



Saint Therese

Catholic Church - Iglesia Católica

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Sunday of Divine Mercy

April 11, 2021

“Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?”
— 1 John 5:5

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Acts 4:32-35

Psalm — Psalm 118

Second Reading — 1 John 5:1-6

Gospel — John 20:19-31

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-9; Jn 3:1-8

Tues: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wed: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thurs: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

Fri: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Sat: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

Sunday, April 11

9:30am – Deceased Members of CWA

12:30pm – Maria del Carmen Huerta +

3:00pm –

Mon, April 12 —

Tues, April 13 —

Wed, April 14 —

Thurs, April 15 —

Fri, April 16 —

Sat, April 17 — no Mass

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

PRAYERS OF SAFETY AND HEALTH FOR ALL DOCTORS, NURSES, AIDS, PT’S AND ALL THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES CARING FOR ALL WITH COVID-19!

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

Sacrificial Giving this past week:

Budget Needed Weekly	\$ 6,000.00
Weekly Offertory	\$5,306.00
Online	\$ 192.00
New Life/Nueva Vida	\$ 545.00
Online	\$ 0.00

Thank you for your generosity!

FOR PARISH SAFETY REASONS, WE ASK THAT YOU MAIL YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

ST. THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

P. O. Box 8642

Jackson, MS 392864-8642

DO NOT MAIL TO THE STREET ADDRESS

Or go to our website: sttheresejackson.org

click on: **DONATE** Choose your fund.

Thank you for your assistance.



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 appointment with Jesus on Wednesday.

We need volunteers!!!

CHRIST IS HERE

Christ departed from our sight that we might return to our heart, and there find him. For he departed, and behold, he is here.

—St. Augustine



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 Liding, Anna/Malcolm Lowe, Michael Machost Jr., Steven P. Meadows, Blake Nations, Nick Pendleton, Brooks Stevens, Nathan Waltman.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

“Lord, have mercy,” we pray at the beginning of Mass, calling upon the Lord to have mercy on us in our sinfulness. Today we celebrate that divine mercy, the mercy that is stronger than any fault, any wrong, any sin, the mercy that always seeks to reconcile us with the Lord, the mercy that led God to send the Son to win us our salvation. Let us rejoice that we are always be able to receive that tender mercy.



Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

Today’s Gospel features the story of “doubting Thomas,” the apostle who refused to believe in the risen Christ until he saw him with his own eyes. But let us not overlook Jesus giving the Holy Spirit to the apostles, telling them “whose sins you forgive are forgiven them.” May we be a forgiving people, calling upon the Holy Spirit, whom we received in baptism, to extend that divine mercy to all in need of forgiveness, to all of us.

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

The Diocese of Jackson is committed to ensuring that no one being served by the church be (is) at risk of sexual abuse or exploitation by clergy, religious or lay church personnel. The spiritual well-being of all the victims, their families and others in the community is of particular concern to the church. In accordance with our policy, all victims are offered counseling and pastoral care.

Anyone who has been a victim of abuse or exploitation by clergy, religious or lay church personnel and has not yet reported it is encouraged to do so. Our victim assistance coordinator, Carol Warfield, a licensed social worker, is available to assist in making a report. Please contact her at 601-326-1740.

For more information about diocesan policies and procedures and to learn what the diocese is doing to create a safe environment for everyone, please visit the diocesan website at www.jacksondiocese.org and click on “Protection of Children”.

Bishop Joseph R. Kopacz, D.D., Ph.D.



FEAST OF FAITH

The Psalms in the Liturgy

The book of Psalms is a prayer book, hymnal, and anthology of verse all rolled into one. It contains one hundred fifty ancient songs—poem-prayers that express the joys and sorrows of the Hebrew people and their longing for God. The psalms are incredibly varied in tone. Some are solemn anthems of praise that once accompanied processions of great multitudes to the temple; others record the lonely cries of a faithful soul who feels abandoned by God.

This ancient prayer book of the Hebrew people is our principal prayer book as well. The psalms are everywhere in the liturgy—in the antiphons and acclamations of the Mass, and most particularly in the responsorial psalm that follows the first reading. The psalm that is sung at Mass usually echoes the themes of the first reading, and sometimes even comments on it. On this Second Sunday of Easter, we listen to the account from Acts describing the communal life in the early Church, and then the psalm comes to remind us: “Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting” (Psalm 118:1). In their wonderful variety, the psalms teach us how to pray.

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Monthly Devotion for April **The Blessed Sacrament**



"The Church in the course of the centuries has introduced various forms of this Eucharistic worship which are ever increasing in beauty and helpfulness; as, for example, visits of devotion to the tabernacles, even every day; Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament; solemn processions, especially at the time of Eucharistic Congresses, which pass through cities and villages; and

adoration of the Blessed Sacrament publicly exposed. . . These exercises of piety have brought a wonderful increase in faith and supernatural life to the Church militant upon earth and they are re-echoed to a certain extent by the Church triumphant in heaven, which sings continually a hymn of praise to God and to the Lamb 'Who was slain.'" --Pope Pius XII



PASTORAL CARE

Padre Juan, Craig Terrell, Mary Maziarz, Lawson Rigby, Virginia Magers, Sallie Riley, Sissie Warren, 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, Epigmenia Tartinez, Vince/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:

“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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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.

April 11, 2021 Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday



Caravaggio - The Incredulity of Saint Thomas (1601-1602)

Christ shows Himself to Thomas. Thomas is called to see, touch and believe. The remaining Apostles stand as witnesses to the Risen Lord.

Thomas, now has the “living proof” he needs and moves from unbelief to belief. His confession of faith is simple and profound: “My Lord and my God!”

We are called to be stewards of this Good News and share it with others, We are called to proclaim Jesus as our Savior, our Lord and our God.

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