


READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Sunday May 28	Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:16-20
Monday May 29	Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab Jn 14:18; 16:22
Tuesday May 30	Acts 20:17-27 Ps 38:10-11, 20-21 Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday May 31	Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16 (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Lk 1:39-56
Thursday June 1	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a & 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 Jn 17:20-26
Friday June 2	Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab Jn 21:15-19
Saturday June 3	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Ps 11:4, 5 & 7 Jn 21:20-25

PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND	
	
John Abram	
Mary Brown	
Mary Crossley	
David Jayce Carey	
Courtney Chavis	
Therese Ferguson	
Hollis Fain	
Joe B. Forward	
Theresa Garrett	
Anna Garrick	
Elias Gobert	
James Mims	
John Richard, Sr.	
Alma G Thibodeaux	
Alma C Thibodeaux	
Sammie Williams	

May Birthday List	
Happy Birthday to::	
Cecilia Davis	3
William Davis	10
John King	12
Ronald Warnell	21
Mary Alexander	22
Dorothy Broussard	22
Ashley Anderson	30
Marva Hebert	31
Herman Richard	31

Happy Anniversary

Fred & Peggy Green 8th

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Office Hours: Tuesday thru Thursday
 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



MINISTERIES FOR THE WEEKEND	
HOSPITALITY	
Saturday:	Richard Scott, Shirley Allison, Rose Davis & Walter Davis
Sunday:	Phyllis Thibodeaux, Dorothy Jacobs, Fred Green & Elizabeth Mitchell,
ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:	
Saturday:	A: Mona Richard L: Gary Mims & Freda Guillory
Sunday:	A: Peggy Green L: Eva Platt & Youth
ALTAR SERVER:	
Saturday:	Reagan Pitre & William Pitre
Sunday:	D'Ana Williams
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:	
Saturday	Cecilia Davis & Russell Bottley
Sunday:	Dorothy Broussard & Lucy Jones

Congratulations Graduate's College	
Perry Thompson Jr	
High School	
D'Ana Williams	
T'Ana Williams	
Blake Thompson	
Middle School	
Amiyah Leblanc	
Jo'Nire Pete	
Alexandre Gamble	

To all our sick and homebound **THANK YOU** so much for your unwavering commitment and contributions to your parish. To better serve everyone Fr. Donatus is available to visit **ALL** parishioners at the appointed time. However, Fr. Donatus has reserved Friday's for the homebound

MASS INTENTIONS	
Sunday May 28	9:00 a.m.
Monday May 29	No Mass
Tuesday May 30	8:00 a.m.
Wednesday May 31	8:00 a.m.
Thursday June 1	8:00 a.m.
Friday June 2	8:00 a.m. & 6:00 pm Adoration and Benediction
Saturday June 3	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).

Attendance	
Saturday	29
Sunday	76
Weekend Collection	
Deductible	Non-Deductible
Catholic Com. \$ 127.00	
Loose \$ 127.15	
Saturday \$ 743.00	
Sunday \$ 1,106.00	
Total Deposit \$ 2,103.15	
Expenses: elec. <\$ 744.84> center pt <\$ 146.59>	
Phone & internet <\$ 150.43>	
sup & admin <\$ 956.00>	

PRAY FOR THE SICK	
	
James Arceneaux	
Mary Feathers	
Alberta Fontenot	
Frances Freeman	
Debra Glaude	
Margaret Green	
Myrtle Guillory	
Marvin Hampton	
Celestine Johnson	
Calvin Johnson	
Stacy Johnson	
Rose Lee Johnson	
Lakeisha Guidry-Jones	
Leothus Jones	
Raffelitta Jonea Lee	
John Milton	
Ruby Milton	
Mr. & Mrs. Mace	
Bettye Odom	
Clayona Pilette	
Brushelle Scott	
Robert Simmons	
Joe Ware	

Bishop Faith Appeal/Fundraiser

Goal : \$25,000.

