

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sun. Nov 26** - Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 Mt 25:9, 10

**Mon. Nov 27** - Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 (Ps) Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 Lk 21:1-4

**Tues. Nov 28** - Dn 2:31-45 (Ps) Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 Lk 21:5-11

**Wed. Nov 29** - Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 (Ps) Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 Lk 21:12-19

**Thurs. Nov 30** - Rom 10:9-18 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 Mt 4:18-22

**Fri. Dec 1** - Dn 7:2-14 (Ps) Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81 Lk 21:29-33

**Sat. Dec 2** - Dn 7:15-27 (Ps) Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87 Lk 21:34-36

**November Birthday List  
Happy Birthday to:**

Rose Bottley 6  
 Archange Cexar, Jr 10  
 Earnett Mitchell 11  
 Deacon Julian Richard 12  
 Mormon Richard 12  
 Antoine Warnell 14  
 Pat Roberts 15  
 Beverly Stewart 21  
 Gary Mims 22  
 Kevin Hebert 23  
 Edmayia Riggs 24  
 Ina Chavis 26  
 Phyllis Thibodeaux 28  
 Patricia Blair-Wilks 29

**Happy Anniversary**

Clifton & Felicia Richards 12th  
 Marvin & Cindy Hampton 24th

**COORNATORS OF MINISTRIES**

**Bishop Faith Appeal** - Robert Gobert  
**Bereavement Committee**- Rose Bottley

**Donut Sunday's** - Freda Guillory\*  
 Donuts and coffee in the Education Building 1st, 3rd & 4th Sunday of each month.

**Extraordinary Minister of Communion** - Shirley Ray

**Finance** - Andre' Robertson

**Fund Rising** - Walter Davis

**Hospitality/Ushers** - Rose Davis

**Lectors** - Gary Mims

**Life Center** - Adam Jacobs

**Maint. & Plumbing** - Joe Fontenot

**Mission & Retreat** - Cecilia Davis

**Music Director** - George Alexander

**Socials** - Knights of Peter Clever & Ladies Auxiliary \* Parish Luncheon, the second Sunday of each month.

**Youth** - Felicia Richard

**Stewardship**-Wayne Sparrow

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose  
**Romans 8:28**

**MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEKEND  
HOSPITALITY**

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

**ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:**

Saturday **A:** Leo Jackson **L:** Eva Platt & Josie  
 Sunday **A:** Dorothy Broussard  
**L:** Amiyah & Tina Kindle

**ALTAR SERVER:**

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

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:**

Saturday Freda Guillory & Russell Bottley  
 Sunday: Cecilia Davis & Shirley Ray

**Attendance**

**Saturday 39 Sunday 56**

**Weekend Collection**

Mail In \$ 35.00  
 Loose \$ 102.00  
 Gifts \$ 100.00  
 AT&T refund \$ 23.60  
 Human Development  
 2nd collect \$ 166.00  
 Saturday \$ 598.00  
 Sunday \$ 2,307.00

**Total Deposit \$ 3,331.60**

**Expenses:** Admin suppl <\$ 1,831.83>  
 center point <\$ 152.03> liturgy < 451.44>  
 security services <\$ 48.70>  
 World Mission Collection (POF)< 184.00>  
 City of Orange <\$ 266.75>

**\*\*\*Important, please respond quickly\*\*\***

For Christmas Day liturgy lectors, ushers, ministers of communion and altar servers are needed if you are interested please contact Gary Mims or let one of the ushers know. Thanks in advance

**Bishop Faith Appeal/Fundraiser**

**Goal : \$25,000.**

**Pledged: \$ 16,375. Paid: \$ 11,700.**

**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**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sunday, Nov. 26th 9:00 a.m. Mass  
 +Gary Mims Jr.  
 Requested by Gary Mims Sr.

**Monday, Nov. 27th NO MASS**

Tuesday, Nov. 28th 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 29th 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 30th 6:00 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 1st 5:00 p.m.  
 Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, Dec. 02nd  
 3:20 - 3:55 Reconciliation  
 4:00 p.m. Mass +Vernon Gray  
 Requested by Mrs. Mary Gray

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

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



**Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe**

November 26, 2017

**“The Son of Man...will sit upon  
his glorious throne...”**



**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

**Exposition & Adoration of  
the Blessed Sacrament**  
 Every Friday: 5 p.m.

**Weekdays:**  
 Tuesday-Friday 6:00 p.m.

**Adoration & Benediction**  
 1st Friday each month 5p.m.-6:30p.m.

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

**SECRETARY**

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# THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING

## Power

The word reminds us of kings, dictators, generals. We speak of the red button that sets off unimaginable destruction. We speak as if the most awesome power is this spectacular, explosive kind. Standing over against this is the power of Christ the King. His is the power that draws us near.

**FIRST READING:** *Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17*    **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *Psalm 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6*  
**SECOND READING:** *1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28*    **GOSPEL:** *Matthew 25:31-46*

## Comment

The first reading disabuses us of any triumphal thoughts we might have about the role of kings. The image offered to us is God's utterance through the prophet Ezekiel. This prophet was an exile and he felt keenly the scorn heaped upon the once proud people of God.

