

Last Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 20, 2016



ST. THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Nov. 20	2 Sm 5:1-3 Ps 122:1-5 Col 1:12-20 Lk 23:35-43
Monday Nov. 21	Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5 Ps 24:1b-4b, 5-6 Lk 21:1-4 see Zec 2:14-17 Mt 12:46-50
Tuesday Nov. 22	Rv 14:14-19 Ps 96:10-13 Lk 21:5-11 see Hos 2:16b, 17b, 21-22 Mt 25:1-13
Wednesday Nov. 23	Rv 15:1-4 Ps 98:1-3b, 7-9 Lk 21:12-19
Thursday Nov. 24	Sir 50:20-24 Ps 138:1-5 1 Cor 1:3-9 Lk 17:11-19
Friday Nov. 25	Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2 Ps 84:3-6a, 8a Lk 21:29-33
Saturday Nov. 26	Rv 22:1-7 Ps 95:1-7b Lk 21:34-36

November Birthday List Happy Birthday to::

Elias Gobert	2
Rose Bottley	6
Mormon Richard	12
Deacon Julian Richard	12
Rose Lee Johnson	13
Antoine Warnell	14
Pat Roberts	15
Beverly Stewart	21
Gary Mims	22
Kevin Hebert	23
Edmayia Riggs	24
Ina Chavis	26
Phyllis Thibodeaux	28
Patricia Blair-Wilkes	29



Happy Anniversary

Clifton & Felicia Richard	12th
Marvin & Cindy Hampton	24th

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEKEND HOSPITALITY

Saturday: Shirley Allison, Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Mims & Willie Oliver
Sunday: Youth Sunday

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: A: John King L: Eva Platt & Gary Mims
Sunday: A: Youth L: Youth

ALTAR SERVER:

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

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday: Emma Nelson & Gloria Richard
Sunday: Mr. & Mrs. Adam Jacobs

Bishop Faith Appeal
Goal : \$18,693. Pledged : \$15,423
PAID: \$10,883

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday Nov. 20	9:00 a.m.
Monday Nov. 21	No Mass
Tuesday Nov. 22	8:00 a.m. + Virginia Stieb requested by her sister Rose Bottley
Wednesday Nov. 23	8:00 a.m.+ Brandan Cezar requested by his cousin Freda Guillory
Thursday Nov. 24	8:00 a.m.
Friday Nov. 25	8:00 a.m. adoration 6:00 p.m.
Saturday Nov. 26	4:00 p.m. +

(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	No Mass
Tuesday thru Friday	8:00 a.m.
Friday Adoration	6:00 p.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 and Benediction

First 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.

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PASTORAL TEAM

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Cindy Hampton (409) 882-0935

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PARISH COUNCIL

Joe Ware, Chairman	886-5331
Adam Jacobs, Vice Chairman	883-9688
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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
Tina Kindle	238-4447
Robert Gobert	

Attendance

Saturday 48
Sunday 70

Weekend Collection

Saturday \$ 533.85
Sunday \$ 1,393.00
\$ 1,926.85

Power

Some power derives from raw physical force, like the power of a Plains tornado. The brunt of this power is to be feared and avoided at all cost. Some power derives from inner strength; it persuades, convinces, gathers. We do not speak of the “brunt” of this power, for it is enfolding and without harsh edges. Jesus possessed this kind of power. He spoke and acted with an authority the world has not yet gotten over and cannot do without.

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 5:1–3 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 122:1–2, 3–4, 4–5
SECOND READING: Colossians 1:12–20 GOSPEL: Luke 23:35–43

Comment

Jesus is a descendant of the second and greatest king of Israel, David. The first reading reminds us of this royal lineage. David inherited a divided kingdom. In today’s reading, he is anointed by the elders of the northern kingdom, Israel. He had already been anointed in the southern kingdom, Judah.

This man, the Lord’s anointed, would restore the two kingdoms’ faithfulness to their one God. He would bring them back to their former glory, lost during the irresponsible and troubled leadership of Saul.

David would go on to move the capital from Hebron to Jerusalem, and his power would express itself in relative peace and solidarity. His reign is a high point in the history of God’s people. However, in the centuries that followed, the kingdoms would finally divide. The people would be exiled to Babylon. They would return and rebuild, only to be conquered again by the Greeks and, finally, the Romans.

Then in the fullness of time in the town of David, a child would be born. And in Jerusalem some thirty-odd years later, that child would be crucified and above his head the inscription would read, “This is the king of the Jews.” This mocking inscription was allowed, and it was reported in Luke’s Gospel, which we read today.

Reflection

We might ask, why this difficult Gospel? Is this the Church’s idea of saving the best story until last? Here is God’s chosen one, right here, stretched between heaven and earth. He is surrounded by second-rate rulers who jeer and swagger so knowingly. And here is one criminal who wants to get off easy, a con man to the last. And here is the other, the unnamed one, the one who uses the precious little energy and time he has left to seek repentance. What does he see in Jesus?

Apparently, he sees a king, a Messiah, a righteous one. The thief stands in sharp contrast to rest of the hangers-on Luke mentions. The thief asks to share in the reign of God, a reign that is not geographical. Jesus spoke about this earlier in his public life: “The coming of the kingdom of God cannot be observed, and no one will announce, ‘Look, here it is,’ or, ‘There it is.’ For behold, the kingdom of God is among you.” (Luke 17:20–21) This unlikely place is not God-forsaken—just the opposite. It is God’s power manifest, and the thief is the first to see it. He is already home. “This day” he is in paradise, the place of the just.

One cannot get any more inclusive than this. The one outside the walls of Jerusalem, outside the civic laws of Rome, presumably without friend or family, is offered a share in royalty. The all-inclusiveness of Jesus’ pardon of this man tells us what we need to know about the dimensions of the reign of God. The story of the convict made “good” offers us a clear picture of the kind of king Jesus Christ is.

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
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.

*****Team Counters*****

Week One:	Week Two:	Week Three:
Gary Mims	Mrs. Broussard	Rose Bottley
Janice Semien	Leo Jackson	Cliff Richard
Lucy Jones	Shirley Ray	Peggy Green

Week Four:	Week Five:
Dorothy Jacobs	Gary Mims
Dayna Smith	Shirley Ray
John Judge	Peggy Green

If anyone is not available to count on your assigned week please inform Mr. Gary Mims or Fr. Dontaus. If anyone is interested in becoming a part of the count team please contact Fr. Donatus. Anyone involved with the handling of any parish money must sign a confidentiality disclosure form.

*****PENANCE SERVICE*****

Everyone is invited to join a Communal Penance Service with St. Francis and St. Mary’s Orange, on Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at St. Francis Catholic Church on the corner of Cherry and 8th street

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.**

*****HOLY DOORS*****

Bishop Guillory will be celebrating the closing of The Holy Door of God’s Mercy Sunday, November 20, 2016 at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica in Beaumont at 12 noon

The Holy Door of Mercy at our Cathedral Basilica is a symbol of Christ, Bishop Guillory said. “It is Jesus saying in the Gospel of John, ‘I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.’” (John 10:9)

*****Visiting the Sick*****

Week 1: Fr. Donatus
Week 2: Mrs. Gloria Richard
Week 3: Shirley Ray
Week 4: Mrs. Gloria Richard
Week 5: Shirley Ray

If any Eucharistic minister would like to join this team please contact Fr. Donatus.