

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Sunday Dec. 04	Is 11:1-10 Rom 15:4-9 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17Mt 3:1-12
Monday Dec. 05	Is 35:1-10 Ps 85:9ab, 10-14 Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday Dec. 06	Is 40:1-11 Ps 96:1-3, 10-13 Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday Dec. 07	Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10 Mt 11:28-30
Thursday Dec. 08	Gn 3:9-15, 20 E1:3-6, 11-12 Ps 98:1-4 Lk 1:26-38
Friday Dec. 09	Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Mt 11:16-19
Saturday Dec. 10	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2ac,3b, 15-16, 18-19 Mt 17:9a, 10-13

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
Rose Lee Johnson
David Jayce Carey
Ms. Tricia Slaughter

December Birthday List
Happy Birthday to::

Draven Platt	1
Eva Platt	3
Sonja Popillion	4
Betty Odom	5
Courtney Chavis	6
Debra Henderson	11
Lawrence DeLarue	12
Jordan Richard	13
Shirley Cezar	14
Ashton Spearman	17
Zederick Cezar	19
Mary Crossley	21
Lucy Jones	22
Rosie Scott	23
Mary Rigsby	27
Brushelle Scott	28
Russell Bottley	29

Happy Anniversary

Andre & Lanier Robertson	8th
Herman & Mona Richard	10th

MINISTERIES FOR THE WEEKEND
HOSPITALITY

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

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

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

ALTAR SERVER:

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

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday: Gloria Richard & Freda Guillory
Sunday: Robert Gobert & Gloria Richard

<u>Attendance</u>	
Saturday	45
Sunday	49
<u>Weekend Collection</u>	
Saturday	\$ 451.00
Sunday	\$ 930.30
	\$ 1,381.30

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 Dec. 04	9:00 a.m. + Jacobs and Monroe Family by Mary Jacobs Monroe
Monday Dec. 05	No Mass
Tuesday Dec. 06	8:00 a.m. + Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Kenney by The Kenney family
Wednesday Dec. 07	8:00 a.m. The Kenney Family requested by The Kenney family
Thursday Dec. 08	6:00 p.m. + Immaculate Conception Holly Day of Obligation
Friday Dec. 09	8:00 a.m. + Jerry W. Jeanes requested by The Kenney family
Saturday Dec. 010	4:00 p.m. + Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Jeanes by The Kenney family

(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).

Liturgical Ministry Formation Days
Eucharistic Ministry of Holy Communion

When: Saturday, December 10, 2016
Time: 9:00 am –3:30 pm
Where: Catholic Pastoral Center, Beaumont, TX
PARTS A-D
All Registrations must be made through the Office of Worship. Forms are found on the Diocese of Beaumont website, "Worship" link, please print, complete and return the form by mail, fax, or email.
Registrations will be accepted up to three days before the formation day. All parts must be taken in order are you will not be credited for it.

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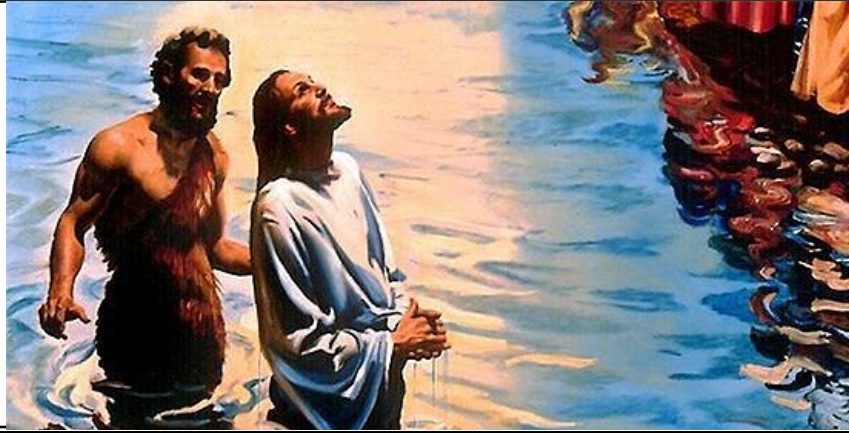
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Office Hours: Tuesday thru Thursday
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.




December 4, 2016
2nd Sunday in Advent
“Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at Hand!”



Eucharistic Celebration

Weekends:
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

Weekdays:
Tuesday-Friday 8:00 a.m.
Thursday: Faith Program 5:30 p.m.

Reconciliation
Saturdays: 3:20 p.m.-3:55 p.m.

Adoration
Fridays: 6 p.m.

Adoration & Benediction
1st Friday each month 6p.m.-7p.m.

Infant Baptism:
Please contact the pastor two (2) months in advance

Marriage:
Please call Rectory six (6) months prior to proposed date

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What are the Six Precepts, or Commandments, of the Catholic Church?

**1. To respectfully and devoutly assist at
The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
On all Sundays and Holydays of Obligation.**

1-1. Q. Is it a Mortal Sin not to respectfully and devoutly assist at the Holy sacrifice of the Mass on all Sundays and Holydays of Obligation?

A. It is a Mortal Sin not to respectfully and devoutly assist at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on all Sundays and Holydays of Obligation, unless we are excused for a serious reason.

They also commit a mortal sin who, having others under their charge, hinder them from respectfully and devoutly assisting at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on all Sundays and Holydays of Obligation, without a sufficiently justifiable reason.

1-2. Q. Why were Holydays of Obligation instituted by the Church?

