

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday Sept. 18 Am 8:4-7 Ps 113:1-2, 4-8 1Tim 2:1-8 Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Monday Sept. 19 Prv 3:27-34 Ps 15:2-4b, 5 Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday Sept. 20 Prv 21:1-6, 10-13 Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44 Lk 8:19-21 see Wis 3:1-9 or Rom 8:31b-39 Lk 9:23-26

Wednesday Sept. 21 Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Ps 19:2-5 Mt 9:9-13

Thursday Sept. 22 Eccl 1:2-11 Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc Lk 9:7-9

Friday Sept. 23 Eccl 3:1-11 Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4 Lk 9:18-22 see Gal 1:19-20 Mt 16:24-27

Saturday Sept. 24 Eccl 11:9-12:8 Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17 Lk 9:43b-45

**MINISTERIES FOR THE WEEKEND**  
HOSPITALITY

Saturday: S. Allison, R. Scott, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Davis  
Sunday: Youth

**ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:**

Saturday: A: Phyllis Thibodeaux L: Gary Mims  
Sunday: A: Youth L: Youth

**ALTAR SERVER:**

Saturday: Reagan Pitre  
Sunday: William Pitre

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:**

Saturday: Freda Guillory & Russell Bottley  
Sunday: Mr. & Mrs. Adam Jacobs

Attendance

Saturday 50  
Sunday 58

Weekend Collection

Saturday \$ 1,772.00  
Sunday \$ 952.00  
\$ 2,724.00

*September Birthday List*  
**Happy Birthday to::**

Ryaisha Daugherty 2  
Ursula Gray 3  
James Haynes 3  
Doris Hayes 5  
Fabian Green 5  
Debra Hawkins 5  
Deborah Crosson 8  
Monic Guillory 14  
Jermaine Mitchell 15  
Cindy Hampton 16  
Darius Mitchell 18  
Elizabeth Mitchell 18  
Maureen Broussard 20  
George Davis 22  
Doris Gans 25  
Rose Davis 26  
Jalen Jefferson 27  
Chris Popillion 28



**Happy Anniversary**

Lee & Deborah Henderson 25th  
John & Claudine Riggs 30th

**Bishop Faith Appeal**  
**Goal : \$18,693. Pledged : \$13,963**  
**PAID: \$9,263**

*Thank you ALL for your pledges, we look ahead to the continued growth of our Parish*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sunday Sept. 18 9:00 a.m.

Monday Sept. 19 6 p.m. adoration 7p.m.

Tuesday Sept. 20 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Sept. 21 6:00 p.m.

Thursday Sept. 22 6:00 p.m. + Kate Sparrow requested by her grandson Wayne Sparrow

Friday Sept. 23 No Mass

Saturday Sept. 24 4:00 p.m.

(N.B. You can request Mass to be offered for you/your loves one, or the deceased.. Speak with the Pastor or call the office to schedule).



**25th Sunday**  
**in Ordinary**  
**Time**  
**September 18, 2016**



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**SACRAMENTS**

**Mass Schedule**

Sunday 9:00 a.m.  
Monday 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday & Wednesday 6:00 p.m.  
Thursday 5:30 p.m.  
Friday No Mass  
Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.  
Holy Days of Obligation 6:00 p.m.

**Reconciliation**

Saturdays 3:20 p.m. - 3:55 p.m.

**Adoration**

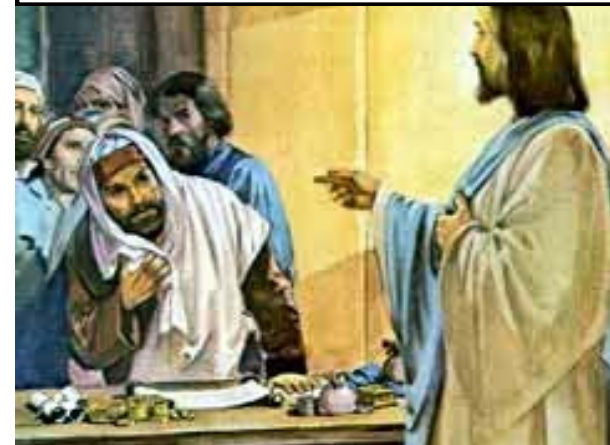
Monday 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Infant Baptism:**

Please contact the Pastor two (2) months in advance.

**Marriage:**

Please call the Rectory six (6) months prior to proposed date.



**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*Email: sttherese1350@att.net*

**PASTORAL TEAM**

Pastor: Fr. Donatus Chris Mgbeajuo, M.S.P.  
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**PARISH COUNCIL**

Joe Ware, Chairman 886-5331  
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Horace Broussard 883-7937  
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Albert Hebert, Jr. 746-2627  
Freda Guillory 882-1768  
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Shirley Ray 779-9922

**FINANCE COUNCIL**

Andre Robertson 882-0012  
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## Justice

The first and third readings of today's liturgy speak messages of justice. And their loudest message is that God alone is true justice. This is good news, but it is not comforting. Once again, the liturgy is challenging our comfort and complacency, our lukewarm ways, our sloppy stewardship.

**FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7    RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8**

**SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-8    GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13**

## Comment

Amos cared a lot. He lived in Israel sometime near but before 750 B.C., in a time of a growing prosperity that was achieved at the cost of the powerless poor. And Amos was blunt. He reminded the rich that he saw their greed. They could hardly bear to waste a day resting on the Sabbath, could hardly wait to measure grain using the illegal *ephah* measure. They could hardly wait to lighten the weight of the shekel, could hardly wait to weight the grain with chaff. Amos rages against such wholesale greed and promises that such injustice will not be forgotten in heaven. To make a buck is one thing, Amos is saying. To make it on the backs of the helpless is quite another. Such avarice harms both the greedy and the poor. Both are ground down and rendered impotent in their ability to seek and serve God. One is weighted by selfishness, the other crushed by poverty. Money or the desire for money then becomes an idol for both, turning both away from justice and from God.

