

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29 – 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or
Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6;
Mt 2:1-12

Question of the Week

Do I display the attributes described in today's readings when relating to my own family? As we are all brothers and sisters in Christ, do I show these qualities in my relations with friends, coworkers, strangers?

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Month of December Prayer Intentions of our Holy Father, Pope Francis

The Elderly

That the elderly sustained by families and Christian communities may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

St. Therese Parishioners Rosary Intention:

*All Parish Family Members and Loved Ones
and Peace in the World!*



Remember loved ones during this Christmas Season with an honorary or memorial of Poinsettias. **Envelopes are located in the gathering space.** Please include your name and the loved one you would like to honor or remember on the envelope. *Thank you.*

LECTORS AND COMMENTATORS:

► Each month the sign-up sheet is placed in the work sacristy. Please review your calendar, then please sign-up for the weekends that you can commit.

► The *2018 Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word* has been placed in the work sacristy - donation \$15. If you are a new Lector and do not see your name, contact Teresa in the parish office for a Workbook.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

St. Therese Community extends a warm welcome to all new members. Please complete a purple registration form located on the table as you enter church (on the right). It is important for us to know you and know how many registered parishioners we have. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 601-372-4481 or email: sttherese@jacksondiocese.org and again,

Welcome to St. Therese Parish!

Blessing of Jordan water, chalk, and incense:

The traditional method for blessing homes on the Epiphany of the Lord uses incense, chalk (an incarnational image because it reminds us of the dust of the earth from which we were made), and "Jordan water." The chalk is used to mark

20 + C + M + B + 18 over doorways, the numerals consecrate the New Year, the initials remind us of the legendary names of the magi—Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar—and also stand for the Latin motto:

Christus mansionem benedicat

"May Christ bless the house"



Please pray for the repose of soul:

† **Louis "Butch" Avalon** – brother of Billy/Janna Avalon, Vera "Shug" Avalon, Tommy/Traci Avalon

May they rest in peace, and may their families find comfort and consolation in the Lord.

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

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

St. Therese Conference

If you know of anyone in need of our services, please have them call 601-896-8710. Calls are accepted every Thursday from 3-5pm. The Conference meets every Thursday at 6pm in St. Therese Parish Hall and we encourage interested persons to attend. Your participation is welcomed as an active or associate member.

St. Vincent de Paul Society is a separate non-profit, tax-deductible charity. Checks for donations should be made payable to St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP).

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. May God bless you.

St. Joseph Catholic School Annual

Draw Down: St. Joseph Catholic School

will host their Jeans Jazz & Bruin Blues annual fundraiser on **Feb. 3, 2018**. For more information, please contact Marcie Ralston (601-214-9809), Bobby Simpson (601-953-6365) or Tricia Harris (601-898-4803 or tharris@stjoebruins.com).

**Information for the bulletin should reach the parish office by note or email no later than 12noon on Tuesday for the following weekend. When sending an email, please put "Bulletin" in the subject line. Thank you for your cooperation.