



Sixth Sunday of Easter May 25, 2014

TODAY'S READINGS:

First Reading – Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Psalm – Psalm 66

Second Reading – 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel – John 14:15-21



Ann Greco, Dawson Penson, Kathryn Trospen (*Jo Strength's cousin*), Teresa Bradshaw, Betsy Carraway, Michael Durst, Cathy Eaves, Sam Greco, Jr., Ben/Rita Hayes, Abron Haymond, Billy Holden, Marjorie Jaap, Matthew Loggie, Victor/Helen McDearman, Lura Matthews, Joan Moran, Ted Opiela, Sam Pendleton, Teresa Rieder, Fr. Richard Somers, Sue Trebotich **5/28**; Clarence Hal Thornburg, Drew Oakman, Donna Kiani, Buddy Wilson, Loresta/Theresa Cannon, Robert Gorrell, Will/Grace Jeadron, Reba Jennings, Lorraine Lorio, Harry/Betty Louque, Aileene Maldonado, Rodney Oubre, Ursin Oubre, Jr., Katherine Parker, Margaret Parker, Doris Rush, Mary Ann Waltman, Amanda Warren **5/18**; Matthew Develle **5/11**; Joan Latham, Patsy Prisock **5/4**; Paul/Cathy Gospodarski, Vaught Moody, John Thomas, Jerry Trudeau, Crystal Andries, Bishop Joseph R. Kopacz, Retired Bishop Joseph Latino, Retired Bishop William Houck **4/27** Linda Fitzgerald, Frederick Jude, Ernestine Lindsey, Sonny/Veronica Womack **4/20**; **Persons wanting to be added to the Prayer List need to contact the parish office – Names will stay on the Prayer List for one month.**



THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Prayers for Safety for all service men and women at home and abroad, who give of their lives daily in order that we may enjoy our freedom: Preston Blocker, David Brooks, William Aaron Burks, Michael P Collins, Nathan Darnell, Michael Jessie, Kimberly Johnson, Derek Lieding, Michael Machost, Jr., Steven P. Meadows, Blake Nations, Nick Pendleton, Brooks Stevens, James (Alec) Ponder and Nathan Waltman. **You may place a picture of the individual on the military bulletin board located in the parish hall.**

Sacrificial Giving: Last Week

Regular Tithe	\$4775.00
"Take a Step" Capital Campaign	\$781.50
Food Pantry	\$10.00
Catholic Communication Campaign	\$272.00
Youth Collection	\$28.58

Thank you for your generosity!

Upcoming Second Collection

June 29 – Peter's Pence

Month of May

PRAY THE ROSARY for St. Therese:
*1st Communion Children,
Confirmation Candidates, Graduates
and
Peace in the World!*



May Month of: "Our Lady"



WEEKLY SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, May 24 – Vigil 6th Sunday of Easter

3:00pm Confession
3:30pm Rosary
4:00pm **Mass** – Pete Trebotich

Sunday, May 25 – 6th Sunday of Easter

7:30am Rosary
8:00am **Mass** – People of the Parish
9:15am PSR – parish office
10:30am Rosary
11:00am **Mass** – Billy Hutchins

Monday, May 26 - No Mass - St. Philip Neri Memorial Day – Church Office Closed!



Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 27 – St. Augustine of Canterbury

5:30pm **Mass** – Extension Society Intention
6:10pm Rosary
6:30pm Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, May 28

8:30am **Mass** – St. Therese Special Intention
9:00am-7pm Adoration

Thursday, May 29 - Julian Calendar Ascension

5:30pm **Mass** – Souls in Purgatory

Friday, May 30

12Noon **Mass** – Special Intention

Saturday, May 31 – Vigil the Ascension of the Lord Ordination of Binh Nguyen, Jose Sanchez and Rusty Vincent

10:30am at The Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle
3:00pm Confession
3:30pm Rosary
4:00pm **Mass** – Stanley and Mary Shavel

Sunday, June 1 – The Ascension of the Lord

7:30am Rosary
8:00am **Mass** – Katelyn Whiteted
9:15am PSR – parish office
10:30am Rosary
11:00am **Mass** – People of the Parish

LIGHT OF BELIEF

Every believer in this world
must become a spark of light.
– Saint Pope John XXIII

Question of the Week:

Remembering my confirmation anointing and St. Peter's challenge to be able to explain my Christian hope, can I resolve to select a faith-enriching resource and set aside a specific time to study it?

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SAINT THERESE

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May 22, 2014

Dear St. Therese Parishioners,

During this past year, I have met with our Principal many times regarding declining enrollment in our parish school. Unfortunately, the economic recession hit many of our school families hard. The school started the 2013 fall term with fewer students than we'd prefer, and several families had to withdraw during the year due to loss of jobs. A few families had to move due to transfers to other divisions of their jobs or new jobs out of state. While planning for the next school year, we found that we would not have enough students in our classrooms to justify teacher salaries. A projected shortfall next school year of over \$120,000 was the worst case scenario. In my judgment this was too large to ask the parish to guarantee on the chance that enough paying families would enroll by August. So, after much discussion with Diocesan leaders, I was forced to make the decision to close the school.

