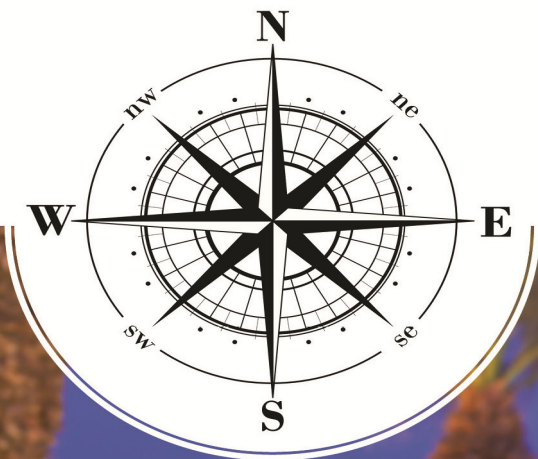




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August 25, 2019 | Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



People will come from the east  
and the west and from the north and the south

*and will recline at table  
in the kingdom of God.*

~ Luke 13:29



## This Week

### Tuesday, August 27

**12pm: Mass** - *John K. Wills (L) by Heather McLaren*

### Wednesday, August 28

**12pm: Mass** - *Don Parmenter (D) by Maria & Tommy Lee*

### Thursday, August 29

**12pm: Mass** - *Clare Morrish (D) by Kathy Spanarkel*  
**12:30 - 4:00pm: Adoration**, Church

### Friday, August 30

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

### Saturday, August 31

**7:30am: Men's Group in Parish Hall**  
**\*\*No Beach Parking after 3:00pm\*\***  
**4:15pm: Reconciliation in the Church**  
**5:30pm: Mass** - *George Seaman (D) by Brenda & Joe Wells*

### Sunday, September 1

**8:00am: Mass** - *St. Therese Parishioners*  
**10:30am: Mass** - *John Dunn (D) by Vivienne Feldman*

### Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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*Endure your trials as discipline .....*

-- Heb 12:5-7;11-13

### **Interested in joining St. Therese?**

Please contact the Parish Office.

*Our Pastor, Father Trent Watts, thanks you for all your kind birthday wishes!*

### This Week's Saints/Special Observances

**Sunday:** Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Tuesday:** St. Monica

**Wednesday:** St. Augustine

**Thursday:** The Passion of St. John the Baptist

**Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary

## Stewardship

Offertory	Needed	Received
Week 2	\$12,916.74	\$17,863.00
Week 3	\$12,916.74	\$12,602.65
August	\$51,667.00	\$45,211.90

**\*Includes EFT**

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## Today's Readings

**First Reading** -- Brothers and sisters of every race and language will be brought to Jerusalem (Isaiah 66:18-21).

**Psalm** -- Go out to all the world and tell the Good News (Psalm 117).

**Second Reading** -- Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13).

**Gospel** -- People from east and west, north and south recline at table in the kingdom of God (Luke 13:22-30).

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## This Week's Scripture Readings

**Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26

**Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab, 17; Mk 6:17-29

**Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13

**Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30

**Sunday:** Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

## WELCOME THE STRANGER

We have become accustomed to seeing pictures in the media and stories on the news about immigrants from Latin America and refugees from Syria fleeing violence and destruction in their own countries, trying to make their way to a safe place. We have also seen the reactions of people who want to keep them away from their countries, who fail to welcome the stranger and the helpless children. Have we forgotten Jesus' call to comfort the homeless and the stranger? They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations . . . to Jerusalem, my holy mountain, says the LORD.

In the three readings for this day, we are told that we are to welcome these strangers, to welcome the discipline of the Lord, which leads to peace, and to strive to enter through the narrow gate into the glory of God's own homeland, the reign of God.

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### **Mass Intentions:**

*We have Masses during the week that are still available for Mass Intentions in 2019. Contact the Parish Office if you would like to have a Mass said for a special intention.*

## Altar Flowers

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### **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](http://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](http://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.

## PARISH STAFF

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Reverend Trent Watts

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**St. Therese is a joyful and welcoming Catholic Parish,  
united in Christ, promoting discipleship through community,  
outreach and service.**

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**NC Catholics** is looking for help to repair hurricane damaged homes on October 12 & November 23.

