

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Sunday July 23	Wis 12:13, 16-19 Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 Rom 8:26-27 Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
Monday July 24	Ex 14:5-18 (Ps) Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 12:38-42 or Sir 3:17-24 Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 Mt 19:27-29
Tuesday July 25	2 Cor 4:7-15 Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 Mt 20:20-28
Wednesday July 26	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15 Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 Mt 13:1-9 or Sir 44:1, 10-15 Ps 132:11, 13-14, 17-18 Mt 13:16-17
Thursday July 27	Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b (Ps) Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 Mt 13:10-17
Friday July 28	Ex 20:1-17 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 Mt 13:18-23
Saturday July 29	Ex 24:3-8 Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42 or Jn 4:7-16 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11 Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

**PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND**

John Abram  
Mary Brown  
Mary Crossley  
David Jayce Carey  
Courtney Chavis  
Therese Ferguson  
Hollis Fain  
Joe B. Forward  
Theresa Garrett  
Ella Mae Garrett  
Anna Garrick  
Mark Mitchell Jr.  
James Mims  
John Richard, Sr.  
Alma G Thibodeaux  
Alma C Thibodeaux

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  
Mable Durio  
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  
John Milton  
Ruby Milton  
Bettye Odom  
Clayona Pilette  
Brushelle Scott  
Robert Simmons  
Joe Ware

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

Peggy Green	1
Mona Richard	6
George Alexander	6
Stefanie Allison	6
Earl Rigsby	9
Turquoy Riggs	10
Joise Curtis	10
Brent Hebert	12
Ronald Hebert	12
Amiyah LeBlanc	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
Earl & Mary Rigsby	12th
John & Janice Semien	13th
Mormom & Ann Richard	25th
George & Cecilia Davis	27th
Deacon Julian & Gloria Richard	31st
Arron & Gracie Ward	

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sunday July 23	9:00 a.m. + E'Remious Daniel Gus Requested by Marina Taylor
Monday July 24	No Mass
Tuesday July 25	8:00 a.m. Rawson & Caitlyn Wickersham requested by The Kenney's
Wednesday July 26	8:00 a.m. Peggy Green requested by Ladies Auxiliary "speedy recovery"
Thursday July 27	8:00 a.m. Ryan & Erica Edgerly Requested by The Kenney's
Friday July 28	8:00 a.m. & 6:00 pm Adoration
Saturday July 29	4:00 p.m. + Roger LeBlanc requested The Kenney's

(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.

Pledged: \$ 13,350. Paid: \$ 9,175.

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: Coretta Ambers, Rose Bottley, Fred Green & Emmanuel Taylor

**ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:**

Saturday: A: Gary Mims L: Leo Jackson & Josie Curtis  
Sunday: A: Peggy Green L: Tina Kindle & Youth

**ALTAR SERVER:**

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

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:**

Saturday: Cecilia Davis & Gloria Richard  
Sunday: Freda Guillory & Gloria Richard

**Attendance**

	Saturday	Sunday
Attendance	37	50

**Weekend Collection**

	Deductible	Non-Deductible
Mail In	\$ 305.00	
Loose	\$ 75.00	
Saturday	\$ 262.00	
Sunday	\$1,324.00	
<b>Total Deposit</b>	<b>\$ 1,966.00</b>	

**Expenses: equip. contract <\$ 42.50>**  
**Security <\$38.96> phone <\$ 129.89>**  
**National Black Catholic Conference <\$ 200.00>**  
**Center Point <\$ 149.46>**

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# 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## July 23, 2017

### “His enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat.”



**Eucharistic Celebration**

<p><b>Weekends:</b> Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 9:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>Reconciliation</b> Saturdays: 3:20 p.m. 3:55 p.m.</p> <p><b>Infant Baptism:</b> Please contact the pastor two (2) months in advance</p>	<p><b>Weekdays:</b> Tuesday-Friday 8:00 a.m. Thursday: Faith Program 5:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Adoration</b> Fridays: 6 p.m.</p> <p><b>Adoration &amp; Benediction</b> 1st Friday each month 6p.m.-7p.m.</p> <p><b>Marriage:</b> Please call Rectory six (6) months prior to proposed date</p>
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# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Patience for a Good Harvest

A friend of mine is a death row chaplain. He was there the night a man was brought to prison on a murder charge. The arrested man had committed one hundred twenty-nine crimes in nine weeks in order to support a cocaine habit. The man was angry, violent, and out of control. Patiently, the chaplain prayed, at first alone, then with the prisoner. My friend did not judge the man. Instead he persevered mercifully and with compassion. In time, the prisoner had a conversion. Although he faces death, the man is now baptized and has helped prepare a video tape for youth, urging them to make good decisions. His witness has led three other death row inmates to Christ. Good can, indeed, come from something that at first looks bad. Weeds in the wheat field, at first, seem bad; but who knows? With patience, mercy, and love something good may come of them.

**FIRST READING: Wisdom 12:13, 16–19    RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 86:5–6, 9–10, 15–16**  
**SECOND READING: Romans 8:26–27    GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24–43 [24–30]**

## Comment

God's supremacy is clear in the reading from Wisdom. God is all-knowing, just, and powerful. Our hearts, thoughts, and actions are clear to God before we even know them. Even with incomprehensible power, God is patient. The words of Wisdom show us how God tempers justice with mercy and how God's actions teach us to be patient, fair, and hopeful.

Paul encouraged the Romans to be patient through the trials of this life. The fretting is really not worth the effort when compared to the glory God has in store for us. We are saved in the hope of what is unseen, and we need to be patient in order to receive God's promise of heaven. Even when we lack patience, the Spirit helps us and gives us the heart to hope, wait, and pray.

