

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday August 21	Is 66:18-21 Ps 117:1-2 Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 Lk 13:22-30
Monday August 22	Thes 1:1-5, 11-12 Ps 96:1-5 Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday August 23	Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17 Ps 96:10-13 Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday August 24	Rv 21:9b-14 Ps 145:10-13, 17-18 Jn 1:45-51
Thursday August 25	1 Cor 1:1-9 Ps 145:2-7 Mt 24:42-51
Friday August 26	1 Cor 1:17-25 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 Mt 25:1-13
Saturday August 27	1 Cor 1:26-31 Ps 33:12-13, 18-21 Mt 25:14-30 see Sir 26:1-4, 13-16

**August Birthday List  
Happy Birthday to::**

Marina Taylor	1
Lauren Jackson	2
Christopher Henry	4
David Thomas III	6
Joseph Garrett	7
Dorothy Jacobs	10
Gloria Richard	11
Tyler Rodriguez	15
Mary Lazenby	17
Morgan Jackson	19
John Riggs Sr.	28
Horace Broussard Jr.	29

**Happy Anniversary**

Carroll & Maxie Durio	5
Patrick & Brenda Mims	18
John & Tammy Richard	30
Lester & Sanja Popillion	31



# 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

## August 21, 2016



**ST. THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**1409 6TH ST ORANGE TX 77630-3927      PHONE: (409) 883-3783      FAX: (409) 883-4918**

**MINISTERIES FOR THE WEEKEND  
HOSPITALITY**

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

**ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:**

Saturday: A: John King      L: Gary Mims  
Sunday: A: Youth      L: Youth

**ALTAR SERVER:**

Sunday: D'Ana Williams

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:**

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

**Bishop Faith Appeal**  
**Goal : \$18,693.      Pledged : \$13,913**  
**PAID: \$9,138**

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sunday August 21	9:00 a.m. Mass
Monday August 22	No Mass
Tuesday August 23	6:00 p.m. + Donald Henry requested by his daughter Mona Richard
Wednesday August 24	6:00 p.m.
Thursday August 25	6:00 p.m. + Kate Sparrow requested by her grandson Wayne Sparrow
Friday August 26	6:00 p.m.
Saturday August 27	4:00 p.m. Patrick Mims requested by Patrick Mims

(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	55
Sunday	48

**Weekend Collection**

Saturday	\$ 1,646.00
Sunday	\$ 1,048.00
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	\$ 2,694.00

**SACRAMENTS**

**Mass Schedule**

Sunday	9:00 a.m.
Monday	No Mass
Tuesday & Wednesday	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	5:30 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m.
Saturday Vigil	4:00 p.m.
Holy Days of Obligation	6:00 p.m.

**Reconciliation**

Saturdays	3:20 p.m. - 3:55 p.m.
Friday	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Adoration**

Friday 5:30 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.  
Contact info; cell (706) 341-6095 hm (409) 238-3001

**DEACON :** Julian Richard (409) 882-4302  
**DEACON :** Hazen Kenney (512) 791-0847

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

**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**  
Sanja Popillion (409) 670-0808

**PARISH COUNCIL**

Joe Ware, Chairman	886-5331
Adam Jacobs, Vice Chairman	883-9688
Dayna Smith, Secretary	988-6705
P.R.O., Leo Jackson	886-9692
Horace Broussard	883-7937
Martin Feathers	882-4186
Albert Hebert, Jr.	746-2627
Freda Guillory	882-1768
Lanny DeLarue	330-0791
John King	920-2448
Shirley Ray	779-9922

**FINANCE COUNCIL**

Andre Robertson	882-0012
Janice Semien	883-7126



We all know people or groups who seem to have an ingrained sense of entitlement or privilege, people who put themselves first without regard for the sensitivities or rights of others. Whether their behavior derives from childhood experiences of over-indulgence or from some other source, it can be quite divisive and even destructive of family and workplace and community. Those who consistently put themselves first will often find themselves last in the sense that they are often simply tolerated rather than welcomed in most circles

As Jesus makes his way from one town to another on his way to Jerusalem, “someone” puts a question to him. The question is about salvation: “Will only a few be saved?” or, more accurately, “Are only the few saved?” Jesus treats it as a rhetorical question that presupposes an affirmative answer. His answer could be interpreted as affirmative, even if it is a far cry from the expected response. While the question comes from one person, Jesus’ response is “to them”. These people have shared table fellowship with him. Their insistence that they have eaten with him may suggest they are part of the crowd who has been following him from Galilee. They may even be those who objected to Jesus’ less than desirable table companions, the tax-collectors and sinners (Luke 7:34). They have heard his teaching: “You taught in our streets”.

