

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun. May 6 - Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 1 Jn 4:7-10 Jn 14:23 Jn 15:9-17

Mon. May 7 - Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b Jn 15:26b, 27a Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tues. May 8 - Acts 16:22-34 See Jn 16:7, 13 Jn 16:5-11

Wed. May 9 - Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14 Jn 14:16 Jn 16:12-15

Thurs. May 10 - Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13 Mt 28:19a, 20b Mk 16:15-20

Fri. May 11 - Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 See Lk 24:46, 26 Jn 16:20-23

Sat. May 12 - Acts 18:23-28 Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 Jn 16:28 Jn 16:23b-28

MASS INTENTIONS for the Week

Sunday, April 06, 2018 9:00 am Mass The Jacobs and Monroe Families Requested by Mary J. J. Monroe

Mon. May 7, NO MASS

Tues. May 8, 8:00 am

Wed. May 9, 8:00 am

Thurs. May 10, 8:00 am

Fri. May 11, 8:00 am Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 pm

Saturday, May 12, 2018 8:00 am **NO** morning Mass on any Saturday we are have a Funeral. Mass will be by 10am 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).

**May Birthday List
Happy Birthday to:**

Cecilia Davis	3
William Davis	10
John King	12
Ronald Warnell	21
Mary Alexander	22
Dorothy Broussard	22
Ashley Anderson	30
Marva Hebert	31
Herman Richard	31

Happy Anniversary

Fred & Peggy Green 8th

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEKEND HOSPITALITY

Saturday: Brenda Mims, Rose Davis, Walter Davis & Johnny Riggs

Sunday: Fred Green, Rose Bottley, Emmanuel Taylor, Coretta Ambers

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: A: Gary Mims

L: Freda Guillory & Eva Platt

Sunday: A: Wayne Sparrow

L: Horace Broussard & Lucy Jones

ALTAR SERVER:

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

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday Gail Jefferson & Cecilia Davis
Sunday: Gloria Richard & Dorothy Broussard

Attendance

Saturday: 23 Sunday:

Weekend Collection

2nd collection Catholic Home Missions

Mail In	\$ 25.00
Missions Appeal	\$ 142.00
Loose	\$ 93.00
Saturday	\$ 175.00
Sunday	\$1,060.00

Total Deposit \$ 1,495.00

COORDINATORS OF MINISTRIES

Activities - Brushelle Scott

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 Raiser - 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 are every Tuesday at 6:30 pm

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

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

Youth - Felicia Richard

Stewardship-Wayne Sparrow

*****Retirement*****

Tommie Marshall has retired as of Friday, March 27, from the Office of African American Ministry in the Diocese of Beaumont. Please keep her in your prayers as she begins this new journey in her life;

Expenses:

St. Therese Catholic Church
Served by The Missionary Society of St. Paul from Nigeria since 2000

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



6th Sunday of Easter

May 6, 2018

“This I command you: love one another”



Eucharistic Celebration

Weekends:

Saturday 8:00 a.m. Vigil: 4:00 p.m. & Sunday: 9:00 a.m.
NO Saturday 8:00 a.m. on Funeral day's

Weekdays:

Tuesday-Friday 8:00 a.m.

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Reconciliation
Saturdays: 3:20 p.m. 3:55 p.m.

Every Friday: 6 p.m.

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

Infant Baptism:

Please contact the pastor two (2) months in advance

Marriage:

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

SECRETARY

Cindy Hampton (409) 882-0935

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Janice Semien	883-7126
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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Love

Christians talk about love a lot. In English, this little word is forced to do the heavy lifting. It has to stand for everything from the overly sweet Valentine's day hearts to the nuanced love that lasts a lifetime. If love were all fluff and sugar, we could get along with a book of sentimental sayings. But love is strong and demanding, and for this kind of love, we need a book of Gospels.

*FIRST READING: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4
SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-10 GOSPEL: John 15:9-17*

Comment

Just prior to today's selection from the Acts of the Apostles, we meet Cornelius the Roman centurion, a devout, upright, and God-fearing man who is much loved and respected by the Jews. Cornelius inquires after Peter, and Peter goes to his home.

The reading opens today with Peter coming to Cornelius' home and being greeted with a kind of respect that unnerves Peter. And there is yet more to this surprising visit: Cornelius in his seemingly simple request unwittingly forces a decision. What is Peter to do about this good and loving Gentile who seeks baptism? What is to become of the small but growing band of those who follow Jesus?

Peter asks himself what he can possibly do with a people who have already been blessed by the Holy Spirit. His actions seem right: Peter baptizes Cornelius and his household and remains with them a few days. This story tells of the first welcome of a Gentile into what would become a universal Church, open to all. Cornelius' request and Peter's response set the Church on a course that makes it truly universal. The Spirit leaps over the boundaries of old rites and cherished memories of a chosen yet circumscribed people. The promised Spirit makes it known that the whole world is now chosen.

