00 am
Mrs. Mary Crossley
requested by Eva Platt

Wed. Dec. 05, 8:00 am
Mr. William Crossley
requested by Cecilia Davis

Thurs. Dec. 06, 8:00 am
Mr. Anthony Davis Sr.
requested by Cecilia Davis

Fri. Dec. 07, 8:00 am
Mrs. Shirley Davis
requested by Cecilia Davis
Exposition & Adoration of
the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 pm

Saturday, Dec. 08, 2018
E'Remious Daniel Gus
requested by 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. Dec. 2 - Jer 33:14-16 Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 1 Thes 3:12-4:2 Ps 85:8 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Mon. Dec. 3 - Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9 See Ps 80:4 Mt 8:5-11

Tues. Dec. 4 - Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Lk 10:21-24

Wed. Dec. 5 - Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Mt 15:29-37

Thurs. Dec. 6 - Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Is 55:6 Mt 7:21, 24-27

Fri. Dec. 7 - Is 29:17-24 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Mt 9:27-31

Sat. Dec. 8 - Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 See Lk 1:28

**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

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: 38 Sunday: 60

Weekend Collection

Mail In	\$ 20.00
F/F t-shirts	\$ 387.00
Loose	\$ 109.00
Bldg rental	\$ 250.00
Saturday	\$ 505.00
Sunday	\$ 891.00

Total Deposit \$ 2,162.00

**MINISTERS FOR THE
WEEKEND HOSPITALITY**

Sat: Shirley Allison, Rose Davis, Walter Davis & Richard Scott

Sun: Fred Green, Coretta Ambers, Emmanuel Taylor, Phyllis Thibodeaux

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: **1st Rdr.:** Mona Richard
2nd Rdr.: Hannah Allison

Sunday: **1st Rdr.:** Peggy Green
2nd Rdr.: Horace Broussard

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

ALTAR SERVER:

Saturday: **Needed**

Sunday: **Needed**

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday Richard Scott & Freda Guillory

Sunday: Gloria Richard & Lucia Jones

**December Birthday List
Happy Birthday to:**

Draven Platt	1
Eva Platt	3
Sonja Popillion	4
Betty Odom	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 this week:

Entergy <\$ 1,030.74>
City of Orange <\$ 232.47>
Liturgy <\$ 78.55>
Admin supplies <\$ 1,381.09>



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



**Frist Sunday of Advent
December 2, 2018**

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

Cindy Hampton (409) 882-0935

PARISH COUNCIL

Richard Scott, Chairman	779-7587
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MAINTENANCE & GROUNDS

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Future Hope

Today's readings assure us that we are people who hear the melody of the future. They call us to rejoice, even in the face of our failures, because we know that God will not fail us. They encourage us to plan for the future, because we are certain that God will not dash our hopes. They exhort us to work for the promise of a better tomorrow, because we are absolutely convinced that today God is fulfilling promises and acting on our behalf. The "Son of Man" is coming and has come. Our hope and hopeful way of living can make for a brighter future for all who seek him.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14
SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2 GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Comment

All three of today's readings are intimations of mortality—not just our personal mortality, but that of all things. All three readings call us to remember that time has a terminus. Now this is not something we tend to or like to think about. Still, it is something important to ponder. Each reading, in its own way, cautions us against dark days coming. Even so, each reading offers bright rays of hope.

Writing approximately six centuries before Christ, Jeremiah pens his message just prior to the destruction of Jerusalem. Jeremiah's readers must have felt that the end was near at hand. They were a broken and bewildered people. They needed consolation and hope. Jeremiah's words offer both.

The prophet turns the people's eyes—no matter the darkness they see around them—to a day of brightness. Even though their enemies are preparing to plow them under, the prophet declares that a shoot shall sprout and flourish. Even though the people stand all but defenseless before their foes, Jeremiah assures them that God will shield them, that Jerusalem will stand secure, that God's promises will be fulfilled, that God's justice, which is beyond understanding, will prevail.

In the second reading, Paul urges living in hope, hope enfolded in the hands-on love of neighbor. As Paul points to the coming of the Lord, he calls on God to ground us solidly in justice and blamelessness against that coming. Paul wants us to understand that, as followers of Christ, God calls us out of self-centeredness and into relationship with God and other people. Conducting ourselves "to please God," then, means being a people of hope, a people living in a just relationship with God and others, so that we will be ready, "blameless in holiness" at the "coming of our Lord Jesus."

If the first two readings haven't drawn our attention to this Sunday's eschatological thrust, the Gospel certainly does. Luke portrays Jesus prophesying the end times and his coming again. Signs and wonders will accompany them, causing apprehension and anxiety. Yet Jesus exhorts hope. His message is not to run and hide, but to hold up our heads in attention and anticipation of the coming of justice and salvation. Thus, although the Gospel begins with images of cosmic chaos, it ends by painting a picture of self-possession and confidence in God.

Reflection

Interestingly enough, today's readings, all pointing to the end times, have much to offer for us who are living in the present. Like the entire Advent season, they impart a joyous spirit. They buoy us up. They ask that we have an attentive joyfulness about ourselves, an attitude that is anchored in the knowledge and faith that Jesus has already won salvation for us, and that the Messiah is already among us.

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:

Next weekend there will be a second collection at both, Saturday and Sunday Masses for the Religious Retirement Fund.

Attention:

The Parish luncheon will be December 8th after the 4 pm Mass and December 9th after the 9 am Mass. Everyone is encouraged to be a part of our Parish Celebration.

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

Altar Servers needed

Fr. Donatus is preparing for Christmas Masses and Altar Servers are needed. If you want to learn more about what happens on the altar during the Mass, Fr. Donatus will begin training sessions starting Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2018 after the 6 pm devotion. All interested adults, men and women as well as the youths are welcomed. Please contact Fr. Donatus or call the parish office. Thanks in advance

Attention Students

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

Saturday, December 1, 2018 10:00 am
Saturday, December 8, 2018 10:00 am
Saturday, December 15, 2018 10:00 am

Bishop Faith Appeal Goal : \$17,310 Paid: \$16,530.

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**

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.

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.**

Adult Confirmation Classes

Anyone adult who have not been Confirmed and wants to be, should please register with the parish office or pick up a form at the rear of the Church to be returned to the parish office.

Attention Everyone



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