

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun. May 13 - 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

Mon. May 14 - Acts 1:15-17, 20-26
Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 See Jn 15:16
Jn 15:9-17

Tues. May 15 - Acts 20:17-27 Ps
68:10-11, 20-21 Jn 14:16 Jn 17:1-11a

Wed. May 16 - Acts 20:28-38 Ps
68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab See Jn
17:17b, 17a Jn 17:11b-19

Thurs. May 17 - Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 Jn
17:21 Jn 17:20-26

Fri. May 18 - Acts 25:13b-21 Ps
103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab Jn 14:26 Jn
21:15-19

Sat. May 19 - Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 Jn 16:7, 13 Jn 21:20-
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**MASS INTENTIONS
for the Week**

Sunday, May 13, 2018 9:00 am Mass

Mon. May 14, NO MASS

Tues. May 15, 8:00 am

Wed. May 16, 8:00 am

Thurs. May 17, 8:00 am

Fri. May 18, 8:00 am
Exposition & Adoration of
the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 pm

Saturday, May 19, 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: Richard Scott, Willie Oliver,
Rose Davis, Walter Davis

Sunday: Staci Powers, Sonja Popillion,
Veronica Bradford & Horace Broussard

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: A: Freda Guillory
L: Leo Jackson & Gary Mims
Sunday: A: Peggy Green
L: Eva Platt & Tina Kindle

ALTAR SERVER:

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

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday Freda Guillory &
Shirley Ray
Sunday: Richard Scott &
Russell Bottley

Attendance

Saturday: 32 Sunday: 52

Weekend Collection

Mail In	\$ 235.00
Loose	\$ 68.40
Saturday	\$ 535.00
Sunday	\$ 1,038.00

Total Deposit \$ 1,876.470

Expenses:

**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

*****Parish Luncheon*****

The Parish Luncheon will be Sunday,
May 20, 2018. Please make your
schedules accordingly.

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



The Ascension of the Lord
May 13, 2018
**“Go into the whole world and
proclaim the gospel to every creature”**



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

Reconciliation

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

**Exposition & Adoration of
the Blessed Sacrament**

Every Friday: 6 p.m.

Infant Baptism:

Please contact the pastor two
(2) months in advance

Weekdays:

Tuesday-Friday 8:00 a.m.

Adoration & Benediction

1st Friday each month 5p.m.-6:p.m.

Marriage:

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

SECRETARY

Cindy Hampton (409) 882-0935

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Richard Scott, Chairman	779-7587
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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Missionaries—Then and Now

French missionaries came to the North American continent in the 16th and 17th centuries. They came to teach the people of this land about Jesus and the salvation he won for them. Many of the Hurons and Algonquins embraced the Good News and were baptized, but many did not. The North American Martyrs are the missionaries we honor who died for the sake of their call to continue the apostolic mission of the Church. That mission's roots can be traced to the ascension of Jesus Christ.

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:17-23 or Ephesians 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13] GOSPEL: Mark 16:15-20

Comment

Each year, the first reading of the Ascension remains the same. Acts introduces the founding days of the new Church. Luke carefully weaves the story of Jesus' ministry and Easter into the introduction of Acts. Because the Easter story overlaps both books, we clearly understand that they are not two separate accounts, but rather a tightly meshed story. Luke refers to certain events in Acts as symbolically significant. The fact that Jesus' ascension takes place forty days after the Easter event, parallels the forty days Jesus spent in the desert. Jesus was taken up in a cloud. The cloud, as in the earlier transfiguration reading, represents the presence and intervention of the divine. Two men appeared among the disciples as they watched Jesus going up. The men may have represented the two disciples on the way to Emmaus, or they may have referred again to Moses and Elijah at the transfiguration. For certain, they were two angels who leave the disciples (and us) with hope for the new Church that was being established. Jesus will come back for us.

Until the Holy Spirit descended on them, however, the disciples still didn't fully understand their mission. They asked Jesus when he would restore the kingdom. Jesus did not criticize them because they had again gotten the importance of events out of order. It really shouldn't have mattered to them what God's plan and timing were. The important thing Jesus wanted them to know was that the Spirit would come to them and they would be especially prepared to continue Jesus' work and tell the story.

