

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Sunday August 13	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a, Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-33
Monday August 14	Dt 10:12-22 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Mt 17:22-27 or Wis 3:1-9 or 1Jn 3:14-18 Ps 116:10 -11, 12-13, 16ac-17 Jn 15:12-16
Tuesday August 15	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday August 16	Dt 34:1-12 Ps 66:1-3a, 5 & 8, 16-17 Mt 18:15-20 or Dt 6:3-9 Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9 Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-23
Thursday August 17	Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17 Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday August 18	Jos 24:1-13 Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 & 24 Mt 19:3-12
Saturday August 19	Jos 24:14-29 Ps 16:1-2a & 5, 7-8, 11 Mt 19:13- 15 or Eph 3:14-19 Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3 or Lk12:42 Mt 24:46-47

**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 our 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
Wesley Popillion
Brushelle Scott
Robert Simmons
Joe Ware

**August Birthday List
Happy Birthday to::**

Jill Mosby	1
Marina Taylor	1
Lauren Jackson	2
Christopher Henry	4
David Thomas III	6
Dorothy Jacobs	10
Gloria Richard	11
Veronica Warren	11
Walter Davis Sr.	15
Tyler Rodriquez	15
Mary Lazenby	17
Kimverlyn Caldwell	17
Morgan Jackson	19
Patrick Mims	27
John Riggs Sr.	28
Horace Broussard	29

Happy Anniversary

Carroll & Mable Durio	4th
Patrick & Brenda Mims	18th
John & Tammy Richard	12th
Lester & Sanja Popillion	31st

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday August 13	9:00 a.m.+ Elias, Magdalen & Cecilia Gobert requested by Judy Sonnier
Monday August 14	No Mass
Tuesday August 15	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday August 16	6:00 p.m.
Thursday August 17	6:00 p.m. +Elias, Magdalen & Cecilia Gobert requested by Anglin & Angela Gobert
Friday August 18	6:00 p.m Adoration
Saturday August 19	4:00 p.m. +Elias Gobert requested by Bryan & Sheila Metoyer

(N.B. You can request Mass to be offered for you/ your love ones, or a deceased member. 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: Johnny Riggs, Shirley Allison, Rose Davis, Richard Scott
Sunday: Staci Powers, Lucy Jones, Phyllis Thibodeaux, Horace Broussard

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: A: Leo Jackson L: Phyllis Thibodeaux & Eva Platt
Sunday: A: Dorothy Broussard L: Gloria Richard & Youth

ALTAR SERVER:

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

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday: Cecilia Davis & Russell Bottley
Sunday: Cecilia Davis & Dorothy Broussard

Attendance

Saturday	49	Sunday	50
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Weekend Collection

	<u>Deductible</u>	<u>Non-Deductible</u>
Mail In	\$ 342.00	
Loose	\$ 100.00	
Saturday	\$ 1,500.00	
Sunday	\$ 993.00	

Total Deposit \$ 2,935.00

Expenses: administrative supplies <\$ 319.91>
Central Admin. Off., Diocese of Bmt <\$ 2,772.14>

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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 13, 2017

“It is I; do not be afraid.”

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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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Presence

The gathering prayer today speaks of the Spirit who is given to us and who will guide us to the inheritance promised. The Spirit seems at times elusive. To be sensitive to the presence of the Spirit of God requires quiet, uncluttered, care-filled attention and focus.

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11–13a RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 85:9, 10, 11–12, 13–14

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1–5 GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22–33

Comment

Elijah was willing to wait for the Lord. He was open to all the customary manifestations. After all, the first manifestation of the Lord on Mount Sinai was accompanied by great rumbling and smoke. Elijah would be right to expect some natural disturbance, some deep shaking and groaning of the earth as it bears witness to God's amazing, frightening appearance. But God is not in the earthquake nor in the mighty wind nor in the fire. No, God is present in the quietest possible breeze. One holds one's breath watching Elijah who waits. One is quietly satisfied and delighted at Elijah's apprehension of the Lord's appearance and his response to it. Elijah, the non-writing prophet, is truly a man of God. He was in the Lord's presence, and he knew it. He is a prophet worth heeding.

Now we turn to another story in which a natural phenomenon figures. In this, it resembles the first reading. In the first reading, God is the central figure and Elijah is the object of God's attention. In the Gospel reading, Jesus is central and Peter is the object of his attention, and ours. Matthew, Mark, and John all tell the story of the storm at sea. They all set before us the arresting image of a small boat battered by the angry winds. But the stories differ in significant ways. Mark and John have Jesus walking over the waters toward the boat. Peter stays put. The endings of these three stories all differ also. The disciples are amazed and speechless. Only Matthew has Peter act and speak. Jesus summons Peter to meet him on the waters. Peter does fine as long as he is focused on Jesus; he begins sinking the moment his focus is on himself. Without skipping a beat, Jesus reaches out to steady Peter. Jesus also locates the cause of Peter's near drowning— "Why did you doubt?" (Matthew 14:31) Peter does not respond. Jesus boards the small craft. The wind ceases. Then comes the confession of faith by the apostles, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

Reflection

Miracles attract attention and they are signs of something. But, they are often ambiguous. It is commonly noted that seeing is believing. For example, in heaven one is not likely to need faith. For in heaven one will possess vision; one will see. John the Evangelist and apostle calls Jesus' miracles signs of God's active presence among us. What are we to make of spectacular happenings such as the calming of the sea, not to mention walking on water? We know that in the temptation stories, Jesus forsook spectacular actions that would only serve to dazzle people without also fundamentally strengthening them in mind and body.