It is the time of year again where we to begin the work on our BFA goal, and for those of us that has not yet pledged please do so and for those of us that has Thank You so much. For any information please contact Robert Gobert at (504) 232-5640 or Shirley Ray (409) 779-9922. We look forward to the continued growth of our parish

The Ascension of The Lord

May 28, 2017

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations”



Eucharistic Celebration

Weekends:
 Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

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

Infant Baptism:
 Please contact the pastor two (2) months in advance

Weekdays:
 Tuesday-Friday 8:00 a.m.
 Thursday: Faith Program 5:30 p.m.

Adoration
 Fridays: 6 p.m.

Adoration & Benediction
 1st Friday each month 6p.m.-7p.m.

Marriage:
 Please call Rectory six (6) months prior to proposed date

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Leaving

At one time or another in our life, we know we must take leave. We may leave a home, a job, a way of life. We leave because we believe something better lies ahead. We do not do this lightly. We leave with a tinge of sadness and a measure of hope.

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:17-23 GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20

Comment

Only Mark and Luke speak directly about the ascension of Jesus. Mark gives us only a single line. Luke, on the other hand, is more expansive. He also recalls the Ascension narration in the opening of his second book of the Christian Scriptures—the Acts of the Apostles. This second narration, taken from Acts, is our first reading today. Luke alone states that Jesus' ascension occurred forty days after the Resurrection.

As Jesus returns to the Father and thus disappears from their sight, the apostles remain riveted and absorbed. The angels have to bring them back to earth, so to speak. They address the apostles, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there?" The words are reminiscent of the angels addressing the stunned women at the tomb on Easter morning: "He is not here, for he has been raised, just as he said" (Matthew 28:6).

Today's Gospel proclamation is solemn and grave. Matthew's Gospel does not mention Jesus' ascension. Rather, Matthew is concerned about handing on the mission of Jesus. The apostles offer homage; Jesus acknowledges this gesture by announcing that God, his Father, is the source of his authority. Jesus acts as one duly authorized to give the apostles the mission of teaching, baptizing, and carrying out all he had commanded.

The questioning and anxious waiting, which are recorded in the first reading, are absent in today's Gospel proclamation. The whole of Jesus' ministry is handed on to the eleven. Their mission is to reach the ends of the earth. They are assured that Jesus will be with them everywhere and always, right up to the end of time.

Reflection

The death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, as well as the descent of the Holy Spirit, comprise the inseparable Paschal Mystery. We take each event in time, of course. We observe and honor one facet, then another throughout Triduum and the Easter season. Our celebration of the Ascension of the Lord focuses on Jesus' necessary departure. The apostles had been warned, or reminded, "I tell you the sober truth, it is much better for you that I go. If I fail to go, the Paraclete will never come to you, whereas if I go, I will send him to you" (John 16:7).

Jesus will no longer be present in the old, familiar way. He whom they have seen with their very own eyes, he whom they have touched will no longer be there. We can easily sympathize with the apostles. We can forgive them for staring up to heaven in awe, riveted to that place on earth, wishing this were not so. Or wishing they could join him. Or wishing he would return soon. But the apostles have a mission. They also have the assurance of Jesus' presence with them to the very ends of the earth and until the end of all time. God has all space and all time covered, so to speak.

For the apostles this is quite a stretch. They must tarry awhile on this earth. They must learn that though Jesus left them, he did not abandon them. He is wholly present. It is for them to receive and experience and know him in a new way. This will make all the difference to them; it will make all the difference in the world.

Bayou Breakfast with Bishop Curtis J Guillory

Breakfast with the Bishop is heading to the Bayou! With all the good Cajun food and music that has become a mainstay of the event, we decided we needed a new name that let's everyone know this breakfast party is like no other! "Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler!" Bayou Breakfast with Bishop Curtis Guillory, benefitting the programs of Catholic Charities of Southeast Texas is scheduled for Saturday, June 10th, 9-11 AM in the Family Life Center at St Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church in Beaumont. Enjoy traditional breakfast favorites and delicious Cajun treats then get ready to dance or just tap your feet. Authentic and award-winning sounds from Jackie Callier, Ivy Dugas, and the Cajun Cousins will draw you out to the floor so you can dance, eat, and dance some more! Tickets are \$25 for teens and adults and \$10 for children ages 6-12, children 5 and under are admitted free. Purchase tickets by phone at (409) 924-4411 or on the web at www.catholiccharitiesbmt.org.

