

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun. May 20 - Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25 Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Mon. May 21 - Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14 Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7 Jn 19:25-34

Tues. May 22 - Jas 4:1-10 Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23 Gal 6:14 Mk 9:30-37

Wed. May 23 - Jas 4:13-17 Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11 Jn 14:6 Mk 9:38-40

Thurs. May 24 - Jas 5:1-6 Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20 See 1 Thes 2:13 Mk 9:41-50

Fri. May 25 - Jas 5:9-12 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12 See Jn 17:17b, 17a Mk 10:1-12

Sat. May 26 - Jas 5:13-20 Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8 See Mt 11:25 Mk 10:13-16

MASS INTENTIONS for the Week

Sunday, May 20, 2018 9:00 am Mass

Mon. May 21, NO MASS

Tues. May 22, 8:00 am

Wed. May 23, 8:00 am

Thurs. May 24, 8:00 am

Fri. May 25, 8:00 am
Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 pm

Saturday, May 26, 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

Sat.: Shirley Allison, Rose Davis, Walter Davis & Richard Scott
Sun: T'Ana William, Candace Brown, Jo'Nire Pete, Alexandre Gamble

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: A: Leo Jackson
L: Eva Platt & Freda Guillory
Sunday: A: Youth
L: Hannah Allison & William Pitre

ALTAR SERVER:

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

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday Gail Jefferson & Russell Bottley
Sunday: Mr. & Mrs. Adam Jacobs

**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

*****Celebration*****

There will be a Birthday and Graduation celebration in honor of Fr. Donatus on his accomplishments, 55 years old and receiving his Doctorate Degree in Theology. If anyone would like to contribute in any capacity, please contact Jill Mosby or Francine Sparrow.

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

Attendance
Saturday: 39 Sunday: 70

Weekend Collection
2nd collection for Birthright

Mail In	\$ 55.00
Birthright	\$ 92.00
Loose	\$ 72.00
Saturday	\$ 540.00
Sunday	\$ 3,616.00

Total Deposit \$ 4,375.00

Expenses: Central Admin. Off., Dio. Of Bmt <\$ 2,249.41>
2nd & Easter Collections <\$ 1,29.60 >
Phone <\$ 111.72>
Equip. contract <\$ 71.00>

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



Pentecost Sunday

May 20, 2018

“They were all filled with the Holy Spirit”



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.

Reconciliation

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

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

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Stop Glorifying the Devil! A man told his wife!!

Reflection - **STOP MAKING THE DEVIL FAMOUS**

"The Devil is a liar" shouted his wife as she tried to turn on the car. "How is the Devil a liar? What has the Devil done this time?" He asked his wife as he sat on the passenger seat. She was to drive today.

"Well, we've run out fuel and we need to get to the Church event quickly. I am preaching today and the Devil is trying to frustrate me. The Devil is a liar" she said then declared some Bible verses.

He laughed and looked to the side. "What are you laughing at?" She asked him turning to face him. "Why are you making the Devil famous?" He asked her. She looked at him surprised. Giving him that "stop" spiritual face.

"Honey, the Devil is not to blame for the low fuel, we are. You forgot to go to the petrol station yesterday after the visit from your mom. You are giving the Devil too much credit. When things go wrong it is not always the Devil's fault. He is not that powerful. Many times it is just a matter of poor human decisions and laziness" he said.

She looked at him intently. Silence. He smiled and continued, "Yes honey, like the day we were financially struggling. That wasn't the Devil plotting against us. It was just us who were making a mess and not making good financial decisions. We were borrowing too much, spending too much and living above our means. Once we got more disciplined, we attracted wealth. Look at us now, we were able to buy a new car and we've built our own home"

She unbuckled her seat belt and listened to her husband. "When we were struggling to raise our teenage daughter. It wasn't the Devil who was messing our family. It was us as parents who didn't take time to understand how to raise a teenager. We didn't listen to her, we were talking down at her demanding respect and believing that since we love God she will tow the line. Once we went for the parent's seminar and we learnt the strategy on how to raise a teenager, our relationship with our daughter has improved. She even tells us she loves us these days, she hugs you, takes us out for lunch occasionally" he continued.

