

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun. July 22 - Jer 23:1-6 Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 Eph 2:13-18 Jn 10:27 Mk 6:30-34

Mon. July 23 - Mi 6:1-4, 6-8 PS 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 Ps 95:8 Mt 12:38-42

Tues. July 24 - Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8 Jn 14:23 Mt 12:46-50

Wed. July 25 - 2 Cor 4:7-15 Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 See Jn 15:16 Mt 20:20-28

Thurs. July 26 - Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13 Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11 See Mt 11:25 Mt 13:10-17

Fri. July 27 - Jer 3:14-17 Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 See Lk 8:15 Mt 13:18-23

Sat. July 28 - Jer 7:1-11 Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 Jas 1:21bc Mt 13:24-30

**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	1st

**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: 28 Sunday: 58

Weekend Collection

Mail In	\$ 35.00
Loose	\$ 121.00
Saturday	\$ 285.00
Sunday	\$ 1,097.00

Total Deposit \$ 1,538.00

Expenses: Security contract <\$ 48.70>
Service equip. contract <\$ 38.02>

St. Therese Catholic Church

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



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 22, 2018

“Jesus and the disciples went off in the boat by themselves”



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.

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

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
Rose Davis, Vice Chairman	883-0762
Steven Allison, Secretary	313-0586
Cecilia Davis	920-1136
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MAINTENANCE & GROUNDS

Joe Ware 886-5331

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Sanja Popillion (409) 670-0808

FINANCE COUNCIL

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, July 22, 2018 9:00 am Mass

Mon. July 23, NO MASS

Tues. July 24, 8:00 am

Wed. July 25, 8:00 am

Thurs. July 26, 8:00 am

Fri. July 27, 8:00 am
Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 pm

Saturday, July 28, 2018 8:00 am
Doris Gans requested by Clayona Pilette

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

Sun: Fred Green, Rose Bottley, Emmanuel Taylor, Coretta Ambers

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: A: Leo Jackson
L: Freda Guillory & Gary Mims
Sunday: A: Freda Guillory
L: Tina Kindle & Dorothy Broussard

ALTAR SERVER:

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

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday Gail Jefferson & Richard Scott
Sunday: Gloria Richard & Shirley Ray

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Leadership

We want leaders to move us emotionally and then literally. We want to be inspired, and we want our inspiration to spur us to effective, vigorous action. We want leaders to help us do what we know we should do, but hesitate to do for one reason or another. Leaders draw on the better angels of our nature, as Abraham Lincoln once said, and draw us to our full and proud height as the good and decent people we so want to be.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6
SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:13-18 GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-34

Comment

When Mark used the image of the shepherd, he was tapping into Israel's long memory. There was no time in their history when someone among them was not tending sheep. Abraham and Sarah and their family and flocks left Ur of the Chaldees. Moses fled the city to hide and tend the flocks of his father-in-law. On that pastoral hillside he received his call to lead the people from slavery to freedom, much as a shepherd might. The great king David was called from the pasture where he cared for the sheep and was anointed by Samuel to lead the people of Israel.

In the first reading, Jeremiah draws on this image to describe the leadership in the divided kingdom. Israel was in a state of civil war at the time of Jeremiah. The nation had become two kingdoms—Israel to the north, and the smaller Judah to the south. The idolatrous or timid kings who reigned during the forty years when Jeremiah prophesied were likened to evil or inept shepherds who misled and shattered the nation.

When Jeremiah writes the words we read today, the north and south kingdoms are in exile in Babylon. Jeremiah offers a quick appraisal of the causes of Israel's downfall and then looks to a time when the Lord as shepherd will restore Israel. But he goes one better. He speaks of a Messiah-like person who will call Israel back to its true self as God's covenanted people. This promised one is a shepherd who gathers, protects, and nurtures his flock.

In today's Gospel, the apostles are weary, having come off the road after their first successful missionary journey. Though Jesus and the apostles seek to find a quiet place to rest, they are not able to enjoy it for long. Twice they try to get away and cannot. Crowds actively and persistently seek out Jesus and his apostles. They are hungry for a leader who speaks sense, someone who feeds the deep hunger of their souls. So eager are they to find Jesus, they fail even to lay up a day's supply of bread for the journey.

Reflection

In this touching and gentle Gospel snippet, the momentum is palpable; you cannot stop any person whose time has come. You cannot stop a people who are vulnerable and hungry for a leader, either. This new shepherd of Israel does not disappoint. He addresses their spiritual hunger. He feeds their languishing, bewildered, disheartened spirits by teaching them "many things."

Jesus is not a guru who stands beyond or above these people. He is not the philosopher who knows more than they do. He does not toy with the crowd. His heart goes out to them, for he holds them dear. But we know that Jesus didn't just talk his talk. He spoke with authority; he spoke with passion and acted with compassion. As Paul reminds us in the second reading, Jesus once and for all and forever gathered a people from afar. In his active compassion a new people is created and nourished and protected. A new covenant—a relationship between shepherd and sheep—is forged and sealed.

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

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

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.

Bishop Faith Appeal
Goal : \$17,310 Pledges: \$15,515.
Paid: \$ 8,995.

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 this parish

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.

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.

Local World Youth Day

When: August 4, 2018
Where: Down Town Beaumont
710 Archie Street
Time: 11:00 am - 11:00 pm

Free event sponsored by the Diocesan Ministries. There will be speakers, adoration, Mass, confession and food trucks. Jr. High-Young Adults are invited!

*Youth – contact your Youth Minister
Young Adults register with the office of
Youth Ministries of the Diocese of
Beaumont at (409) 924-4358*

***Thanksgiving & Retirement Mass**

Everyone has been invited to celebrate A Mass of Thanksgiving-Retirement for Bishop Curtis Guillory, SVD,DD. Below are Mass times and locations for this area.

Thursday, September 6
Mass 6:00pm Central Vicariate
Our Mother of Mercy Church
3390 Sarah Street Beaumont

Friday, September 7
Mass 6:30 pm Eastern Vicariate
St. Mary Church
912W Cherry Avenue Orange

Monday, September 10
Mass 6:30 pm Southern Vicariate
St. James Church
3617 Gulfway Drive Port Arthur