

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday Oct. 02	Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14 Lk 17:5-10
Monday Oct. 03	Gal 1:6-12 Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday Oct. 04	Gal 1:13-24 Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15 Lk 10:38-42 see Gal 6:14-18 Mt 11:25-30
Wednesday Oct. 05	Gal 2:1-2, 7-14 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Lk 11:1-4
Thursday Oct. 06	Gal 3:1-5 (Ps) Lk 1:69-75 Lk 11:5-13
Friday Oct. 07	Gal 3:7-14 Ps 111:1b-6 Lk 11:15-26
Saturday Oct. 08	Gal 3:22-29 Ps 105:2-7 Lk 11:27-28

**MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEKEND**  
HOSPITALITY

Saturday: Shirley Allison, Richard Scott, Walter Davis & Rose Davis  
 Sunday: Coretta Ambers, Rose Bottley, Emmanuel Taylor & Joseph Fontenot

**ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:**

Saturday: A: John King L: Gary Mims & Felicia Richard  
 Sunday: A: Wayne Sparrow L: Horace Broussard & Phyllis Thibodeaux

**ALTAR SERVER:**

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

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:**

Saturday: Emma Nelson & Russell Bottley  
 Sunday: Gloria Richard & Robert Gobert

Attendance

Saturday 37  
 Sunday 70

Weekend Collection

Saturday \$ 550.00  
 Sunday ~~\$ 1,163.00~~  
 \$ 1,713.00

**October Birthday List**  
**Happy Birthday to::**

Andre Robertson	2
Clayona Pillette	3
John Judge	4
Ann Richard	5
Fredrick Green	6
Janice Semien	8
Rick Orebo	10
Rachel Gobert	16
Justin Jackson	16
Jaquez Turner	18
Johnathan Hampton	18
Shelia James	23
Troy Hayes	23
Craig Orebo	26
Mary Ware	26



**Happy Anniversary**

George & Mary Alexander 30th

**Bishop Faith Appeal**  
**Goal : \$18,693. Pledged : \$14,823**  
**PAID: \$9,933**

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sunday Oct. 02	9:00 a.m.
Monday Oct. 03	6 p.m. adoration 7 p.m. Mrs. Clayona Pillette requested by her daughter Felicia Richard
Tuesday Oct. 04	6:00 p.m. + Mr. Marvin Jeanes requested by The Kenney family
Wednesday Oct. 05	6:00 p.m.+ Mrs. Armedia Jeanes requested by The Kenney family
Thursday Oct. 06	6:00 p.m.+ Mrs. Ella Mae Thibodeaux requested by her grandson Charlis Rogers
Friday Oct. 07	No Mass
Saturday Oct. 08	4:00 p.m. + Mr. Leo Jackson Sr. requested by his son Leo Jackson

(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).



**27th Sunday  
in Ordinary  
Time  
October 02, 2016**



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**SACRAMENTS**

**Mass Schedule**

Sunday	9:00 a.m.
Monday	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Wednesday	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	5:30 p.m.
Friday	No Mass
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	
Monday	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](mailto: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

## Reflection

Saffron is a spice of great value widely used in the cuisines of the world. The tiniest amount of saffron will impart a luminous yellow color to a dish large enough to feed many people. This disproportion between the amount of saffron used and its effects has a parallel in what Jesus said to the disciples about “faith the size of a mustard seed” being able to move mountains.

Many of us struggle with faith. There can be periods when God seems absent from our lives and we feel we are drifting away from him. We don’t have the uplift of experiencing the presence of God in our lives, and our decisions to act in accord with faith are sometimes painful exercises of the will. It may seem as if our faith has dwindled to less than the size of a mustard seed or a speck of saffron. The sense of losing our faith can be profoundly disturbing.

The most useful attribute at a time like this is objectivity. Standing back and looking at what we are doing that is in accord with faith in God and discipleship can be very revealing. Helping those in need, commitment to family and work, exercise of virtues such as honesty and truthfulness, and even our attempts at prayer are all evidence of faith. Like the coloring of saffron they show that what we have is faith, and it is suffusing our lives.

St. Teresa of Calcutta used to encourage people to be Christ to others with the words: “Christ in our hearts, Christ in the poor we meet, Christ in the smile we give and in the smile that we receive.” Her writings published after her death show that at the same time she was experiencing a deeply painful sense of God being absent and she even thought she had lost her faith.

“If there be God - please forgive me. When I try to raise my thoughts to Heaven, there is such convicting emptiness that those very thoughts return like sharp knives and hurt my very soul,” she wrote. “How painful is this unknown pain - I have no Faith.”

When Jesus speaks to the disciples about the servant doing his duty he is reminding them that discipleship has obligations. At the very time Mother Teresa felt that she had no faith her actions were living proof that he faith—like the speck of saffron—was infusing everything she did and that she was fulfilling the obligations of discipleship with great dedication.

Faith is not about how we feel, it is about what we do.  
(Catholic Enquiry Centre New Zealand)

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.  
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.

## Annual Family & Friends

**Gospel Extravaganza: October 29, 2016**  
**St. Therese Parish Life Center: Time 6:30 pm**

**Family & Friends Day: October 30, 2016**  
**Mass 9 am followed by Festivities**  
**St. Therese Parish Life Center**

If anyone has any suggestions about games or activities please contact the parish office.

**. October 30, 2016 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.**

**‘Please Pray For The Sanctity Of All Life’**

We are so blessed by God to have fourteen (14) Life Chains in Southeast Texas.

Your participation will definitely make a difference! Meet by 2:15 p.m.

Commitment would be for one hour of silent prayer. Please join us at one of our locations, as we pray for an end to abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide in our country.

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

## ***Youth Meeting***

Monday, October 10, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Those persons that are to attend this meeting include anyone working with jr. altar servers, jr. ushers, jr. lectors, choir members, catechists with youth 7th—12 grades, ect. Parents and young adults are certainly encouraged to attend the meeting .