The Gospel also reminds us who is choosing and who is chosen. In Israel's experience, would-be disciples gathered to listen to various rabbis. Through this protracted process, disciples eventually chose the rabbi they wished to follow. Jesus reverses the process. In his case, he, the rabbi or teacher, chooses the disciples, just as the Father has chosen Jesus. Throughout their public ministry together, Jesus has taught them all he knows, and now during this Last Supper discourse, he invites them into a deeper intimacy. Their relationship to him is not just that of a master to servant, but one of friend to friend.

Jesus is clearly intense in his insistence that they love one another and live on in his love. He does not merely suggest this nor simply urge the disciples to do so, he commands it. The word "love" here is translated from the Greek *agape*, which describes the mutual self-giving relationship between Jesus and God and must exist mutually between Jesus and his followers. The love that the Father bestowed on Christ is spread abroad. It gets up and works. It visits the house of the unlikely candidate, Cornelius.

Reflection

Easy love doesn't require obedience and openness to its demands. It doesn't call for follow-up. It doesn't demand that we work to stay vulnerable. The Gospel, however, doesn't speak of easy love, which is really not love at all. The second reading tells us that the love demanded of us is possible because God has first loved us. When love is spoken of in the two readings attributed to John, we see how important it is to understand and appreciate that Jesus is the manifestation of God's abiding love. Through him, God's love is poured out. John calls us to recognize this and then to respond by loving one another. Our loving brings full circle the love of God manifest in Jesus.

The entrance antiphon for this Sunday reminds us all: "Speak with a voice of joy; let it be heard to the ends of the earth ..." This hearing to the ends of the earth began with Peter, but the Holy Spirit set Peter free and led him by the hand, as it were, to the house of Cornelius, and then by extension to the rest of the world.

Region X Unity Explosion Evangelization and Liturgy Conference
June 6-10, 2018 San Antonio, TX.

The bus will leave Beaumont on Thursday, June 7 and return on June 10. There is no cost for riding the bus. In addition, majority youth registrations will be paid for. After we have exhausted the number of youth who want to attend, the remainder of the funds will be used for adults. Please note that children who are attending must complete diocesan forms for travel. The adult chaperones must be VIRTUS/PGC certified. Those who will be attending that do not receive a scholarship will be responsible for the cost of the room and their own registration. The room rate is \$139.00/night plus tax [approximately \$156.00]. The same rate applies for single, double, triple or quad. Registration is \$175.00/person. Thank you for your kind support throughout the year for all of our programs and events.

PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Mary Brown
David Jayce Carey
Courtney Chavis
Therese Ferguson
Hollis Fain
Joe B. Forward
Ella Mae Garrett
Anna Garrick
Mary Gray
Beatrice Guillory
Mark Mitchell Jr.
James Mims
Westley Popillion
John Richard, Sr.
Mormon 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
Robert Simmons
Perry Thompson Jr.
Mary Ware
Joe Ware

Join us to watch "Defeating The Devil"
Sunday, May 06, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
Parish Life Center

Never has the devil, demonic possession and exorcism been so widely discussed as it is today. And yet, few satisfactory explanations are proffered. This powerful film describes the origin of the evil spirit, the devil's descent, and his interruption in the world from the temptation of Adam and Eve to the present day.

The devil's powers, his tactics, objectives and limitations, are discussed by several renowned experts in the field of demonic phenomena, including the most famous of all, Fr. Gabriele Amorth, exorcist of the Diocese of Rome and author of perhaps the definitive scholarly work on demonology.

We discover how the devil works, by using temptation, curses, infestations, hexes... and possession. We learn what his preferred victims are like and how they fall in his traps. We also explore the world of spiritualism, Tarot cards, astrology, Satanism and other occult practices. The Dark Side... that which is vanquished by the light of faith in Christ who is more powerful than all evil.

refreshments and snacks will be available

Parish Luncheon

The Parish Luncheon in the month of May will be Sunday, May 20, 2018. Please make your schedules accordingly, we don't want to leave anyone out. This is a parish social event, and all are invited to attend.

Bishop Faith Appeal

Goal : \$ 17,310 Paid: \$ 6,780.00

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

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.**

Holy Day of Obligation

The Diocese of Beaumont belongs to the Province of the Archdiocese of Galveston/Houston. The Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord is celebrated on the Seventh Sunday of Easter every year. This year the Seventh Sunday of Easter is May 13, 2018.

Charismatic Renewal

We are having our Quarterly Charismatic Renewal at St Helen's Catholic Church in Orangefield on Saturday May 12, 2018, from 10:00am till noon.

Father Michael Strother will be speaking on Spirituality. There will be music by Ted Nelson. This is a morning event and all are welcome to join us in praise, worship, learning and fellowship.

Flower's for Mother's Day

A Mother is one of the greatest prayer warriors and teachers of compassion, love and fearlessness and there's probably lots of women in your life who support you. If love is sweet as a flower, why not purchase and send flowers to show your appreciation?

For individuals who would like to purchase any type flower plant or plants in memory of your Mothers, sisters, aunts or any women, please take the opportunity to purchase and drop off your flowers at the church or parish office by Friday evening or contact the office. EVERYONE is encourage to bring your flowers.