

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun. Nov 26 - Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 Mt 25:9, 10

Mon. Nov 27 - Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 (Ps) Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 Lk 21:1-4

Tues. Nov 28 - Dn 2:31-45 (Ps) Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 Lk 21:5-11

Wed. Nov 29 - Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 (Ps) Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 Lk 21:12-19

Thurs. Nov 30 - Rom 10:9-18 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 Mt 4:18-22

Fri. Dec 1 - Dn 7:2-14 (Ps) Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81 Lk 21:29-33

Sat. Dec 2 - Dn 7:15-27 (Ps) Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87 Lk 21:34-36

**November Birthday List
Happy Birthday to::**

Rose Bottley	6
Archange Cexar, Jr	10
Earnett Mitchell	11
Deacon Julian Richard	12
Mormon Richard	12
Antoine Warnell	14
Pat Roberts	15
Beverly Stewart	21
Gary Mims	22
Kevin Hebert	23
Edmayia Riggs	24
Ina Chavis	26
Phyllis Thibodeaux	28
Patricia Blair-Wilks	29

Happy Anniversary

Clifton & Felicia Richards	12th
Marvin & Cindy Hampton	24th

COORNATORS OF MINISTRIES

Bishop Faith Appeal - Robert Gobert
Bereavement Committee- Rose Bottley

Donut Sunday's - Freda Guillory*
Donuts and coffee in the Education Building 1st, 3rd & 4th Sunday of each month.

Extraordinary Minister of Communion - Shirley Ray

Finance - Andre' Robertson

Fund Rising - Walter Davis

Hospitality/Ushers - Rose Davis

Lectors - Gary Mims

Life Center - Adam Jacobs

Maint. & Plumbing - Joe Fontenot

Mission & Retreat - Cecilia Davis

Music Director - George Alexander

Socials - Knights of Peter Clever & Ladies Auxiliary * Parish Luncheon, the second Sunday of each month.

Youth - Felicia Richard

Stewardship-Wayne Sparrow

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose
Romans 8:28

**MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEKEND
HOSPITALITY**

Saturday: Rose Davis, Walter Davis
Richard Scott, Shirley Allison
Sunday: Phyllis Thibodeaux,
Dorothy Jacobs, Elizabeth Mitchell,
Veronica Bradford

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday **A:** Leo Jackson **L:** Eva Platt & Josie
Sunday **A:** Dorothy Broussard
L: Amiyah & Tina Kindle

ALTAR SERVER:

Saturday: Reagan Pitre & William Pitre
Sunday: D'Ana Williams

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday Freda Guillory & Russell Bottley
Sunday: Cecilia Davis & Shirley Ray

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Nov. 26th 9:00 a.m. Mass
+Gary Mims Jr.
Requested by Gary Mims Sr.

Monday, Nov. 27th NO MASS

Tuesday, Nov. 28th 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 29th 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 30th 6:00 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 1st 5:00 p.m.
Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, Dec. 02nd
3:20 - 3:55 Reconciliation
4:00 p.m. Mass +Vernon Gray
Requested by Mrs. Mary Gray

(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).

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



**Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe**

November 26, 2017

**“The Son of Man...will sit upon
his glorious throne...”**



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

**Exposition & Adoration of
the Blessed Sacrament**
Every Friday: 5 p.m.

Weekdays:
Tuesday-Friday 6:00 p.m.

Adoration & Benediction
1st Friday each month 5p.m.-6:30p.m.

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

SECRETARY

Cindy Hampton (409) 882-0935

PARISH COUNCIL

Richard Scott, Chairman	779-7587
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*****Important, please respond quickly*****

For Christmas Day liturgy lectors, ushers, ministers of communion and altar servers are needed if you are interested please contact Gary Mims or let one of the ushers know. Thanks in advance

Bishop Faith Appeal/Fundraiser

Goal: \$25,000.

Pledged: \$16,375. Paid: \$11,700.

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

THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING

Power

The word reminds us of kings, dictators, generals. We speak of the red button that sets off unimaginable destruction. We speak as if the most awesome power is this spectacular, explosive kind. Standing over against this is the power of Christ the King. His is the power that draws us near.

FIRST READING: *Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17* **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *Psalm 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6*

SECOND READING: *1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28* **GOSPEL:** *Matthew 25:31-46*

Comment

The first reading disabuses us of any triumphal thoughts we might have about the role of kings. The image offered to us is God's utterance through the prophet Ezekiel. This prophet was an exile and he felt keenly the scorn heaped upon the once proud people of God.

The reading for today represents Ezekiel's marvelous insight into the compassion of God. We are all familiar with the old idea: one sins, is punished, repents, and gains redemption. Not so, says the God of Ezekiel. We sin and bring on ourselves our own punishment. Then, redemption jumps in—ahead of repentance. Because of God's redemption, we are able to repent. This is the amazing grace. The shepherd seeks us, binds our wounds, shepherds us rightly. The tenderness of this Shepherd-God cannot be missed. The power of God bends down to the little, lost, battered one.

