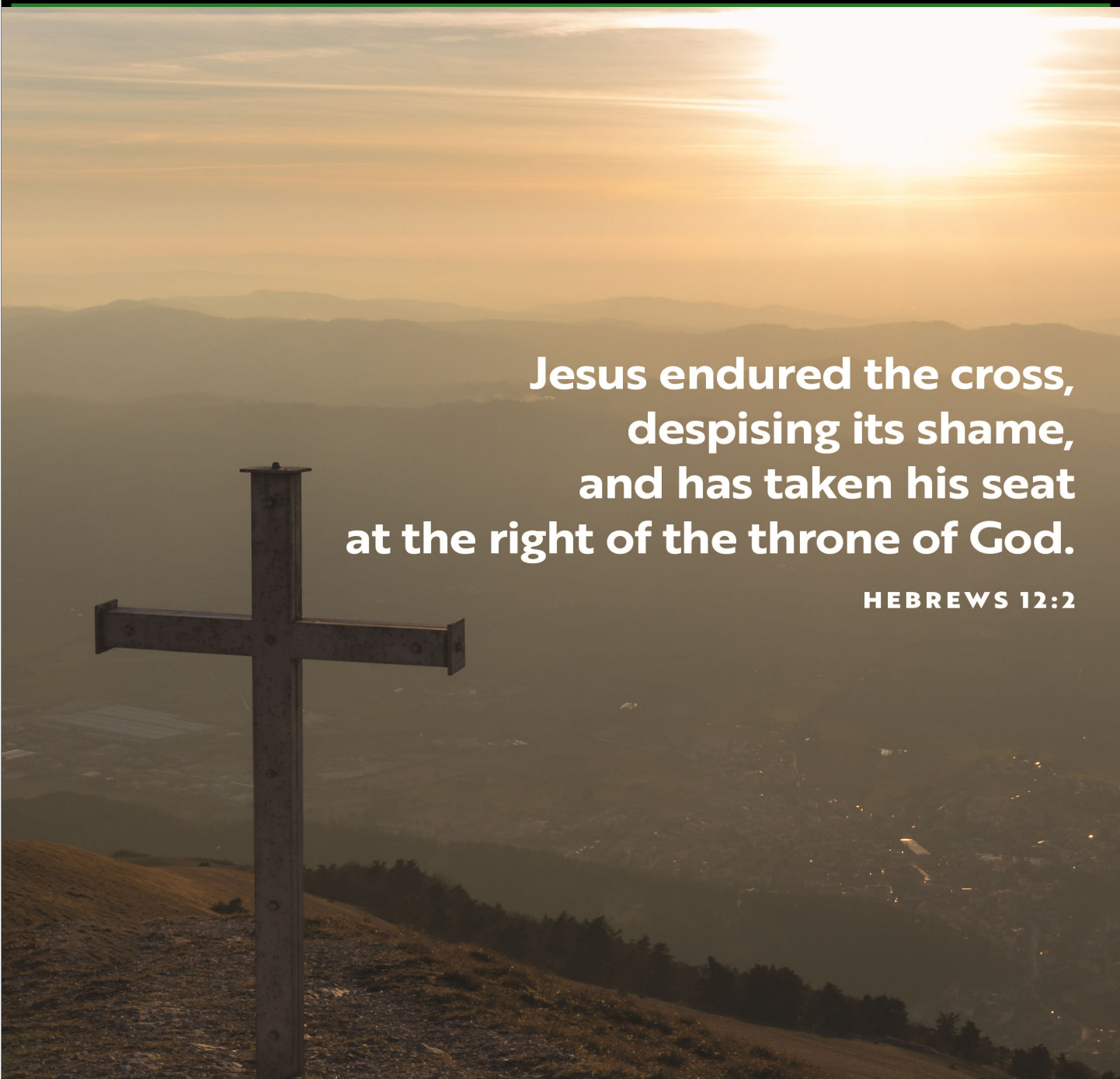




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**Jesus endured the cross,
despising its shame,
and has taken his seat
at the right of the throne of God.**