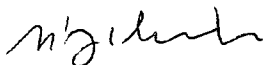
Then I had to let the pastoral council and finance council in on the struggle. I know it must have been a shock to see the news in the *Mississippi Catholic* Newspaper before hearing about it first at church or at least in the bulletin. I sincerely regret not bringing this sad news to you first. I hope that you can forgive me for that. I understand that the school has been the largest ministry our parish has had - and it served us and the community well for over 50 years. Many St. Therese parishioners have devoted countless hours of time as volunteers and paid staff in support of the school and I thank you sincerely for that service. As a parish we have maintained the school facility well, including in recent years replacing the roofing, air conditioning/heating units, and other maintenance. The building is in good shape for its age and we are talking with the Diocese about new uses.

I want to stress to you that St. Therese remains a vital ministry of the Diocese and is not going to close. The Diocese has called a meeting in June for St. Therese, St. Mary, and Christ the King, pastoral and finance councils, to begin planning for how to meet the spiritual needs of South and West Jackson after St. Mary Church is closed this fall. I know many people have mentioned that parishes that close their schools often close soon after as well. Those parishes closed because the parishioners allowed it to happen. That will not be the case with St. Therese. Our pastoral council and finance council have great plans for our parish. And as someone mentioned, we have the relics of St. Therese and her parents in our church. Our dear little St. Therese will give us the faith, creativity, and stamina we need to survive and thrive.

Please stay with us here at St. Therese. We need and value each and every one of our parishioners. We need to pray together that our parish continues to grow in numbers and in love of Our Lord, Jesus, our spiritual guide, the Holy Spirit, and our loving Father, God. We can get through this and any challenge by relying on our faith that we are where God wants us to be.

I extend my priestly blessing on each of you.

All in His Name,



Fr. Norbert N'Zilamba, O.Praem., Pastor

PRAY FOR OUR FUTURE PRIESTS

Pray for Deacon Binh Nguyen and Deacon Jose de Jesús Sanchez who were assigned as Seminarians to St. Therese for a while – they will be ordained to the priesthood this coming **Saturday, May 31, 2014 at 10:30am - Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle**, as will Deacon Rusty Vincent.

May God graciously bless these young men on their spiritual journey as they become Shepherds of the Lord!



Father Prendergast's brother-in-law, †John A. Joyce, Whitehall House, Graignamanagh, Co. Kilkenny, Ireland, died peacefully on Tuesday, May 20th, following a short illness. The Funeral Mass was held Friday at 2pm with burial afterwards in Calvary Cemetery, Graignamanagh.

Please keep Father Prendergast and the family in prayer. *May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace! Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.*

PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS



Each week at St. Therese (at all three Masses), we have a chalice and/or vocation framed picture that goes from home to home. Each home keeps the item for one week and returns it the next weekend. There are also suggested prayers that accompany the chalice and/or picture.

If you would like to sign up to have the chalice/picture in your home, and pray for vocations during the coming weeks, please sign the Vocation Board found in the gathering space.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays - 9:00am-7:00pm

(Praying for Families)

1st Saturdays - 12Noon-3:00pm

(Praying for Vocations)

Please sign-up in advance

so we know what hours will be cover



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Thank you!

THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT



Do you recognize the sacrament that is celebrated in today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles? When Peter and John imposed hands on those who had been baptized, they received the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of confirmation. The reading from the First Letter of Peter and the passage from John's Gospel both consider the results of our baptism and confirmation. Peter reminds us it is likely that we will have to suffer for what we believe. In today's Gospel Jesus speaks clearly about the Holy Spirit, referring to a "Paraclete," one who will stand with us to defend us. Poignantly, Jesus promises his disciples, and all of us, "I will not leave you orphaned." He has never left his followers orphaned. We have always had the Holy Spirit to guide us.

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PATRIOTISM

Patriotism is supporting your country all the time, and your government when it deserves it. --Mark Twain



Congratulations 2014 Graduates!

► Dioanna "JoJo" Gales - graduated May 15 from Hinds Community College as an RN.

► Jade Gales - graduated from Hinds Community College, May 15 as a CRT, Certified Respiratory Therapist and has passed his first boards.

► Alyssa Alkuino - graduated May 20, Terry High Special Honors, with MS & UMC scholarships, awards in Journalism and the only female among the 4 Hall-of-Famers of the entire Class of 2014. Alyssa will further her education at Ole Miss in the fall.

Congratulations to all of you and may our gracious Lord bless your lives and careers.

Sunday, June 8

Pentecost Sunday

St. Therese will offer only one Sunday Mass at 10am

with potluck dinner afterwards in the gym.

The Pentecost Celebration theme:

"Many Cultures – One Faith"

please bring food of your culture to share with one another.

See today's bulletin insert for details!