

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Sun. Sept. 16 - Is 50:5-9a Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 Jas 2:14-18 Gal 6:14 Mk 8:27-35

Mon. Sept. 17 - 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33 Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 Jn 3:16 Lk 7:1-10

Tues. Sept. 18 - 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Lk 7:16 Lk 7:11-17

Wed. Sept. 19 - 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 See Jn 6:63c, 68c Lk 7:31-35

Thurs. Sept. 20 - 1 Cor 15:1-11 Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 Mt 11:28 Lk 7:36-50

Fri. Sept. 21 - Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Mt 9:9-13

Sat. Sept. 22 - 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49 Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14 See Lk 8:15 Lk 8:4-15

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. 16, 2018 9:00 am Mass

Mon. Sept. 17, NO MASS

Tues. Sept. 18, 8:00 am
 Rev. Fr. John Baptist Tran Thanh requested by Yen Khang Van

Wed. Sept. 19, 8:00 am

Thurs. Sept. 20, 8:00 am

Fri. Sept. 21, 8:00 am
 Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 pm

Saturday, Sept. 22, 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).

COORDINATORS OF MINISTRIES

Meeting for ALL COORDINATORS will be held every 4th Thursday of each month

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: 43 Sunday: 58

Weekend Collection
 2nd Collection Indian Floods

Sick & Shut-In	\$ 240.00
Indian Floods	\$ 135.16
Loose	\$ 88.16
Saturday	\$ 655.00
Sunday	\$ 1,244.00

Total Deposit \$ 2,362.32

**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
Richelle Roberts	20
Rose Davis	22
George Davis	22
Justin Sparrow	22
Doris Gans	25
Jalen Jefferson	27
Chris Popillion	28

Happy Anniversary

Lee & Deborah Henderson 25th

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEKEND HOSPITALITY

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

Sun: Fred Green, Dorothy Jacobs, Emmanuel Taylor & Veronica Bradford

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: 1st Rdr.: Leo Jackson
 2nd Rdr.: Gary Mims

Sunday: 1st Rdr.: Tina Kindle
 2nd Rdr.: Richelle Roberts

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

ALTAR SERVER:

Saturday: Needed

Sunday: Needed

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday Freda Guillory & Russell Bottley

Sunday: Mr. & Mrs. Adam Jacobs

Expenses:

service contract <\$ 41.82>
 Spectrum business <\$ 201.50>
 Admin suppl <\$ 154.88>
 Central Admin. Off Diocese Of Bmt <\$ 2,149.06>

St. Therese Catholic Church

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



**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 September 16, 2018**

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”



Eucharistic Celebration

Weekends:
 Vigil: 4:00 p.m. & Sunday: 9:00 a.m.
 Saturday Funeral 10am

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
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MAINTENANCE & GROUNDS

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FINANCE COUNCIL

Andre Robertson	882-0012
Robert Gobert	(504) 232-5640
Sheila Arnold	313-2062
Janice Semien	883-7126
Tina Kindle	238-4447

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Hard Work of Discipleship

On the streets of Calcutta, many people saw faith in action. Mother Teresa and the Missionaries of Charity did all they could for the starving people of India. They fed the hungry, cleaned their sores, and even picked maggots from their faces. When there was no more they could do, they held and loved the infirm until they died. When others thought they took foolish risks, Mother Teresa told them that she preferred the sisters to make mistakes from kindness rather than work miracles in harshness.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:5-9a RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
SECOND READING: James 2:14-18 GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-35

Comment

Each of the readings today leads us to good discipleship. The section of Isaiah comes from the "Suffering Servant" portion of the prophet's writings. The servant, as we understand it, was Israel. The pain inflicted on the servant came from the blows of those who insulted him because of his faith, yet this faith never wavered. The servant made clear his faith in the future. Lives were devoted to a just cause and the loss of these lives was not squandered. Instead their torturers were amazed by their loyalty and faces "set like flint."

James had more to say about discipleship. For those to whom he wrote and for us today, it is not enough to state our beliefs and faith. When people find their neighbors hungry and without enough clothing, it is one thing to wish they had more; but it is quite another to take action on the wish. It is important to pray and have faith that God will hear our prayers, but in many cases, prayers are answered through us. If we don't take some kind of action, God's work cannot be completed.

