

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Sunday July 2	2 Kg 4:8-11, 14-16a Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 Romans 6:3-4, 8-11 Mt 10:37-42
Monday July 3	Eph 2:19-22 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Jh 20:24-29
Tuesday July 4	Gn 19:15-29 Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12 Mt 8:23 -27 or Jn 17:20-21 Ps 8:4-5, 6-7a, 7b-9
Wednesday July 5	Gn 21:5, 8-20a Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Mt 8:28-34 or 2 Tm 1:13-14; 2:1-3 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6 Mk 10:13-16
Thursday July 6	Gn 22:1b-19 Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 Mt 9:1-8
Friday July 7	Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67 Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 Mt 9:9-13
Saturday July 8	Gn 27:1-5, 15-29 Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 9:14-17

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

**July Birthday List
Happy Birthday to::**

Peggy Green	1
Mona Richard	6
George Alexander	6
Stefanie Allison	6
Turquoy Riggs	10
Joise Curtis	10
Brent Hebert	12
Ronald Hebert	12
E'Retrious Gus	13
Lanier Robertson	16
David Riggs	20
Maria Riggs	23
Claude Riggs	29
Lester Popillion	30

Happy Anniversary

Joe & Mary Ware	4th
John & Janice Semien	13th
Mormom & Ann Richard	25th
George & Cecilia Davis	27th
Deacon Julian & Gloria Richard	31st

**MINISTERIES FOR THE WEEKEND
HOSPITALITY**

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

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: A: Mona Richard L: Freda Guillory & Leo Jackson
Sunday: A: Horace Broussard L: Wayne Sparrow & Lucy Jones

ALTAR SERVER:

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

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday: Russell Bottley & Gloria Richard
Sunday: Gloria Richard & Robert Gobert

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 every other Friday for the homebound.



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
Bettie Odom
Clayona Pilette
Brushelle Scott
Robert Simmons
Joe Ware

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday July 2	9:00 a.m.
Monday July 3	No Mass
Tuesday July 4	8:00 a.m. +
Wednesday July 5	8:00 a.m. +
Thursday July 6	8:00 a.m. +
Friday July 7	8:00 a.m. & 6:00 pm Adoration
Saturday July 8	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).

Attendance

Saturday	44	Sunday	55
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Weekend Collection

	Deductible	Non-Deductible
Mail In	\$ 190.00	
Holy Fr./Peter's Pence		\$ 93.00
Loose	\$ 207.00	
Saturday	\$ 882.00	
Sunday	\$ 1,025.55	

Total Deposit \$ 2,397.55
Expenses water <\$ 402.94> Entergy <\$ 985.97>
Direct TV <\$ 72.88> Holy Fr. Peter's Pence <\$ 93.>

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

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




13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 2, 2017

“Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me”



Eucharistic Celebration

Weekends: Saturday Vigil: 4:00 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.
Infant Baptism: Please contact the pastor two (2) months in advance	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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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Hospitality

As children, my sister and I visited our grandparents in West Virginia. Carloads of aunts, uncles, and cousins came to see us. As the visit ended, each family bid farewell and headed toward the road. About halfway across the footlog, they turned back toward all of us waving from the front porch. "Come and go up with us," they'd call out. With excitement and anticipation of more playing time with the cousins, we'd beg our parents, "Please let us go." I often wonder now if our relatives really meant for us to take them up on the offer every time they extended it, but they always made us feel welcome when we'd go home with them. Looking back, I realize they also welcomed Jesus into their homes with generous hospitality.

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19
SECOND READING: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11 GOSPEL: Matthew 10:37-42

Comment

It was fortunate for Elisha that the wealthy woman was so generous with her hospitality. She recognized Elisha as a man of God and wanted to help him in some way. The one thing she had to offer was her hospitality. She gave him food when he first started passing by. Soon she asked her husband to build a room for him so that he might stay with them whenever his travels took him in their direction.

Elisha wanted to repay the woman's kindness and learned that she longed for a baby. He promised her that within the year she would hold her new baby.

The idea of hospitality continues as we are told in Matthew that those who welcome the disciples also welcome Jesus. And if they welcome Jesus, they recognize God. Our reward will be great if we offer hospitality to the weakest of God's creation. The hospitality of heaven will be ours because we have welcomed Christ in others.

