

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Sunday Sept. 10	Ez 33:7-9 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Rom 13:8-10 Mt 18:15-20
Monday Sept. 11	Col 1:24-2:3 Ps 62:6-7, 9 Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday Sept. 12	Col 2:6-15 Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 Lk 6:12-19 or Gal 4:4-7 or Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 (Ps) Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50-51, 52-53, 54-55 Lk 1:39-47
Wednesday Sept. 13	Col 3:1-11 Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab Lk 6:20-26
Thursday Sept. 14	Nm 21:4b-9 Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17
Friday Sept. 15	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 Ps 1b-2a & 5, 7-8, 11 Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35 or Heb 5:7-9 Ps 31:2 & 3b, 3cd-4, 5-6, 15-16, 20 Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Saturday Sept. 16	1 Tm 1:15-17 Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 & 6-7 Lk 6:43-49 or 2 Cor 4:7-15 Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 Jn 17:11b-19

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
Westley Popillion
John Richard, Sr.
Alma G 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
Brushelle Scott
Robert Simmons
Joe Ware

September Birthday List
Happy Birthday to::

Ryaisha Daughtery	2
Ursula Gray	3
Sammie Williams	5
Fabian Green	5
Debra Hawkins	5
Deborah Crosson	8
Monic Guillory	14
Jermaine Mitchell	15
Cindy Hampton	16
Darius Mitchell	18
Elizabeth Mitchell	18
Wayne Sparrow	19
Rose Davis	22
George Davis	22
Justin Sparrow	22
Doris Gans	25
Jalen Jefferson	27
Chris Popillion	28

Happy Anniversary

Lee & Deborah Henderson	25th
John & Claudine Riggs	30th

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday Sept. 10	9:00 a.m.+ Jacobs & Monroe requested by Mary J. J. Monroe
Monday Sept. 11	No Mass
Tuesday Sept. 12	8:00 a.m. + Elias Gobert requested by The Callens
Wednesday Sept. 13	8:00 a.m. +Elias Gobert requested by The Callens
Thursday Sept. 14	8:00 a.m. +Elias, Madalyn, Cecilia Gobert requested by Angelin & Angela Gobert
Friday Sept. 15	8:00 a.m Adoration & Benediction
Saturday Sept. 16	4:00 p.m. +Elias Gobert requested by The Callens

(N.B. You can request Mass to be offered for you/ your love ones, or the deceased.. Speak with the

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: Johnny Riggs, Walter Davis, Rose Davis & Richard Scott
Sunday: Staci Powers, Sonja Popillion, Dorothy Jacobs Phyllis Thibodeaux,

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: A: Mona Richard L: Phyllis Thibodeaux & Eva Platt
Sunday: A: Peggy Green L: Youth & Josie Curtis

ALTAR SERVER:

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

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday: Freda Guillory & Gloria Richard
Sunday: Freda Guillory & Dorothy Broussard

Attendance

	Saturday 38	Sunday 34
<u>Weekend Collection</u>		
	<u>Deductible</u>	<u>Non-Deductible</u>
Mail In	\$ 35.00	
Loose	\$ 58.00	
Saturday	\$ 405.00	
Sunday	\$ 890.00	
Total Deposit	\$ 1,388.00	
<i>This deposit was for the weekend of August 26 & 27</i>		


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Deacon Julian Richard (409) 221-2743
Deacon Hazen Kenney (512) 791-0847

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



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 10, 2017

“Where Two or Three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them”



Eucharistic Celebration

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

Loving Confrontations

We grew up in a tight-knit neighborhood. If one of the neighbors saw us riding our bikes in the street, or throwing matches on a pile of dry leaves and twigs, or fighting, you can be sure they called our mother or marched us home themselves. We listened to those other mothers. They carried the same clout as our own parents. And our parents had no problem correcting neighborhood kids either. Our neighborhoods are not much like that anymore. Many neighborhoods look like ghost towns from nine to five. And even if people are home, they don't know their neighbors all that well and certainly don't get involved in the behavior of neighborhood children. We no longer speak up when we see things going wrong in our neighborhoods.

The readings today urge us to live like we did in the old neighborhoods—not in an arrogant and powerful way, but in a humble and caring way. We need to confront the offenses we see.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-9 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-10 GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

Comment

The message is clear in Ezekiel and Matthew that we are obligated to speak up when we see something or someone going wrong. In Ezekiel, we are not only told to correct the wrongdoer, but if we don't and the person dies a sinner, his or her blood will be on our hands. That's an enormous responsibility for anyone who doesn't want to get involved! And Matthew's Gospel says the same thing. If something isn't going right, we are told to go directly to the person. Matthew continues with a plan that explains what to do if Plan A doesn't work. "Take one or two others along with you," he says. But in all things, we are bound by love. That is why Paul, in his letter to the Romans, reminds all Christians of the commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves. So while we may need to correct our neighbor, we need to do it in a loving way. And while we notice the sins of our neighbor, we are reminded by Paul to be mindful of our own behavior.