The letter to the Ephesians continues the description of the new Church established in Christ and carried on by the apostles spreading the good news of Jesus. Christ is the head of the Church, initiated by God. There is a connection between faith and love. God calls for a faithfulness from the apostles to continue their commitment to Christ. By Jesus' death, resurrection and ascension into heaven to be at the right hand of God, we know the magnitude of God's love. The love of God is within each person and all of Jesus' disciples show that love to others as we tell the story of Jesus throughout the world.

It is not clear if Mark actually authored these closing verses of the Gospel, but it ends with the necessary means for salvation. In order to receive salvation, we must first be baptized and believe. Jesus commissioned the twelve to go out into the world to be sure that all people have the chance for this salvation. The disciples were given special gifts to accomplish this, the gift of the Holy Spirit, but they were also warned that even though many will hear their message, not all will believe and be saved. This event marked the beginning of the new Church and the mission of the disciples to take the message of salvation into the world.

Reflection

Not just the twelve apostles who inherited the Church that Jesus initiated, but each one of us through baptism is called to carry the good news into all the world. Our world might only be one block long, or it might reach to a place where we go to school, work or play. We carry the good news in a variety of ways. We carry it in our words—what and how we say things to other people. We carry it in our actions—what we do for others, and what we don't do. Our faith must penetrate every segment of our lives and must permeate the world in which we live. Our faith needs to be present in our words and tone of voice, in our actions and willingness to serve others. The love that God shows for each one of us should shine through our every action and through all that we say. Our commitment to our faith does not depend on how we feel about it when we wake up in the morning, or how our friends think we should feel. Our faith and how we live it must be demonstrated as though our very lives depend on it, for indeed, our lives and all that God holds for us do just that.

PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Mary Brown
David Jayce Carey
Courtney Chavis
Florence Craig
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
Mary Ware
Joe Ware

A litany for Mothers

Eve our first mother – thank you for stepping out and being the first to understand the complexities of life.

Sarah, Hannah and Elizabeth – thank you for your patience and courage in waiting for a miracle. May all people longing for children be strengthened by your stories and comforted in their pain.

Hagar – thank you for your resolve in the face of exile. May all mothers who are forced to flee or are forgotten be given hope in you.

Rebecca – thank you for your flexibility. Let us remember all mothers who have to raise their children in a different country or far from their relatives and who feel isolated.

Rachel – you carried the burden of grief and wept for your children. Hold the hands of all those mothers who weep for their children – children who have gone missing, who have died or are lost to them in other ways.

Jochebed – you used wisdom and insight to protect your children. Give to all mothers this wisdom and insight in the bringing up of their children, especially in vulnerable times.

Naomi and Ruth – you showed that love can conquer all trials. Help all mothers to love constantly when life seems impossible and despair weighs hard upon their souls.

Mary – the new Eve whose 'yes' to God changed our world forever. Thank you for sheltering the Holy One all those years ago, for your faithful love and tender care of God's most precious Son. May we never forget that in your giving is our greatest receiving – of the gift of life wrapped in a manger and in a tomb. May we know the true cost of relationship by holding our faith in Christ deep within our hearts as you once held him deep within your womb. Amen

St. Veronica Committee

Mr. & Mrs. Shelton Allison, Mr. & Mrs. Reginald Kindle, and Mr. & Mrs. Joe Ware and their Families have been doing great work in cleaning the Church for many years, and we thank them for the work they have done. Fr. Donatus joins them to continue this mission and invites every parishioner to please join us every Friday at 7:00 p.m. to clean the church, the same way Veronica wipes the face of Jesus on the sixth stations of the Cross. To wipe our parish clean is to wipe the face of Jesus.

Bishop Faith Appeal

Goal : \$17,310 Paid: \$6,780.

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

ST. Therese Youth Fun Day lots of food & activities

June 9, 2018 11 am - 5pm

Kick off Vacation Bible School with a fun filled day with food and activities for kids of all ages to enjoy! Everyone is welcome to join us and while you're here sign your student up for a week of vacation bible school. Vacation Bible School will begin June 18 - June 23, 2018 from 5 pm to 8 pm Hope to see you there!

Calling all **VOLUNTEERS**, anyone who is able and willing to assist in fun day, to please call Brushelle Scott at 409-779-7365

Attention

One of our duties as Christians is to love one another, and many of you have ask information about Mrs. Florence Craig. Anyone who wants to visit Mrs. Craig she's at Genesis HealthCare Clairmont Beaumont 1020 S. 23rd Street Beaumont TX.77707

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.

Happy Mother's Day