



# Saint Therese

Catholic Church - Iglesia Católica

Tel 601-372-4481

## Third Sunday of Easter April 18, 2021

“You alone, O LORD,  
bring security to my dwelling.”  
— Psalm 4:9

### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

**Psalm** — Psalm 4

**Second Reading** — 1 John 2:1-5a

**Gospel** — Luke 24:35-48

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

**Mon:** Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30;  
Jn 6:22-29

**Tues:** Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17,  
21ab; Jn 6:30-35

**Wed:** Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

**Thurs:** Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

**Fri:** Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

**Sat:** Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

**Sunday:** Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29;  
1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

**Sunday, April 18**

9:30am – Marie Wiggins+, Charles J. Mokry Jr.+, Jessica Piernas

12:30pm –

3:00pm – Reyna Rodriguez

**Mon, April 19** —

**Tues, April 20** —

**Wed, April 21** —

**Thurs, April 22** —

**Fri, April 23** —

**Sat, April 24** — 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**

<b>Sacrificial Giving this past week:</b>	
Budget Needed Weekly	<b>\$ 6,000.00</b>
Weekly Offertory	\$5,330.00
<b>Online</b>	\$ 952.00
New Life/Nueva Vida	\$ 125.00
<b>Online</b>	\$ 507.00

*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](http://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!!!**

### **MARTYRDOM**

It is not the suffering but the cause that makes the martyr.

—English proverb



**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 to the Liturgy of the Day

We are an Easter people. Whatever our circumstances may be, or the circumstances of the world, we gather today in joy because our Lord truly rose from the dead, conquering death and bringing the promise of eternal life. On Easter Sunday we renewed our baptismal promises, affirming our faith, renouncing sin and evil, and promising to follow Christ in the newness of life. Let us live our lives in the joy of the Resurrection and spread that joy to all we meet.



## Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

Our readings today takes us back in time to the days that followed Jesus' resurrection. Peter preached in the temple, promising forgiveness for those who repent and convert. John wrote to the early Christian community, promising the love of God to those who keep the commandments. Before all this, Jesus appeared to his disciples, assuring them of his bodily presence and charging them to testify in his name to the whole world. Let us listen, knowing we are called to do the same.

## 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](http://www.jacksondiocese.org) and click on "Protection of Children".

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



## **FEAST OF FAITH**

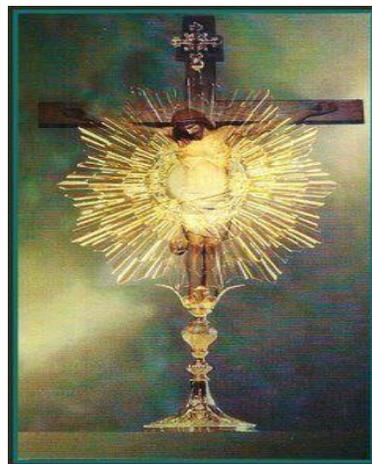
### The Second Reading

The Liturgy of the Word generally follows a consistent pattern of three readings and a psalm. The second reading is always taken from one of the New Testament epistles or the book of Revelation, and generally is not intentionally aligned with either the Gospel or the first reading.

Where would we be without these letters in which great saints and apostles like Paul, Peter, James, and John share their wisdom and pastoral good sense with the early Christian communities? It is in these letters, even more than in the Gospel narratives, that we learn what it means to be church: to live with each other, in the world yet not of the world, in these days after the Lord's resurrection. Each New Testament letter was written by a particular leader for a particular community at a particular time. We are reminded of this at the beginning of the proclamation—"A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians," or the Corinthians, or the Thessalonians. These texts were shaped by their particular historical and cultural context, but at the same time, through the liturgy, these letters are written to us, here, today. They speak to the realities of Christian living no matter where—or when—we live. They are truly "the word of the Lord" for us.

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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

Ben Mokry, John Weston, 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***

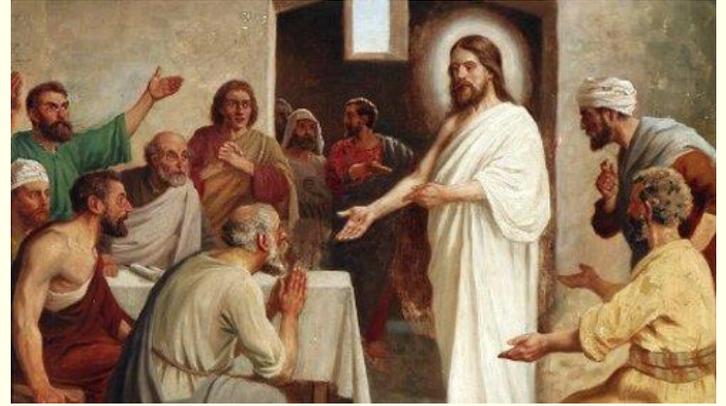
***Remember a loved one with a Memorial Mass Intention.***

***Email: [sttherese@jacksondiocese.org](mailto:sttherese@jacksondiocese.org)***

***call the parish office 601-372-4481***

***Suggested Mass stipend is \$10.***

## **April 18, 2021 Third Sunday of Easter**



*Christ showing his wounds to Disciples in Upper Room - Poul Steffensen (1866-1923)*

One of the more significant parts of the Gospel is when the Lord says, “Have you anything to eat?” A ghost or spirit does not require food. Jesus was real, and in most of His resurrection appearances He dines with the disciples; we need to also understand that Jesus is real. This was the same and real Jesus doing something with them He had done many times before.

By the end of this confrontation, the attitudes of the two men had changed completely as they moved from a dark time to a time of light. This is a good thing for us to recall in our own darkest moments, when we may doubt and despair. Jesus walks with us as a friend always on our own journeys. He is ever ready to listen to our sorrows and our doubts.

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