The reading for today represents Ezekiel's marvelous insight into the compassion of God. We are all familiar with the old idea: one sins, is punished, repents, and gains redemption. Not so, says the God of Ezekiel. We sin and bring on ourselves our own punishment. Then, redemption jumps in—ahead of repentance. Because of God's redemption, we are able to repent. This is the amazing grace. The shepherd seeks us, binds our wounds, shepherds us rightly. The tenderness of this Shepherd-God cannot be missed. The power of God bends down to the little, lost, battered one.

At the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he described beatitude, or blessedness. At the end, he points out the members of the kingdom—those who help the lowly and needy ones. This is God-like behavior. It is Jesus-like behavior. It defines Christian behavior.

## Reflection

When we act like God, we bend down. Our strength is in our compassion. We see this clearly in the life and ministry of Jesus. We hear it in his words, his parables. Today the story is set squarely on our shoulders. Our work on earth is to bend toward those regarded by others as "the least." There is more: these so-called least are worth the attention we would afford to Jesus himself. For he identifies with them.

The Gospel itself presents a vision of all the people on earth standing before the throne of the Son of God. And he delivers a surprising message. Everyone in the world could understand the irresistible kind of power generated by loving compassion. Active, affective, effective compassion draws us near to its light and warmth. This compassion moves like fire throughout the earth.



### \*\*\*Fundraiser\*\*\*

Society of St Vincent de Paul – St Louis Conference 909 Hwy 124, Winnie, TX phone 409-296-4200 is having a Thrift Store Fundraiser Raffle & Christmas Store, 1 Lucky Raffle winner gets 10 gifts cards valued at \$50. Each to popular stores and eateries! KOHL's, home depot, red lobster and more. A book of 3 tickets for \$5.00. Drawing to be held Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 2 pm. Grand opening for the SVDP Thrift Store is Monday, Dec. 4, 2017 donations of decoration and gift items are always graciously accepted.

### 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  
Beatrice Guillory  
Mark Mitchell Jr.  
James Mims  
Westley Popillion  
John Richard, Sr.  
Alma G Thibodeaux  
Alma C Thibodeaux



### PRAY FOR THE SICK

James Arceneaux  
Mable Durio  
Alberta Fontenot  
Frances Freeman  
Debra Glaude  
Margaret Green  
Peggy Green  
Myrtle Guillory  
Marvin Hampton  
Rena Mae Jenkins  
Celestine Johnson  
Calvin Johnson  
Stacy Johnson  
Rose Lee Johnson  
Lakeisha Guidry-Jones  
Leothus Jones  
John Milton  
Ruby Milton  
Bettye Odom  
Clayona Pilette  
Doris Robertson  
Brushelle Scott  
Robert Simmons  
Joe Ware

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.

## Why Do Catholics Make the Sign of the Cross?

The prophet Ezekiel has a vision in which he sees great sins committed by God's people. But at the urging of a heavenly messenger, the godly men and women who lament the wickedness of their people are marked with an "X" on their foreheads. Bearing that mark, they will be spared the divine judgment that is to come (see Ez 9:1-7).

St. John's vision in Revelation includes a close parallel to this scenario. Before the angels of judgment are allowed to devastate a wicked world, a seal is placed on the foreheads of "the servants of our God" (see 7:1-3; 9:4). Later, this seal is described as the name of Christ and of his Father (see 14:1).

In light of these parallels, many early Christian teachers not surprisingly saw in Ezekiel's vision a foreshadowing of the ancient Christian rite of Baptism. Baptism, after all, is given "for the forgiveness of ... sins" (Acts 2:38), so that those who have been forgiven may escape the wrath of God (see 1 Thes 5:9). In addition, the baptismal rite included — as it still does today — the making of a cross with blessed oil on the foreheads of those baptized. (In the Greek version of Ezekiel, the mark is actually the letter tau, which was written more like an upright cross.)

The corresponding scene in St. John's vision most likely reflects the Christian baptismal ceremony of his day. This rite included (again, as it still does) the spoken words "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit" (Mt 28:19). The Sign of the Cross on the forehead may also have been part of the rite by that time. As early as the second century, making the Sign of the Cross was a common and well-established custom.

Today, this gesture is usually made by drawing the hand from forehead to breast and then from shoulder to shoulder. When Catholics apply holy water to themselves with the Sign of the Cross upon entering a church, they are recalling their baptism "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." With the ancient Christians, they use the gesture at other times as well, such as when they begin and end prayers. Each time, they point to Christ's cross, the Holy Trinity, and the need to sanctify every action

**RELATED SCRIPTURE** — Texts cited: Ez 9:1-7 • Mt 28:19 • Acts 2:38 • 1 Thes RV 7:1-3; 9:4; 14:1. **General:** Mt 10:38, 16:24 • Mk 8:34; 10:21 • Lk 9:23; 14:27 • 1 Cor 1:18 Gal 6:14.  
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### \*\*\*ATTENTION\*\*\*

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

### \*\*BFA Leadership Dinner\*\*

To ALL BFA team members, there will be a BFA Leadership Dinner on the evening of Sunday, December 3, 2017. Dinner will be held at the Holiday Inn, 3950 I-10 South, Beaumont at 5:30 pm with Fellowship at 4:30 pm. This is when we issue BFA overage checks to the Pastors whose parishes have exceeded their goal by the month of November. To receive the maximum overage prior to Leadership Dinner, all monies will need to be in our office no later than, November 10, 2017 Any additional monies your parish receives, after November 10th up until the appeal end date of December 31, 2017, will be mailed to you at a later date.

### 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.**