

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun. Jan. 28 - Dt 18:15-20 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28
Mon. Jan. 29 - 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mk 5:1-20

Tues. Jan. 30 - 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3 Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mk 5:21-43

Wed. Jan. 31 - 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 5, 7 Mk 6:1-6 or Phil 4:4-9 Ps 103:1bc-2, 3-4, 8-9, 13-14, 17-18 Mt 18:1-5

Thurs. Feb. 1 - 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 Ps 1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd Mk 6:7-13

Fri. Feb. 2 - Mal 3:1-4 Heb 2:14-18 Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Sat. Feb. 3 - 1 Kgs 3:4-13 Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 Mk 6:30-34 or Rom 5:1-5 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Mk 16:15-20 or Is 52:7-10 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8, 10 Mk 1:14-20

**January Birthday List
Happy Birthday to:**

Jace Robertson	1
Chris Orebo	3
Christina Edwards	3
D'Ana Williams	5
Ryan Robertson	5
Freda Guillory	7
Marvin Hampton	8
Joe Ware Sr.	12
O'Ril Guillory	18
Horace Broussard III	18
Coretta Ambers	24
Reginald Antoine	24
Ariel Anderson	25
David Feathers	28

Happy Anniversary

Adam & Dorothy Jacobs	8th
John & Cecelia Judge	16th

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 * finance meetings are held *every 2nd* Wednesday of *each* month.

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 *
 choir rehearsal's are every Tuesday at 6:30 pm

Pastoral Council meetings held *every 3rd* Wednesday of *each* month.

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

Youth - Felicia Richard

Stewardship-Wayne Sparrow

1st Friday of each month Fr.
 Donatus has 11 am Mass at Orange Villa located on 3rd Street. There will be NO evening Mass that day, adoration only, everyone is invited to come.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Jan. 28 9:00 a.m. Mass

Monday January 29, 2018 NO MASS

Tuesday, January 30, 6:00 p.m.
 Communion Service

Wednesday, January 31, 6:00 p.m.
 No Service

Thursday, February 1, 6:00 p.m.
 Communion Service

Friday, February 2, 5:00 p.m.
 Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, February 3, 2018
 3:20 - 3:55 Reconciliation
 4:00 p.m. Mass

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

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



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 28, 2018

“He commands...unclean spirits and they obey him”



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 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

Cindy Hampton (409) 882-0935

PARISH COUNCIL

Richard Scott, Chairman	779-7587
Rose Davis, Vice Chairman	883-0762
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FINANCE COUNCIL

Andre Robertson	882-0012
Robert Gobert	(504) 232-5640
Sheila Arnold	313-2062
Janice Semien	883-7126
Tina Kindle	238-4447

Attendance

Saturday 27 Sunday 59

Weekend Collection

Mail In	\$ 97.00
Donation	\$ 100.00
Loose	\$ 93.00
Saturday	\$ 290.00
Sunday	\$1,300.00

Total Deposit \$ 1,880.00

Expenses: phone <\$ 96.72>
 security contract <\$ 48.70>
 Center point energy <\$ 282.29>

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEKEND
HOSPITALITY

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

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: A: Gary Mims
 L: Leo Jackson & Phyllis Thibodeaux
 Sunday: A: Freda Guillory
 L:Amiyah Leblanc & Tina Kindle

ALTAR SERVER:

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

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

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

*****Offering Envelopes*****

Offering Envelopes are in the parish office, if you have not received them please inform the ushers or contact the parish office. Thanks

Bishop Faith Appeal/Fundraiser
 Goal : Paid:

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 growth of our parish

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Authority

The word “authority” comes from the Latin word *auctor*, which means “author.” The word doesn’t mean that a person with authority must be a writer. But it does mean that the person with authority must be an artist—someone who “authors” something. But what does that person author? Jesus knew the answer: life. The bringer of life has authority to change the world.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 18:15–20 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 95:1–2, 6–7, 7–9
SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:32–35 GOSPEL: Mark 1:21–28

Comment

In today’s Gospel, we see that the authority of Jesus was clearly grasped by the opposition. The cry from the demon, the spirit of evil, is unmistakable and chilling: “I know who you are!” This is to say, “You are the ultimate threat to us.” Evil will no longer have its way. Jesus has served notice, and the spirit of evil knows it. The lines are drawn.

It is characteristic of Mark to draw the battle lines early in his Gospel. He shows us that the embodiment of God’s goodness is diametrically opposed to the power of evil that is tolerated in the world. The collusion of systems and institutions that drives the people to distraction and keeps them poor and ignorant goes on and on and on. The words coming from the mouth of the single tormented man in the synagogue are startling, to say the least. But the great wonder is the durable hope of the people at large. Finally, at long last, could this be the author of life? The creator of something new under the sun? The crowd was held spellbound by Jesus. He spoke of newness. He did not sound like the tired, soulless teachers the plentiful poor had grown so weary of. Jesus was not the “same old, same old.”

