

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sun. July 29** - 2 Kgs 4:42-44 Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 Eph 4:1-6 Lk 7:16 Jn 6:1-15

**Mon. July 30** - Jer 13:1-11 Deuteronomy 32:18-19, 20, 21 Jas 1:18 Mt 13:31-35

**Tues. July 31** - Jer 14:17-22 Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 Mt 13:36-43

**Wed. Aug. 1** - Jer 15:10, 16-21 Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18 Jn 15:15b Mt 13:44-46

**Thurs. Aug. 2** - Jer 18:1-6 Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab See Acts 16:14b Mt 13:47-53

**Fri. Aug. 3** - Jer 26:1-9 PS 69:5, 8-10, 14 1 Pt 1:25 Mt 13:54-58

**Sat. Aug. 4** - Jer 26:11-16, 24 Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 Mt 5:10 Mt 14:1-12

**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.
- Religious Education** - Sonja Popillion
- Socials** - Knights of Peter Claver & Ladies Auxiliary \* Parish Luncheon, the second Sunday of each month.
- Youth** - Felicia Richard
- Stewardship**-Wayne Sparrow

**Attendance**

<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>Sunday:</b>
<b>Weekend Collection</b>	

Mail In	\$ 30.00
Stipend	\$ 10.00
Loose	\$ 118.85
Saturday	\$ 270.00
Sunday	\$ 820.00

**Total Deposit \$ 1,248.85**

**Expenses:** City of Orange <\$ 220.51>  
Center Point Energy <\$ 146.29>  
Admin. Supplies <\$ 2,233.94>  
Spectrum <\$ 169.75>

**St. Therese Catholic Church**

Served by The Missionary Society of St. Paul from Nigeria since 2000

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**Pastoral Team:**

**Rev. Donatus Mgbeajuo, MSP**

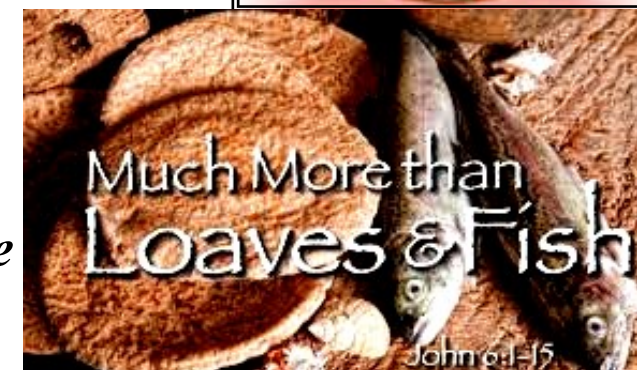
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Deacon Hazen Kenney (512) 791-0847

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



**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 29, 2018**

**Jesus took the Loaves, gave thanks,  
and distributed them to those who were reclining"**



**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.

**Infant Baptism:**

Please contact the pastor two (2) months in advance

**Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Every Friday: 6 p.m.

**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
Rose Bottley	886-1525
Charlis D. Rogers	988-8719
Adam Jacobs	883-9688
Albert Hebert III	746-2627

**MAINTENANCE & GROUNDS**

Joe Ware 886-5331

**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

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 29, 2018 9:00 am Mass**

Mon. July 30, NO MASS

Tues. July 31, 8:00 am

Wed. August 1, 8:00 am

Thurs. August 2, 8:00 am

Fri. August 3, 8:00 am  
Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 pm

Saturday, August 4, 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

Sun: Fred Green, Veronica Bradford, Dorothy Jacobs, Elizabeth Mitchell

**ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:**

Saturday: A: Mona Richard  
L: Leo Jackson & Gary Mims

Sunday: A: Peggy Green  
L: Tina Kindle & Dorothy Broussard

**ALTAR SERVER:**

Saturday: "Needed"  
Sunday: "Needed"

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:**

Saturday Gail Jefferson & Richard Scott  
Sunday: Cecilia Davis & Freda Guillory

# SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Bread Given

It took Mahatma Ghandi to remind Christians of one of the deepest understandings of the Eucharist. He spoke from a deep knowledge of the human spirit, and from an equally deep understanding of famine and poverty, when he reminded us that there are so many hungry people in the world that God can only come to them in bread. He did not as far as we can tell mean to refer to the Christian Eucharist, but he well could have. We will take our lessons where we can get them.

**FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4:42-44    RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18**  
**SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-6    GOSPEL: John 6:1-15**

## Comment

Each year the Church focuses on one of the Gospels, and this year it focuses on Mark's. But because Mark's is the shortest of the four (sixteen chapters), the Church dips into the Gospel of John and considers the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. This Sunday and the three following Sundays are all devoted to the lengthy sixth chapter from the Gospel according to John. We are invited to use this languorous late summer time to meditate on the Bread of Life.

