

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sun. June 17-** Ez 17:22-24 Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 2 Cor 5:6-10 Mk 4:26-34

**Mon. June 18 -** 1 Kgs 21:1-16 Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7 Ps 119:105 Mt 5:38-42

**Tues. June 19 -** 1 Kgs 21:17-29 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16 Jn 13:34 Mt 5:43-48

**Wed. June 20 -** 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14 Ps 31:20, 21, 24 Jn 14:23 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thurs. June 21 -** Sir 48:1-14 Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7 Rom 8:15bc Mt 6:7-15

**Fri. June 22 -** 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20 Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18 Mt 5:3 Mt 6:19-23

**Sat. June 23-** 2 Chr 24:17-25 Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34 2 Cor 8:9 Mt 6:24-34

**June Birthday List  
Happy Birthday to::**

John Semien	1
Josh Riggs	6
Fr. Donatus Mgbeajuo, MSP	7
Anessia Jacobs-Chambers	9
Therese Ferguson	12
Shirley Ray	15
Melena Hampton	16
Devin Hebert	24
Hollis Fain	28
Emmanuel Taylor	29

**Happy Anniversary**

Reginald & Tina Kindle	5th
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**\*\*\*Thank You Everyone\*\*\***

Thank you to everyone who worked hard, making phone calls, passed out flyers, cooked or what every capacity you played in making St. Therese Youth Fun day a success. Thank you to the youth and their parents of our communities, We are so grateful for the time, energy, excitement, you put into fun day. We're already praying that you'll come back and see us next year!

**MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEKEND HOSPITALITY**

Saturday: Walter & Rose Davis, Richard Scott & Johnny Riggs

Sunday: Youth Day

**ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:**

Saturday: A: Mona Richard  
L: Gary Mims

Sunday: A: Youth Day  
L: Youth day

**ALTAR SERVER:**

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

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:**

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

**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: 38 Sunday: 50**

**Weekend Collection**

Mail In	\$ 40.00
Loose	\$ 84.00
Saturday	\$ 445.00
Sunday	\$1,011.00

**Total Deposit \$ 1,580.00**

**Expenses:** service cont. <\$38.02>  
Appliance & plumbing <\$ 938.57>  
Corpus Christi Church <\$ 100.00>  
Youth Day & VBS <\$ 642.59>

**St. Therese Catholic Church**

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



**11th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
June 17, 2018**  
**"The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed."**

**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.-6p.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
Steven Allison, Secretary	313-0586
Cecilia Davis	920-1136
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Adam Jacobs	883-9688
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Andre Robertson	882-0012
Robert Gobert	(504) 232-5640
Sheila Arnold	313-2062
Janice Semien	883-7126
Tina Kindle	238-4447

**MASS INTENTIONS for the Week**

**Sunday, June 17, 2018 9:00 am Mass**

Mon. June 18, NO MASS

Tues. June 19, 8:00 am

Wed. June 20, 8:00 am

Thurs. June 21, 8:00 am

Fri. June 22, 8:00 am  
Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 pm

Saturday, June 23, 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).

# ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Secret Stories

If you want to capture someone's attention, tell a story. "Once upon a time ..." is a magical, world-creating phrase. We relish a good story told well. Good stories always contain more than we expect, and they enable us to bear sorrows and sustain joys. However, if you really want to capture someone's attention, tell a secret. There's nothing we like better than being recipients of a confidence. Secrets entice us, make us "insiders," "in-the-know," and partakers of mystery. Today's liturgy *really* wants our attention, for it not only wraps us in stories, it also immerses us in secrets. It envelops us in the mysterious plan of God.

**FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24    RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16**

**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10    GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34**

## Comment

Mark's Gospel, which is fond of "secrets," sees Jesus' parables as camouflage for direct revelation. Because Jesus' hearers are slow to accept him as the Messiah, Mark shows Jesus as reluctant to deter them further. So Jesus conveys God's message in a "secretive" way, revealing the key to that message only to a few of his followers. The key, of course, is faith in Jesus Christ as the Chosen One. And the type of faith required of Jesus' followers is outlined in the parables themselves.

The reign of God is like a seed. Once sown, what is required of the sower is patience. God alone initiates the germination and coming harvest. It is our part to trust that what is planted will grow and bear fruit. Likewise, we must stand ready to recognize that the growth is a sure indication that the harvest (God's reign) is, indeed, on its way. The faith Jesus calls for is one that is patient and perceptive.