She sighed. "When I applied for that job that I wanted so much. We prayed and prayed about it. But the truth is, I didn't get the job, not because of the Devil as we used to say; but because I wasn't qualified. The most qualified person got the job. I wasn't blessed by it, but God blessed another with it. And look how things turned out. Because I didn't get the job, I ventured into business and look at how successful I have been" he told her.

She put out a smile. "When our marriage was going through difficulty and we used to say that the Devil has cursed us, we used to wonder whether we were carrying generational curses since both our parent's marriages failed. We were wrong. The moment we put effort to better our communication and to spend more quality time together, our marriage improved" he said looking at her smile.

"When we had a car accident. That wasn't the Devil as we used to say! That was my fault, my recklessness for driving while exhausted, battling fatigue. It was a bad choice, not the Devil.

Many Christians are used to blaming the Devil thereby shifting responsibility from themselves. They don't work on their mess and much of what they do is say the Devil is at work.

Many marriages are failing, not because the Devil is this powerful being succeeding; but because of laziness, irresponsibility and indecision by the couple.

So no Honey, we will not make the Devil famous. We will declare more about God's goodness and be good stewards of our blessings.

We will not live in fear thinking the Devil is coming for us yet we have God on our side to protect us.

We will take responsibility. When we fail to do something, we will own up and do better" he spoke further.

"Have I ever told you how much I admire you my amazing husband?" she told him.

He smiled and said, "You can tell me one more time"

She kissed him and said, "I love you. Honey, let's board a taxi. We don't have much time.

The sermon I am going to preach has changed. I will preach on exactly what I have learnt from you: Stop making the Devil famous.

No more giving the Enemy that has been defeated free publicity"

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
Cynthia Rogers
Robert Simmons
Mary Ware
Joe Ware

The *Squeezed Orange of a Professor*

A professor was preparing for class and decided to take an orange with him. He ! began to talk to a bright young man in front and asked him, "If I squeeze this orange, what will I get?"

He looked at the professor and answered, "Juice, of course!"

The professor said, "Don't you think I could squeeze apple juice from the orange?"

Laughing, he said "No." "What about grapefruit juice?"

He said, "Nope."

The professor asked again, "What would I get from this orange?"

"Orange juice, of course."

He repeated his question, "Why? Why would I get orange juice from an orange?"

He answered, "Well, it is an orange, and that is what it has on the inside."

The professor nodded and said, "That's right! Let's think that this is not an orange, but it is you.

Someone puts pressure on you and says something you don't like.

You get offended. Fear, bitterness, hatred, and anger come out of you. Why did this happen?"

The boy answered, "Because those things are on the inside."

Now we have to consider what's inside of you and me, because *Matthew 15:18 says,*
"But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man."

Jesus was squeezed and forgiveness, love, and mercy came out of Him.

He taught us that regardless of people insulting, beating, humiliating, and treating Him worse than a criminal; He just showed love and forgiveness!

Let's be filled with that love that comes from God, and let's live each day by His side.

Now the question that we must ask ourselves: *"What comes out when I am squeezed?*" God bless you.

Attention

One of our duties as Christians is visit the sick and shut in, and many of you have ask information about Mrs. Florence Craig. Anyone can visit at the appropriate time, Mrs. Craig is at Genesis HealthCare Clairmont Beaumont 1020 S. 23rd Street, Beaumont TX

Parish Luncheon

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

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.

YOUTH FUN DAY & VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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!

If anyone is free to assist in fun day in any capacity please call Brushelle Scott at 409-779-7365 for Vacation Bible School please contact Sonja Popillion at (409) 670-0808 or Cecilia Davis at (409) 920-1136