

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sun. July 8 - Ez 2:2-5 Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 2 Cor 12:7-10 Cf. Lk 4:18 Mk 6:1-6**

**Mon. July 9 - Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22 PS 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 See 2 Tm 1:10 Mt 9:18-26**

**Tues. July 10 - Hos 8:4-7, 11-13 PS 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10 Jn 10:14 Mt 9:32-38**

**Wed. July 11 - Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 PS105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mk 1:15 Mt 10:1-7**

**Thurs. July 12 - Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9 PS 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16 Mk 1:15 Mt 10:7-15**

**Fri. July 13 - Hos 14:2-10 PS 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17 Jn 16:13a; 14:26d Mt 10:16-23**

**Sat. July 14 - Is 6:1-8 PS 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 1 Pt 4:14 Mt 10:24-33**

**July Birthday List  
Happy Birthday to::**

Peggy Green	1
Brenda Mims	1
Mona Richard	6
George Alexander	6
Stefanie Allison	6
Turquoy Riggs	10
Joise Curtis	10
Brent Hebert	12
Ronald Hebert	12
E'Retrious Gus	13
Lanier Robertson	16
David Riggs	20
Maria Riggs	23
Claude Riggs	29
Lester Popillion	30
Happy Anniversary	
Joe & Mary Ware	4th
John & Janice Semien	13th
Mormom & Ann Richard	25th
George & Cecilia Davis	27th
Deacon Julian & Gloria Richard	31st

**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: 51**

**Weekend Collection  
2nd collection Peter' Pence**

Mail In	\$ 45.00
Loose	\$ 108.68
Holy Father	\$ 162.51
Saturday	\$ 277.00
Sunday	\$ 991.00

**Total Deposit \$ 1,584.19**

**Expenses: Admin. Supplies <\$510.69 >**  
**Liturgy supplies <\$ 252.24 >**  
**Accountants <\$ 540.75 >**

**St. Therese Catholic Church**

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



**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**July 8, 2018**

**"A prophet is not without honor  
except in his native place"**



**Eucharistic Celebration**

**Weekends:**

Saturday 8:00 a.m. Vigil: 4:00 p.m. & Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

**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

**SECRETARY**

Cindy Hampton (409) 882-0935

**PARISH COUNCIL**

Richard Scott, Chairman	779-7587
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**MASS INTENTIONS  
for the Week**

**Sunday, July 8, 2018 9:00 am Mass**

Mon. July 9, NO MASS

Tues. July 10, 8:00 am

Wed. July 11, 8:00 am

Thurs. July 12, 8:00 am

Fri. July 13, 8:00 am  
 Exposition & Adoration of  
 the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 pm

Saturday, July 14, 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  
 Mrs. Elfa Feathers requested by  
 Brushelle Scott

(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).

**MINISTRIES FOR THE  
WEEKEND HOSPITALITY**

Sat: Brenda Mims, Rose Davis,  
 Walter Davis & Richard Scott

Sun: Staci Powers, Sonja Popillion,  
 Veronica Bradford,  
 Horace Broussard

**ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:**

Saturday: A: Gary Mims  
 L: Eva Platt

Sunday: A: Peggy Green  
 L: Freda Guillory & Wayne Sparrow

**ALTAR SERVER:**

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

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:**

Saturday Richard Scott &  
 Freda Guillory  
 Sunday: Cecile Davis &  
 Dorothy Broussard

# FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## See

The word *revelation* means “showing forth” or “making manifest.” But the word also contains a root that means “veiled” or “hidden.” Our religious life is based on revelation, on what is manifest and what is veiled. We are called to pay attention, to see and see and see. Such involvement with God’s self-revelation can be simply amazing.

*FIRST READING: Ezekiel 2:2–5    RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 123:1–2, 2, 3–4*  
*SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 12:7–10    GOSPEL: Mark 6:1–6*

## Comment

In the first reading, God’s command to the prophet is clear and tough. However, Ezekiel receives his mission gladly, even though he has to deliver it to a close-minded and obdurate people, who preferred God’s message to be so veiled as to be impenetrable. Nevertheless, God insists that whether they like it or not, these people will know they have been addressed in no uncertain terms.

Jesus also faces a people who would just as soon the truth be veiled and nothing be asked of them. When Jesus returns to his hometown, the crowds turn out. The listeners seem riveted to their very spots in amazement. But then the atmosphere clouds over. As Jesus’ mission is disclosed, skepticism, jealousy, and hostility rise up. The townspeople think they know all that need be known about Jesus. He is too plain, too simple, too ordinary to disclose anything of God, anything of salvation. Jesus leaves them in their hardness of heart and blindness and turns to other mission fields—a little wistfully, we might imagine.

