

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Sunday June 25	Jer 20:10-13 Ps 69 Rom 5:12-15 Mt 10:26-33
Monday June 26	Gn 12:1-9 Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 & 22 Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday June 27	Gn 13:2, 5-18 Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab Mt 7:6, 12-14 or 2 Tm 4:1-5 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 21-22, 25 & 27 Mt 5:13-19
Wednesday June 28	Gn 15:1-12, 17-18 Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 17:15-20 or 2 Tm 2:22b-26 Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 30-31 Jn 17:20-26
Thursday June 29	Acts 12:1-11 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 16:13-19
Friday June 30	Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 Mt 8:1-4 or Rom 8:31b-39 Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 Mt 24:4-13
Saturday July 1	Gn 18:1-15 (Ps) Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 & 53, 54-55 Mt 8:5-17

PRAY FOR THE 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
James Mims
John Richard, Sr.
Alma G Thibodeaux
Alma C Thibodeaux
Sammie Williams



June Birthday List
Happy Birthday to::

John Semien	1
Fr. Donatus Mgbeajuo, MSP	7
Anessia Jacobs-Chambers	9
Therese Ferguson	12
Shirley Ray	15
Melena Hampton	16
Devin Hebert	24
Hollis Fain	28
Emmanuel Taylor	29
Happy Anniversary	
Reginald & Tina Kindle	5th

To all our sick and homebound **THANK YOU** so much for your unwavering commitment and contributions to your parish. To better serve everyone Fr. Donatus is available to visit **ALL** parishioners at the appointed time. However, Fr. Donatus has reserved Friday's for the homebound

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday June 25	9:00 a.m. Mass
Monday June 26	No Mass
Tuesday June 27	8:00 a.m. +
Wednesday June 28	8:00 a.m.+
Thursday June 29	8:00 a.m. +
Friday June 30	8:00 a.m. & 6:00 pm Adoration
Saturday July 1	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).

Bishop Faith Appeal/Fundraiser

Goal : \$25,000.

It is the time of year again where we to begin the work on our BFA goal., and for those of us that has not yet pledged please do so and for those of us that has Thank You so much. For any information please contact Robert Gobert at (504) 232-5640 or Shirley Ray (409) 779-9922. We are look forward to the continued growth of our parish

MINISTERIES FOR THE WEEKEND
HOSPITALITY

Saturday: Richard Scott, Shirley Allison, Rose Davis, Walter Davis
Sunday: Phyllis Thibodeaux, Dorothy Jacobs, Fred Green Elizabeth Mitchell,

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:
Saturday: **A:** Felicia Richard **L:** Josie Curtis & Gary Mims
Sunday: **A:** Dorothy Broussard **L:** Freda Guillory & Youth

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

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:
Saturday: Freda Guillory & Cecelia Davis
Sunday: Lucy Jones & Shirley

Attendance

Saturday	49	Sunday	59
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Weekend Collection

	<u>Deductible</u>	<u>Non-Deductible</u>
Loose	\$ 88.00	
Saturday	\$ 565.00	
Sunday	\$ 1,310.00	
Total Deposit	\$ 1,963.00	
Expenses	ins. <\$299.00>	admin suppl <\$ 1,300.00>

PRAY FOR THE SICK

James Arceneaux
Mary Feathers
Alberta Fontenot
Frances Freeman
Debra Glaude
Margaret Green
Myrtle Guillory
Marvin Hampton
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 Pilette
Brushelle Scott
Robert Simmons
Joe Ware

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12th Sunday in Ordinary
Time
June 25, 2017
“What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light”



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

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

Adoration
Fridays: 6 p.m.

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

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

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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SOS

Three dots, three dashes, three dots: SOS, the international code signaling distress. By common understanding, we translate SOS into an abbreviation for the words, "save our souls." Ironically, the distress signal is for saving bodies, but there you have it. Today, Jesus talks about saving one's soul, one's very self. This is God's great concern.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:10-13 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35
SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-15 GOSPEL: Matthew 10:26-33

Comment

Jeremiah was not easily intimidated. His prophetic vocation was as difficult as it was unambiguous: "To root up and to tear down, to destroy and to demolish, to build and to plant" (Jeremiah 1:10). Jeremiah prophesied before the sixth-century exile. He warned Judah that its apostasy and infidelity would bring it down, as indeed it did. His warnings, though they came to pass, were no way to win friends and influence people—from the faithless king on down to the lowliest resident of Judah.

