

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday
Sept. 4 Wis 9:13-18b Ps 90:3-6, 12-17 Phlm 9-10, 12-17 Lk 14:25-33

Monday
Sept. 5 1 Cor 5:1-8 Ps 5:5-7, 12 Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday
Sept. 6 1 Cor 6:1-11 Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday
Sept. 7 1 Cor 7:25-31 Ps 45:11-12, 14-17 Lk 6:20-26

Thursday
Sept. 8 Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 Ps 13:6abc Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Friday
Sept. 9 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27 Ps 84:3-6, 12 Lk 6:39-42

Saturday
Sept. 10 1 Cor 10:14-22 Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 Lk 6:43-49

MINISTERIES FOR THE WEEKEND
HOSPITALITY

Saturday: S. Allison, R. Scott, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Davis
Sunday: C. Ambers R. Bottley, E. Taylor & J. Fontenot

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: A: Gary Mims L: Felicia Richard
Sunday: A: Wayne Sparrow L: Horace Broussard & Lucy Jones

ALTAR SERVER:

Sunday: D'Ana Williams

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday: Freda Guillory & Russell Bottley
Sunday: Gloria Richard & Robert Golbert

Attendance

Saturday 29
Sunday 60

Weekend Collection

Saturday \$ 952.00
Sunday \$ 2,177.00
\$ 3,129.00

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
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. 4 9:00 a.m.

Monday
Sept. 5 No Mass

Tuesday
Sept. 6 6:00 p.m. + Joseph Henry requested by his granddaughter Mona Richard

Wednesday
Sept. 7 6:00 p.m.+ Maude Cayette requested by her sister Rose Bottley

Thursday
Sept. 8 6:00 p.m. Melena Hampton requested by her mother Cindy Hampton

Friday
Sept. 9 6:00 p.m.

Saturday
Sept. 10 4:00 p.m. + Howard Guillory requested by his sister-in-law Freda Guillory

(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).



23rd Sunday
in Ordinary
Time
September 04, 2016



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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.

Adoration

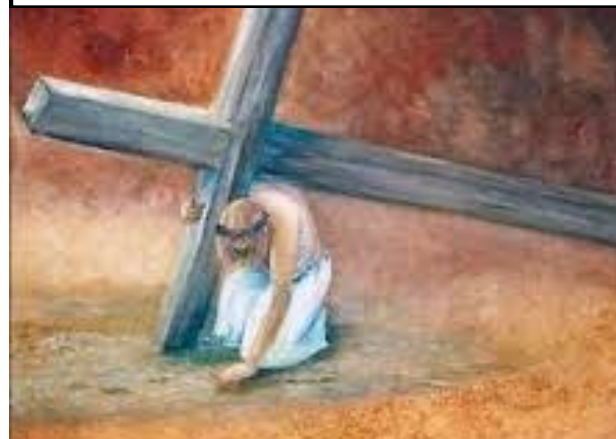
Friday 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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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SECRETARY

Cindy Hampton (409) 882-0935

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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

I read this statement from one of my sources that “I repent of going to communion without being in communion.” My dear friends in Christ, is this not what we do most times when we receive the Lord in the Holy Eucharist while we are in enmity with others? What we do when we engage in various ministries in the Church as a lector, Eucharistic minister, ushering and the like yet we are not at peace with others? And still sadder, when we avoid that one sacrament that is given to cleanse us.

Our first reading today from the book of Wisdom makes it clear that: The deliberations of mortals are timid, and unsure are our plans. Are they not? What can you be sure of that comes from moral being if the Lord does not sustain us? It further said: who ever knew your counsel, except you had given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high?

Like the constructor of a tower or a king matching to a battle, we need the grace of the Holy Spirit to sort out things according to the mind of God who gives us wisdom. It is tough to be a disciple who truly listens to the Lord, hearing and carrying out His commands in ways that are befitting of sincere Christians.

In chapter 14 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus is speaking to people gathered at the table about the difficulties of following him. This group of people is suspicious about Jesus, looking to catch him doing something wrong. Jesus speaks to them in parables, emphasizing that although there is a right way to be a disciple and enter into the kingdom of his Father, it is a difficult path to follow. Many, even some of the guests at the table, reject the invitation. So Jesus turns to the crowds and speaks to them of discipleship. Jesus explains that, when it comes to making a choice for the Kingdom of God, nothing can get in the way. When Jesus describes “hating” one's father and mother, he is not talking about feelings. Rather, he is emphasizing very strongly that choosing to be a disciple means that everything else—family, money, your own life—must come second.

In Matthew's version of this story (Matthew 10:37), Jesus refers not to “hating” father or mother, but to *loving them more* than Jesus. Jesus makes it very clear that being a disciple is not easy. It means to bear one's own cross. These difficult sayings of Jesus are followed by two brief parables (a person constructing a tower and a king marching into battle) that make an obvious point—don't start what you cannot finish. Discipleship is difficult and is something we can commit to only if we are prepared to put the Kingdom of God before everything else.

For according to **Charles Haddon Spurgeon** “Nothing teaches us about the preciousness of the Creator as much as when we learn the emptiness of everything else.” Have a blessed Sunday!

**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.
Mr. & Mrs. Mace

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.

In celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Diocese of Beaumont Catholic Schools sponsor A 5K Run / Walk

Saturday, September 17, 2016 at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica School, Downtown Beaumont The day begins with packet pickup at 7 a.m. with the 5k at 8 a.m. The cost is \$25 which includes a T-shirt.
Register by going to active.com and searching for Diocese Dash. Registration forms are on the diocesan website at www.setxcatholic.org. For sponsorship information, please call 409-924-4322.

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!

*****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