

**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, Jan. 13, 2018 9:00 am Mass**

Mon. Jan. 14, NO MASS

Tues. Jan. 15, 8:00 am

Wed. Jan. 16, 8:00 am

Thurs. Jan. 17, 8:00 am

Fri. Jan. 18, 8:00 am  
Exposition & Adoration of  
the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 pm

Saturday, Jan. 19, 2018  
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 Fontenet**

**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: 68**

**Weekend Collection**

Mail In	\$ 240.00
New Year's	\$ 148.00
Rental	\$ 250.00
Missals	\$ 5.00
Loose	\$ 86.00
Saturday	\$ 690.00
Sunday	\$ 1,144.00

**Total Deposit \$ 2,563.00**

**MINISTERS FOR THE  
WEEKEND HOSPITALITY**

**Sat:** Shirley Allison, Rose Davis, Walter Davis

**Sun:** Wayne Sparrow, Peggy Green, Veronica Bradford, Elizabeth Mitchell

**ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:**

Saturday: **1st Rdr.:** Leo Jackson  
**2nd Rdr.:** Dayna Smith

Sunday: **1st Rdr.:** Freda Guillory  
**2nd Rdr.:** Cindy Hampton

**1st reader = responsorial & prayer of faithful**  
**2nd reader = greetings & announcements**

**ALTAR SERVER:**

Saturday: **Needed**

Sunday: **Needed**

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:**

Saturday Richard Scott &

Russell Bottley

Sunday: Mr. & Mrs. John Simien

**January Birthday List**

**Happy Birthday to:**

Jace Robertson	1
Chris Orebo	3
Christina Edwards	3
D'Ana Williams	5
Ryan Robertson	5
Freda Guillory	7
Marvin Hampton	8
Joe Ware Sr.	12
O'Ril Guillory	18
Horace Broussard III	18
Coretta Ambers	24
Reginald Antoine	24
Ariel Anderson	25
David Feathers	28

**Happy Anniversary**

Adam & Dorothy Jacobs	8th
John & Cecelia Judge	16th

**Expenses:**

**Administrative supplies**

**<\$ 1,094.18>**

**Spectrum <\$193.91>**

**Service contract <\$ 41.82>**

**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 Hazen Kenney (512) 791-0847

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



**The Baptism of the Lord  
January 13, 2019**

**“You are my beloved Son, with you I  
am well Pleased”**

**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
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**

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

# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

## Baptism: A Beginning

Baptism signaled the beginning of Jesus' ministry. It signals the beginning of ours as well. For us, baptism begins at the font, but it doesn't end there. Baptism is promise, not fulfillment. Baptism is for growth, growth into communion with all others who have been baptized. When we are immersed in the waters of baptism, we rise because of God's "favor;" we rise by a "given" energy not our own. We name that life force the Holy Spirit. What does baptism say to us? Baptism says, "You don't have to be your own leader, a self-made person. You don't have to rely only on yourself to be successful." In the community of the Church, all the baptized find security, service, success, and wondrous favor.

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11    RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30**  
**SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7    GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**

## Comment

The people who approached John for baptism were poised and ready. They were on the lookout for the coming of a new leader, king, and liberator. John quickly informed them that he was not the one they were looking for, that a mightier one than he would be coming soon with a baptism of Spirit and fire. The reference to fire here recalls ancient covenants and purifications in which objects were cleansed by being passed through fire. It also recalls God's presence, which was frequently accompanied by fire. John wanted his listeners to realize that baptism with fire means both a complete purification and also the presence of God (the Holy Spirit) in all those so purified.

The Gospel goes on to recount how the Holy Spirit comes upon Jesus, designating him the long-awaited Messiah. Perhaps all the people gathered at the Jordan didn't realize that Jesus was more than a human servant, but the Spirit's words were understood by those who preached after Pentecost and by the author of today's Gospel, who uses the word "Son" quite pointedly.

As the new calendar year begins, the story of the necessary baptism of Jesus signals his journey from life to death. This first revealing chapter of Jesus' life story and its meaning is set before us. This story will be told and understood through the bright light of the Resurrection. We are invited to take it all in and make it ours. What a marvelous favor!

## Reflection

This Sunday brings the Christmas season to a close. It brings the reality of God-with-us, "Emmanuel," as close as it can get. This Sunday, the liturgy exhorts us to recall our identification with Christ. Making the life of this redeeming, gentle Servant and Son our own life means living our baptism, our "Christening." Because we have been baptized into his death and resurrection, we, too, are servants and sons or daughters of God. This is our gift or "favor." We are the beloved ones, no matter what we do or how well or how badly we act as God's beloved. Together we pray to be faithful to our baptismal identification with God's Son, to follow his path of service, and to be as open to God as God is to us.

As baptized Christians, we have been favored with a share of the light and life of Jesus, God's "favored One." Being favored means many things: it means basking in grace; it means traveling a holy path; it means journeying to eternal life in light. It also means being busy about what baptized people do. Being favored means sharing the favor. And we can't do this in the abstract. We have to give of ourselves to others as Jesus did.

We must heal the sick, reach out to the poor, challenge evil, and even die for one another if that is called for—and it most surely is. This week, let's do someone a favor: send some flowers to a nursing home, donate some good used clothes to a free store or women's shelter, write a legislator about an important bill that's pending, refuse to put up with prejudice, give some special thanks for baptism, and remember how favored we are.

### 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

### How Do Catholics Interpret The Bible?

If the Bible is God's Word why is there so much confusion and disagreement among its readers? This 2-hour overview session will explore our Catholic understanding of these sacred texts.

Wednesday, January 23, 2019 6:00-8:00pm  
St. Therese Catholic Church  
1409 6th St.  
Orange, TX 77630

Sr. Misty Garriga from the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis at the Diocese of Beaumont will present our session.

This session is open for anyone to join. Please RSVP at the parish office by calling 409-883-3783.

Feel free to bring a Bible.

Finger foods will be available starting at 6pm.

Sponsored by the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis Diocese of Beaumont  
Funded by the Bishops Faith Appeal

### Attention Lectors

Workbooks for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word are available in the parish office, cost is \$14. Please pick up a copy while supplies last. If there is a need for more workbooks, please inform Peggy Green or Gary Mims.

### \*\*\*Prayers for Vacation\*\*\*

Fr. Donatus will be leaving for vacation the end of January and will return mid-March. Father has already made the necessary arrangements to ensure the operation of the parish in his absence. We are praying that the Lord guides & protects Fr. Donatus while he travels abroad, that he may reach his destination and return safely to St. Therese. We pray also for a well-rested and enjoyable vacation. God Bless!

### \*\*\*Attention Everyone\*\*\*

Please pick up your offertory envelopes at the rear of the church. If you find an error with your envelopes, please inform the ushers or call the parish office

### \*\*\*Attention Everyone\*\*\*

The Parish office will be close the morning of Wednesday, January 16, 2019 to attend a workshop at the Diocese of Beaumont and will re-open at 1:00

St. Therese will be hosting its First Mardi Gras Ball Saturday, February 16, 2019 in the Life Center. Time and admission are still pending. Details will be announced as soon as its available.

### \*\*\*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 have (pause for your petitions).

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.**

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

There will be a Pastoral Council meeting Wednesday, January 16 at 6:00 pm all members are asked to be in attendance.

### 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."