Just such a faith is addressed in today's second reading. St. Paul reminds us that our faith requires us to trust in God and to see that there's more to life than meets the eye. Paul points us to the "harvest" time, urges us to be watchful for its coming and to recognize that the "secret" to our existence is simply to strive to please God.

## Reflection

Like all good stories, the parables of Jesus stick in the mind. They endure. Jesus' parables also create a new and different territory to be explored, a strange and exciting homeland for us. This homeland is one that is rife with God's activity and presence. Like the seed hidden in the ground, God's will is inexorably being done. Like the tiny mustard seed burgeoning almost overnight into a mighty tree, home for the birds of the air, God's reign comes upon us with vigor, intensity, and surprise. It cannot be stopped. It will blossom and grow. It will triumph in the end. That's a promise, a promise of God! What are we to do? "Do as I do," said Jesus. "Rejoice!" "Celebrate with one another. Stop worrying. Love your enemies."

Since God's justice and love *will* triumph, since compassion is the core of reality, there can be no enemies, only neighbors. Jesus invites us to join with him in this mission of love. Remember the Gospel from the Body and Blood of Christ? "Share my mission. Spread this Good News. I'll be with you always, close to your hearts, until I come again to fulfill the reign of God." (See Matthew 28:20)

As citizens of this godly realm, we must be people attentive to the growth and development that is continually unfolding all around us. It is not enough for us simply to sit back and watch, however. No, we are tenders of the growth, stewards of God's blossoming crop. Yes, we can rely completely on God's good will and purpose. At the same time, however, we must be willing to care for and nurture as best we can that which God has planted and animates.

### 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  
George Davis  
Mable Durio  
Alberta Fontenot  
Frances Freeman  
Debra Glaude  
Margaret Green  
Peggy Green  
Myrtle Guillory  
Rena Mae Jenkins  
Calvin Johnson  
Stacy Johnson  
Rose Lee Johnson  
Lakeisha Guidry-Jones  
Leothus Jones  
John King  
Ruby Milton  
Bettye Odom  
Clayona Pilette  
Doris Robertson  
Robert Simmons  
Mary Ware  
Joe Ware

## A Father's Day Message

When you think about Father's day, its a day to celebrate Men doing what God called them to do: to be strong leaders for their families. Fathers should create a healthy, safe, and nurturing environment where their children can grow to be strong and confident individuals.

Fathers have a responsibility to raise their children to become helpful citizens in our society and just all around good people. For a boy to grow into a man, there has to be a male role model for him to learn from; A father figure to emulate. A positive male figure to teach him discipline. Every male child should be blessed to have other positive male role models like brothers, cousins, teachers, coaches, clergymen, and mentors to guide them during their childhood and teenage years.

**"THANK YOU"** to all of the men who take on the responsibilities that comes with being a father.

I also challenge every man who reads this to look for a child to mentor because it truly takes a village to raise a child.

### Bishop Faith Appeal Goal: \$17,310 Paid: \$7,180.

*It is time to begin our yearly commitment to our BFA goal for 2018. Everyone is asked to make their pledges and payments. If you have any questions or concerns about your contributions to BFA please contact Shirley Ray at (409) 779-9922. or Fr. Donatus (409) 454-3958. Romans 8:28 says We know that all things work together for good, for those who love God, who are the called according to his purpose. 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.**

### \*\*\*Attention\*\*\*

The Diocese of Beaumont is sponsoring a Catholic Charismatic Renewal seminar

When: Saturday August 11, 2018  
Where: St. Anne's Catholic Church  
Hall 11th & Calder - Beaumont TX  
Time: 8:00 am - 12:00 noon  
Presenter: Msgr. William Manger  
Topic: Pope Francis' Exhortation, "Rejoice and be Glad! The call to holiness."

There will be breakout sessions, refreshments, fellowship and individual sharing. All are invited.

There is no charge, but registration is required by July 27, (numbers needed for handouts and refreshments). Please call 409-724-7379.

### \*\*\*Mission Appeal\*\*\*

There will be a second collection for Brothers of the Sacred Heart, who are religious educators, will be here the weekend of June 23 & 24 at both Saturday 4 pm and Sunday 9 am Masses. The Brothers are asking for both your prayers and financial support. Your contribution will especially benefit young men who are preparing to enter religious life and needy students in the African countries.

# Happy Father's Day