Jesus tells a parable about wheat and weeds in Matthew's Gospel. After planting good seeds of wheat, an enemy came along to the field and spread weed seeds. When the plants popped through the soil, the workers were upset to see so many weeds and wanted to pull them out. The owner encouraged the workers to be patient—to let them grow together until the harvest. Whatever weeds were left, the workers were to bundle and burn.

## Reflection

All three readings today challenge us to be patient. That's a tall order for a culture immersed in satellite dishes, fax machines, mobile phones, the Internet, and compact discs filled with volumes of information. Often we are in such a hurry that we don't take the time to look at all the aspects of a situation. Our hurry causes us to judge quickly. We may judge other people, or judge a case, coming to the conclusion that it does not warrant our time. Patience, however, gives us time to do God's work among the wheat and the weeds. Rather than appraise the weeds as evil and lost causes, we are shown by God's example to wait patiently and lovingly for the final judgment that belongs to God alone.

## To our out-going Pastoral Council, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

**Joe Ware, Leo Jackson, Lanny DeLarue, John King, Horace Broussard, Dayna Smith, Freda Guillory & Shirley Ray**

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation for a job well done, and for your labor of love with the Pastoral Council. You have shared your gifts and abilities that has strengthened the mission and ministry of this church. You have also been an example of servant-leadership and giving. For all your time, effort, hard work, and prayers, please accept the thanks and appreciation of this church, staff, and myself. You have truly been a blessing to this congregation!

## To our in-coming Pastoral Council, "Working Together"

**Richard Scott -Chairman, Rose Davis -Vice Chairman, Steven Allison -Secretary, Rose Bottley, Cecilia Davis, Charlis D Rogers, Adam Jacobs & Albert Hebert III**

Foundational to Parish Pastoral Council ministry and the development of any parish pastoral plan is the recognition that Christ calls all baptized persons to participate in the mission of Jesus as Priest, Prophet and King: Thank you for agreeing to explore in this new journey of ways to serve as stewards the mission of the church. Your willingness to help lead and serve our parish in this capacity is recognized and greatly appreciated. With Sincere Gratitude,

## Why Is Mary Called 'Queen of Heaven'?

Bathsheba was the mother of King Solomon of Israel (see 1 Kgs 1:28-30). As any loving son would V/ 41 (see Ex 20:12). So even though the highest officials of do, he obeyed God's command to honor his mother the kingdom bowed when they came before his throne, Solomon himself stood and bowed before her when she entered the court.

Once he sat down again on his throne, "a throne was provided for the king's mother, who sat at his right" (1 Kgs 2:19), the highest place of honor he could give her. Then, when she interceded there with the king for his subjects, he gladly granted her request (see 1 Kgs 2:20).

Why did Bathsheba have her own throne at her son's right hand? Why did she receive such exalted honor at court? After all, she herself had not been born in a palace. Nevertheless, Bathsheba had borne this magnificent royal son. That made her the queen mother of the land, despite whatever humble circumstances from which she herself may have come.

Now consider this: Solomon may have been one of the most illustrious and powerful kings in biblical history. But his splendor pales to nothing beside the radiant glory of his descendant Jesus Christ, the "King of kings and Lord of lords," ruler of all the nations (see RV 19:16; 15:4). Jesus fulfilled the prophecy that from David's throne would rule a Prince of Peace whose kingdom would be universal and everlasting (see Is 9:5-6). That throne is now "in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power and dominion" (Eph 1:20-21).

If Solomon honored Bathsheba so highly as his queen mother, how much more must Jesus honor Mary as his own? How much more exalted must be the woman — however lowly her original state (see Lk 1:48) — who bore the Son of God, Sovereign of the universe? No doubt her throne, too, is at the right hand of her Son's throne in heaven. And no doubt, just as Solomon was eager to grant his mother's requests, so Jesus gladly responds to her intercession for his subjects.

Mary's exalted role among the saints also reflects her extraordinary position as our great exemplar of faith, the prototype of the Christian disciple. With St. Elizabeth, we say to her: "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled" (Lk 1 :45).

In St. John's vision of heaven, the "woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars," bore a son "destined to rule all the nations"(Rv 12: 1, 5). Is it any wonder that in such a portrait, Catholics see Mary, Queen of Heaven?

**RELATED SCRIPTURE** — **Texts cited:** Ex 20:12 • 1 Kgs 1:28-30; 2:19-20 Is 9:5-6 • Lk 1:45, 48 • Eph 1 :20-21 • Rv 12:1, 5; 19:16; 15:4. **General:** 2 kgs 10:13 • Est 5:1-5 , Ps 45:14 • Jn 2:1-12 • Rv 20:4. **CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH** — 964966 • 972 • 974-975.

Bishop's Faith Appeal  
**Intentions Mass**  
6:30 pm ~ August 24, 2017

St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica, Beaumont  
Come and pray with Bishop Curtis Guillory,  
S.V.D., D.D., for the special intentions  
of the faithful of Southeast Texas.

**Reception to follow in Cathedral Center. RSVP by August 7 to (409) 924.4302 or [bfa@dioceseofbmt.org](mailto:bfa@dioceseofbmt.org) so that we may plan properly for food. Light supper.**

**\*\*\*Thank You\*\*\***

To Reve. Fr. Donatus, St. Therese family and the Bereavement Committee thank you for being so wonderful and your acts of kindness during our family's time of need were noted and truly appreciated. We find ourselves to be in good hands. Thanks, The Gobert Family.

The following positions are available immediately at St. Mary Catholic School:

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## 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.**