

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sun. Sept. 2 - Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 Jas 1:18 Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

**Mon. Sept. 3 - 1 Cor 2:1-5 Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 See Lk 4:18 Lk 4:16-30**

**Tues. Sept. 4 - 1 Cor 2:10b-16 Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 Lk 7:16 Lk 4:31-37**

**Wed. Sept. 5 - 1 Cor 3:1-9 Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 Lk 4:18 Lk 4:38-44**

**Thurs. Sept. 6 - 1 Cor 3:18-23 Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Mt 4:19 Lk 5:1-11**

**Fri. Sept. 7 - 1 Cor 4:1-5 Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 Jn 8:12 Lk 5:33-39**

**Sat. Sept. 8 - Mi 5:1-4a Rom 8:28-30 Ps 13:6ab, 6c Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH**

- 1st wk. \* Choir & Ushers
- 2nd wk. \* Knights of Peter Claver & Ladies of Auxiliary
- 3rd wk. \* Extra-Ordinary Ministry of Communion & Lectors
- 4th wk. \* Youth
- 5th wk. \* ALL Parishioners

**WEEKLY MASS**

**Sunday, Sept. 2, 2018 9:00 am Mass Jacobs and Monroe Families requested by Mary J. J. Monroe**

Mon. Sept. 3, NO MASS

Tues. Sept. 4, 8:00 am

Wed. Sept. 5, 8:00 am

Thurs. Sept. 6, 8:00 am

Fri. Sept. 7, 8:00 am

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 pm

Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018 8:00 am

**NO morning Mass on any Saturday we have a Funeral. Mass will be by 10am Mrs. Sammie Williams**

**Requested by D'Ana Williams**

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).

**September Birthday List Happy Birthday to::**

Ryaisha Daughtery	2
Ursula Gray	3
Fabian Green	5
Debra Hawkins	5
Deborah Crosson	8
Monic Guillory	14
Jermaine Mitchell	15
Cindy Hampton	16
Darius Mitchell	18
Elizabeth Mitchell	18
Wayne Sparrow	19
Rose Davis	22
George Davis	22
Justin Sparrow	22
Doris Gans	25
Jalen Jefferson	27
Chris Popillion	28
Happy Anniversary	
Lee & Deborah Henderson	25th

**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 - Richard Scott**  
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**

**Saturday: 38 Sunday: 59**

**Weekend Collection**

Mail In	\$ 45.00
Dio/Fr. reimburse	\$ 844.75
Loose	\$ 69.11
Saturday	\$ 373.00
Sunday	\$ 1,841.00

**Total Deposit \$ 3,172.86**

**Expenses:** city of orange <\$ 197.39>  
Entergy <\$ 1,113.26>  
phones <\$ 230.58>  
admin supp <\$ 878.95>  
Plant & maint. <\$ 150.99>

**MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEKEND HOSPITALITY**

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

Sun: Joseph Fontenot, Rose Bottley, Emmanuel Taylor, Coretta Ambers

**ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:**

Saturday: **1st Rdr.:** Eva Platt  
**2nd Rdr.:** Mona Richard

Sunday: **1st Rdr.:** Horace Broussard  
**2nd Rdr.:** Lucy Jones

**1st reader = greeting & responsorial**  
**2nd reader = prayer of faithful & announcements**

**ALTAR SERVER:**

Saturday: Reagan & William Pitre  
Sunday: **Needed**

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:**

Saturday Freda Guillory & Russell Bottley  
Sunday: Gloria Richard & Cecilia Davis

**St. Therese Catholic Church**

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



**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 2, 2018**

**“Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person.”**



**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.

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

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Sanja Popillion (409) 670-0808

**FINANCE COUNCIL**

Andre Robertson	882-0012
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# TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## The Inside Story

Historians tell us that more knights in shining armor died because of that very shining armor than because of sword or lance or arrow. The shining armor was so constricting, so suffocating, and so cumbersome that the poor knight could be overcome by heat exhaustion and his heart would stop. The life-giving rules and customs of a people can become a deadly suit of armor. They can cause death of the heart. Jesus knew this, and he had plenty to say about it.

**FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8    RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5**  
**SECOND READING: James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27    GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

## Comment

Today we return to the Gospel according to Mark. Jesus is being closely observed by the custom-bound Pharisees. He is apparently breaking one of the endless, minute, and demanding laws created to protect the Law of Moses. They tell Jesus of his infraction, and he responds with the astounding brilliance and sharpness that often accompanies anger. Not anger against persons, but against customs and ideas and traditions that cause the death of the heart and soul of a people.