HEBREWS 12:2

**Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
AUGUST 18, 2019**

This Week

Tuesday, August 20

12pm: Mass - *The Reimel Family (L)* by
Abigail Gripshover

Wednesday, August 21

12pm: Mass - *Lois Kastner (D)* by *Stacey Disko*

Thursday, August 22

12pm: Mass - *Marion DeHaven (D)* by *Sue & Tom Thompson*

12:30 - 4:00pm: Adoration, Church

Friday, August 23

Deadline for Faith Formation Enrollment
No Daily Mass

Saturday, August 24

7:30am: Men's Group in Parish Hall

****No Beach Parking after 3:00pm****

4:15pm: Reconciliation in the Church

5:30pm: Mass - *Frank Russell (D)*
by *Brooke Russell*

Sunday, August 25

8:00am: Mass - *St. Therese Parishioners*

10:30am: Mass - *Paul Tretiak (D)*
by *Marilyn Tretiak*

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 18, 2019

*I have waited, waited for the Lord, and he stooped
toward me.*
-- Psalm 40:2

Interested in joining St. Therese?

Visit our website - www.CatholicWB.org - and navigate to the banner "About Us"...a drop-down menu will appear....click on "New Parishioners" - complete the form and submit. You also just contact the Parish Office - whatever works best for you!

This Week's Saints/Special Observances

Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. John Eudes

Tuesday: St. Bernard

Wednesday: St. Pius X

Thursday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday: St. Rose of Lima

Saturday: St. Bartholomew

Stewardship

Offertory

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Week 1

\$12,916.74

\$14,746.25

Week 2

\$12,916.74

\$17,863.00

August

\$51,667.00

\$32,609.25

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Today's Readings

First Reading -- They took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10).

Psalm -- Lord, come to my aid! (Psalm 40).

Second Reading -- Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith (Hebrews 12:1-4).

Gospel -- I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing (Luke 12:49-53).

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This Week's Scripture Readings

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Sunday: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1-2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

LISTEN TO JESUS & THE PROPHETS

Prophets have always had a tough row to hoe. Their words, often unwelcome, are used against them to persecute and even kill them. Such was the fate of the Old Testament prophets, and Jeremiah is a great example of this. Jesus endured opposition from sinners, and did not turn back from a shameful death in order to rise to a glorious new life. The ultimate prophet, Jesus sought to warn the people of his time and ours of the divisions that his words would cause, showing himself to be the prophet of all time. We all need to look at our divisions and dilemmas in light of Jesus' teachings and warnings, and seek to understand all that he has proclaimed and taught about what will happen if we fail to listen.

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Mass Intentions:

We have Masses during the week that are available for Mass Intentions. Contact the Parish Office if you would like to have a Mass said for a special intention.

Altar Flowers

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In Honor of their
63rd Wedding Anniversary**



Recreational Parking

If you are parked in one of our lots for recreational beach use, you must display your current parking hangtag (this year's color: bright yellow).

Towing is in effect.

*However, you do NOT need any type of a hangtag or sticker to attend Mass or other **scheduled** St. Therese church functions.*

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Confessions are usually heard on Saturdays from 4:15 PM - 5:00 PM in the Reconciliation Room at the Church, or at other times by appointment. Communal Services are scheduled during Advent and Lent.

Eucharistic Adoration: Usually 12:30 to 4pm on Thursdays.

Baptisms: Important information can be found on our website at www.catholicwb.org/sacraments as to how to get started. Baptisms for children are scheduled no more than 2 months in advance. Adults interested in becoming Catholic should inquire about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

Anointing: Persons concerned about their health are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

Marriage: Our wedding guidelines document which contains key information can be found at www.catholicwb.org/sacraments. Couples planning marriage are asked to contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to their proposed wedding date.

Confirmation: Adults seeking Confirmation should call the Parish Office. Young people are usually confirmed in the 10th grade after two years of preparation.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

*NC Catholics is looking for help to repair hurricane damaged homes on October 12 & November 23.
Email: Jo-El.SidburySmith@raldioc.org
for more information, or to sign-up!*

We will resume rehearsals for our **Parish Choir** on Wednesday, **September 4th at 7pm**. There are a few requirements in order to participate in the choir:

- You must enjoy having fun while learning.
- You must be open to being moved spiritually in ways you might not expect.
- Lastly, you must desire to worship the Lord with the gifts He has given you.

The following are NOT required: Musical training, the ability to read music, or a degree in music. We are a warm and welcoming group that gathers for prayer, music, and fellowship in and outside of rehearsals and worship.

We would like to thank Suzan Perry for her dedication and service to our Choir last year, and as she has moved on to a new chapter in her life; we will very much miss her.

