

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 16, 2016



ST. THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH


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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Oct. 16	Ex 17:8-13 Ps 121:1-8 2Tm 3:14-4:2 Lk 18:1-8
Monday Oct. 17	Eph 2:1-10 Ps 100:1b-5 Lk 12:13-21 See Phil 3:17-4:1 Jn 12:24-26
Tuesday Oct. 18	2 Tm 4:10-17b Ps 145:10-13, 17-18 Lk 10:1-9
Wednesday Oct. 19	Eph 3:2-12 (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4b-6 Lk 12:39-48 see Cor 4:7-15 Mt 28:16-20
Thursday Oct. 20	Eph 3:14-21 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 Lk 12:49-53
Friday Oct. 21	Eph 4:1-6 Ps 24:1-4b, 5-6 Lk 12:54-59
Saturday Oct. 22	Eph 4:7-16 Ps 122:1-5 Lk 12:1-9

**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

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEKEND
HOSPITALITY

Saturday: Shirley Allison, Richard Scott, Rose Davis & Walter Davis
Sunday: Youth Sunday

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: A: Felicia Richard L: John King & Gary Mims
Sunday: A: Youth Sunday L: Youth Sunday

ALTAR SERVER:

Saturday: William Pitre & Reagan Pitre
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MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

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

Bishop Faith Appeal
Goal : \$18,693. Pledged : \$14,823
PAID: \$9,933
Thank you ALL for your pledges, we look

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday Oct. 16	9:00 a.m.
Monday Oct. 17	6 p.m. adoration 7 p.m. +Mr. Marvin Jeanes requested by the Kenney family
Tuesday Oct. 18	6:00 p.m. +Mr. Roy Milton requested by his niece Felicia Richard
Wednesday Oct. 19	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Oct. 20	6:00 p.m. +Mrs. Elfa feathers requested by her brother Leo Jackson
Friday Oct. 21	No Mass
Saturday Oct. 22	4:00 p.m. +Mrs. Elvina Mims requested by her brother 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).

Attendance

Saturday	38
Sunday	59

Weekend Collection

Saturday	\$ 1,459.00
Sunday	\$ 994.50
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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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Email: sttherese1350@att.net

PASTORAL TEAM
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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



Shaped by Prayer

The relationship between faith and prayer is multifaceted. As praying, faith-filled people, we come together in prayer and, in turn, are formed into faithful pray-ers by the prayer we pray together in faith.

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:8–13 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 121:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8
SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14 — 4:2 GOSPEL: Luke 18:1–8

Comment

The reading from Exodus extols not human violence, but the power of God. No machine of war can bring victory, only God. Regarding prayer, then, the reading makes it clear that God is the giver, human beings, the receivers, God the initiator, human beings the responders. At the same time, the reading depicts two other angles of prayer: the need for human endeavor (Moses' perseverance), and human trust that God will answer prayer (Moses' faith). Finally, the reading also demonstrates that prayer is strengthened dramatically by the aid of the community (the assistance of Aaron and Hur). God's initiative and power, human endeavor, individual human trust, and communal faith combine in authentic prayer.

The Gospel story is about the need to persevere in prayer. Although the story seems to center on the judge, its real focus is the widow, who stands as a "type" of the pray-er. Jesus is telling us that our prayer must be like that of the widow's: directed to the Almighty, persistent, born of faithful trust. Jesus invites us to pray incessantly to God, trusting that God will respond in God's good time. Jesus is particularly concerned that we understand this link between perseverance in prayer and faith. Indeed, he goes so far as to ask, "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" Jesus' question reveals that prayer is necessary to preserve faith just as much as faith is necessary to validate prayer.

Jesus seems to recognize that faith is not easy to sustain—in bad times or in good times. His own apostles fritter faith away. Jesus' insistence on perseverance and persistence is born of his clear understanding of what shakes us up and troubles our faith: an illness in the family, a nagging boss, a tight budget, outrage over injustices, boredom, wounded pride, or even good fortune that makes us deny our need to continue to pray. So, just as Jesus refused to give up on the stumbling faith of his apostles, so does he refuse to give up on us. Instead, he warns us and urges us not to lose heart, to continue to believe and trust that God is with us, strengthening us and granting us the grace to go on—in faith and in prayer.

The section from Paul's second letter to Timothy speaks of the source of the Christian community's faith: Scripture and tradition. To be true to this source, Christians must continue the tradition and pass on the word of God as found in the Scriptures. When Christians fulfill this charge, the result is twofold: people come to faith in Christ, through whom comes salvation; and Christ, the Son of Man, will find faith on the earth when he comes again.

Reflection

Through prayer, human beings strive to become more aware of living in the presence of God. When we pray, memory and the search for meaning meet. In the Eucharist, for example, we join in prayer in the present in order to allow the memory of the past to come to be in the present and to give us a glimpse of the promise of the future. When Christians join in prayer, therefore, we do more than simply raise a mixed chorus of individual prayers. Rather, what we do is give wider utterance to a *shared* faith. And when we give wider utterance to shared belief, even more happens: our shared prayer shapes our faith. Thus, prayer and faith are inseparable. Only the person of faith prays. Only the person of prayer has living faith. Only the community that joins in faithful prayer can keep the story of faith—the story of Jesus—alive, and thus keep itself alive.

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.

Protecting God's Children

When: November 9, 2016
Where: St. Therese Life Center
Time: 7:p.m. To 8:30p.m.

The class will start immediately after 6 pm mass and everyone working with children that has not had this class must attend. Renewable every three years.

African American Catholic Youth Congress St. Thomas More Catholic High School Lafayette, La

Saturday, November 19, 2016
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

All registrations on or before November 4, 2016 receives a complimentary T-shirts. Cost is \$45. per person We encourage all youth to participate in the workshops. For more information about the different workshops or registration please contact Mrs. Felicia Richard.

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.**

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Diocese of Beaumont
Fr. Ayo Efodigbue, M.S.P.,
who will present "The Holy Spirit is a God of Surprises" at 7:00PM, Friday,
November 18, 2016 at
St. Charles Catholic Church,
211 Hardy Ave., Nederland.

Refreshments and individual prayer will follow presentation. There is no charge and a love offering will accepted. For further info call 409-724-7379.

You are cordially invited Missionary Society of St. Paul 16th Annual Appreciation Luncheon Most Reverend George A. Sheltz

Saturday, Oct. 29, 2016
Luncheon \$25.

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