Now, Jesus knew that the Law is a sign of God's own love. He knew the readings from Deuteronomy, wherein Moses calls on the chosen people to accept and observe the Law in its entirety, without addition or subtraction. Clearly, the Law did not need help; it needed whole-hearted observance. Accepting and observing the Law is more than a matter of obedience. It is a matter of furthering the plan of salvation. The Law in its integrity creates life; it does not suffocate it. The prescriptions insisted on by the Pharisees in this story squeeze the very life out of the Law and out of the people. In his time, Jesus witnessed the end of a precipitous fall from the time when Israel was a great nation of a proud and honorable people whose God has drawn so close.

The second reading takes up the meaning of religion pure and simple. It consists, says James, who echoes the sentiments of Jesus, in acting on the Word of God that is rooted deep within us. Religion is the way we love, work, eat, give, take, and do justice. We cannot run for cover here. We cannot set up defenses against seeing and acting.

## Reflection

Manners and customs and conventional behaviors are telling. Simple manners ease relationships among strangers. In everyday commerce, we live in the company of strangers, to whom we owe respect. When our conventional behaviors are truly rooted in respect, manners help create a civil and decent people. But when manners cover for indifference or outright contempt, we are in deep trouble. Our words and ways must be honest expressions of respect and love. They must communicate a sense of mutual trust and responsibility.

What is true of the health of society is also true of religion. The core of our religion cannot be found in this or that era, custom, tradition, or set of rules. Searching for the heart of faith in any of these places may simply be enshrining a particular period in Christian history and endowing it with authority above all others. It may be our new little idol. When this is the case, mere lip service and empty reverence replace charity and service. The chatterers replace the doers; those who know about rules replace those who act in love.

### \*\*Thanksgiving & Retirement Mass\*\*

Everyone has been invited to celebrate A Mass of Thanksgiving-Retirement for Bishop Curtis Guillory, SVD, DD. Please, come out and be included in the celebration of faith and fellowship with our surrounding communities. To be held on Friday, September 7, 2018 at 6:30 pm, St. Mary's Church, 912W Cherry Avenue Orange. There will be refreshments after the Mass.

### \*\*\*Meeting\*\*\*

There will be a 15 minute meeting Sunday September 2, 2018 after the 9 am Mass for the Patron St. Therese & Family & Friends Committee's. It is important that individuals on these committee's be in attendance. Thanks

### \*\*\*Attention ALL\*\*\* 2nd Collection

On the weekend of September 8-9, 2018, there will be a Special Collection to assist the Superior Generals of the Sisters of the Destitute, and the Carmelites Father of Mary Immaculate, in India. The monies are to provide relief for the victims of massive flooding of large areas in the Province of Kerala, India.

### 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 Pillette  
Herman Richard  
Claudine Riggs  
Doris Robertson  
Robert Simmons  
Mary Ware  
Joe Ware

### Attention ALL Students

Parents and Guardians please register your student or students for CCD and Bible Study. Every season we have new challenges facing our community. To prepare ourselves and our children, we are encouraging students, elementary to high school to learn God's plan for us. Registration will begin Saturday, September 29, 2018 from 10 am to 12 noon. Breakfast will be served for students and their parents on that day **ONLY**. Classes will be every second (2) and fourth (4) Saturday of each month from 10 am to 12 noon beginning October 13th. Catholic's and non-Catholic's all are welcome to attend. Thanks for your cooperation.

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

Family and Friends T-shirt and St. Therese Rosary sales are underway. We are asking everyone to place their order as soon as possible, we will need your size and the number of t-shirts you want. The Tee's are gold with burgundy lettering and the price of both is \$20. Please contact Freda Guillory at 409-882-1768 with your money and information. The earlier we collect the information, the sooner we can have them in time for the event.

### Bishop Faith Appeal Goal : \$17,310    Pledges: \$15,815. Paid: \$ 9,910.

**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. One of the ways we share what we have is through our contributions 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 or Fr. Donatus. In Philippians 4:13, we read: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Thank you for your commitment as we 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 \*\*\*

**If anyone has any announcements to be placed in the Weekly Bulletin, upon the Pastor's review and approval please submit your information to the parish office by the end of the day every Wednesday. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

### Becoming an Authentic Catholic Women

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church is hosting a Diocesan-wide Women's Conference being held on September 21-22, 2018. We are reaching out to all of our Altar Societies seeking sponsors to help support the event which is free and open to all dominations of faith.

We will have a pamphlet of events and sponsors that will be given out to the people who attend this event. If you could help out by being a sponsor, your name or logo will be added to the handout pamphlet.

All donations are a tax write off and St Francis will issue you a certificate for tax purposes. All donations can be sent to St. Francis of Assisi Church 4300 Meeks Dr. Orange Texas, 77632 payable to 2018 Women's Conference. The money will help pay for the free meals and our guest speaker.