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9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



The 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 19, 2017

**“If anyone wants to go to law
with you over your tunic, hand
over your cloak as well”**

Eucharistic Celebration

Weekends:

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

Reconciliation

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

Infant Baptism:

Please contact the pastor two
(2) months in advance

Adoration

Fridays: 6 p.m.

Weekdays:

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

Adoration & Benediction

1st Friday each month 6p.m.-7p.m.

Marriage:

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

SECRETARY

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PARISH COUNCIL

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday
Feb. 19 Lev 19:1-2, 17-18 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8,
10, 12-13 1Cor 3:16-23 Mt 5:38-48

Monday
Feb. 20 Sir 1:1-10 Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5
Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday
Feb. 21 Sir 2:1-11 Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 37-28,
39-40 Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday
Feb. 22 1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6
Mt 16:13-19

Thursday
Feb. 23 Sir 5:1-8 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6
Mk 9:41-50

Friday
Feb. 24 Sir 6:5-17 Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27,
34, 35 Mk 10:1-12

Saturday
Feb. 25 Sir 17:1-15 Ps 103:13-14, 15-16,
17-18 Mk 10:13-16

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

John Abram
Mary Brown
Mary Crossley
David Jayce Carey
Courtney Chavis
Therese Ferguson
Hollis Fain
Joe B. Forward
Theresa Garrett
Anna Garrick
Elias Gobert
Rena Jenkins
James Mims
John Richard, Sr.
Alma Thibodeaux
Sammie Williams
Da'Morrius Allison
James Arceneaux
Mary Feathers
Alberta Fontenot
Frances Freeman
Debra Glaude
Margaret Green
Myrtle Guillory
Celestine Johnson
Calvin Johnson
Stacy Johnson
Rose Lee Johnson
Lakeisha Guidry-Jones
Leothus Jones
Raffelitta Jonea Lee
John Milton
Ruby Milton
Mr. & Mrs. Mace
Bettye Odom
Clayona Pillette
Robert Simmons

Shangri La Botanical
gardens and Nature
Center is pleased to
announce we are
hosting the 22nd
annual community
trash off on Saturday,
Feb. 25, from 8am to
1pm at the city of
orange boat ramp. We
are removing trash
from streets and
neighborhoods, your
participation will help
us come together
working to serve our
community. To
register your team
please contact Ashley
Jordan 670-0803 or
email ajor-
dan@shangrilagarde
ns.org

February Birthday List Happy Birthday to::

Diane Hebert 1
Albert Thibodeaux 1
Ryland Blackwell 3
Saintina Robertson 5
Stacy Johnson 5
Gerald Richard 6
Jada Semien 9
Ralph Wilkes 11
Athena Jefferson 13
Italia Green 14
Leo Jackson 18
Ryasian Daughtery 22
Ariel Anderson 27

Happy Anniversary

Albert & Phyllis Thibodeaux 6th
George & Cecilia Davis 14th

Bishop Faith Appeal

**Congratulations! We are over \$ 780.
Of our goal**

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday
Feb. 19 9:00 a.m.

Monday
Feb. 20 No Mass

Tuesday
Feb. 21 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday
Feb. 22 8:00 a.m.

Thursday
Feb. 23 8:00 a.m.

Friday
Feb. 24 8:00 a.m.

Saturday
Feb. 25 4:00 p.m. + Amelia Feathers
requested by The Feathers 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).

LENTEN AFTERNOON OF PRAYER

Fr. Peter C. Funk, OSB
Br. Michael Gallagher, OSB
Sunday, March 5, 2017
2:30 pm - 7:00 pm

This quiet afternoon of prayer consists of
Midafternoon Prayer, conferences, supper and
ends with Evening Prayer.