A. Holydays of Obligation were instituted by the Church to recall to our minds the great mysteries of religion and the virtues and rewards of the Saints.

1-3. Q. How should we keep all Holydays of Obligation?

A. We should keep all Holydays of Obligation as we should keep all Sundays.

2. To fast and abstain on the days appointed.

2-1. Q. What is meant by fast-days?

A. By fast-days is meant days on which adults are allowed but one full meal, except for those who are physically unable to do so and those who are 65 years old and older.

2-2. Q. What is meant by days of abstinence?

A. By days of abstinence is meant days on which Catholics are forbidden to eat flesh-meat, but are allowed the usual number of meals.

2-3. Q. Why does the Church command us to fast and abstain?

A. The Church commands us to fast and abstain, in order that we may mortify our passions and satisfy for our sins.

2-4. Q. Why does the Church command us to abstain from flesh-meat on all Fridays?

A. The Church commands us to abstain from flesh-meat on all Fridays, in honor of the day on which our Saviour died.

3. To go to Confession at least once a year during the Easter Season.

3-1. Q. What is meant by the command of confessing at least once a year?

A. By the command of confessing at least once a year is meant that we are obliged, under pain of mortal sin, to go to confession at least once a year during the Easter/Paschal Season which ends on Trinity Sunday.

3-2. Q. Should we confess only once a year?

A. We should confess frequently, if we wish to lead a good life.

3-3. Q. Should children go to Confession?

A. Children should go to Confession when they are old enough to commit sin, which is commonly about the age of seven years which is usually considered to be the age of reason.

**4. To receive the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist
At least once a year during the Easter Season.**

4-1. Q. What sin does one commit who neglects to receive the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist during the Easter time?

A. One who neglects to receive the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist during the Easter time commits a Mortal Sin.

4-2. Q. What is the Easter time?

A. The Easter time is, in the United States of America, the time between the First Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday.

**5. To contribute financially (i.e. give money)
To the support of the Catholic Church.**

5-1. Q. Are we obliged to contribute to the support of the Catholic Church?

A. Saint Paul the Apostle reminds all Catholics that they are required to contribute financially - give money - to the support of the Catholic Church:

“Know you not, that they [i.e. Catholic Priests] who work in the Holy Place [i.e. in the Catholic Church], eat the things that are of the Holy Place [i.e. of the Catholic Church]; and they [i.e. Catholic Priests] that serve the Altar, partake with the Altar? So also the Lord ordained that they [i.e. Catholic Priests] who Preach the Gospel, should live by the [financial support of the] Gospel” (1 Corinthians 9:13-14).

Therefore, all Catholics are obliged to contribute to the support of the Catholic Church in order to bear their fair share of the expenses incurred.

Today this includes the expenses of the Missionary Work and Missionary Apostolates of the Catholic Church, e.g. Corde-Marian Fathers, which is a Catholic Religious Congregation, the Missionary Work of which includes, but is not limited to, the Missionary Internet Ministry and Apostolate, as well as all other areas of Catholic Missionary Work.

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**6. To never violate the laws concerning the Sacrament of Matrimony.
For your convenience, these include, but are not limited to:**

a) Never marry a person who is of the same sex.

b) Never marry a person who is not a Catholic. (Now you can with the bishop's permission/ dispensation that your pastor helps you to apply for, but remember, it is only marriage between two Baptized Catholics that is a Sacrament).

c) Never marry a person who is related to within the third degree of kindred.

d) Never marry a person privately without witnesses.

e) Never solemnize marriage at forbidden times.

6-1. Q. What is the meaning of the commandment not to marry within the third degree of kindred?

A. The meaning of the commandment not to marry within the third degree of kindred is that no one is allowed to marry another within the third degree of blood relationship.

6-2. Q. What is the meaning of the command not to marry privately?

A. The command not to marry privately means that none should marry without the Blessing of a Catholic Priest or Prelate or without witnesses.

6-3. Q. What is the meaning of the precept not to solemnize marriage at forbidden times?

A. The meaning of the precept not to solemnize marriage at forbidden times is that during Advent and Lent the marriage ceremony should not be performed with pomp or a Nuptial Mass.

6-4. Q. What is the Nuptial Mass?

A. A Nuptial Mass is a Mass appointed by the Church to invoke a special Blessing upon the married couple.

6-5. Q. Should Catholics be married at a Nuptial Mass?

A. Catholics should be married at a Nuptial Mass, because they thereby show greater reverence for the holy Sacrament and bring richer Blessings upon their wedded life.

Only the debt of Love is necessary because the Joy of the Lord is my Strength, cf. Rom. 13:8; Neh. 8:10

**The Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day Of Obligation**

Date: December 8, 2016

Time: 6:00 p.m.

The **Immaculate Conception**, according to the teaching of the Catholic Church, was the conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne, free from original sin by virtue of the foreseen merits of her son Jesus Christ. The Catholic Church teaches that Mary was conceived by normal biological means, but God acted upon her soul (keeping her "immaculate") at the time of her conception.

***** 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
Mrs. Felicia Richard-Coordinator**

Stewardship
Committee Meeting
Date: Wednesday,
Dec. 7, 2016
Time: 6:00 pm
Where: Education
Building
Coordinators of each
ministry is ask to attend.

ATTENTION
If anyone has any
announcements to be
placed in the Bulletin,
upon the Pastor's ap-
proval please submit
your information to
the parish office by 12
noon each Wednes-
day. 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.**