Reflection

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches us that we are committed to one another and that we are responsible for the good of all people. Each of us is responsible for the other's salvation. We sometimes forget these things. All too often, we feel that our hands are full just getting ourselves and our loved ones to heaven. But there is no mistaking the message: Love your neighbor as yourself; and speak up against sin.

How do we do these two things at the same time? We tend toward arrogance when we are the ones who are right and want to correct someone who is wrong. We are challenged to do two things in that situation. First we need to look into our own heart and see our own faults. We need to ask ourselves if it is possible that we are wrong and not the other person. If we are certain that the other person is doing something wrong, then we need to confront him/her in a loving manner. We need to separate the sinfulness but still respect the person as a brother or sister in Christ.

Dear St. Mary Family,

Our hearts and prayers are with everyone during this time of loss and sorrow. Remember that "We Can Do All Things Through Christ Which Strengthens Us" (Philippians 4:13), and God will see us through all of our challenges. We are all working diligently to ensure that our families and staff have a smooth return to school. School for students will begin on Tuesday, September 12. This will also be a Mass day. After Care will also begin on Tuesday. Staff will have a workday on Monday, (September 11).

Students may wear appropriate clothing (shirts, pants, shorts (knee length), and dresses and skirts (knee length), if uniforms have been lost or damaged. Although we have limited sizes available, the school will donate uniforms to parents if needed. Parents are welcome to come on Saturday, September 9 (9:00 am-12:00 noon) and Monday, September 11 (8:30 am-3:30 pm) to pick up uniforms. Please let the school know if we do not have the sizes you need, we may be able to get uniforms from another source. We can also donate school supplies. Additionally, let us know if your family has other specific needs, we are willing to help in every way possible. Lunch will also be provided free for all students and staff this week.

St. Mary school community is here to assist and help our families. Please do not hesitate to communicate with us so that we can best serve you.

God Bless!
Dr. Cynthia Marie Jackson

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The past few days have been heart wrenching and trying for all of us. I have seen the devastation many of you have suffered both through the media and firsthand. Know that I am in solidarity with you and hold you in prayer.

Not only have I witnessed the devastation, I have also witnessed your courage, your compassion, and your willingness to help each other. It is this compassion that binds us together as a community. It is this compassion that sustained us through Hurricanes Ike and Rita and will do so again.

Our rebuilding and restoration will take time. As you can imagine the humanitarian needs will be unlike any that we have ever known before. Many of you have asked, "How can I help? What can I do?"

I am asking our pastors to take up a special collection on the weekend of September 9 & 10. Those gifts will be given to Catholic Charities of Southeast Texas to assist our brothers and sisters who have suffered because of the catastrophic flooding and winds of Tropical Storm Harvey.

Many of you may be eager to help today. You may go to the Catholic Charities website at www.catholiccharitiesbmt.org and make a gift there to benefit disaster survivors. Please enter "Harvey" in the designation box. All these gifts will be used in our area.

Because of your own devastation some of you may find it difficult to help in this way. I ask that you be with us in prayer.

As I write this I am reminded of Paul's letter to the Philippians. I hope his words will comfort and sustain us all. *"I can do all things through Christ who empowers me, still it was kind of you to share in my distress."*

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Rev. Curtis Guillory, SVD
Bishop of Beaumont

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you everyone for your concern for me during Hurricane Harvey's impact. Thank you to those who called and cleaned, getting the Church ready for Masses this weekend. This event so horrific spread compassion and the humanity shown has reached out the hands of love to our neighbors. Again, I am eternally grateful and appropriate that everyone is at home and safe, know that we are truly humbled by it all.

Yours in Christ.
Rev. Fr. Donatus Mgbeajuo

The ACTS Core Team is looking for a representative from St Theresa to serve on the ACTS Core Team. You must have made a retreat to be eligible. We need one women.

The term is 3 years. Meetings are second Thursday of the month, 630 at St Frances. Meeks Dr., Orange
Please contact Sherry Hommel at 409-779-9129
ACTS Team Core Facilitator

Silent Retreat for Women

Holy Family Retreat Center 9920 North Major Drive Beaumont, TX 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

Positions Available

St. Mary Catholic School has the following positions available:
Part time After School Care worker and Substitute Teachers

If you are interested in either position, please contact the school.

St. Mary Catholic School 2600 Bob Hall Road Orange, TX 77630

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.