Reflection

We welcome everyone as we would welcome Christ; we see Christ in the faces of people we meet. Right? We know, that's not always as easy as it sounds. What about the beggar we passed on the street? Or the person who wandered around with no home? The hospitality we show others is a message of our love for God. We can tell God of our love, but unless we demonstrate it, it is hollow, empty love.

What greater hospitality can we hope for than that of heaven's open doors? We are called to love God more than the world. That does not mean that we can't be grateful for the world and enjoy the fruits of it. But it is God who gives us the world's gifts and asks for our love above all else. The way to express our love for God is to love the poor and forsaken.

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.**

Thank You ALL So Much!!

God has called E'Remious home. He has taken a place in Heaven next to God. He will never be gone if we keep his memory alive in our hearts, we will forever love and cherish him. My family would like to say a special thanks to Fr. Donatus for making it possible to move the services to St. Mary's and a special thanks to Fr. Daleo & St. Mary's for the use of their facilities, to everyone, Ushers, Bereavement committee, Knights of Peter Clever, St. Therese Choir and the entire St. Therese Family, words are not enough to tell you all how grateful we are for the help you gave us. You all have been a blessing to our family. St. Therese has defined truly Friends & Family and that you mean to us. Thank you for all the prayers, food, flowers, cards, donations, words of encouragement and your many works of kindness at this difficult time, the loss of our Son. To everyone in the Diocese of Beaumont for their prayers and words of comfort, Thank you.

Marvin & Cindy Hampton

Does the Bible Distinguish Between Mortal and Venial Sins?

In an effort to avoid being judgmental, some Christians insist that all sins are alike in God's eyes—that no particular sin is worse than another. But the Bible clearly teaches otherwise.

Many of God's laws for the ancient Israelites, along with the punishments prescribed for breaking those laws, are found in Leviticus. The sanctions God commanded ranged in severity, reflecting the range of gravity in the various sins they punished. For example, if someone tried to defraud another person, the punishment was restitution of what had been stolen or unjustly held, plus a portion of the object's value (see 5:20-24). But if someone committed a grave sin such as incest, adultery, or idolatry, the death penalty was prescribed (see chapters 18-20).

No doubt Christians are not subject to all of the Old Testament laws. Nevertheless, these and other biblical passages demonstrate that the degree of guilt incurred through sin can vary - that some sins are indeed more serious than others. Of course, our modern legal system and even common sense assume the same reality: The legal consequences of a petty theft are not nearly as severe as those of a murder.

In the New Testament as well, Scripture offers numerous examples of differential reward and merit, which implies varying degrees of sin (see Mt 16:27; Rom 2:5-13; 1 Cor 3:8-9; 1 Pt 1:17; Rv 22:12). Jesus, for example, distinguishes between those who "shall be beaten severely" from those who "shall be beaten only lightly" (Lk 12:47-48).

No sin is ever a good thing, of course. Yet not all sins are equally evil in God's eyes. Otherwise, we would face an absurd scenario: A momentary pang of lust or jealousy would be the moral equivalent, before God, of rape or murder.

More specifically, Scripture teaches that not all sins lead to spiritual death - that is, damnation (see "How Can a Loving God Send People to Hell?" M -4). This is the basic distinction between mortal (spiritually deadly) sins and venial (lesser) sins: "There is such a thing as deadly sin.... All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that is not deadly" (1 Jn 5:16-17). The Church's teaching that certain conditions may lessen the guilt of even a serious sin (such as ignorance of fault) is rooted in Scripture as well (see Lv 4:27; Lk 12:47-48).

RELATED SCRIPTURE - Texts cited: Lv 4:27; 5:20-24; 18-20 • Mt 16:27 • Lk 12:47-48 • Rom 2:5-13 • 1 Cor 3:8-9 • 1 Pt 1:17 • 1 Jn 5:16-17 • Rv 22:12. General: Mt 5:22-26; 12:32 • 1 Cor 3:11-15; 6:9-10 • Gal 5:19-21 • Eph 5:5. CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH -1472-1475 • 1852-1867 • 1873-1876.

BINGO Sacred Heart/ St. Mary's Fundraiser

When: July 08, 2017

Where: Sacred Heart Hall / *When will St. Therese have a Bingo?
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.

ATTENTION

*If anyone has any announcements to be placed in the Bulletin, upon the Pastor's approval please submit your information to the parish office by 12 noon each Wednesday. **THANK YOU***