

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sun. Sept. 23** - Wis 2:12, 17-20 Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6 and 8 Jas 3:16-4:3 Cf. 2 Thes 2:14 Mk 9:30-37

**Mon. Sept. 24** - Prv 3:27-34 ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 Mt 5:16 Lk 8:16-18

**Tues. Sept. 25** - Prv 21:1-6, 10-13 Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 Lk 11:28 Lk 8:19-21

**Wed. Sept. 26** - Prv 30:5-9 Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 Mk 1:15 Lk 9:1-6

**Thurs. Sept. 27** - Eccl 1:2-11 Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc Jn 14:6 Lk 9:7-9

**Fri. Sept. 28** - Eccl 3:1-11 Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 Mk 10:45 Lk 9:18-22

**Sat. Sept. 29** - Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Rv 12:7-12ab Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 Ps 103:21 Jn 1:47-51

**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. 23, 2018 9:00 am Mass**

Mon. Sept. 24, NO MASS

Tues. Sept. 25, 8:00 am

Wed. Sept. 26, 8:00 am

Thurs. Sept. 27, 8:00 am

Fri. Sept. 28, 8:00 am

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 pm

Saturday, Sept. 29, 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 for James Feathers requested by Brushelle Scott**

(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: 57**

**Weekend Collection  
 2nd Collection Infirm Priest**

Mail In	\$ 155.00
Infirm Priest	\$ 149.00
Mass Stipend	\$ 10.00
Loose	\$ 51.00
Saturday	\$ 820.00
Sunday	\$ 941.00

**Total Deposit \$ 2,126.00**

**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
Richellee 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, Rose Bottley, Kenneth Mason & Coretta Ambers

**ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:**

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

Sunday: **1st Rdr.:** Alexandre Gamble  
**2nd Rdr.:** Wayne Sparrow

**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: Gloria Richard &

**Expenses:**  
**Religious Ed materials <\$ 41.65>**  
**Security systems <\$ 48.70>**  
**Spectrum <\$ 287.59>**  
**Center Point <\$ 131.60>**



**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 September 23, 2018**

**“Whoever receives on child such as this in my name, receives me.”**

**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

**Weekdays:**

Tuesday-Friday 8:00 a.m.

**Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Every Friday: 6 p.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
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**St. Therese Catholic Church**

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**Pastoral Team:**

**Rev. Donatus Mgbeajuo, MSP**

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



# TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Justice

The first and third readings of today's liturgy speak messages of justice. And their loudest message is that God alone is true justice. This is good news, but it is not comforting. Once again, the liturgy is challenging our comfort and complacency, our lukewarm ways, our sloppy stewardship.

**FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7    RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8**

**SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-8    GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13**

## Comment

Amos cared a lot. He lived in Israel sometime near but before 750 B.C., in a time of a growing prosperity that was achieved at the cost of the powerless poor. And Amos was blunt. He reminded the rich that he saw their greed. They could hardly bear to waste a day resting on the Sabbath, could hardly wait to measure grain using the illegal *ephah* measure. They could hardly wait to lighten the weight of the shekel, could hardly wait to weight the grain with chaff. Amos rages against such wholesale greed and promises that such injustice will not be forgotten in heaven. To make a buck is one thing, Amos is saying. To make it on the backs of the helpless is quite another. Such avarice harms both the greedy and the poor. Both are ground down and rendered impotent in their ability to seek and serve God. One is weighted by selfishness, the other crushed by poverty. Money or the desire for money then becomes an idol for both, turning both away from justice and from God.

In the second reading, Paul reminds us of our charge and duty to pray. Notice that Paul's roster of those who have a claim on our prayers is analogous to the form of our own general intercessions (prayers of the faithful) as found in the eucharistic liturgy. Paul, however, is not offering a format for liturgical prayer, but a call to more expansive prayer, prayer that should mark the daily life of Christians within and without the liturgy.

In the Gospel, Jesus describes the wholehearted effort of a crafty servant who sees "downsizing" heading his way. The wily fellow greases the skids, as it were, and through a series of fabrications creates his own golden parachute. Jesus finds him a marvel and puzzles over why such cleverness is limited to the world of commerce. Jesus wonders why those who seek a "position" in the reign of God lack such wit and wherewithal. Jesus commends the manager for being astute enough to use what was entrusted to him in a way that ensured his future. As Christians, we want to ensure our futures as well. Jesus is urging us to use what has been entrusted to us to do just that. But Jesus also urges us to recognize that the treasure we've been given stewardship over is not one that can be bartered away—only given away, given and shared freely with others, just as it has been given and shared freely with us.

It's important to note that the Gospel addresses the steward's ingenuity—his focused, farsighted, clever, unflinching plan. Likewise, it's also worth noting that in biblical times the manager of a household was often a slave who had earned his august role and who, if he guarded the owner's fortune, was pretty much free to wheel and deal, skim and connive. The crafty manager in today's reading did just that, winning in the bargain the loyalty and gratitude of the creditors and leaving his master's fortune intact.

## Reflection

It seems that we who seek the kingdom of God in the company of our friends need to be as focused and as careful as the steward in today's Gospel story. We need to assess the gifts we have and then spend them thoughtfully. Our goal is not to secure wealth, but to secure life with God. The gifts we have are to be spent and shared where they will do the most good and where they will yield the most benefits.

## Family Connection

Conversations such as the one described in today's Gospel are common in family life. Perhaps these examples are familiar: "I should get the first piece of cake because I am the youngest;" "I did the dishes yesterday; someone else should do them today." How might we respond if Jesus asked about our family arguments? What would Jesus say to us in reply? All of us need the reminder found in today's Gospel: To be great in God's Kingdom is to be the servant of all.

As you gather as a family, recall a recent family argument about household chores or an example of bickering among family members. Talk about what was at issue in the argument. Together imagine that Jesus entered the room just as the argument ended. What would you tell Jesus your argument was about? What might Jesus say in reply? Read together today's Gospel, Mark 9:30-37. How was your family argument like the argument among Jesus' disciples? What might your family do to remember that those who are great in God's kingdom are those who willingly serve others? Pray together that your family life will reflect your commitment to serve one another with love.

### 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

### 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.

### "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

### 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.**

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

There will be a brief meeting Sunday, September 30, after the 9 am Mass for the Family and Friends committee. All sub-coordinators are asked to be prepared to submit their reports at this time. The last day to place your order for T-shirts is Sunday, September 30, 2018. Please make your purchases with Freda Guillory at 409-886-1768. Again, T-shirts are \$10. dollars and St. Therese Rosary Beads, to be sold at a later date, are \$10 dollars.

### You are cordially invited to the

To the 18th Annual Appreciation Luncheon and Thanksgiving Mass of the Missionary Society of St. Paul, Presided by Most Reverend Joseph N. Perry Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago  
Saturday, October 27, 2018  
St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church  
Rev. Faustinus Okeyikam, MSP - Pastor  
6220 La Salette Street, Houston, TX 77021

Gathering at 9:30 am;  
Mass of Thanksgiving at 10:00 am  
Luncheon and Silent Auction immediately following Mass

### Luncheon is \$25.00

Your tax-deductible contributions to the Missions will also be received with gratitude.

Please **RSVP by October 15, 2018** using the card and envelope provided, or call (713) 747-1722, or email usamp@yahoo.com.