

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun. Mar 11- 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23
Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 Eph 2:4-10 Jn 3:14-21

Mon. Mar 12-Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2 & 4, 5-6, 11-12a & 13b or Micah 7:7-9 Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 Jn 9:1-41

Tues. Mar 13-Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 or Micah 7:7-9 Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 Jn 9:1-41

Wed. Mar 14-Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 or Micah 7:7-9 Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 Jn 9:1-41

Thurs. Mar 15-Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 Jn 5:31-47 or Micah 7:7-9 Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 Jn 9:1-41

Fri. Mar 16-Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 & 23 or Micah 7:7-9 Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 Jn 9:1-41

Sat. Mar 17-Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 Jn 7:40-53 or Micah 7:7-9 Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 Jn 9:1-41

**March Birthday List
Happy Birthday to::**

Clinton Giron	1
Calvin Johnson	3
Yvette Spearman	5
Blake Thompson	5
Adam Jacobs	8
Michael Jackson	13
Emma Nelson	17
Taura Thompson-Ware	18
Enrique Warnell	20
Hazel Johnson	21
Dominique Guillory	24
Orion Guillory	24
Felicia Richard	24
Florence Craig	24
Lisa Jackson	26

Happy Anniversary

Gerald & Virginia Richard	22nd
Walter & Rose Davis	29th

**MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEKEND
HOSPITALITY**

Saturday: Shirley Allison, Rose Davis, Walter Davis & Richard Scott
Sunday: Staci Powers, Sonja Popillion, Veronica Bradford, Horace Broussard

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: A: Mona Richard
L: Phyllis Thibodeaux & Gary Mims
Sunday: A: Peggy Green
L: Tina Kindle & Freda Guillory

ALTAR SERVER:

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

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

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

Bishop Faith Appeal

Goal : \$17,310 Paid:

It is time to begin our yearly commitment to our BFA goal for 2018. For any information please contact Shirley Ray at (409) 779-9922. We are look forward to the continued growth of our parish

COORDINATORS OF MINISTRIES

Bishop Faith Appeal - Shirley Ray
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

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.

Attendance

Saturday: 34 Sunday: 54

Weekend Collection

Mail In	\$ 407.00
Mass Stipend	\$ 60.00
Fish Fry	\$ 1,370.00
BFA	\$ 4,013.00
Loose	\$ 95.04
Saturday	\$ 430.00
Sunday	\$ 2,356.00

Total Deposit \$ 8,731.04

Expenses: MSP Missions <\$ 75.>
administrative fees <\$ 428.86>

MASS INTENTIONS

During Lent "Only" Masses Monday thru Saturday at 7:00am

Sunday, Mar. 11, 2018 9:00 am Mass

Mon., Mar. 12, 2018 7:00 am MASS

Tues., Mar. 13, 7:00 am & 6:00 pm

Wed., Mar. 14, 7:00 & 6:00 pm

Thurs., Mar. 15, 7:00 am & 6:00 pm

Friday, Mar. 09, 7:00 am & 6:00 pm & 5:00 pm

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, Mar. 10, 2018 7:00 am
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 of Lent
March 11, 2018

"The Light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light"



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
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Salvation

Salvation is all but unimaginable. It is unconditional, unfettered, no-strings-attached love. It is a love no one can earn. It is a boon, freely given, reserved for lovers. It is powerful, powerful enough to bring life out of death.

FIRST READING: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:4-10 GOSPEL: John 3:14-21

Comment

The reading from 2 Chronicles highlights the faithfulness of God, even though God's people were unfaithful. In faithful love, God sent messengers and prophets to warn Israel, to call the people to faithfulness, and to love God in return. These overtures were spurned. Because of Israel's infidelity and lack of love, Jerusalem was destroyed, the people lost their home, and the nation was taken into captivity.

Still, God remains faithful and loving. In their suffering, the people recognize this. God's anger abates, and God extends salvation from a totally unexpected source—through Cyrus, a foreign conqueror. The promise of a new Jerusalem and a rebuilt temple is given. Salvation comes from the loving hand of God and the people are brought home safe.

In his Letter to the Ephesians, Paul reemphasizes God's faithfulness and abiding love. Even in the face of our sins, God loves us and rescues us through the suffering and death of Christ. Paul stresses that we are alive because of Christ; salvation is sure if we have faith in him.

John's Gospel rounds out this Sunday's treatise on the salvation that comes to us through the love of God. The evangelist makes it abundantly clear that it is through the Son of God, the first fruit of God's love, that the light of salvation is now ours. At the same time, John warns us that we must not flee the light, but embrace it. God's love seeks the response of acting in the light and living in truth. Only by such living do we recognize the salvation that God extends to us in our lives, in the sacraments, in the Church. Only then will we come to live secure in God's saving light, safe at home at last.