This harshest of rejections by his own people would surely be repeated, but would cause no diminution of mission or message on Jesus’ part. Jesus would not force or dazzle or manipulate. He would invite, summon, offer himself, and risk this heart-breaking rejection as often as there would be even a chance that someone would hear him. This reading closes the Galilee section of Mark’s Gospel with Jesus going about spreading his message to the rest of Palestine.

In the second reading, Paul welcomes us into his inner life with a surprising confession of an unnamed (and undiscoverable) affliction, which clearly burdens him. He brings up this burden not to gain our sympathy, but to help us understand that no affliction or burden need stand as a barrier to our vocation as Christians. These very flaws, says Paul, can be the means to the fulfillment of our calling. He has been accepted, flaws and all, to be an apostle. And so are we called, flaws and all.

## Reflection

God’s messenger comes in a wrapper as plain as the happy-spirited prophet Ezekiel, or the flawed tentmaker from Tarsus. And finally, the Messiah comes to us in the plain wrapper of a carpenter from Nazareth. Perhaps we are given to understand, if we would, that God does not scorn this earth and these people and this time, just as God did not scorn any other people in any other era. Our time is as blessed with God’s presence as any other. We do not have the leisure of rejecting this or that less-than-ideal person or situation or event. We are asked to pay attention to the God revealed and veiled in our whole life, the dramatic and the daily.

The term by which Ezekiel is addressed is “son of man,” which in Hebrew connotes a creature in his or her full glory as a child of the earth and as a child of God. God pays us the great compliment of noting that we *are* all we are cracked up to be. We will do: we are just right for God’s work. The people around us are, too. We just have to see ourselves and them as God sees. Look in the mirror and see yourself as God sees you. Then believe it and act on it.

### \*\*\*Family and Friends\*\*\*

We are pleased to announce the upcoming Family and Friends weekend celebration, Friday, October 26 through Sunday, October 28, 2018. For a great outcome, it will take a lot of planning and we are asking for volunteers to serve on this committee. The first meeting will be Monday, July 30, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the Education Building. For more information please contact Freda Guillory or Fr. Donatus. Thanks in advance.

### 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  
Celestine Johnson  
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

### St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Celebrating 40th Year Anniversary

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 4300 Meeks Dr., Orange, is hosting the Catholic Men's Conference, Finding Our Catholic Identity, on Friday July 20th , 6 pm - 9:30 pm and Saturday July 21st, 8 am - 2:30 pm . Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, from the Archdiocese of Portland, Oregon will be the presenter for this two-day event.

This Men's Conference is open to all Catholic men and men of good will, The aim is for men aged 14 years old and up. This will be a great opportunity for young men to gain great insight in what it means to be or become a Catholic man.

Register at: [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) or call (409) 883-9153 or online at

### St. Therese Vacation Bible School

Attention parents and guardians Vacation Bible School has be rescheduled and will begin July 16th through July 19th, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Life Center and July 20th in the Education Building. Hope to see you there. God bless!

For additional information contact Sonja Popillion at (409) 670-0808 or Cecilia Davis at (409) 920-1136

### Bishop Faith Appeal

Goal : \$17,310    Pledges: \$15,515.  
Paid: \$ 7,920.

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.*

### Philippians 4:13-14

*I can do all this through him who gives me strength. Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles.*

### The 15th Annual National Black Catholic Men's Conference

#### “Know Yourself to Share Yourself”

This year the conference is being held at The Westin in Richmond, Virginia on October 18-21, 2018. The overall purpose of the Men’s Conference is to provide a forum for African American males and youth to discern the critical issues and challenges facing them in the community.

Secondly, the Conference provides an environment of mentorship and support for those seeking a vocation in priesthood, brotherhood and the diaconate. We are asking for your support by purchasing an Ad that will help to ensure a strong National Men's Conference in Richmond, VA. The prices for the purchase of an ad will vary, please contact Bowman Francis ministry for sizes and price quotes.

Registration cost are Adults \$150., College Students \$75., Youth Ages \$65. For room reservation contact Embassy Suites at (804) 672-8585

*For additional information, visit our website at: [www.bowmanfrancisministry.com](http://www.bowmanfrancisministry.com) or call 317-668-7111.*