Cost: \$20.00
Register by mailing your check by
February 24 to Holy Family Retreat Center,
9920 North Major Drive, Beaumont, TX 77713

MINISTERIES FOR THE WEEKEND

HOSPITALITY

Saturday: Rose Davis, Walter Davis, Willie Olivier &
Richard Scott

Sunday Youth Youth

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: A: Gary Mims L: Freda Guillory &
Eva Platt

Sunday: A: Youth

ALTAR SERVER:

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

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday Cecilia Davis & Russell Bottley
Sunday: Mr. & Mrs. Adam Jacobs

Attendance

Saturday 44
Sunday 61

Weekend Collection

Deductible Non-Deductible

Mail In \$ 140.00
Mass Stipends
Saturday \$ 1,125.25
Sunday \$ 996.00

Total Deposit \$ 2,261.25

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Pearl of Wisdom

As a young adult, when I thought my choice of vocation was a given and didn't wonder much about God's choice, I dreamed of serving in the Peace Corps. I was challenged by the world, its hungry and helpless. God had a different vocation in mind, a smaller world. It consists of a handful of children, a husband, pets, and some relatives. I feed them when they're hungry and share the Good News with them. I think of Solomon each day as I face the challenges of my vocation. Solomon asked God for the gift of wisdom. Whatever the gift each of us receives, it is the priceless jewel that we need to carry out the responsibilities of our simple and ordinary worlds.

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130
SECOND READING: Romans 8:28-30 GOSPEL: Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]

Comment

God was pleased with King Solomon. The king was a good and just ruler and devoted to God. However, he felt humble as a successor to David and was concerned about his leadership skills. God came to Solomon in a dream, offering Solomon a gift of his choice. As a rich and powerful ruler, Solomon might have asked for a long life, more riches, and more power. Instead, he asked for wisdom so that he might distinguish between right and wrong.

The gifts of the kingdom are greater than anything we know. Jesus compares the kingdom to the finest jewels. If we found one such jewel in a field, we would sell all that we own in order to buy the land.

Reflection

We are told to renounce all that we have in order to acquire the kingdom of heaven. The kingdom is more precious than anything we know. It's easy to understand something more precious than jewels and other worldly possessions. But heaven is even more precious than our loved ones. It is more precious than wisdom, peace, and justice.

All things work for good for those who love God. The greatest treasure is one we don't yet know, but what of all the treasures working toward that ultimate treasure? Perhaps we haven't been given the exact gifts we've asked for, but what treasures lie in our fields today? Is there a gift we've overlooked until now that hasn't been fully realized? Maybe today is the day to unearth the treasure and put it to work for a greater good.



Velma Marjorie Dreyfus Jeter, Born, July 15, 1903 in New Iberia, Louisiana. An educator and civic leader spent her life promoting and fighting for the rights of all people. A nationally renowned civil rights activist, she became known as the Rosa Parks of Texas. Her father, Jules Dreyfus, was a politician and held the post of Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, of the Louisiana Legislature, until his death. At the age of 12, she moved to Port Arthur, TX and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1920 as Valedictorian of the class.

In 1922 she began her career as a teacher in Port Arthur. Jeter received a B.A. from Prairie View A & M University in 1932 and an M.A. from Texas Southern University in 1952 in addition Jeter's career as an educator lasted for 45 years where she taught English and Social Studies at both Port Arthur and Orange. Jeter served on the Council of Aging under Governor Mark White, where he named her "The Yellow Rose of Texas" for her dedication to civic causes. Honored by the NAACP, she received the Civil Rights Award for her service from 1950 to 1987. Other honors include Black Texan of Distinction in 1970, Sojourner Truth Award, Women of Courage Award, Governor's Award for Public Service, induction to the Black Women's Hall of Fame in 1986, and Texas Delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1996. Even after her death in 1998, Mrs. Jeter's impact on our community continues through the efforts of the Velma Jeter Foundation, which awards scholarships to local students.