If you have ever considered joining the choir, now is the time! If you have never considered it, pray and reflect on it and push yourself outside your comfort zone and the reward may be great. If you have any questions or would like to join: either attend on **September 4th at 7pm**, or contact Kevin Donnelly at: worship@catholicwb.org.

Faith Formation

Enrollment Deadline

If you missed enrolling your child in Faith Formation last week, please contact:

Megan Gavrillen
formation@catholicwb.org,
(Or in the Parish Office)

No later than Friday,
August 23

Fr. Trent is celebrating his birthday this week!

(If you have a greeting card or well-wishes to drop off, you may do so at the second floor of the parish office building.)

Second/Special Collections - Remaining in 2019

September 1 - Priest Welfare and Retirement #4
September 8 - Catholic University of America
October 20 - Mission Sunday
November 10 - Archdiocese for Military Services

November 24 - Campaign for Human Development
December 8 - Retired Religious Fund
December 25 - Christmas,
Priest Welfare and Retirement #5

Thank you for your generous support!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In recent weeks, we have reviewed how the Churches of East and West have enriched one another, and this past Thursday's solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was born in the Eastern Church. It is a gift from the ancient Church of Jerusalem, a commemoration of the death of Mary, and a feast charged with a deep sense of the Resurrection. Mary, the first disciple, is the first to share fully in Christ's victory over death. In the tradition of the East, August 15 is the Dormition of the Theotokos, or the Falling Asleep of the God-bearer. There is no shadow of death or gloom in the theology, since this is seen as a transformation of Mary's life into a heavenly and immortal existence. There is a sense in the tradition that she who made earth heavenly and exalted the human race by her faithfulness is glorified today.

A persistent legend among Orthodox Christians tells how all the disciples, except Thomas, who was preaching in India, were present at Mary's death and burial, and sat by the tomb for three days. On the third day, Thomas saw Mary's body rising to heaven. She greeted him as "my friend", and he was escorted by angels to proclaim her assumption to the others, who then realized her tomb was empty.

Thus Thomas, the one who expressed doubt at the resurrection of Christ, received a gift from Mary: the chance to proclaim resurrection faith to the disciples.

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Habitat for Humanity

Join Cape Fear Habitat for Humanity and several other local churches in building homes, hope, and community. How YOU can help:

*** Volunteer * Donate Lunches ***
*** Pray * Give ***

WEEKEND BUILD SCHEDULE

August 24 - VINYL SIDING (PHASE 1)

August 25 - VINYL SIDING (PHASE 2)

September 28 - PAINTING

October 5 - HARDWARE & BASEBOARDS

To view volunteer opportunities and to sign-up visit:

<http://vhub.at/faithbuild2019>

For more information contact Emily Cruz at

Emily.cruz@capefearhabitat.org

More info on the bulletin board at St. Therese....

*Our local St. Therese contact is
Donna Howard:*

email dngoward@gmail.com or 910-470-2478

Marriage Preparation

2019 Diocesan One-Day Marriage Preparation Workshop

Inviting all engaged couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony to attend a One-Day Diocesan Marriage Preparation Workshop. At this workshop you will deepen your relationship with your fiancé as you prepare to begin living out the sacrament of marriage. Topics for the day include: Theology of Marriage, Communication and Conflict Resolution, Finance & Stewardship, Intimacy and Natural Family Planning, and Living a Sacramental Marriage. Remember to talk with your Pastor before signing up. More info at:

<https://raldioc.configio.com/go/marriageprep> - or

Rebekah.tolson@raldioc.org - 919-821-9753

Men - start your weekend off right!

Saturdays at 7:30a.m.

Join other men of St. Therese on Saturday mornings in the Parish Hall for coffee, bagels, and candid conversation about how we can become better Catholic men.

We read and discuss scripture, but most of the time spent together consists of open dialogue about how these readings relate to real events in our lives. We are fortunate to have our faith to guide us, meeting like this helps our faith to stay strong and to grow.

Hope to see you there.

Please Pray for Those Who Are Sick...

