



Saint Therese

Catholic Church - Iglesia Católica

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Fourth Sunday of Lent March 14, 2021

“God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.”

— John 3:17

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Psalms — Psalm 137

Second Reading — Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel — John 3:14-21

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tues: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wed: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thurs: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Fri: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rm 4:13:16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Sat: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

Sunday, March 14

9:30am – Deceased members of CWA+, Larry Graves+

12:30pm – Katherine Juarez+

3:00pm – Felisiano Martinez

Mon, March 15 —

Tues, March 16 —

Wed, March 17 —

Thurs, March 18 — Carol Rod & Elizabeth Mokry Houck

Fri, March 19 —

Sat, March 20 — no Mass

Please fill out a Mass Intention Envelope and place in the collection basket.

MASS INTENTIONS

Honor a loved one with a Birthday, Anniversary or Healing Intention

Remember a loved one with a Memorial Mass Intention.

Email: sttherese@jacksondiocese.org

call the parish office 601-372-4481

Suggested Mass stipend is \$10.

Sacrificial Giving this past week:

Budget Needed Weekly	\$ 6,000.00
Weekly Offertory	\$ 4,996.00
Online	\$ 637.00
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Online	\$ 432.00

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

It begins every Wednesday at 9am and concludes at 3p.m. Come to a quiet place and spend an hour with Jesus. Please call the office to make an appointed with Jesus on Wednesday.

We need volunteers!!!

St. Therese Parishioners Rosary Intention: Vaccine and Cure for the Coronavirus-19



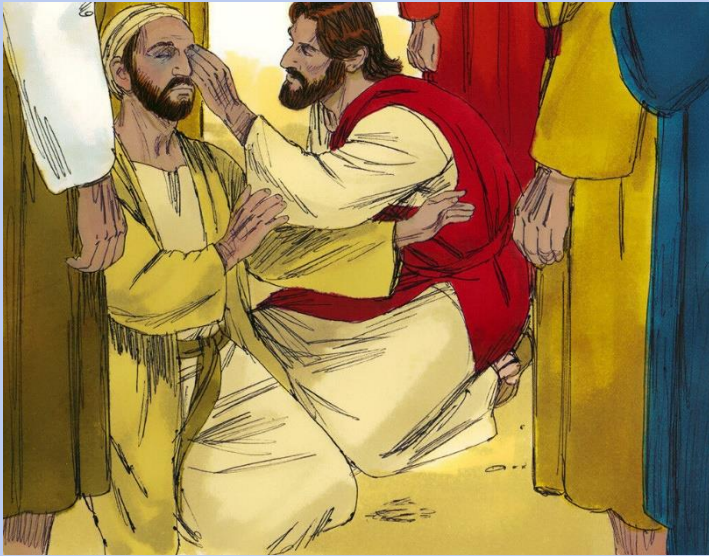
Prayers for Safety for all service men and women at home and abroad, who give of their lives daily in order that we may enjoy our freedom: Preston Blocker, David

Brooks, William Aaron Burks, Michael P. Collins, Nathan Darnell, Ty Develle, Lee Greco, Erling Gresham, Tanner

Hutchins, Steven J. Jackson, Michael Jessie, Kimberly Johnson, Derek Lieding, Anna/Malcolm Lowe, Michael Machost Jr., Steven P. Meadows, Blake Nations, Nick Pendleton, Brooks Stevens, Nathan Waltman.

Introduction of the Liturgy of the Day:

On this Scrutiny Sunday, our sisters and brothers preparing for baptism are called to examine their lives and ask for God's help in letting their talents shine forth and in overcoming their weaknesses and sinfulness. However, we all should seek God's healing touch, especially for those sinful aspects of ourselves to which we have become blind. What attitudes and habits do we have that are so ingrained that we do not realize how unchristian they are? Let us all look to God, who calls us into the light of goodness and righteousness and truth.



Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:

In today's Gospel Jesus cures the man who was blind from birth, but the physical disability is not the only blindness the man overcomes. In the first reading Samuel learns that God is able to see into our hearts, and so is a much better judge of character than we are. Then Saint Paul calls the Ephesians to expose themselves to the light of goodness, righteousness, and truth, which comes from the Lord. As we listen to God's word, let us resolve to live in the light, so that we may properly see goodness and righteousness and truth.

Question of the Week:

Do I have the courage to examine my heart in the light of Christ and turn away from all that blinds me to goodness, righteousness, and truth?

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BLOSSOMS AND FRUIT

Unless a tree has borne blossoms in spring, you will vainly look for fruit on it in autumn.

—Walter Scott

FEAST OF FAITH

Lent, a Season of the Word

Each year on the First Sunday of Lent we hear one of the Gospel accounts of the temptation of Jesus. In Luke's account, the devil cites the scriptures repeatedly, urging Jesus to interpret them in a false, self-serving way—if God sends angels to protect those whom God loves (as it says in Psalm 91), then prove it! But Jesus resists this insidious temptation by turning to scripture passages that tell of right relationship with God—living by God's word, trusting in God, and worshiping God alone.

