



Saint Therese

Catholic Church - Iglesia Católica

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Fifth Sunday of Easter May 2, 2021

“Let us love not in word or speech
but in deed and truth.”
— 1 John 3:18

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Acts 9:26-31

Psalm — Psalm 22

Second Reading — 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel — John 15:1-8

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Tues: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

Wed: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thurs: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Fri: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Sat: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

Sunday, May 02

9:30am – Mary & Stanley Shavel+, Bobby Strnadell+

12:30pm – Francisco Alejandro Olvera+, Jorge Olvera+

3:00pm –

Mon, May 03—

Tues, May 04 —

Wed, May 05 —

Thurs, May 06 —

Fri, May 07 —

Sat, May 08 — 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	\$ 3,448.00
Online	\$ 1,104.00
New Life/Nueva Vida	\$ 196.00
Online	\$ 200.00

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!!!

SMALL TASKS

Each small task of everyday life is part of the total harmony of the universe.

—St. Thérèse of Lisieux



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

Jesus tells us in today's Gospel that he remains in us and if we remain in him we will bear much fruit. Gathered together today, we are a visible sign of a community who remains in the Lord. May the sustenance we receive here from Word and Eucharist nourish us so that we may bear much fruit in the world.



Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

In the Gospel today we hear Jesus say that he is the vine and his disciples are the branches. He tells them that those who remain on the vine will bear much fruit. Saul of Tarsus persecuted the early church, trying to destroy the blossoming vine. But in today's first reading, after his conversion and baptism, Saul—now Paul—boldly preaches in the Lord's name. We also hear John assure us that if we keep God's commandments we will remain in the Lord, remain on the vine, bearing fruit.

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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FEAST OF FAITH

The Homily

The ambo, or pulpit, is a special place—it is the place for God's word. That is why it is not used for all the spoken words of the Mass, even important words like the collects and the blessing. The ambo is only used for the scripture readings, and for the homily and the prayer of the faithful.

The homily is part of the Liturgy of the Word. It flows from the readings we have just heard, and helps us to understand the way in which God is speaking to us today. The homily is not a lecture, a catechism lesson, or a speech. It is more like an exhortation; it has an urgency about it, for it calls us to find ourselves in the scripture, to live the faith we profess, to see our world by the light of the Gospel. The homily, in itself a response to God's word, demands a response from us. There are many styles of preaching and many ways to respond to the scriptures. But whether the homily is weak or strong, an open ear and an open heart can find in it an abundance of spiritual nourishment.

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Monthly Devotion for May Blessed Virgin Mary



Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. Toward the end of the eighteenth century a zealous Jesuit priest, Father Lalomia, started among the students of the Roman college of his Society the practice of dedicating May to Our Lady. The devotion, which others had promoted in a small way, soon spread to other Jesuit Colleges and to the entire Latin church and since that time it has been a regular feature of Catholic life.

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PASTORAL CARE

Jimmy Jones(Thiac Son-in-law), Jessica Lozano Rodriguez, 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 Lencocki, 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

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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.

May 2, 2021 Fifth Sunday of Easter

*“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower..” —
John 15:1*



The symbol of the vine is found frequently in the Old Testament. The people of Israel are compared to a vine, which is supposed to bear abundant fruit. Jesus adopts the image to speak of the way in which he provides life for those who believe and follow him. He himself is the vine, and his followers are the branches. The process of growth and of bearing fruit is watched over by the Father, to whom the vine belongs.

The branches cannot live without their attachment to the vine, neither can they be fruitful without the goodness provided by the vine. To live with Christ is to bear fruit. Branches which do not bear fruit are removed by the vine-dresser and they are burnt. Consider the consequences of a refusal to be nourished by the kindness of God.

Stewardship does not only involve the given area of responsibility but the outcome, the fruit.

Source: Diocese of Brentwood

Question of the Week

In order to flourish and bear fruit, the vine needs to be pruned. What in me needs to be pruned so that I can bear fruit to the fullest extent possible?

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