

**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. 16, 2018 9:00 am Mass**  
Extra-Ordinary Ministry of Communion & Lectors

Mon. Dec. 17, NO MASS

Tues. Dec. 18, 8:00 am  
Ms. Dylinda Mims Herbert  
requested by Gary Mims

Wed. Dec. 19, 8:00 am  
Mr. Gary Mims Jr.  
requested by Gary Mims

Thurs. Dec. 20, 8:00 am  
Adrian Mims requested by Gary Mims

Fri. Dec. 21, 8:00 am  
Mrs. May Brittingham  
requested by Gary Mims  
Exposition & Adoration of  
the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 pm

Saturday, Dec. 22,  
E'Remious Daniel Gus  
requested by Cindy Hampton  
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).

**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: 35 Sunday:**

**Weekend Collection**  
**2nd - Retirement Religious Fund**

Mail In	\$ 202.00
R/R fund	\$ 175.00
Sch. Subsidy	\$ 26.00
Loose	\$ 123.35
Saturday	\$ 1,685.00
Sunday	\$ 1,578.00

**Total Deposit \$ 3,789.35**

**MINISTERS FOR THE  
WEEKEND HOSPITALITY**

Sat: Fred Green, Willie Oliver  
Walter Davis & Richard Scott

Sun: Horace Broussard, Wayne Sparrow, Joseph Fontenot & Emmanuel Taylor

**ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:**

Saturday: **1st Rdr.:** Gary Mims  
**2nd Rdr.:** Earnett Mitchell

Sun: **1st Rdr.:** Dorothy Broussard  
**2nd Rdr.:** Cindy Hampton

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

**ALTAR SERVER:**

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

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:**

Saturday Freda Guillory & Russell Bottley

Sunday: Mr. & Mrs. Adam Jacobs

**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 the week:**

**Service contract <\$ 41.82 >**  
**Spectrum business <\$ 208.48 >**  
**Spectrum admin. <\$ 134.37 >**  
**Admin phone <\$ 93.36 >**  
**Innovative service <\$ 97.>**

**St. Therese Catholic Church**

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



**3rd Week of Advent**

**December 16, 2018**

**“John preached good news to the people”**

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

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sun. Dec. 16 - Zep 3:14-18a Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6. Phil 4:4-7 Is 61:1 Lk 3:10-18**

**Mon. Dec. 17 - Gn 49:2, 8-10 PS 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 Mt 1:1-17**

**Tues. Dec. 18 - Jer 23:5-8 pS 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Mt 1:18-25**

**Wed. Dec. 19 - Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 Lk 1:5-25**

**Thurs. Dec. 20 - Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 1:26-38**

**Fri. Dec. 21 - Sg 2:8-14 Zep 3:14-18a Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Lk 1:39-45**

**Sat. Dec. 22 - 1 Sm 1:24-28 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd Lk 1:46-56**



# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## Rejoicing in God with Us

Traditionally, the Third Sunday of Advent is known as *Gaudete* (“rejoice”) Sunday. The somber Advent vesture is exchanged for a deep and vibrant rose. This week’s Advent wreath candle is also rose or pink. The readings for this Sunday reflect this bright delight. In fact, the whole rhythm of Advent picks up today. As the more immediate preparations for Christmas begin, the more restrained mood of Advent’s early days is abandoned. The “O Antiphons” are sung and proclaimed beginning this week. You can feel Christmas in the air. This sensation is not just schmaltzy sentimentality. It’s more like a sixth sense we Christians have. And the liturgy is urging us to employ this sense to recognize that Emmanuel, God-with-us, really is with us now.

**FIRST READING: Zephaniah 3:14–18a    RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Isaiah 12:2–3, 4, 5–6**  
**SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4–7    GOSPEL: Luke 3:10–18**

## Comment

By this time of year, the airwaves are awash in Christmas carols. Department stores are all geared up for their final holiday sale blitzes. Schedules are crammed with Christmas shopping, pageants, preparations, and the occasional moment or two of panic. Children find it more and more difficult to wait. Something more than carols is in the air, and today’s liturgy more than mirrors this holiday intensity. All three of today’s readings speak to this “holidazzle.”

Zephaniah calls for celebration. The Messiah, the “King of Israel, the LORD,” is here among us. He comes to celebrate with us, to dance and sing, to share in our revelry. With the Savior’s presence, we have nothing to fear. Enemies are banished; judgment is lifted. All that is left to us is to rejoice in God’s presence.

Paul issues a double call for jubilation and praise. After all, the Lord is near at hand! What is there to be anxious about? What is there to fear? The Lord comes to blanket God’s people with peace.

In the Gospel, John the Baptizer’s listeners want to know what to do to be ready for the Lord’s coming. John gives them no elaborate agenda. The prophet’s response is simplicity itself: Keep on doing what you’re doing, but do so with great care and a sense of justice. John calls on his listeners who possess more than they need to give to those in greater need. He urges those who must tax not to be taxing, not to overburden, not to defraud. He reminds those who bear arms that they are not to strong-arm, to wield their weapons but sparingly, to forswear falsehoods, and to blunt their blows.

## Reflection

Today’s readings seem to indicate that our final Advent preparations need not be anything out of the ordinary. Thus, for us, celebration is part of the ordinary. Unbridled joy is the ever-present emotion for those who recognize that the Messiah is present. We need not involve ourselves in some highfalutin’ agenda to get ready for Emmanuel. Rather, our Advent task is to tend to what is at hand, to be in charge of our own souls, and also to be responsive to all who are near and dear.

And being responsive, by the way, is never something that is done in the abstract or in general. We can be responsive only in the concrete, in particular. Perhaps that’s why the Baptizer in today’s Gospel passage was so particular in his preparation advice. Clearly that’s why we have to be particular in our preparations for the coming of the Lord. We have to be at attention and pay attention to our personal needs, and in so doing, recognize and respond to the very particular and personal needs of others.

### 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

## Christmas Eve and Christmas Day & New Years Eve and New Years Day 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\*\*\*

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.

### \*\*\*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.

### Thank You ST. Therese

*The Jacobs and Monroe Families would like to extend many thanks to all of you for your kind words and prayers during our time of sorrow for our love one. May the Spirit of God be with you always.*

**Mr. & Mrs. Adam Jacobs**

### 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 Everyone\*\*\*



**Everyone is welcome to join us at 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.**

### \*\*\* BFA Meeting\*\*\*

**There will be a BFA meeting Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the Education building. All BRA members are asked to be in attendance.**

### \*\*\*Pastoral Council\*\*\*

**There will be a Pastoral Council meeting Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the Education building. All BRA members are asked to be in attendance.**

### Bishop Faith Appeal Goal : \$17,310. Paid: \$16,430.

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