

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sun. July 15 - Am 7:12-15 Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10 Cf. Eph 1:17-18 Mk 6:7-13**

**Mon. July 16 - Is 1:10-17 PS 50:8 -9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 Mt 5:10 Mt 10:34-11:1**

**Tues. July 17 - Is 7:1-9 PS 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8 Ps 95:8 Mt 11:20-24**

**Wed. July 18 - Is 10:5-7, 13b-16 Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15 Mt 11:25 Mt 11:25-27**

**Thurs. July 19 - Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19 Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21 Mt 11:28 Mt 11:28-30**

**Fri. July 20 - Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8 Isaiah 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16 Jn 10:27 Mt 12:1-8**

**Sat. July 20 - Mi 2:1-5 Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 2 Cor 5:19 Mt 12:14-21**

**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
Claudine 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**



**St. Therese Catholic Church**

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Deacon Hazen Kenney (512) 791-0847

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



**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 15, 2018**

**“Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two”**



**Eucharistic Celebration**

**Weekends:**

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

**MASS INTENTIONS  
for the Week**

**Sunday, July 15, 2018 9:00 am Mass**

Mon. July 16, NO MASS

Tues. July 17, 8:00 am

Wed. July 18, 8:00 am

Thurs. July 19, 8:00 am

Fri. July 20, 8:00 am  
Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 pm

Saturday, July 21, 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).

**MINISTRIES FOR THE  
WEEKEND HOSPITALITY**

Sat: Shirley Allison, Rose Davis, Walter Davis & Richard Scott

Sunday: Youth Sunday

**ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:**

Saturday: A: Freda Guillory  
L: Gary Mims & Leo Jackson

Sunday: A: Youth  
L: Youth Sunday

**ALTAR SERVER:**

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

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:**

Saturday Cecilia Davis & Russell Bottley  
Sunday: Mr. & Mrs. Adam Jacobs

**Attendance**

**Saturday: 24 Sunday: 63**

**Weekend Collection**

Mail In	\$ 55.00
Bld Rental	\$ 250.00
Blk & Ind grant	\$ 3,000.00
Loose	\$ 98.00
Saturday	\$ 175.00
Sunday	\$ 2,486.00

**Total Deposit \$ 6,064.00**

**Expenses:** Mission Appeal <\$ 441.42>  
Admin. Off., Dio. Of Bmt <\$ 2,020.43>  
Ins. <\$ 231.93> spectrum <\$ 159.78>  
Repair of Lawn Mower <\$ 234.20

**SECRETARY**

Cindy Hampton (409) 882-0935

**PARISH COUNCIL**

Richard Scott, Chairman	779-7587
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Andre Robertson	882-0012
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# FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Vocation

Our vocation begins at our baptism and really never ends. It just keeps on opening up. At baptism we at once follow Christ and are united to him as beloved children. This baptismal identity and commitment include all other more specific definitions of vocation. All the baptized are called to a religious life. How we each live out this vocation depends on God, who is always here, and on us, who are less attentive, but who try.

*FIRST READING: Amos 7:12-15    RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14  
SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14 [3-10]    GOSPEL: Mark 6:7-13*

## Comment

Paul sings a paean of praise that is laced with gratitude and amazement that he of all people has been chosen by God, redeemed by Christ, and drawn into the eternal mysteries. This calling and election is not Paul's alone. It belongs to all the baptized—we, too, are chosen, believe, and are sealed by the promised Spirit. This has all been promised and accomplished in us, and there is nothing left for us to do but offer praise and thanks for this amazing grace.

From these heights we turn to the grassroots story of Amos. His realization of his vocation was a jolt. He seems to have been jerked by the collar clean out of his pasture and sycamore grove and set to a clear task: "Off with you, visionary!" Amos might have asked, "Visionary? Who, me?" Amos did God's bidding, and today we have a prophetic book bearing his name. Amos pleads his case before the priest and describes himself as simply a shepherd and dresser of sycamores, but that doesn't cut it. The priest, Amaziah, suggests that Amos hike himself off to the separated southern kingdom of Judah. Nothing seems to be going Amos's way. He doesn't want the job, and he doesn't get any help or relief from the scoundrel priest Amaziah, who just wants to rid himself of Amos, this simple, unsuspecting man who takes God's call so seriously.

This Sunday's Gospel has Jesus sending the twelve apostles out on their first missionary journey without him. This is the first of Mark's stories about Jesus' mission to the whole of Israel. The account of the sending of the Twelve is also given in Matthew 6:8-9, and the description of their carry-along luggage varies considerably. However, the mission does not vary and admits of no compromise. The apostles are asked to travel lightly and joyously, unburdened by useless and distracting stuff. Free of useless junk, they are called to stand unflinchingly for the right thing. They are to stand against evil in all forms spiritual and physical.

## Reflection

Jesus gives the Twelve a mission. Their meager supplies remind them that the source of their effectiveness and livelihood and vocation is Jesus. On their own, none of them is strong, persuasive, and charismatic enough to effect any long-lasting conversion. They possess power from neither the Empire nor the Temple, nor any synagogue. They cannot count on anyone to welcome them into the city.

Nonetheless, this small company traveling two by two will begin a quiet, durable revolution. If we read on in this Gospel and the Gospel of Matthew, we see that the Twelve succeeded. We need only think of the Christians up and down the neighborhood or look around to see those who gather with us on Sunday. They witness to the success of the original missionaries sent by Jesus.

### **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. Open to all Catholic men and men of good will, age 14 and up. Register at: [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) or call (409) 883-9153

### **St. Therese Vacation Bible School**

Attention parents and guardians Vacation Bible School has been 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

### **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

### **\*\*\*ATTENTION JOB SEEKERS\*\*\***

Kelly HS seeks Substitute Teachers for the 2018-19 school year. Individuals work as needed by the school and as available by the individual. A college degree is preferred and/or experience working with teens. Send inquiry/resume to [principal@mkchs.com](mailto:principal@mkchs.com)

### **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.

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.bowmanfrancismistry.com](http://www.bowmanfrancismistry.com) or call 317-668-7111.**

### **ST. JUDE NOVENA**

O Holy St. Jude! Apostle and Martyr,  
great in virtue and rich in miracles,  
near kinsman of Jesus Christ,  
faithful intercessor for all who invoke you,  
special patron in time of need;  
to you I have recourse from the depth of my heart,  
and humbly beg you,  
to whom God has given such great power,  
to come to my assistance;  
help me now in my urgent need and grant my  
earnest petition.  
I will never forget thy graces and favors you  
obtain for me  
and I will do my utmost to spread devotion to you.  
Amen  
St. Jude, pray for us and all who honor thee and  
invoke thy aid.

(Say 3 Our Fathers, 3 Hail Mary, & 3 Glory Be)

This Novena has never been known to fail. It must be said nine consecutive days.

### **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.**

### **\*\*\*Thank You\*\*\***

To Kenneth Mason, Fredrick Green, Shirley Ray and Rose Bottley for furnishing the materials and having the doors of the Church varnished, thank you for your support to our community.

### **Bishop Faith Appeal Goal : \$17,310    Pledges: \$15,515. Paid: \$ 7,920.**

As we deepen our commitment to the Gospel message, we come to understand that stewardship is a way of life which empowers us to share what we have. Thank you for your contribution to BFA, a commitment of people helping people. Please let's continue our unwavering support. If you have any questions or concerns about your contributions please contact Shirley Ray at (409) 779-9922 or Fr. Donatus at (409) 454-3958. Philippians 4:13, I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

**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.