

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sun. Sept. 9 -** Is 35:4-7a Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 Jas 2:1-5 Cf. Mt 4:23 Mk 7:31-37

**Mon. Sept. 10 -** 1 Cor 5:1-8 Ps 5:5 -6, 7, 12 Jn 10:27 Lk 6:6-11

**Tues. Sept. 11 -** 1 Cor 6:1-11 Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b See Jn 15:16 Lk 6:12-19

**Wed. Sept. 12 -** 1 Cor 7:25-31 Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 Lk 6:23ab Lk 6:20-26

**Thurs. Sept. 13 -** 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13 Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24 1 Jn 4:12 Lk 6:27-38

**Fri. Sept. 14 -** Nm 21:4b-9 Ps 78:1bc -2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17

**Sat. Sept. 15 -** 1 Cor 10:14-22 Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

**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: 25 Sunday: 59**

**Weekend Collection's  
2nd Catholic University of America**

Mail In	\$ 235.00
Catholic University	\$ 190.20
Stipend	\$ 5.00
Loose	\$ 21.10
Saturday	\$ 1,535.00
Sunday	\$ 1,256.00

**Total Deposit \$ 3,242.30**

**Expenses: Religious Edu. <\$33.45>**

**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. 9, 2018 9:00 am Mass**

Mon. Sept. 10, NO MASS

Tues. Sept. 11, 8:00 am

Wed. Sept. 12, 8:00 am

Thurs. Sept. 13, 8:00 am

Fri. Sept. 14, 8:00 am

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 pm

Saturdays: Any 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 book your mass intention).

**MINISTRIES FOR THE  
WEEKEND HOSPITALITY**

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

Sun: Staci Powers, Kenneth Mason, Sonja Popillion, Horace Broussard

**ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:**

Saturday: **1st Rdr.:** Gary Mims  
**2nd Rdr.:** Freda Guillory

Sunday: **1st Rdr.:** Jo'Nire Pete  
**2nd Rdr.:** Freda Guillory

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

**ALTAR SERVER:**

Saturday: Reagan & William Pitre

Sunday: **Needed**

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:**

Saturday Richard Scott & Russell Bottley

Sunday: Mr. & Mrs. John Simien

**St. Therese Catholic Church**

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



**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 9, 2018**

**“ ‘Ephphatha’ - that is, ‘Be opened!’ ”**



**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
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# TWENTY–THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Crystal Clear

Crystals are so clear, you can get six pure colors from them. As children we may have been surprised the first time light broke into six colors refracted through a small prism or crystal or through mist after rain. This surprising turn delights us, even though we now understand the physics. The surprising turn of events in this Sunday's readings reaches beyond delight. It draws us into the mystery of God's dealings with us.

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4–7a    RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 146:7, 8–9, 9–10**  
**SECOND READING: James 2:1–5    GOSPEL: Mark 7:31–37**

## Comment

Isaiah prophesies that the nation's melancholy will turn to its opposite. He uses images to make this crystal clear. The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the one who cannot move will win foot races, the one who is without words will be full of words—songs even. The very land itself will come alive: sands will be watered, deserts will flower.

The Gospel directly parallels Isaiah's vision. Through Jesus, God's power reverses the condition of the man who cannot hear and therefore cannot speak. All of Jesus' miracles can be viewed through the crystal of his death and resurrection. All of his words and actions are pure colors of that singular clear and pure crystal. Each healing, saving action, and word is but a manifestation of the great saving action of the Paschal Mystery.

## Reflection

Miracles are manifestations of the reign of God. In all the miracle stories, healing of both body and soul occurs. Whole new worlds open up, and the healed one gains a kind of access to the community he or she never had before. The person is whole and is wholly restored to the community. In welcoming the healed one, the community itself is healed and restored and made rich.

The heart-rending reality for the deaf man was that his impairment closed him out of everyday life. Jesus' action on his behalf makes it crystal clear that no one need be left out of the reign of God.

In the second reading, James develops this theme. He reminds us to see as Jesus saw and act as he acted. The community is to be the welcoming and freeing body gathered in his death and resurrection. This may call for a reversal on our part. We are asked to identify with the ones who are poor in the eyes of the world. Our business is not to hand down recrimination and stand in judgment. Our business is to see anew and be renewed.

Each of us has a particular world view, a personal lens through which we observe and interpret life. Our outlook may not be the best one or the only one available. We may find it difficult to readjust our sights once we have them set. We may not want to bother with all the messiness conversion implies. We may be tempted to narrow our focus rather than broaden it.

We are each called by baptism to open our eyes, our ears, and our mouths. Miracles fill our lives each day as we use the gifts God has given us. God only asks that we witness compassion for others as we give of ourselves to others like loving parents. Through our speech and prayer, our goodness and actions, obedience and attention, we go out into the world transforming it and the people in it for Jesus Christ. We and the world will be better off if we take some time this week to refocus or broaden our vision. Maybe we are the blind one who will be able to see, the deaf one who will finally hear, the mute one who sings. Maybe our personal little desert will bloom for the benefit of the world.

### 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  
Rena Mae Jenkins  
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  
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  
Mark Thibodeaux  
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.

### \*\*\*Ladies of Grace\*\*\*

Ladies of Grace Mary Ann Chapter 8 is sponsoring an appreciation Luncheon "Honoring our Shepherds" which is being held at Our Mother of Mercy Church Saturday, October 13, 2018, ticket donation is \$30. The deadline for purchasing tickets Sunday, September 30, 2018. The guest speakers for the event is Rev. Ayo Emmanuel Efodigbue, M.S.P. and Most Worthy James K. Ellis Supreme Knight and Chief Administrative Officer Knights of Peter Claver Inc. Our very own Rev. Dr. Donatus Mgbеajuo, M.S.P. is on of the honorees. We look forward to hearing the speakers and supporting the Honorees.

**Bishop Faith Appeal**  
**Goal : \$17,310    Pledges: \$15,815.**  
**Paid: \$ 8,910.**

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. 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 or Fr. Donatus. In Philippians 4:13 we read; I can do all things through Christ whom 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.**

### \*\*\*Please Join Us\*\*\*

The **Associate Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament** will join St. Therese and its members to celebrate the Mass on Sunday November 18, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

### \*\*\*Attention Veterans\*\*\*

The Mayor of Beaumont and all emergency responders invite our veterans and military members to a Patriot Day Commemoration Ceremony at Beaumont Event Centre at 11:00 a.m. and Together We Can Service, at Rockin' A Café from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. 3520 W Cardinal Dr., Beaumont both are Tuesday, September 11, 2018. There will be guest speakers in attendance, for more information please call Event Centre and Golden Triangle RSVP at 409-924-3382

### \*\*\*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.**