

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Sunday Sept. 17	Sir 27:30-28:7 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 Rom 14:7-9 Mt 18:21-35
Monday Sept. 18	1 Tm 2:1-8 Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9 Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday Sept. 19	1 Tm 3:1-13 Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6 Lk 7:11-17 or Heb 10:32-36 Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 Jn 12:24-26
Wednesday Sept. 20	1 Tm 3:14-16 Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 10:32 or Wis 3:1-9 or Rom 8:31b-39 Ps 126:1bc- 2ab,2cd-3, 4-5, 6 Lk 9:23-26
Thursday Sept. 21	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Mt 9:9-13
Friday Sept. 22	1 Tm 6:2c-12 Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20 Lk 8:1-3
Saturday Sept. 23	1 Tm 6:13-16 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Lk 8:4-15

**PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND**

John Abram  
Mary Brown  
Mary Crossley  
David Jayce Carey  
Courtney Chavis  
Therese Ferguson  
Hollis Fain  
Joe B. Forward  
Theresa Garrett  
Ella Mae Garrett  
Anna Garrick  
Mark Mitchell Jr.  
James Mims  
Westley Popillion  
John Richard, Sr.  
Alma G Thibodeaux

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

Ryaisha Daughtery	2
Ursula Gray	3
Sammie Williams	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
Wayne Sparrow	19
Rose Davis	22
George Davis	22
Justin Sparrow	22
Doris Gans	25
Jalen Jefferson	27
Chris Popillion	28

Happy Anniversary

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

**MINISTERIES FOR THE WEEKEND**  
*HOSPITALITY*

Saturday: Brenda Mims, Shirley Allison, Rose Davis & Walter Davis  
Sunday: **YOUTH SUNDAY**

**ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:**  
Saturday: A: Leo Jackson L: Freda Guillory & Felicia Richard  
Sunday: A: Alexandre Gamble L: Candance Brown & Jo'Nire Pete

**ALTAR SERVER:**  
Saturday: Reagan Pitre & Reagan Pitre  
Sunday: D'Ana Williams

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:**  
Saturday: Cecilia Davis & Russell Bottley  
Sunday: Mr. & Mrs. Adam Jacobs

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



**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

James Arceneaux  
Mable Durio  
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  
John Milton  
Ruby Milton  
Bettie Odom  
Clayona Pilette  
Brushelle Scott  
Robert Simmons  
Joe Ware

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sunday Sept. 17	9:00 a.m. Shawnisty Revis requested by Rose Davis
Monday Sept. 18	No Mass
Tuesday Sept. 19	8:00 a.m. +
Wednesday Sept. 20	8:00 a.m.
Thursday Sept. 21	8:00 a.m.
Friday Sept. 22	8:00 a.m. Adoration
Saturday Sept. 23	4:00 p.m. Shawnisty Revis requested By Rose Davis

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

**Attendance**

Saturday	28	Sunday	41
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**Weekend Collection**

	Deductible	Non-Deductible
Mail In	\$ 64.00	
Loose	\$ 63.00	
TS Harvey	\$ 141.00	
Saturday	\$ 392.00	
Sunday	\$ 1,205.00	

**Total Deposit \$ 1,865.00**  
**Expense: att 23.60 admin supply <\$508.08>**  
**Spectrum <\$ 194.61> contract <\$ 38.02>**  
**City of Orange <\$ 379.87>**

**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 are look forward to the continued growth of our parish*

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



**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 17, 2017**  
**“His Master handed him over to the torturers”**



**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

**SECRETARY**  
Cindy Hampton (409) 882-0935

**PARISH COUNCIL**

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# TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Forgiveness

This year marks the tenth anniversary of a senseless murder in our quiet community. Christie, a teenage girl, was stalked and killed by a man now serving a life sentence in prison. Ten years later, Christie's parents have requested permission to visit their daughter's murderer. It has taken some time, but Christie's parents know that the only way to heal this unthinkable injury is to forgive it.