The first reading would have prepared the people at Capernaum. They knew by heart the grace and beauty of the book of Deuteronomy, literally, the “second law.” This book gave them the great *Shema*: “Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!” (6:4) The revered Moses has primacy of place in this book.

It may come as a surprise to us that Moses is described as a prophet. Not only that, he is the standard by which all other prophets are measured. There is often widespread confusion about the vocation of the prophet. An authentic prophet is not one who sees into the future, but rather one who speaks for God. Moses, the great one who speaks for God, reminds the people that God will raise up a prophet like Moses himself. This prophet will speak in God’s name and only in God’s name.

We can easily make the transition to Jesus himself. We see him stand up to read the Scriptures in the synagogue of Capernaum. Those who heard him were astonished. The spirit of evil was enraged. The time was ripe. The Author of life was ready for battle.

A mere fifty-six years after Jesus’ resurrection the world was changing. Paul writes a letter to the Church at Corinth, the second reading today. He understands that with baptism comes a new day that would yield to the supposedly imminent second coming. In the face of this grace-filled time of great expectation, we sense Paul’s urgency. He counsels the Corinthians to be free of anxiety and to realize that they are called to devote themselves entirely to the Lord. For all his sense of urgency, Paul nonetheless bears within himself an assurance and serenity born not of self-confidence but of grace. He wishes this for the Corinthians and for us.

Reflection

God has raised up one like Moses and greater than Moses. Jesus is understood as good news for those who are willing to receive him. He is a threat or a matter of indifference for those who will not. In Mark’s Gospel, the first miracle is a casting out, an exorcism. The simplest and the most sophisticated listeners understood that they were witnessing a new time. Sin had overstayed its time and lost its power. There was someone new under the sun, and he would change the world.

PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND

John Abram
 Mary Brown
 Mary Crossley
 David Jayce Carey
 Courtney Chavis
 Therese Ferguson
 Hollis Fain
 Joe B. Forward
 Ella Mae Garrett
 Anna Garrick
 Beatrice Guillory
 Mark Mitchell Jr.
 James Mims
 Westley Popillion
 John Richard, Sr.
 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

St. Mary’s Catholic School Week

This year’s Catholic School Week is Sunday, January 28, 2018 to Friday, February 2, 2018. We would like to personally invite you to join us for one or more of the events we will have to celebrate National Catholic School Week. The schedule of events is as follows:

Sunday, January 28th: Selected Student, Teacher, and Parent Ambassadors will speak at masses about our Catholic School.

Monday, January 29th: Open House will be from 6-7 PM.

Tuesday, January 30th: Storybook Character Day - the classes will select character to portray and will present it at Morning Prayer in the gym at 7:45 AM.

Wednesday, January 31st: Rainbow Mass Day- The 4th -8th Grade will go to Beaumont that morning to celebrate mass at the Basilica at 10:00 AM. Proper mass attire is required. Some 8th graders will leave early to participate in the mass. Pre-K-3rd grade will have a Rainbow Parade/Prayer Service in the chapel at school. The parade starts at 9:15 and will end with the prayer service.

Thursday, February 1st: 100th Day Celebration will be held at morning assembly with the presentation of collected items for the Angela House, Rainbow Room, Soup Kitchen or Animal Shelter. Pre-K will be making cards and treats for the firemen in Orange.

Friday, February 2nd: Grand Parent’s Day Program will be from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM in the gym. The Mardi Gras royalty will be joining us for a parade around the gym.

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The Conversion Experience

February is Black History Month and St. Therese Catholic Church will be closing out the month with fellowship amongst believers, and evangelistic outreach to our communities. The program will be February 26, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Life Center. The festivities will have speakers, music and a light meal. Please come out and help support this event.

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.**

Fish Dinners

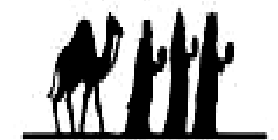
With Lent approaching that also means it’s time for our wonderful fish/seafood dinners!

Our parish Fundraising Committee will need your help with donations of any kind, some may buy dinners, others may want to purchase items. Below you will find a list of our menu for those who want to purchase accordingly.

Fried or Grilled Fish
Seasoned Rice Potato Salad
Green Beans Sliced Cake & Bread

The cost of the dinners will be \$8.00 beginning Friday, February 16, 2018 until Friday, March 23, 2018. Thank you in advance for serving in whatever capacity you choose.

Wise*Men



Still Seek Him

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. And has reserved every other Friday for the homebound. However, Fr. Donatus will resume home visits when he returns from vacation.