As we consider today's readings, we are struck by the similarity of the first reading and the Gospel. Both tell of the journey from scarcity to abundance. Both tell of the presence (acknowledged or not) of God's grace. In the first, less familiar reading, the non-writing prophet Elisha, successor to the great Elijah, is with his men in a dry place without access to food or provision. Through the generosity of a local farmer from the coastal plains, Elisha is given twenty barley loaves, barely enough for one hundred men. It takes the befuddled servant to state this obvious fact. Undaunted, Elisha gives directions for the orderly distribution of the food, which by God's action is more than adequate.

The same pattern occurs in John's telling of the story of the multiplication of the loaves. Here, fishes are added, but the loaves remain the type consumed by the poor—barley loaves. In John's story, the crowds are enormous, even overwhelming. Philip cannot imagine how they can all be fed. In this he doubts, just as Elisha's servant did. It is Jesus who is sure of himself as he calmly directs his disciples to organize the crowd for the feast that is to come.

Though the food is more than adequate, the crowd's understanding comes up short. They want to be assured of daily bread and a king who would supply it in abundance. This is an understandable desire during a time when famine was as near as the most recent crop failure. Jesus knew that this short-range dream of food was about all the crowd could manage on this day, so he slipped away for the time being.

## Reflection

Of all the Gospel stories, this one is told more frequently than any other. (By contrast, the story of Christmas is told once in Luke's Gospel; the story of the magi is told only once, by Matthew; the events surrounding the Resurrection are uniquely told by each of the evangelists.) The story of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes is told no fewer than six times.

Clearly the story is of enormous importance to the early Church. Why? Because the taking, blessing, breaking, and giving of bread is a eucharistic story, one that is essential to the formation of the Church. These actions are identified with Jesus Christ crucified and risen and present among us. The Last Supper uses these same words and intends the early Church to form around Jesus Christ's death and resurrection. Before the early Church had a name it had the celebration of the Eucharist.

Of course, the story would be told, acknowledged, absorbed, repeated, and raised to a place of prominence in the life of the

### 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

**Church Cleaning:  
Every Thursday by  
different groups  
and ministries in  
the Church with  
Fr. Donatus.  
Time: 6pm.  
Parish Council:  
2nd August**

### 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  
Claudine Riggs  
Doris Robertson  
Robert Simmons  
Mary Ware  
Joe Ware

### \*\*\*Envelopes\*\*\*

It's the time of year to reorder our offering and visitor envelopes. The order will be made by August 15, 2018, if you made any changes, or whether you want to receive or stop receiving envelopes, please inform the ushers or call the parish office. Thanks in advance

### \*\*\*Convocation\*\*\*

Convocation for Catholic Leaders: The Joy of the Gospel in the Diocese of Beaumont, which will be Friday evening, August 17 and Saturday, August 18, 2018 at the Holiday Inn (Walden and I-10) in Beaumont. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about the people we serve in our parishes and diocese, to understand more about those who are on the peripheries of our parishes and communities and to begin planning for future evangelization efforts within our parishes.

St. Therese has not registered any delegates and we must do so by Thursday, August 2 NO exceptions please Only 1 registration per parish community. Once our parish has registered, that registration cannot be edited, everyone attending must submit all required information at once or together.

Here is the link for registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/diocese-of-beaumont-convocation-for-catholic-leaders-tickets-43346695132>. (Each parish will receive one ticket, not each delegate). If you need help please contact the parish office.

### \*\*\*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.

### 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.**

### \*\*\*Intentions Mass\*\*\*

Everyone is welcome to attend the Intentions Mass August 23, 2018 at 6:00 pm, at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica, downtown Beaumont. The Intentions Mass is a beautiful experience and we looking forward to praying with you and for all the Intentions of those in Southeast Texas.

### \*\*\*BFA Parish Chairs\*\*\*

BFA Chairs, please RSVP your attendance for the Intentions Mass August 23, 2018 no later than August 1st. The information is needed to make name badges and plan for enough food. If you are unable to represent your parish at the Mass, please let Morline Guillory the name of the person who will be substituting for you. All BFA Chairs should arrive at the Cathedral no later than 5:45 pm. There will be representatives to help you with your position.

### \*\*\*World Youth Day\*\*\*

Experience what World Youth Day has to offer – right here in SETX! Join in the Local World Youth Day Aug. 4 in downtown Beaumont. The day includes Mass, adoration, guest speakers, wonderful music and more! To register -- teens need to contact their parish youth minister and young adults contact [mmatt@dioceseofbmt.org](mailto:mmatt@dioceseofbmt.org). No cost to attend!

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

*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 so much for your contributions to BFA and your commitment to people helping people. Please let's continue our unwavering support. If you have any questions or concerns about your contributions please contact Shirley Ray or Fr. Donatus, Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ whom 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.