



Saint Therese

Catholic Church - Iglesia Católica

Tel 601-372-4481

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 25, 2021

“The eyes of all look hopefully to you, and you give them their food in due season.”
— *Psalm 145:15*

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — 2 Kings 4:42-44

Psalm — Psalm 145

Second Reading — Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel — John 6:1-15

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23; Mt 13:31-3

Tues: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13; Mt 13:36-43

Wed: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46

Thurs: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Fri: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

Sat: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

Sunday, July 25

9:30am – Billy Avalon+

12:30pm –

Mon, July 26—

Tues, July 27—

Wed, July 28—

Thurs, July 29—

Fri, July 30 —

Sat, July 31— 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	\$ 2,337.00
Online	\$ 580.00
New Life/Nueva Vida	\$ 280.00
Online	\$ 150.00

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 39284-8642

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

Every Wednesday

English 9 a.m. - 3p.m.
Come and spend an hour with Jesus. Please call the office to make an appointment with Jesus on Wednesday.

We need volunteers!!!

Spanish 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.



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.

Question of the Week

What can I do to alleviate hunger in my community, my city, our county, the world? What can I allocate from my plenty to relieve the hunger of someone else?
- *Pastoral Patterns Summer* 2020wlp@jspaluch.com

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

“The whole is greater than the sum of its parts,” we hear from time to time, meaning that a collection of things put together can be greater than what would be expected when each is alone. Today we hear two accounts of times when a seemingly inadequate number of loaves of bread provided plenty for a huge crowd to eat. We hope to exemplify the same saying when we join together as Church. Separately, we may feel inadequate to carry on the mission of Jesus. But together we form the body of Christ, capable of building the kingdom of God here on earth. Joining together today to be nourished in the Eucharist, let us dream of how together we can change the world.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

In the first reading, Elisha takes an offering of barley loaves and shares it with many more people than it would be expected to feed. All ate plenty and some was even left over. In the Gospel, Jesus takes five barley loaves and two fish and is able to share them with over five thousand people. All ate their fill, and twelve baskets were filled with the leftovers. God is able to provide more than we need, despite all appearances to the contrary. As we sing in the psalm today, “The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.”

FEAST OF FAITH

The Preface Dialogue

“Lift up your hearts.” “We lift them up to the Lord.” “Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.” “It is right to give him thanks and praise.” With this ancient dialogue we enter the Eucharistic Prayer, the heart of the Mass. These venerable words have been part of the Christian liturgy almost from the beginning—by the time of Hippolytus of Rome (c. 215) they were already fixed in the liturgy.

Several times during the Mass the priest has invited us to pray. There is something different here. We are invited to be “lifted up,” to ascend, to climb the Lord’s mountain, as it were, to go to a new place for this most solemn part of the Mass. And we are invited to a new frame of mind, a sense of joy, of focused dedication: our hearts must not be cast down, but lifted up, and lifted to the Lord. Why? Because we are going to give thanks—we are going to “eucharist!” It is right and just that we do this.

—*Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.*

Monthly Devotion for July

Saint Joachim and Saint Anne Parents of Mary and Grandparents of Jesus

On July 26, the Catholic Church commemorates the parents of the Virgin Mary, Sts. Joachim and Anne. The couple's faith and perseverance brought them through the sorrow of childlessness, to the joy of conceiving and raising the immaculate and sinless woman who would give birth to Christ.

Tradition says that the temple priest in Jerusalem rejected the pious St. Joachim’s sacrifice because the barrenness of him and his wife, which was thought as a sign of God’s displeasure with them. For 40 days and nights, St. Joachim retreated to the desert where he lamented by atoning through fasting and prayer.

St. Anne, grieved by his disappearance and by her barrenness, solemnly promised God that, if given a child, she would dedicate it to the Lord’s service.



(Art: Public Domain) *St. Joachim, St. Anne, the Virgin child.* Andrés Pérez, 1660-1727



An angel appeared to St. Joachim bringing news that the holy couple would conceive a child. St. Anne also received word from an angel that they would conceive a child. At once they each set out to find each other and share the joy of their heavenly news. St. Joachim met his wife at Jerusalem’s city gate upon his return ... a scene often depicted in art with a kiss.

Source: [Catholic News Agency](#) and [Simply Catholic](#)

PRESSURE

A diamond is a chunk of coal that has made good under pressure.

—**Anonymous**



PASTORAL CARE

Gabriel Rigby, Roy Patterson, Lucy Lovertich, Aurora Camarillo, Terese Kemp, Eva Jean Davis, Padre Juan, John Hudson, Jimmy Jones(Thiac Son-in-law), Jessica Lozano Rodriguez, John Weston, Mary Maziarz, Virginia Magers, Sallie Riley, Sissie Warren, Gerry Trudeau, Amanda Roberts, Meg Maziarz, Margaret Hutchins, Emma Abbott, Tommy (Margaret Williams' brother), Sonny

Womack, Roger & Vicky Venable and Family, Tim Opiela, Margaret Williams, Kathy Payment, Crystal and Stephen Warren, Phil Thiac, Glynn Long, John Bradshaw, Billy & Janna Avalon, Vicki Hillman, Gwen Roberson, Tommy/Traci Avalon, Tom/Angela/Seth Brittain, Theresa Cannon, Linda Develle, Mike/Cathy/Jared/Michael Eaves, Janis Hamblin, Steve Kennedy, Jodie Lencock, Jon/Christin Quinn Family, Kenny Skellie, Karen Winn, Corey/Bonnie Granier, Betsy Carraway, James Lee, Jr., Joseph Perlick, Irene Rangel, Rita Reed, Lillian Stachura, Epigenia Tartinez, Vince/Codi Warren, James/Marva Brown, Lucrecia Gibson, Janie Keary, 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:

Billy Avalon+
Cheryl Robertson+ (former parishioner, teacher, scout leader)

“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. **Click the link below to donate.**

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/sttheresejacksonms>

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.

July 25, 2021

Seventeenth Sunday Ordinary Time

“When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, ‘This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.’”

- John 6:14



This is the only miracle found in all four gospels, which means it is an exceptional event with meaning that goes much deeper than the extraordinary feeding of those thousands. In the gospel of John, Jesus is the one who explains in great detail what this sign means. The evangelist links the miracle with the mission of Jesus and the Eucharist: he uses the same verbs we later find in the institution of the Eucharist - Jesus took the bread, gave thanks, and gave the bread to the people inviting them to take as much as they needed.

One of the most attractive characteristics of Jesus is his generosity in sharing all he has and is with us. He wants to share himself with you in the Word of God and in the Eucharist.

Source: [Sacred Space](#)

Stewardship: Prayers of the Faithful for June

“Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you.” Jeremiah 29:12

July 25, 2021

Seventeenth Sunday Ordinary Time

Jesus fed the crowds with five loaves and two fish. May we be generous stewards by sharing what we have, so others may come to acknowledge the generous love of God for all the world, we pray to the Lord ...

That we never underestimate the significance of even the smallest efforts we make to be generous stewards with the resources we have, we pray to the Lord ...

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.

www.lighthouse-services.com/jacksondiocese

English speaking USA: 888-830-0004 Spanish speaking USA: 800-216-1288