At the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he described beatitude, or blessedness. At the end, he points out the members of the kingdom—those who help the lowly and needy ones. This is God-like behavior. It is Jesus-like behavior. It defines Christian behavior.

Reflection

When we act like God, we bend down. Our strength is in our compassion. We see this clearly in the life and ministry of Jesus. We hear it in his words, his parables. Today the story is set squarely on our shoulders. Our work on earth is to bend toward those regarded by others as "the least." There is more: these so-called least are worth the attention we would afford to Jesus himself. For he identifies with them.

The Gospel itself presents a vision of all the people on earth standing before the throne of the Son of God. And he delivers a surprising message. Everyone in the world could understand the irresistible kind of power generated by loving compassion. Active, affective, effective compassion draws us near to its light and warmth. This compassion moves like fire throughout the earth.



Fundraiser

Society of St Vincent de Paul – St Louis Conference 909 Hwy 124, Winnie, TX phone 409-296-4200 is having a Thrift Store Fundraiser Raffle & Christmas Store, 1 Lucky Raffle winner gets 10 gifts cards valued at \$50. Each to popular stores and eateries! KOHL's, home depot, red lobster and more. A book of 3 tickets for \$5.00. Drawing to be held Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 2 pm. Grand opening for the SVDP Thrift Store is Monday, Dec. 4, 2017 donations of decoration and gift items are always graciously accepted.

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
Beatrice Guillory
Mark Mitchell Jr.
James Mims
Westley Popillion
John Richard, Sr.
Alma G Thibodeaux
Alma C Thibodeaux



PRAY FOR THE SICK

James Arceneaux
Mable Durio
Alberta Fontenot
Frances Freeman
Debra Glaude
Margaret Green
Peggy Green
Myrtle Guillory
Marvin Hampton
Rena Mae Jenkins
Celestine Johnson
Calvin Johnson
Stacy Johnson
Rose Lee Johnson
Lakeisha Guidry-Jones
Leothus Jones
John Milton
Ruby Milton
Bettye Odom
Clayona Pilette
Doris Robertson
Brushelle Scott
Robert Simmons
Joe Ware

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.

Why Do Catholics Make the Sign of the Cross?

The prophet Ezekiel has a vision in which he sees great sins committed by God's people. But at the urging of a heavenly messenger, the godly men and women who lament the wickedness of their people are marked with an "X" on their foreheads. Bearing that mark, they will be spared the divine judgment that is to come (see Ez 9:1-7).

St. John's vision in Revelation includes a close parallel to this scenario. Before the angels of judgment are allowed to devastate a wicked world, a seal is placed on the foreheads of "the servants of our God" (see 7:1-3; 9:4). Later, this seal is described as the name of Christ and of his Father (see 14:1).

In light of these parallels, many early Christian teachers not surprisingly saw in Ezekiel's vision a foreshadowing of the ancient Christian rite of Baptism. Baptism, after all, is given "for the forgiveness of ... sins" (Acts 2:38), so that those who have been forgiven may escape the wrath of God (see 1 Thes 5:9). In addition, the baptismal rite included — as it still does today — the making of a cross with blessed oil on the foreheads of those baptized. (In the Greek version of Ezekiel, the mark is actually the letter tau, which was written more like an upright cross.)

The corresponding scene in St. John's vision most likely reflects the Christian baptismal ceremony of his day. This rite included (again, as it still does) the spoken words "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit" (Mt 28:19). The Sign of the Cross on the forehead may also have been part of the rite by that time. As early as the second century, making the Sign of the Cross was a common and well-established custom.

Today, this gesture is usually made by drawing the hand from forehead to breast and then from shoulder to shoulder. When Catholics apply holy water to themselves with the Sign of the Cross upon entering a church, they are recalling their baptism "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." With the ancient Christians, they use the gesture at other times as well, such as when they begin and end prayers. Each time, they point to Christ's cross, the Holy Trinity, and the need to sanctify every action

RELATED SCRIPTURE — Texts cited: Ez 9:1-7 • Mt 28:19 • Acts 2:38 • 1 Thes RV 7:1-3; 9:4; 14:1. **General:** Mt 10:38, 16:24 • Mk 8:34; 10:21 • Lk 9:23; 14:27 • 1 Cor 1:18 Gal 6:14.
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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**

BFA Leadership Dinner

To ALL BFA team members, there will be a BFA Leadership Dinner on the evening of Sunday, December 3, 2017. Dinner will be held at the Holiday Inn, 3950 I-10 South, Beaumont at 5:30 pm with Fellowship at 4:30 pm. This is when we issue BFA overage checks to the Pastors whose parishes have exceeded their goal by the month of November. To receive the maximum overage prior to Leadership Dinner, all monies will need to be in our office no later than, November 10, 2017 Any additional monies your parish receives, after November 10th up until the appeal end date of December 31, 2017, will be mailed to you at a later date.

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.**