Jesus himself listened to the inspired word of God and let it shape and form him. Through the liturgy, we do the same. The readings we hear at Mass can teach us, but that is not their primary function. Rather, the scriptures are meant to reveal the Lord to us, to let us experience his presence, and to form us in our Christian identity. Christ's presence is realized by his spoken word, "since it is he himself who speaks when the Holy Scriptures are read in the Church" (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, 7). In the readings proclaimed at Mass, we hear the voice of Christ himself.

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Monthly Devotion for March

St. Joseph



As the foster father of Christ, taking care of the young Savior and looking after his Most Blessed Mother, he is among the most distinguished figures in Christianity.

In his openness and fidelity to God's plan, Joseph is a great example of service to all Christians, and especially to all

who are called to the vocation of fatherhood.

When betrothed to Mary, he no doubt expected that the union would be the typical affair of the time. He would have his own children with her and live a quiet family life in the small Judean backwater of Nazareth out of which nothing good seemed to have ever come. (John 1:46)

And yet his life takes a completely unexpected turn when his bride-to-be becomes pregnant somehow, and an angel of the Lord informs him that he is now betrothed to the mother of God's Son and has an obligation to watch over them both.

St. Joseph, a man who says little and about whom we know next to nothing, is nonetheless a good model of parenting and stewardship.

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PASTORAL CARE

Padre Juan, Gerry Trudeau, Amanda Roberts, Meg Maziarz, Margaret Hutchins, Emma Abbott, Nhung Nguyen, Carrol Houg, Sarah & Max Allen, Tommy (Margaret Williams' brother), Sonny Womack, Roger & Vicky Venable and Family, Charles Coleman, Tim Opiela, Margaret Williams, Kathy Payment, Crystal and Stephen Warren, Phil Thiac, Glynn Long, John Bradshaw, Andrew Lavigne, Billy & Janna Avalon, Vicki Hillman, Gwen Roberson, Tommy/Traci Avalon, Tom/Angela/Seth Brittain, Theresa Cannon, Eva Jean Davis, Linda Develle, Mike/Cathy/Jared/Michael Eaves, Janis Hamblin, Steve Kennedy, Jodie Lencock, Steve Musil, Jon/Christin Quinn Family, Kenny Skellie, Karen Winn, Chad Ermis, Corey/Bonnie Granier, Betsy Carraway, James Lee, Jr., Joseph Perlick, Irene Rangel, Rita Reed, Lillian Stachura, Epigenia Tartinez, Vince/Sissy/Codi Warren, James/Marva Brown, Lucrecia Gibson, Janie Keary, John Laughlin, Nettles/Pollard Families, Doug Simmons, Pam Smith.

HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOME

Helen Machost, Brenda Williams, Eugene Humphery, Adelaida Dethloff, Sandra Elliott, Aurora Ramirez, Kate Rutherford, Anna Starr, Tom/Brenda Steen, Sue Trebotich.

Eternal Rest to:

Former parishioners- **Mary Patterson & Kenny Webb**
Daughter of parishioner- **Katherine Juarez**

“Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights...” -James 1:17

Have you considered donating to the church through *Online Giving*? If you manage your bills online, why not give to your church online? It's safe, secure, and you decide exactly when your gift is made and where it goes.



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Give Up Something for Lent

Now is a good time to think about what you may want to give up for lent this year. Reflect on actions that you can change. Try one of the following:

- Give up complaining, focus on gratitude.
- Give up cynicism, become an optimist.
- Give up harsh judgments, think kindly thoughts.
- Give up worry, trust in the Lord.
- Give up discouragement, become more hopeful.
- Give up bitterness, turn to forgiveness.
- Give up resentment, cultivate some humility.
- Give up negativism, be more positive.
- Give up anger, be more patient.
- Give up pettiness, become mature.
- Give up gloom, learn to smile.
- Give up jealousy, adopt a generous attitude.
- Give up gossiping, control your tongue.
- Give up tension, find more humor.
- Give up giving up, be persistent in prayer!

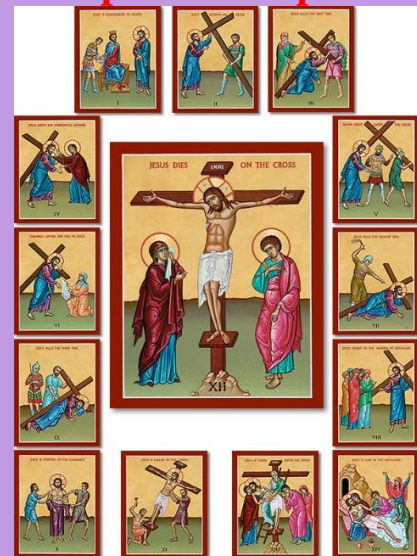
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Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent

English – 5:30 pm

Spanish – 7 pm



FRAUD PREVENTION HOTLINE

The Diocese of Jackson's Department of Temporal Affairs has engaged *Lighthouse Services* to provide an anonymous financial fraud, compliance, ethics, and human resources hotline. This hotline allows for an appropriate method to report occurrences related to the temporal administration within parishes, schools and the chancery office.

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