In the second reading, Paul reminds us of our charge and duty to pray. Notice that Paul's roster of those who have a claim on our prayers is analogous to the form of our own general intercessions (prayers of the faithful) as found in the eucharistic liturgy. Paul, however, is not offering a format for liturgical prayer, but a call to more expansive prayer, prayer that should mark the daily life of Christians within and without the liturgy.

In the Gospel, Jesus describes the wholehearted effort of a crafty servant who sees "downsizing" heading his way. The wily fellow greases the skids, as it were, and through a series of fabrications creates his own golden parachute. Jesus finds him a marvel and puzzles over why such cleverness is limited to the world of commerce. Jesus wonders why those who seek a "position" in the reign of God lack such wit and wherewithal. Jesus commends the manager for being astute enough to use what was entrusted to him in a way that ensured his future. As Christians, we want to ensure our futures as well. Jesus is urging us to use what has been entrusted to us to do just that. But Jesus also urges us to recognize that the treasure we've been given stewardship over is not one that can be bartered away—only given away, given and shared freely with others, just as it has been given and shared freely with us.

It's important to note that the Gospel addresses the steward's ingenuity—his focused, farsighted, clever, unflinching plan. Likewise, it's also worth noting that in biblical times the manager of a household was often a slave who had earned his august role and who, if he guarded the owner's fortune, was pretty much free to wheel and deal, skim and connive. The crafty manager in today's reading did just that, winning in the bargain the loyalty and gratitude of the creditors and leaving his master's fortune intact.

## Reflection

It seems that we who seek the kingdom of God in the company of our friends need to be as focused and as careful as the steward in today's Gospel story. We need to assess the gifts we have and then spend them thoughtfully. Our goal is not to secure wealth, but to secure life with God. The gifts we have are to be spent and shared where they will do the most good and where they will yield the most benefits.

***“Prepare a full account of your Stewardship”***

## PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Margaret Green  
John Judge  
Therese Ferguson  
Frances Freeman  
John Abram  
Da'Morrius Allison  
Julian Richard  
Ruby Milton  
Alma Thibodeaux  
Rena Jenkins  
Tommy Smith  
Dorothy Broussard  
Myrtle Guillory  
Russell Bottley  
Robert Simmons  
Stacy Johnson  
Albert Stratton  
Leothus Jones  
Debra Glaude  
Mary Brown  
Sammie Williams  
John Richard, Sr.  
Peggy Green  
Elias Gobert  
Mary Feathers  
Clayona Pilette  
Alberta Fontenot  
Hollis Fain  
James Arceneaux  
John Milton  
Gloria Richard  
Ella Garrett  
Betye Odum  
Fred Green  
Rosalie Clark  
David Frenzel  
James Mims  
Joe Ware, Sr.  
Celestine Johnson  
Mary Crossley  
Calvin Johnson  
Darlene Winfrey  
Sanja Popillion  
Lester Popillion  
Joe B. Forward  
Theresa Garrett  
Andrew Hayes  
Mary Ware  
Courtney Chavis  
Lakeisha Guidry-Jones  
Brushelle Scott  
Eva Platt  
Vernon Gray Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Mace  
Alvin Arnold

## Hurricane Prayer

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude; you are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control. The Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming, lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster. During this hurricane season, we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us.

**THE LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION DAY FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION** is a total of eight hours, designated as Parts A, B, C, D. Each part is two hours and must be taken in order, because each part builds on the previous part. Youth having received sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist

Youth-Oct. 2, 2016—1p.m.– 7 p.m.  
Adult- Dec. 10, 2016- 9 a.m.– 3:30 p.m.  
Catholic Pastoral Center

**THE LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION FOR LECTORS** is a total of four hours, designated as part 1 and part 2. Each part is two hours and must be taken in order.

Sept. 29, 2016 6 p.m.—8 p.m.  
Oct. 04, 2016 6 p.m.—8 p.m.  
Catholic Pastoral Center

All Formation Ministries must be renewed every three years.

## **\*\*\*ATTENTION \*\*\***

***If anyone has any announcements to be placed in the Church's Weekly Bulletin, upon the Pastor's approval please submit your information to the parish office by 12 noon each Wednesday. THANK YOU***

## **NOVENA PRAYER TO ST. THERESE—THE LITTLE FLOWER**

St. Therese, beloved friend, you promised to spend your time in heaven doing good upon the earth. WE come before you in our need. We believe that you listen to us and approach God for and with us. You are love in the heart of the God. Please accept these petitions, hopes, needs and dreams that I list below (pause). Please present them to our loving Father so that God may do what is best for us, for our loved ones, and for the fulfillment of God's Kingdom. Continue your shower of roses in our lives. We ask you, dear friend with the bold confidence and loving care. We make this prayerful petition in the name of Jesus and through the power of his Spirit. **AMEN.**

## Adult Confirmation Program

Mondays, February 20 - April 24, 2017  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Saint Therese, the Little Flower of Jesus Parish  
4612 Garnet Avenue, Port Arthur  
(Education Building)

Or  
Mondays, February 20 - April 17, 2017  
(Spanish)

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
Saint Joseph Parish  
4600 Proctor Street, Port Arthur  
(Cody Hall)

or  
Wednesdays, February 22 - April 19, 2017  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Catholic Pastoral Center  
710 Archie Street, Beaumont  
(Assembly Hall)

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Curtis Guillory, SVD Sunday, May 8, 2017 - 12:00 Noon Mass Saint Anthony Cathedral Basilica Reception will follow in the Cathedral Basilica Hall