Email: [Jo-El.SidburySmith@raldioc.org](mailto:Jo-El.SidburySmith@raldioc.org)

for more information, or to sign-up!

**Plan Ahead!** Watch the bulletin & bulletin board for upcoming opportunities coming soon:

**Seamen's Center Toiletries Drive (October) &  
Catholic Charities Christmas Toy Drive (December)**

We will resume rehearsals for our **Parish Choir** on Wednesday, **September 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**, or contact Kevin Donnelly at: [worship@catholicwb.org](mailto:worship@catholicwb.org).

### **Catholic Radio can be heard .....**

On four stations, 91.7 FM, 93.1 FM, and 103.1 FM in Wilmington and 100.7 FM in Southport or by visiting their website:

[www.wilmingtoncatholicradio.com](http://www.wilmingtoncatholicradio.com)

## Priests' Welfare & Retirement

Next weekend, there will be a second collection for the Priests' Welfare & Retirement Fund. Please give generously to this special collection. The Diocese assesses us over \$40,000 annually to help retired priests working in our Diocese, and your donations help reduce the amount we would otherwise have to take from our general operating funds. (This collection is different than the one for Retired Religious. That is a *national* collection to assist religious orders. This is for priests in the Diocese of Raleigh.)

Your contributions in these second collections help fund the Clergy Pension Plan; medical expenses not covered by insurance; long-term care & nursing home costs; as well as salary, benefits and living expenses for priests who are not retired - but who are too ill to be in active ministry. (For example, the late Fr. Joseph Vetter, the late Msgr. Matthew Hendrick and Fr. Gene Grabowski all benefited from this fund.)

**Your generous support is needed and appreciated.**

## 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

The wonderful diversity of life and worship among Roman Catholics of East and West is an example of God writing straight with crooked lines. The steady hand of the villainous Emperor Diocletian drew a line across Europe and Africa that split the empire in two, and for the most part determined how Christians would worship two thousand years later.

Italy's heel and the far northern city of Trieste fell on the Eastern side, and have had a form of Eastern liturgy ever since. Constantinople, which soon became the seat of the Roman Empire, became a base for Christianizing the East up to Russia and Poland. Poland was on the Eastern side, but a series of wars and medieval mayhem pushed the religious boundary back to the Ukraine, and Poland remains an outpost of the Latin Church to this day.

An old rule of thumb declared that whatever religion was observed by the local prince, the people had to follow. This gave rise to persecution and migration as people sought toleration for their expressions of faith. In the United States, we are accustomed to peaceful collaboration among Christians of East and West, a situation that challenges churches that still feel the pinch of age-old division.

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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 \***  
**\* Pray \* Give \***

#### WEEKEND BUILD SCHEDULE

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](mailto: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](mailto:dngoward@gmail.com) or 910-470-2478**

### THE ST. THERESE FALL SHRIMP PAROO!

**Saturday, September 21 - 6:30PM (after Mass)**

**Where: The Parish Hall Deck**

**Why: All proceeds benefit local Catholic Charities serving the less-fortunate in our community**

**Menu: All You Can Eat - Steamed Shrimp, Grilled Chicken, Hot Dogs with all the fixings, Pasta Salad, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Cake & Ice Cream, Soft Drinks & Iced Tea**

**Cost: \$20 per person**

**Reservations taken: Aug 31; Sept 1, 7, 8, 14 and 15 or by contacting Mike Kane:  
[mikekane1800@gmail.com](mailto:mikekane1800@gmail.com), or any Knight!**

### 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, Gerry Geist, Angela Gittings, Claudia Hamilton, Rosemary Heath, Velma Herbulock, Debby Hester, 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, Miriam Marlar, 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, Donna Tumolo, Ben Van Pilsum, Lyne Welch, Bill Wilson

(Please contact the Parish Office if names should be added or removed from this list.)

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:wbbatley@aol.com).*

## St. Joseph's Food Pantry, Burgaw

**"...some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last"**

**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 instrumental 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.

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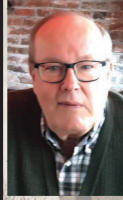
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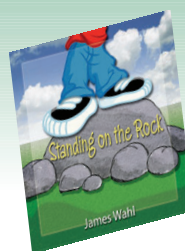
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