Mark's Gospel offers Jesus' description of a disciple. First Jesus asked his disciples who people said he was. Some thought he was John the Baptist. Others thought he was Elijah or some other prophet, since they believed that a prophet would come back to prepare the way for the Messiah. All of a sudden, it became clear to Peter: Jesus was the Messiah. But before Peter could do anything with that discovery, Jesus told him not to repeat the finding to anyone else. Jesus had to be sure that Peter fully understood what that meant before he went about telling people.

Up until this time, Peter still believed that the Messiah was someone who would rise to great power. The Messiah would conquer the enemies of God's people and rebuild Jerusalem. Jews throughout the world would once again be reunited in their new city. So when Jesus explained messiahship in the context of suffering and death, it was beyond the disciples' comprehension. Peter resisted these unfamiliar ideas so much that Jesus recognized Satan in Peter's intentions. Jesus did not want to die and knew that Satan could disguise his evil actions to look like the loving acts of a friend.

Following the stern reprimand he gave Peter, Jesus began to explain discipleship. Clearly, a disciple needed to be ready to give up the pleasures of life and say "yes" to God. A disciple had to be ready to face what Jesus faced.

Reflection

Jesus knew the cross was inevitable. Like teachers of any age, Jesus must have wondered many times during the previous three years if the disciples were getting it. The final test of their understanding came in Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" God has been revealed to us through Jesus. Through Jesus we come to understand God's great and unconditional love. Through Jesus we learn how to return that love to God. God's love shines through us, the disciples. We can share that love verbally and in prayer, but mostly we can show that love.

When it is difficult to share God's love, we are reminded to pick up the cross of Jesus and die in him. There may be people who are difficult to love, or difficult circumstances that make it hard to do something that shows our love. But merely to profess our faith verbally is not sufficient. True discipleship means that we do something to care for our brothers and sisters.

Congratulation's

Jordon Richard, the son of Clifton & Felicia Richard and Shawnessy Kindle, the daughter of Reginald & Tina Kindle, both has successfully completed the LVN program at Lamar State College-Orange. The success of our young adults, is the success and growth of our parish. Congratulation's to the both of you.

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
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
Mark Thibodeaux
Mary Ware
Joe Ware

Family and Friends

To all former members of St. Therese Catholic Church, to extended friends, Catholic's and Non-Catholic's. You are cordially invited to the parish's Family and Friends weekend celebration beginning Saturday, October 27 with our Gospel Extravaganza at 6:00p.m. and Sunday, October 28, beginning with Mass at 9:00 a.m. Our parish Feast day is joined with the Family and Friends celebrations. A Nine day Novena of St Therese will begin on the 18th of Oct. by 6pmeach day,. All are encouraged to attend. The planning for these events are underway. We have begun our T-shirt & rosary beads sale, to be sold before the event. Anyone who wants to purchase any items, the donation for both is \$20,. We are asking everyone to place their order as soon as possible. For more information please contact Freda Guillory at 409-882-1768 or call the parish office at 409-883-3783.

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.**

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

Time to Place You're Orders

The Year C begins September 2, 2018. Parish orders from Liturgy Training Publications will be drop-shipped to parishes. 2019 Lector Workbook Year C (English) , \$8.40. Guide for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion \$3.60, and a FEE CHARGED BY LITURGY TRAINING PUBLICATIONS: \$4.00.

Please submit your order to the parish office by September 20, 2018.

Becoming an Authentic Catholic Women

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church is hosting a Diocesan-wide Women's Conference guest speaker Lisa Cotter. The Conference is Friday-Saturday, September 21-22, 2018. The theme for the conference is: Becoming an Authentic Catholic Woman. For more information please call St. Francis at (409) 883-9153

Register for this free event at Eventbrite "Sr. Francis Women's Conference" or www.stfranciswomensconference.wordpress.com

Welcome

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

"By The Grace of God, I Am What I Am" (1 Cor 15:10) BLACK, CATHOLIC & BEAUTIFUL

1st Black Catholic Women's Conference Saturday, October 20, 2018 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. (Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m.) St. Genevieve Middle School Cafetorium 91 Teurlings Dr. Lafayette, Louisiana 70501 Hosted by Black Catholic Women of the Diocese of Lafayette. Registration by mail ONLY and must be postmarked (Deadline) by October 1, 2018 – Forms can be picked up at St. Therese parish office.

NO ONSITE REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION FEES: \$30.00 (Includes: Breakfast, Lunch and T-shirt)

Any questions please call Rashida McZeal at Our Lady Queen of Peace 337-233-1591 ext. 100