Essie Bellfield was the first and only female mayor of Orange. She led the city from 1997 to 2000. Currently she serves on the Orange city council. The council woman said she will continue to play a part in politics as long as she can remember the people that fought the fight to get her the right to vote. "As long as my mind is good, as long as I can remember what these people died for. What Medgar Evers died for. What Martin Luther King died for. What Viola Liuzzo died for. As long as I can remember them. I will vote if you push me in a wheelchair."

In August 1963, Essie Bellfield boarded a bus in Orange, Texas, that was bound for Washington, D.C. James Zay Roberts and Velma Jeter were the other two people from Orange on that bus. There, she would join an estimated 300,000 Americans, including Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in the March on Washington that demanded better jobs and education for all people. "Right now we have people in this town and around that do not get out to vote and that really hurt me."



Coretta Scott King

April 27, 1927 – January 30, 2006) was an American author, activist, civil rights leader, and the wife of Martin Luther King, Jr. from 1953 until his death in 1968. Coretta Scott King helped lead the African-American Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s. King was an active advocate for African-American equality, and with that she and her husbands participation escalated until they became central to the movement. Coretta was an accomplished singer, and she often incorporated music into her civil rights work.

Coretta took on the leadership of the struggle for racial equality herself and became active in the Women's Movement and the LGBT rights movement. She founded the King Center and succeeded when Ronald Reagan signed legislation establishing Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. She later broadened her scope to include both opposition to apartheid and advocacy for LGBT rights.

Coretta Scott King was inducted into the Alabama Women's Hall of Fame and was the first African-American to lie in State in the Georgia State Capitol. King has been referred to as "First Lady of the Civil Rights Movement".

Michelle LA Vaughn Robinson

Obama is an American lawyer and writer who was First Lady of the United States from 2009 to 2017. She is married to the 44th President of the United States, Barack Obama, and was the first African-American First Lady.

Born: January 17, 1964 (age 53 years), Chicago, IL

Education: Harvard Law School (1985–1988), Princeton University (1985), Whitney M. Young Magnet High School (1981)



"As women, we must stand up for ourselves. We must stand up for each other. We must stand up for justice for all".

"The only limit to the height of your achievements is the reach of your dreams and your willingness to work hard for them."



Maya Angelou born Marguerite Annie Johnson; April 4, 1928 – May 28, 2014) was an American poet, memoirist, and civil rights activist. She published seven autobiographies, three books of essays, several books of poetry, and was credited with a list of plays, movies, and television shows spanning over 50 years. She received dozens of awards and more than 50 honorary degrees.[3] Angelou is best known for her series of seven autobiographies, which focus on her childhood and early adult experiences.

- * I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings (1969)
- * "On the Pulse of Morning" (1993)
- * "A Brave and Startling Truth" (1995)

"My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style."

"It is impossible to struggle for civil rights, equal rights for blacks, without including whites. Because equal rights, fair play, justice, are all like the air: we all have it, or none of us has it. That is the truth of it."

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.**

Parish Council Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, February 22, 2017
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
PLACE: Education Building

Everyone is ask to be in attendance, please !

Sacred Heart/St. Mary Fundraiser Sacred Heart Hall

911 Lincoln Ave
Port Arthur, TX

Sunday, February 19, 2017

Concessions open at 2 pm/Games starts at 3 pm
Come and join in on a good time !

ALL Extraordinary Ministers Of Communion

Date: Saturday February 25, 2017
Time: 9:00 a.m. –3:30 p.m.
Where: St. Therese Life Center

Registration is under way for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion parts A-D must be taken in order to get credit for it. Registrations **MUST** be made through the Office of Worship. Right now there isn't enough people registered to complete the class. If you have not registered please do so. **Thanks.**

Everyone is encouraged to attend even if your expiration date has not yet expired.

St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica Soul of the City Concert Series

The Joseph L. Donnelly Jr. Memorial,
Allen Organ **FREE** Concert.
Saturday, February 25, 2017 * 7:30 p.m.
700 Jefferson Street, Beaumont, TX