Is God calling YOU to a Leadership Role at Our Parish?

Our discernment process for Pastoral Council at St. Therese is nearing its end. This week we, as a parish family, will be praying for awareness and wisdom. We will be asking God to help each individual person determine if he/she is gifted in ways that would help provide excellent leadership for our parish. We ask the Holy Spirit for clarity and wisdom so that we might not only see our own gifts but the gifts of our fellow parishioners. Please remember the process ends with the actual discernment on **Saturday, June 3**. If you feel you are gifted in ways that would make you an effective member of the Pastoral Council, please attend that day-long discernment process which will begin with the celebration of Mass. And even if you are not sure, please attend and help us with the process.

One of the most important gifts for a parishioner to bring to the Pastoral Council is Integrity. The word is nuanced and often difficult to define. However, any loving person who is attempting to live out the Gospel message and follow Jesus' teaching most certainly possesses this gift. The more one has a mature approach to those teachings the more evident that gift will be. Remember that maturity does not necessarily come with age and experience. To see how well YOU are formed in this gift, reflect on the following questions:

How closely do my actions reflect my Christian principles? (In ethics, integrity is regarded as the honesty and truthfulness of one's actions.)

Do I honor my commitments? Keep my word?

Do I mean what I say? Do I say what I mean? Can I do that without being mean?

Can I keep confidences? Or, do I engage in gossip and back-biting?

Do I have a balanced approach to work and play?

Have I developed as a whole person – emotionally, intellectually, socially and spiritually?

Am I a bridge builder? Am I able to unite the parish community rather than divide it?

Am I able to meet life's challenges in a mature way - always trusting in God's guidance?

Am I able to forgive?

Not every parishioner who presents himself/herself for discernment on June 3 will have all of the gifts needed to serve in this important leadership role and it is unlikely that any individual will have developed the gift of integrity perfectly since we are human and subject to imperfection. However, with the Holy Spirit's guidance, Council will reflect these gifts as a unit working together. Remember that to suddenly recognize that one is gifted does not mean that one is prideful. Our gifts are God given! As Scripture tells us they should not be "hidden under a bushel" but rather brought into the light. In fact, Jesus admonishes the servant who buries his talents. This week is the time to pray for awareness and wisdom! It is also the time to free your calendar so that you can join us on Saturday, June 3!

Exciting News

St Therese now has Online-Giving and Online Bishop Faith Appeal

For your convenience you can make your pledges and pay your tithe on-line. Simply go to our website at stthereseorangetx.org click create profile, choose the option that is convenient for you, and start giving today!

Liturgical Workshop Certificates

Thank you to the following people for attending and completing the Liturgical Ministry Formation Day workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The continued education of our ministry is significant to our faith. **Adam Jacobs Richard Scott**
Lucy Jones Dorothy Broussard Rose Bottley Cecilia Davis
Freda Guillory

St. Francis Men's ACTS Retreat June 29-July 2, 2017

Men's ACTS Retreat held at the Holy Family Retreat Center, Beaumont, TX. The retreat will be June 29-July 2, 2017 the fee is \$170.00. To register, complete a registration form and turn in along with your deposit of \$50.00 to St. Francis Catholic Church with the remaining balance due at the Thursday night check-in. Financial difficulties should not prevent anyone from attending the retreat. Registration forms can be found in the parish office. For more information, please call Lance Fitts /Dir. (409) 474-1222.

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.**

Bishop's Faith Appeal Mid-Year Meeting

Date: Tuesday, June 27, 2017
Where: Holy Family Retreat Center,
9920 Major Drive, Bmt. TX
Time: 6:30 until 8:00 p.m.

We will need an accurate count for food and ask that you RSVP no later than June 20, 2017 at mgirouard@diocesecofbmt.org or 409.924.4302