The book of Jeremiah contains five confessional pieces that have the look and feel of diary entries. We read one of these entries today. We sympathize with Jeremiah's inner struggles as he seeks to be faithful to his hard, hard prophetic vocation. He vents his grief over his feckless friends who now set out to entrap him. Then he considers God who champions his cause, even though God seems far off at the moment. Finally, Jeremiah stops turning the issue over in his mind and directs his attention to God. Jeremiah is none too kindly disposed toward his enemies, even in his prayer. He wishes the worst for them, and trusts God will care for the poor, among which Jeremiah most certainly places himself. His diary closes, his soul intact, his life in God's hands.

Keeping Jeremiah in mind, we turn to the Gospel for the day. For Jesus, talk is not cheap. He does not speak from a safe place. He does not smugly remind us of the supreme value of the human spirit. He knows whereof he speaks. The Gospels are good news. They were written after Jesus suffered the loss of life through his crucifixion. But he possessed his soul. He commended his spirit to God's keeping. His death defeated death itself, but it was still a painful death—a thing to be shrunk from.

Reflection

After Jesus' resurrection, the apostles remembered well these words of Jesus. They and the small, beleaguered flock that constituted the early Church recalled the words of the crucified and risen Jesus. Doubtless, these followers had been humiliated, shunned, ridiculed, excluded. They knew only too well the cost and price of martyrdom.

Like all people who must stand alone and choose their faith, they knew hard-edged, debilitating fear. But they overcame that fear. They proclaimed the message, witnessed to their faith, chose. In some cases, their choices cost them their lives. But they died as they had lived. They were people of integrity and faith. They preserved their soul. They could do this because they leaned mightily on Jesus and on his Father, who knows who we are and where we are—who knows, in fact, the number of hairs on our young and aging heads.

BINGO Sacred Heart/ St. Mary's Fundraiser

When: July 08, 2017

Where: Sacred Heart Hall / 911 Lincoln Ave, Port Arthur, TX

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Come and join a good time. Doors open at 2:30 p.m. Must be 18 years to participate in the games. There will be Concession Stands. WHEN ARE WE GOING TO HAVE OUR OWN BINGO HERE AT ST. THERESE?

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.

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.**

How Has God Revealed Himself?

In the generations after our first parents disobeyed God, breaking their relationship with him (see Gn 3), their descendants' knowledge of their Creator seems to have become faded and even distorted. We find in the Book of Genesis, however, that God chooses to reveal himself to a series of individuals and their families, to begin the restoration of his relationship with humanity. His revelation to Abraham (see 12:1-9) begins a series of events that leads to the formation of the Jewish people, and eventually to the birth of God's Son, Jesus Christ, to a Jewish woman.

As "the Word [who] became flesh" Jn 1:14, Christ Jesus perfectly reveals God the Father; the entire divine revelation is perfectly summed up in him. He is not only the Son of God, but also God the Son: equal in essence and glory with his Father in heaven. The Holy Spirit - the Spirit sent by the Father and breathed on the apostles by the Son - is also a divine Person, and fully God (see 11 14:9-11, 16-17; 20:22).

Catholics believe that this revelation of the triune God - who is three Persons in one essence (or being) - is communicated in the Holy Scriptures and through the Church, which authoritatively and infallibly interprets the Bible according to unbroken apostolic Tradition (see 1 Tm 3:15; 2 Thes 2:15). It is true that individuals can come to know God, even if they have never heard the gospel good news of Jesus Christ, on the basis of nature and what it reveals of the Creator, and through the laws of their conscience (see Ps 19:2-3; Rom 1:19-21; 2:12-16). Various non-Catholic, Christian communions also teach a great deal that is true about God. However, the fullness of the Christian revelation is entrusted to the Catholic Church, the guardian of the apostolic deposit from the beginning. This Christian message, most fully proclaimed by the Catholic Church, with the aid of the Holy Spirit, who leads the Church into all truth, reveals God's nature and character, his love for us, his mercy, and his holiness and commandments. Revelation is God's message to us about himself and about how he wants us to live. It teaches us what is right and wrong, good and evil. It is passed on through the generations by the Church through words and deeds that testify to its truth.

RELATED SCRIPTURE -Texts cited: Gn 3; 12:1-9 • Ps 19:1-4 • Jn 1:14; 14: 9-11, 16-17; 20:22 • Rom 1:19-21; 2:12-16 • 2 Thes 2:15 • 1 Tm 3:15. General: Jn 1:1-5, 14; 14:26; Jn 15:26; Jn 16:13 • Acts 2:42; 20:28 • Jude 3. CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH- 31-141 • 175 • 198-267 • 737 • 768 • 839-845 • 1718 • 2812 . .