

**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, Feb. 17, 2019 9:00 am Mass

Mon. Feb. 18, NO MASS

Tues. Feb. 19, 8:00 am
**Deacon Hazen Kenney
Communion Service**

Wed. Feb. 20, 8:00 am
Communion Service

Thurs. Feb. 21, 8:00 am
Communion Service

Fri. Feb. 22, 8:00 am
Communion Service

Exposition & Adoration of
the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 pm

Saturday, Feb. 23,
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. Feb. 17 - Jer 17:5-8 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 Lk 6:23ab Lk 6:17, 20-26

Mon. Feb. 18 - Gn 4:1-15, 25 Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 Jn 14:6 Mk 8:11-13

Tues. Feb. 19 - Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 Jn 14:23 Mk 8:14-21

Wed. Feb. 20 - Gn 8:6-13, 20-22 pS 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 See Eph 1:17-18 Mk 8:22-26

Thurs. Feb. 21 - Gn 9:1-13 Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 See Jn 6:63c, 68c Mk 8:27-33

Fri. Feb. 22 - 1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 Mt 16:18 Mt 16:13-19

Sat. Feb. 23 - Heb 11:1-7 Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 See Mk 9:6 Mk 9:2-13

**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 - Horace Broussard

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: 54 Sunday: 57

Weekend Collection

Mail In	\$ 110.00
Stipend	\$ 5.00
Gift	\$ 50.00
Loose	\$ 191.00
Saturday	\$ 380.00
Sunday	\$ 2,365.00

Total Deposit \$ 3,101.00

**MINISTERS FOR THE
WEEKEND HOSPITALITY**

Sat: Shirley Allison & Richard Scott

Sun: Kenneth Mason, Fred Green,
Peggy Green & Sonja Popillion

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: **1st Rdr.:** Eva Platt

2nd Rdr.: Dayna Smith

Sunday: **1st Rdr.:** Tina Kindle

2nd Rdr.: Cindy Hampton

1st reader = responsorial & prayer of faithful

2nd reader = greetings & announcements

ALTAR SERVER:

Saturday: **Needed**

Sunday: **Needed**

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday Freda Guillory &
Russell Bottley

Sunday: Mr. & Mrs. Adam Jacobs

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

Expenses for the week:

Equipment service <\$ 1,054.90>
Equipment Tech <\$ 418.95>
Service contract <\$ 106.87>
Phone <\$ 39.97>

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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Contact information: cell (409) 454-3958
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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.



The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 17, 2019

“Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.”

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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Rich and Poor

When we listen to debates about welfare or are asked to contribute to the cause of the poor, we often hear, "Just how much do the poor need?" as if their need were a bottomless well. Seldom do we hear, "How much do the rich need?" We seem to more accepting that their needs are and should be endless. We are reminded of the saying, "You can never be too rich or too thin." To which Jesus might have replied, "Oh, really?"

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17:5-8 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6
SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20 GOSPEL: Luke 6:17, 20-26

Comment

Jesus comes down from the mountain heights to a wide, open place. Here crowds are assembled, eager to hear him, to see him, to touch him. Those who are desperate long for healing. They know they are needy, but they barely perceive the depth of their need. They know that their need impinges, causes physical pain and psychological stress. They are too thin; there is no cushion between their current situation and abject poverty. Their pockets are empty of coins, their stomachs of food; their hearts full of a sadness uniquely their own. They perceive themselves alone and excluded from the circles of wealth and influence.

They wait. Finally, Jesus looks up and utters a startling benediction: "Blessed are *you* . . ."

Not once, but four times, he says this. They are shocked to learn that they are so blessed, they who feel so woeful.

Apparently, there is a poverty, hunger, sorrow, and exclusion that lies much, much deeper than the deprivations his listeners experience. A deeper fulfillment and satiation and inclusion are possible for such as listened to Jesus that day. Their experience of need is exactly the right kind, for it admits of fullness; it draws down God's blessing.

In contrast, Jesus sets forth four woes or curses. The most to be pitied, least to be emulated, are those who are already filled with themselves and their endless grasping, plundering desires. They are the losers. They are engaged in a futile pursuit.

Reflection

The reading from Jeremiah gives us a firm image of the blessed one—a healthy tree with roots deep in nourishing water. The tree flourishes, even in the unrelenting dry desert winds. So, says Jeremiah, is the person deeply rooted in God. These deep roots are available to both the materially poor and the materially wealthy. The woeful one, on the other hand, is not so rooted, and is as lifeless as a barren bush in the same desert where the other flourishes.

Jesus is not extolling a disenfranchised way of life, nor is he condemning the financially well off. But he is saying that there are worse losses than the loss of coin, bread, good cheer, and good company. There is, for example, the loss of God or any interest in God. Now *that's* poverty, starvation, sadness, and isolation of the worst possible kind. Nothing will fill up that absence of God. We recall Augustine's lovely reminder that our hearts are made for God and they will be restless until they rest in God.

The simple folks on the plain may not have known this when they first looked to Jesus, but they knew it after he had spoken. And it was up to them to take it in and act. In the end, the size of the pocketbook would not be the deciding factor. In the end, the question would be asked, not how full their pocketbook was or how fat their checking account, but how large and welcoming the heart, how anchored in God their lives. They would be asked as we are asked: In whom does your faith, hope, and love rest?

Paul would say to the Corinthians that the source and summit of their striving must be anchored in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Paul would say that to us, too, offering a beatitude of another kind, which might be construed like this: Blessed are you whose faith is centered in the death and resurrection of Christ, in whose company you find yourselves now and will find yourselves forever.

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

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.

Fish Dinners

Annual LENTEN FISH FRY Fundraiser
ST. THERESE LIFE CENTER
10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Fried or Grilled Fish
Red Rice Potato Salad
Green Beans Sliced Cake & Bread

The cost of the dinners will be \$9.00 beginning Friday, March 8, 2019 thru Friday, April 12, 2019. Thank you in advance for your contribution.
@ 409-883-3783

The Feast of St. Katharine Drexel

The African American Commission and the Office of African American Ministry will sponsor the 13th annual diocesan celebration of the Feast of St. Katharine Drexel. The Eucharistic Celebration will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, March 1, 2019 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 920 Booker Washington Avenue, Port Arthur, TX 77640. Most Rev. Curtis Guillory, S.V.D., D.D. will be the Main Celebrant. Fr. Henry Sands will be the Homilist. Priests of the diocese are invited to concelebrate. A reception will follow immediately after the Mass in the parish hall. All are invited.

Anyone who 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 LaWanna Sinegal at 409-924-4333 by Monday, February 25 so that seating will be reserved for your group

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 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.*

Fundraiser

STEP RIDEAU and the Zydeco Outlaws
Sacred Heart Parish Mardi Gras Dance
Saturday February 23, 2019
9:00 PM - 1:00 AM
Pre-sale tickets \$12. at the door \$15.

For tickets call the Church Office
(409) 985-5104

Also Perfect Look Beauty Salon
(409) 982-4131