**FIRST READING: Sirach 27:30 — 28:7 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12**

**SECOND READING: Romans 14:7-9 GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35**

## Comment

Sirach provides a perfect foundation for today's Gospel. Nearly two hundred years before Jesus preached the parable of the unforgiving servant, Sirach's son wrote this wisdom book to help the people of his day live in harmony with God's creation. He cautioned people to let go of their anger. You can almost see them clutch it tightly as though it were a priceless gem. Our own sins will be forgiven, he tells us, if we forgive others. We must show mercy if we are to receive it.

Jesus illustrates this wisdom absolutely when Peter asks how often we need to forgive someone who's hurt us. The king forgave the enormous debt of his servant, but the servant demanded payment and punishment when a fellow slave could not pay what he owed.

Have you ever paid off a large debt? Perhaps it was a car, a college loan, or your mortgage? It's a joyful feeling. But imagine one step further (or maybe this has actually happened to you). By some serendipitous event, the money appeared unexpectedly. The weight of the world was lifted as you crawled out from underneath the burden of debt. Isn't it strange that the servant's response to his fellow slave was one of greed and anger just after something so wonderful had happened? We might wonder if more was troubling the servant than just his debt.

## Reflection

We ask God to forgive our sins. We know we are forgiven. Jesus died for just that purpose. God, then, is the great king who forgave his servant (you and me). But what happens when our peers come forward and ask for our forgiveness? Is it possible that our own greatest sin is our inability to forgive one person in our own lives?

Jesus told Peter that we must forgive seventy-seven times. It was never intended that we keep a ledger, but the main idea is that we forgive over and over. This should give us some practice at being humble and gracious. But in the reverse, when we ask someone for forgiveness, we must be willing to try to correct our wrongdoing. We must be willing to change something of ourselves in order not to repeat the hurt.

### "Acts"

The ACTS Core Team is looking for a representative from St Theresa to serve on the ACTS Core Team. You must have made a retreat to be eligible. We need one women. The term is 3 years. Meetings are second Thursday of the month, 630 at St Frances. Please contact Sherry Hommel at 409-779-9129 ACTS Team Core Facilitator

### \*\*\*Meeting\*\*\*

There will be a Pastoral Council Meeting Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 6 pm in the Education Building, every member is ask to please be in attendance.

### 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.**

### ST THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH BALANCE SHEET AND INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	Operating	Designated	Total
Cash Balance of all accounts	3,964.69	5,456.16	9,420.85
Special Collections/Mass Stipends	173.00		173.00
Net Cash Balances available	<u>3,791.69</u>	<u>5,456.16</u>	<u>9,247.85</u>
Income			
General Contributions	129,132.96		129,132.96
Fundraising Building Fund	5,776.21	1,040.00	6,816.21
Plant Maintenance	250.00		250.00
Religious Education Fees/Grant Flower Donations		3,000.00	3,000.00
Worship Bereavement Donations	271.21		271.21
Interest Income	124.06		124.06
Rental Income-Plant	1,500.00		1,500.00
BFA Overage	917.20		917.20
Subsidies-Diocese	926.99		926.99
Misc Transfers In	-		-
Total Income	<u>138,898.63</u>	<u>4,040.00</u>	<u>142,938.63</u>
Expenses			
Religious Education/Youth CYM	157.72	455.00	612.72
Educational Assistance	200.00		200.00
Clergy	42,967.41		42,967.41
Worship Aids/Bread/Wine/supplies	3,524.53		3,524.53
Music	13,141.59		13,141.59
Parish Social Ministry Bereavement	1,457.18		1,457.18
Cathedraticum	20,308.16		20,308.16
Office Administration	28,787.59		28,787.59
Insurance	15,411.00		15,411.00
Plant	32,759.98		32,759.98
Capital Expenditures-Storage building	2,286.11		2,286.11
Capital Expenditures-Furniture Cemetery	396.07		396.07
Misc Transfers Out			-
Total Expenses	<u>161,397.34</u>	<u>455.00</u>	<u>161,852.34</u>
Net Revenue (Loss)	<u>(22,498.71)</u>	<u>3,585.00</u>	<u>(18,913.71)</u>

Operating Fund includes normal weekly contributions, fundraising and day to day operational expenses. Designated Fund includes donations that have been given to the church for a specific purpose and cannot be used for day to day operations.