Reflection

Some dramatists deal with the meaning of life by giving us a glimpse of it from the side of death. In the classic play by Thornton Wilder, *Our Town*, dead characters speak to one another about the meaning of life. When a young woman who has died in childbirth joins their number and voices her desire to return to visit the living, her deceased companions counsel her not to do so. In spite of their advice, the young woman returns to the scene of her life. She discovers that the living really do not prize the gifts of life at all. She returns to her companions in death, who do understand and appreciate life's worth.

We need not succumb to physical death to recognize the meaning and import of life. Rather, as today's readings remind us, we need but die to old ways of living and accept the gift of salvation that God offers us. This means recognizing that salvation—new life—is not something that comes after this life or something that is divorced or isolated from life. Rather, it is intrinsically linked to life, to real, everyday, even humdrum life. Salvation does not happen somewhere "beyond" the pale of physical life or apart from the mundane. It happens here and now. That's the whole meaning of the Incarnation, isn't it? All things are God-touched, packed with salvation, gifts waiting for our acceptance, our treasuring, our enjoyment, and our sharing with others.

If we believe God loves us and loves us first, what a difference that "truth" will make in our lives and what "light" that truth will bring to our lives! The God we dare to believe in loves us no matter what. The God we dare to believe in rends the heavens with a divine and loving invitation to come home. All we need do is respond to the call and come live with God in Christ, safe at home forever.

ATTENTION EVERYONE

Parish Office hours are from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon & 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Tuesday through Thursday. When contacting the parish office the lines may be busy, if so, please leave a detailed message and your call will be returned. Anything after 4:00 pm will be addressed the next business day. **If there is an emergency please contact Fr. Donatus, cell # (409) 454-3958. Thanks in advance**

Baptism

We will be having Baptism Saturday, March 31, 2018 at the Easter Vigil mass. Anyone interested in having their children baptized please call the parish office and have them registered so preparations can be made, and information acquired, and time is approaching.

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.
Morman Richard
Alma C Thibodeaux



PRAY FOR THE SICK

James Arceneaux
Mable Durio
Alberta Fontenot
Frances Freeman
Debra Glaude
Margaret Green
Peggy Green
Myrtle Guillory
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
Richard Scott
Robert Simmons
Mary Ware
Joe Ware

Lenten Mission

St. Therese will be having a Lenten Mission Retreat starting Wednesday, March 21, thru Friday, March 23, 2018 to begin at 6:00 p.m. Fr. Mark will be the Homilist for the Mission. On Friday, March 23, Fr. Donatus and Fr. Mark will be available to hear confessions, everyone is encouraged to attend. After each night cookies and punch will available in the life center.

INVITATION TO CHRISM MASS MARCH 27, 2018

Bishop Curtis J. Guillory, S.V.D., invites you to attend the Chrism Mass that Bishop will concelebrate with all the priests of the Diocese of Beaumont on Tuesday of Holy Week, March 27, 2018. The Mass will be celebrated at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica, 700 Jefferson Street, Beaumont, at 6:30 PM. At this prayerful and memorable experience Bishop will bless the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens and consecrate the Sacred Chrism. These oils will be sent to every parish and prison and hospital chaplain for use throughout the year. In addition, during the Chrism Mass all the priests will, with Bishop and the Assembly, renew their priestly promises. The Chrism Mass manifests the diversity of the Body of Christ in the Diocese of Beaumont as seen in the many cultures participating, in the liturgical ministers and in the music. The Chrism Mass is a most prayerful way to journey through Holy Week.

Fish Dinners

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

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

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 the second and forth Friday of the month for the homebound.

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.

*We are encouraged this Lenten season to drink **BEER***

***Bible** -read the word of God*

***Empathy** -have compassion for one another*

***Eucharist** -accept him into your life*

***Reconciliation** -reconcile ourselves to God*

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC

Orange (TX) Alumnae Chapter

This year the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority will be hosting its **Guys in Ties, Young Men of Excellence Mentoring program**. The focuses is on educational goal of college-bound youths who have demonstrated exemplary moral standards. An interest meeting is scheduled for:

When: Saturday, March 24, 2018
Where: Planning and Zoning Building
303 N. 8th Street, Orange TX
Time: 1:00 P.M.

For more information please contact Anitrea Goodwin @ 409-313-4398 or Debra Johnson @ 409-670-2638