Bill Allen, Jeanne Ashey, Todd Baumgartner, Nicole Birt, Ann Bowes, Shealyn Breen, Chuck Brown, Silas Brown, Matthew Burns, Caroline Ciocca, Shari Clements, Jeanne Davis, Maureen Donnelly, Ashley Eason, Bob Farris, Charlie Pat Farris, Andy Fisher, Jerry Geist, Angela Gittings, Claudia Hamilton, Rosemary Heath, Velma Herbulock, Craig Hoffman, Nancy Johnson, Sandra Kelly, Lilliam Kingsbury, Frank Kohn, Isabella Kolcun, Marie Korlacki, Ray Kress, Cheryl Lee, Fr. Doug Lawson, Ray Liddy, Cecilia Mahoney, Sandra Malfa, Chip McGuire, Tom McMillan, Patricia Moore, Nicole Myers, "Missy ", Rosie Norris, Bob and Young-Ok O'Toole, Gregory O'Toole, Sharon Parmenter, Marissa Rhyne, Nancy Ronne, Rich Ronne, Garry Rust, Heather Cunningham Rynne, Martha Sams, Charlie Sarracino, David Scullin, Diane Sheedy, Melanie Smith, Eugene Spagnoli, Bob & Doris Sparrow, Baby Stella Spratt, Nora Stamper, Irene Stein, Joanne Tineille, Anneliese Todd, Hailey Tucker, Ben Van Pilsum, Lyne Welch, Bill Wilson

2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA) Update

Text - A - Gift: 919.626.0644

Please contact our BAA chairperson, Mary Ares, at 910-313-6865, if you have questions about pledging. Want to give online? Visit <https://2370.thankyou4caring.org/baa> We are close to goal! No amount is too large or too small, and even returning your pledge card stating you will pray for the campaign, counts toward our participation goal. **100% over-goal is returned to our parish.** Thank you for your generosity.



Parking - when attending Mass

Thanks for remembering....

- 1) Not to park in such a way that your car blocks other parking spots - preventing them from being used. Every parking space is incredibly valuable - particularly during the three weekend Masses.
- 2) To exit the parking lot as soon as reasonably possible - particularly if your car is blocking someone else's.

Also...

- 3) There is NO overnight parking in our parking lots at any time (whether you display a yellow parking hangtag or not). If you leave your car overnight, you will be towed.
- 4) If you are using your yellow hangtag for beach parking on Saturday, you must vacate the lot by 3:30pm. There is no beach parking during weekend Mass times. Of note, "facilities" are typically only available during parish scheduled events, so please plan accordingly.

Thank you in advance for courteous, and safe use of the parking lots.

RCIA -

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in becoming Catholic?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process in which non-Catholic adults (inquirers) learn about the rich tradition and teachings of our faith and gradually prepare for full initiation and welcome into the Catholic Church.

For more information on RCIA at St. Therese Parish, or if you are interested in being a sponsor or helping in some way, please contact:

Megan Gavrillen
at 910 256-2471

or by email: formation@catholicwb.org.

Weekday Masses at Noon, and Adoration

We are fortunate to have noontime Masses celebrated here at St. Therese - Tuesday through Fridays at 12pm, with Adoration on Thursday afternoons from 12:30 til 4:00pm. Weekday Masses are a beautiful (and quick!) way to inject some joy into your day. ...And being able to spend even a little bit of quiet prayer time during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday afternoon is truly a gift.

For more info about Thursday afternoon Adoration, contact Chris Batley at wbbatley@aol.com.

St. Joseph's Food Pantry, Burgaw

"Though I am afflicted and poor, yet the Lord thinks of me....."

YOU can help the poor and working poor nearby who use the Food Pantry, by bringing donated items to Mass on the weekend. Take your donations to the Parish Hall. (Food should go on the counter opposite the TV wall.) Bring only **nonperishable** items - & items that have not passed their expiration date.

Cereal is always in high demand.

You can also make a monetary donation to St. Joseph's - write your check and mail directly to:

St. Joseph's Food Pantry, 1303 US 117, Burgaw, NC 28425

Volunteers from St. Therese are very involved in helping the pantry in a variety of ways: those donating food or money, ushers helping to make sure the food ends up in the Parish Hall, drivers taking the food to Burgaw each week on Tuesdays, and those distributing food Thursday afternoons.

Want to help? Contact : Jane Yemma, jry1950@yahoo.com

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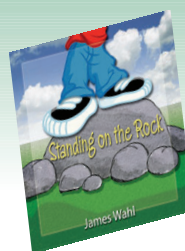
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