What are we to make of today's Gospel? What is it teaching us? Among other things, it graphically shows us the Church—a small boat tossed about by the storm at sea. It is a picture that helped the early Church, and it is one that helps us now. When this Gospel was written, well within the first century, the Church was small indeed, and the strong winds were blowing against it, threatening its survival. The vision of Jesus walking on water inspired fear and awe. After Jesus calls them to task, Peter makes a conditional request. "If it is you ..." And Jesus simply challenges Peter by issuing the command: "Come!" Peter is clearly the leader. It is he who fixes his eyes on the one who summoned him. And it is Peter who falters. But more importantly, it is Peter who recovers by grasping the hand of the One who reaches out to him.

This reaching out to grasp the proffered hand is enough for the Church. In the strength of Christ, the Church can stand against the sinful forces of the world in which it finds itself. The Church will falter when its faith falters. It will fail when it doubts the presence of its Lord. It will experience the poise and calmness of soul that comes with firm faith in the presence of Jesus Christ in its midst.

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.**

Where Did the Bible Come From?

In the Book of Nehemiah, Ezra the priest reads aloud to the people of Jerusalem from "the book of the law of Moses" (8:1) — sacred texts that now comprise the first five books of our Bible. Where did these and the other books in Scripture come from?

The Bible didn't fall from heaven, whole and entire. It's actually a collection of divinely inspired (literally, "God-breathed" — see 2 Tm 3:16) books produced over hundreds of years by human authors and editors. We can identify the writers of some of these texts (see, for example, Lk 1:1-4; 1 Cor 1:13). But for many others, the identity of the composers has been lost to history.

Numerous ancient books claimed to be divinely inspired. But only seventy-three were chosen for inclusion in the scriptural "canon" (literally, the "measuring stick" by which all else is judged). So who had the power to discern and the authority to declare which books belong in the Bible? Ultimately, that role was played by the "magisterium" (authoritative teaching office) of the Catholic Church, acting in light of the broader apostolic Tradition.

Though there was broad agreement among early Christians about which books belonged in the Bible, the agreement was not absolute. Some important Church fathers regarded as unscriptural certain books that are currently in the canon of the New Testament. Others (equally eminent) thought that certain books not now in the New Testament canon were part of the inspired revelation. The first Church father to list the currently accepted twenty-seven New Testament books was St. Athanasius in 367.

Who settled the issue? Several regional Church councils in the latter part of the fourth century (in 387, 392, and 393) listed the books of the canon as we now know it. Their pronouncements were universally accepted until the Protestant Reformation challenged them more than eleven centuries later. In response, the canon was reaffirmed by the Catholic ecumenical Council of Trent in 1546.

This historical reality presents a difficulty for those who believe that Scripture alone (sola Scriptura) is the ultimate authority for Christian faith and life. Clearly, the Church and apostolic Tradition are equally necessary; without them, we would not even know which books belong in the Bible. (See also "Why Do Catholic Bibles Have Seventy-three Books?" N-1 and "Why Don't Catholics Believe in the Bible only?" N-2.)

RELATED SCRIPTURE — Texts cited: Neh• Lk 1:1-4 • 1 cor 1:1-3 • 2 Tm 3:16. General: Jn 20:30; 21 • Acts 2:42 • 2 Thes 2:15; (with Gal and 1 Thes 2:13) • 2 Tm 1 :13-14; 2:2. CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH - 80-82 • 101107 119-127 • 131 • 135-141 • 304 • 572 • 688 702.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal

A Catholic Charismatic Renewal will be held 7-9 PM, Friday, August 25th at St. Helen Catholic Church, 8105 FM 1442, Orangefield, TX. Fr. Noel Effiong, M.S.P., pastor of Our Mother of Mercy Church, Beaumont, will speak on "...all things work out for those who believe.." Rm.8:28. Ted Nelson will provide music for Praise and Worship. Refreshments, fellowship and individual prayer will follow. **All are invited.** For more information contact Brenda Toups, home phone # 409-727-5321, cell # 409-332-2921 and email: toups@att.net. Thank you for your consideration.

NEXT NCYC MEETING: AUGUST 14th 6pm | Catholic Pastoral Center (710 Archie St.)

NOTE: Please bring your best estimate as to what your total number of attendees will be; this will help the diocesan office with logistical planning.

Meeting

There will be a Pastoral Council Meeting Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at 6 pm in the Education Building, every member is ask to please be in attendance.

RETREAT WEEKEND FOR MARRIED COUPLES

The Office of Family Life Ministry is hosting another "I Do Again" marriage enrichment event to help revive, strengthen and celebrate marriages. Facilitators are Anthony and Tami Landry

September 8-10, 2017 Friday – Sunday Holiday Inn Beaumont Plaza
3950 I-10 South Walden Road
Beaumont TX

Please register immediately as space is limited. For additional information, please contact:

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The cost of the "I Do Again" Marriage Retreat is \$100.00 per couple. This fee includes room, board, materials and instruction. Please make checks out to the "Diocese of Beaumont."

Silent Retreat for Women

Holy Family Retreat Center 9920 North Major Drive
Beaumont, TX 77706 409-924-4366

Thursday - Sunday, September 21-24, 2017

Registration begins at 4:00 pm on Thursday, opens with a light supper at 5:00 pm and ends with lunch on Sunday.

Cost: \$295/person \$75 deposit
Pre-register by August 24

Bishop's Faith Appeal Intentions Mass
6:30 pm ~ August 24, 2017
St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica,
Bishop Curtis Guillory, S.V.D., D.D.,
Reception to follow in Cathedral Center.
RSVP by August 7 to (409) 924.4302
or bfa@dioceseofbmt.org so that we may plan properly for food. Light supper.