

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Oct. 09, 2016



ST. THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Oct. 09	2 Kgs 5:14-17 Ps 98:1-4 2 Tm 2:8-13 Lk 17: 11-19
Monday Oct. 10	Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1 Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7 Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday Oct. 11	Gal 5:1-6 Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48 Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday Oct. 12	Gal 5:18-25 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 11:42-46
Thursday Oct. 13	Eph 1:1-10 Ps 98:1-6 Lk 11:47-54
Friday Oct. 14	Eph 1:11-14 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13 Lk 12:1-7
Saturday Oct. 15	Eph 1:15-23 Ps 8:2-3b, 4-7 Lk 12:8-12 see Rom 8:22-27 Jn 15:1-8

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
Jyquez 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

MINISTERIES FOR THE WEEKEND HOSPITALITY

Saturday: Shirley Allison, Richard Scott, Rose Davis & Walter Davis
Sunday: Horace Broussard, Staci Powers, Lucy Jones & Fred Green

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: A: Phyllis Thibodeaux L: Leo Jackson & Freda Guillory
Sunday: A: Dorothy Broussard L: Tins Kindle & Gary Mims

ALTAR SERVER:

Saturday: William Pitre & Reagan Pitre
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MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday: Russell Bottley & Freda Guillory
Sunday: Mr. & Mrs. John Semien

Attendance

Saturday 46
Sunday 77

Weekend Collection

Saturday \$ 1,193.02
Sunday \$ 2,486.00
\$ 3,679.02

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday Oct. 9	9:00 a.m.
Monday Oct. 10	6 p.m. adoration 7 p.m. Mrs. Clayona Pillette requested by her daughter Felicia Richard
Tuesday Oct. 11	6:00 p.m. + Mr. Jerry W. Jeanes requested by the Kenney Family
Wednesday Oct. 12	6:00 p.m.+ Mr. Roger Leblanc requested by the Kenney Family
Thursday Oct. 13	6:00 p.m.+ Mr. Eldridge Thibodeaux requested by his grandson Charlis D. Rogers
Friday Oct. 14	No Mass
Saturday Oct. 15	4:00 p.m. + Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson requested by her 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).

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.

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PASTORAL TEAM

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PARISH COUNCIL

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Martin Feathers 882-4186
Albert Hebert, Jr. 746-2627
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Lanny DeLarue 330-0791
John King 920-2448
Shirley Ray 779-9922

FINANCE COUNCIL

Andre Robertson 882-0012
Janice Semien 883-7126

Healing Faith

The sight of a leper in biblical times was enough to singe the tassels off a prayer shawl: clothes torn, hair worn long and shaggy, beards tied, open and oozing sores, shouting to any and all approaching, “Unclean! Unclean!” Bad as it was to be covered with sores, Jewish law demanded that lepers look even more ghoulis to scare people away. So imagine the horror and disgust of Jesus’ followers as the ten lepers boldly approach. One of them is a Samaritan, which to the Jews of Jesus’ time was like having leprosy twice. All ten lepers shout out to Jesus to pity them. He does, telling them to show themselves to the temple priests, who according to the Law must pronounce them “clean” (healed). Off they go. Along the way, all ten are cured. Yet only one of the ten—right, the Samaritan—returns to offer thanks. Imagine how Jesus feels. Like a leper, maybe?

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 5:14–17 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 98:1, 2–3, 3–4

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 2:8–13 GOSPEL: Luke 17:11–19

Comment

Each of today’s readings continues the theme of faith that was first heralded in the liturgy two weeks ago. Today’s liturgy throws the spotlight on faith from three different angles. The first reading begins with a miracle—a hard act to follow. Yet Naaman follows it with an act of gratitude, which, in turn, is quickly followed by faith. Here, faith is born of the miraculous cure and Naaman’s response of thanks. In the Gospel, the Samaritan’s cure follows faith, which in turn prompts gratitude and praise. These two readings focus on the faith of the *receiver* of gifts. They declare that for the receiver of gifts, there can be no such thing as a quiet or anonymous faith. The gift of faith is meant to be unfettered, not bound and locked away. Faith is a treasure to share, a prod to praise, a justification for jubilation and joy.

In the reading from 2 Timothy, however, the focus is not on the receiver of gifts, but on the giver. Paul wants his readers to recognize the faithfulness of Christ. So faithful is Christ, says Paul, that nothing we can do, no infidelity on our part, will cause him to alter his faithful stand toward us. Paul backs up his claim by reminding us that he is in chains precisely because of his commitment to Christ’s faithfulness. Paul exhorts us that our faith in Christ’s faithfulness will result in our ultimate salvation. All of the readings announce that God’s faithful love will issue in power to bring salvation to all the earth.

Reflection

It is important to remember that in biblical times, those afflicted with leprosy (any of many diseases that caused eruptions of the skin, not only Hansen’s disease—true leprosy) were banished from both the social and the liturgical life of the community. Thus, any remedy for or release from leprosy was grounds for double jubilation. Only the Samaritan knew how to jubilate. In fact, it is quite proper to call the Samaritan’s response to his healing “Eucharistic.”

True thanksgiving required the presence of three characters: the giver, the receiver, and an assembly. It was not sufficient to slink quietly away in order to offer a benefactor private thanks. The gratitude instigated by another’s benevolence required the receiver to reveal to as many people as possible the graciousness of the giver. True gratitude always found expression in thank-filled praise.

The Samaritan knew what it meant to give thanks, to be a “Eucharistic” person. He knew that his cure had not only returned him to health and society, but to the life of the worshipping community as well. His cure, then, became a “sign” of salvation, just as his disease had been a “sign” of sin.

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
Dorothy Broussard
Myrtle Guillory
Robert Simmons
Stacy Johnson
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
James Mims
Joe Ware, Sr.
Celestine Johnson
Mary Crossley
Calvin Johnson
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
Mrs. Rose Lee Johnson
David Jayce Carey
Ms. Tricia Slaughter

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.

*You are cordially invited
Missionary Society of St. Paul
16th Annual Appreciation Luncheon*
In the presence of

Most Reverend George A. Shelty
Auxiliary Bishop of Galveston-Houston
Saturday, Oct. 29, 2016
St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church,
6220 La Salette Street - Houston TX. 77021
Gathering begins at 9:30 am,
Mass of Thanksgiving at 10 am

Luncheon and Silent Auction
Immediately following Mass
Luncheon \$25.

Please RSVP by Oct. 21, 2016.
Call (713) 747-1722 or email at
usamsp@yahoo.com

October 30, 2016 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

‘Please Pray For The Sanctity Of All Life’

Your participation will make a difference!

“IF YOU CAN’T COME”

Commitment to one hour of silent prayer.

as we pray for an end to abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide in our country.

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.*

Sacred Heart/St. Mary’s

911 Lincoln Ave, Port Arthur
Church Bazaar Saturday,
Oct. 15, 2016

from 12 pm to 8 pm.
plenty of fun, food, games and
entertainment.

On Sunday Oct. 16, BINGO,
2 pm doors open 3 pm games begin
Concession stands

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

Please everyone bring your covered dishes and your game ideas

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