

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Nov. 27	Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-9 Rom 13:11-14 Mt 24:37-44
Monday Nov. 28	Is 4:2-6 Ps 122:1-9 Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday Nov. 29	Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday Nov. 30	Rom 10:9-18 Ps 19:8-11 Mt 4:18-22
Thursday Dec. 01	Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1,8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday Dec. 02	Is 29:17-24 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Mt 9:27-31
Saturday Dec. 03	Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-6 Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEKEND
HOSPITALITY

Saturday: Shirley Allison, Rose Davis, Walter Davis & Richard Scott
 Sunday: Dorothy Jacobs, Elizabeth Mitchell, Fred Green & Horace Broussard

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: A: Freda Guillory L: Josie Curtis & Phyllis Thibodeaux
 Sunday: A: Dorothy Broussard L: Gloria Richard & Wayne Sparrow

ALTAR SERVER:

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

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday: Russell Bottley & Dorothy Broussard
 Sunday: Lucy Jones & Cecilia Davis

Attendance

Saturday 53
 Sunday 60

Weekend Collection

Saturday \$ 841.00
 Sunday \$ 1,472.74
 \$ 2,313.74

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

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. 27	9:00 a.m.
Monday Nov. 28	No Mass.
Tuesday Nov. 29	8:00 a.m. Sanja Popillion requested by Mona Richard
Wednesday Nov. 30	8:00 a.m.. Lester Popillion requested by Mona Richard
Thursday Dec. 01	8:00 a.m.
Friday Dec. 02	8a.m. Mass 6 p.m. Adoration
Saturday Dec. 03	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).



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1st Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2016



SACRAMENTS

Mass Schedule

Sunday	9:00 a.m.
Monday	No Mass
Tuesday thru Friday	8:00 a.m.
Thursday Faith Program	5:30 p.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 & Benediction	
1st Friday of each month	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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PARISH COUNCIL

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 Albert Hebert, Jr. 746-2627
 Freda Guillory 882-1768
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FINANCE COUNCIL

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FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14 GOSPEL: Matthew 24:37-44

Comment

The dawn of which Isaiah speaks is bright and special indeed. The prophet's elegant words offer us the first image of a messianic time. This vision is echoed in the angelic greetings of the Incarnation: "Peace on earth to those on whom God's favor rests." Here, in Isaiah's vision, all nations will stream up the high mountain. All people will come bearing in their hands the tools of husbandry and nurture. The tools of war have been transformed, and war will be no more. The messianic time will be a time of peace and justice among all nations.

Matthew's Gospel was written at a time when a good many followers of Jesus looked forward to his Second Coming. The mere taste of total victory was enough to unbalance the sturdiest of souls, who asked and were asked: "Why take up the tools of everyday labor? Why not just wait for the great coming of the Lord?"

This problem had to be addressed and it was. First, Matthew's Gospel has Jesus referring to the story of Noah. Note the seeming tranquility of the inhabitants of the earth, who appeared to be ordinary people pursuing their ordinary lives. This was not the problem. The problem was they were so occupied as to be "totally unconcerned," presumably about the things of God and about their obligations toward others. These people drifted into a state of oblivion or shallow silliness and failed to discern what a people with a soul should be expected to discern. Alas, so few saw impending trouble. We are familiar with Noah, who saw and understood and acted.

Questions abounded about the end times during Jesus' public ministry. Jesus' contemporaries also were ordinary people. They too would be going about their ordinary work grinding meal and working the land as they always had. Jesus has no quibble with people tending to their lives. However, the listener is cautioned to carry on his or her business and, at the same time, to be awake to its deep meaning and value. This meaning and value include and transcend the work at hand. When the Lord comes, the one who is awake to God's enduring presence will be ready and welcoming; the other will not.

The second, briefer image of the coming of the Lord is the image of the homeowner who is vigilant, lest a thief break in. Because homes in Jesus' time were made of relatively soft clay blocks, homes were not so much broken into as dug through. Little by little the thief would gain access. The homeowner's watchfulness, therefore, needed to be subtle and discerning; small signs of disturbance had to be attended to. Waiting for the Lord, who comes when we least expect, asks of us this kind of careful attention in the midst of a busy life.

Reflection

Some popular religions regularly call up images of fire and brimstone and evoke dire warnings and apocalyptic visions of world catastrophe, which are supposed to accompany the Second Coming. Against this steady drumbeat of preaching that generates more heat (or cold fear) than light, we need to pay close attention to the deeper challenge of this Sunday's Scriptures. Jesus does not address the end times in an attempt to frighten us or to pile on reasons to worry and fret over the salvation of our sweet little souls.

Rather, we are reminded to pay close attention to the movement of God in our midst. We are given images of domesticity because this is precisely where we live. And this is precisely where the incarnation of God occurs. If God's presence is attended to here and now amid the subtle shifts and erosions of our private and shared lives as a people, we need not worry. If we are preoccupied with tinsel and over-consumption, then this is the critical time for us to change our attitudes and ways.

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.

*****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.

***** FOOD DRIVE *****

St. Therese Youth will be hosting a food drive for the Christmas holiday and is asking for non-perishable food items such as beans, rice, mac & cheese. In addition we are asking for items to warm our elderly such as socks, gloves, etc.,

Also any hygiene items like toothpaste, deodorant etc.. All items collected is going to our home-bound and nursing home members.

Collection will begin December 1, until December 18, please place your items in the two boxes at the rear of the church.
**THANKING ALL OF YOU IN ADVANCE,
 ST. THERESE YOUTH MINISTRIES**

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.**

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

Week One:	Week Two:
Dorothy Broussard	Rose Bottley
Janice Semien	Leo Jackson
Lucy Jones	Shirley Ray

Week Three	Week Four:
Gary Mims	Dorothy Jacobs
Clifton Richard	Dayna Smith
Peggy Green	John Judge

Week Five
 Gary Mims
 Shirley Ray
 Peggy Green

If anyone is interested in becoming a part of the count team or is not available to count on their assigned week please contact Mr. Gary Mims and Fr. Dontaus

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

Join St. Francis and St. Mary's for a Communal Penance Service on Tuesday, Nov. 29, at St. Francis Catholic Church on Meeks Drive at 6:30 p.m.