Jesus’ reply indicates that the tables have turned. It would come as no surprise to a Jewish audience to hear Jesus stating that the kingdom belongs to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets. Jesus’ assertion that it also belongs to those who come from far and wide, “from east and west and north and south”, might be less than palatable to those who see themselves as “first” in the schema of salvation

Those who share in the banquet in God’s kingdom, the “saved”, have prevailed in the struggle to enter through the “narrow door”. Entry is by no means restricted to the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob: it belongs to all who hear the word of God and put it into practice. The inclusion or “salvation” of outsiders will cause grief among “evil-doers”. These evil-doers include those who have eaten with Jesus and who have heard his teaching without effect and who, consequently, have failed to commit themselves to the struggle to establish God’s reign of justice and peace and reconciliation. There is no privileged access to salvation on the basis of birth or race or any other contingency. While the “door” to salvation may be “narrow”, the Lucan Jesus has already declared that it is open to all who hear the word of God and “hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance” (8:15). (Sister Veronica Lawson RSM)

It is both a joy and a duty to support one another as pilgrims on the way to heaven. But we will pass through the narrow door or gate to heaven as individuals, not as a group.

God has ways of making us look closely at the driver’s cab in our train of life and the direction it is taking us. An unexpected death, a serious illness, the birth of a baby, a moment of illumination amid the busyness – all can make the first priority into the last priority or vice versa. We meet Jesus on the track and like the disciples on the road to Emmaus we have a new priority and a new direction, focused on the Risen Christ. Sustaining that new priority as the first priority requires work and an openness to the divine in our lives.

Personal priorities need regular personal investigation. They have many layers. Among all the things we need to do, have to do, want to do, must do, should do - which one is the real driver? And which one is Jesus calling us to allow to be the real driver?

Only the debt of Love is necessary because the Joy of the Lord is my Strength, cf. Rom. 13:8; Neh. 8:10

**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 Pillette  
Alberta Fontenot  
Hollis Fain  
James Arceneaux  
John Milton  
Gloria Richard  
Ella Garrett  
Bettye Odom  
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.

***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.

50th Anniversary Celebration  
A Glorious Birthday  
Gather with us to commemorate the establishment  
of the  
Catholic Diocese of Beaumont  
Sunday—September 18, 2016  
FORD PARK  
4:00 P.M. Mass  
Followed by a Birthday Party!

**Adult Confirmation Program**

The Diocese of Beaumont is offering a nine week program in preparation for Confirmation. offered in different parts of the diocese and in Spanish as well. These sessions are open to all adults in the diocese, not just the members from the parish in which the classes are held. Each parish has a schedule. If there are any questions or if there is a need for classes in other areas of the diocese there is a manual available that can be used to teach the nine sessions on the local level. For more information please contact the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis. All RCIA Coordinators has this information.

**\*\*\*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.**

***Attention Married Couples***

Individuals celebrating 25th, 50th or 50th + wedding anniversary in 2016: Bishop Curtis Guillory and the office of family Life Ministry invite you to attend the annual diocesan ceremony honoring your commitment to the Sacrament of Marriage on Sunday, October 30, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. at St Anthony Cathedral Basilica. The ceremony will include Mass, Renewal of Marriage Vows and Presentation of Certificates. A reception will follow in the Cathedral Center.

**PLEASE RSVP** to pastor or parish secretary no later than Friday, September 30, 2016

**PLEASE NOTE:** registration forms must be at the Family Life Office no later Wednesday, October 5, 2016

**Renewal Of Faith**

Come join in on song, praise and worship with the Catholic Charismatic Renewal on Friday August 26, 2016, 7 p.m. at St. Anne Catholic Church Hall, 2715 Calder, Beaumont. Deacon Chris Penning will presenter. All are welcome to attend.