

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun. Nov. 11 - 1 Kgs 17:10-16, Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 Heb 9:24-28, Mt 5:3 Mk 12:38-44, or Mk 12:41-44

Mon. Nov. 12 - Ti 1:1-9 Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Phil 2:15d, 16a Lk 17:1-6

Tues. Nov. 13 - Ti 2:1-8, 11-14 Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29 Jn 14:23 Lk 17:7-10

Wed. Nov. 14 - Ti 3:1-7 Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6 1 Thes 5:18 Lk 17:11-19

Thurs. Nov. 15 - Phmn 7-20 Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 Jn 15:5 Lk 17:20-25

Fri. Nov. 16 - 2 Jn 4-9 Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18 Lk 21:28 Lk 17:26-37

Sat. Nov. 17 - 3 Jn 5-8 Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 See 2 Thes 2:14 Lk 18:1-8

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, Nov. 11, 2018 9:00 am Mass
Mon. Nov. 12, NO MASS

Tues. Nov. 13, 8:00 am
Mr. John Louis Abram Sr.
requested by Mrs. Mary Gray

Wed. Nov. 14, 8:00 am
Kim Gray requested by Mrs. Mary Gray

Thurs. Nov. 15, 8:00 am
Vernon Gray Jr.
requested by Bonnie Coleman

Fri. Nov. 16, 8:00 am
Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 pm
Mr. Vernon Gray Sr.
Requested by Mrs. Mary Gray

Saturday, Nov. 17, 2018
3:20 - 3:55 Reconciliation 4:00 p.m. Mass
Mr. Howard Guillory
requested by Mrs. Freda Guillory

(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.

Environmental - Ina Chavis

Extraordinary Minister of Communion - Dorothy Broussard

Finance - Janice Semien*
finance meetings are held every 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Fund Raiser - Walter Davis

Hospitality/Ushers - Rose Davis

Lectors - Peggy Green

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- Gary Mims

Attendance
Saturday: 38 Sunday: 48

Weekend Collection

Mail In	\$ 135.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 185.00
Loose	\$ 67.55
parish concerns	\$ 185.00
Saturday	\$ 450.00
Sunday	\$ 5,981.00

Total Deposit \$ 7,003.55

November Birthday List
Happy Birthday to::

Rose Bottley	6
Archange Cexar, Jr	10
Earnett Mitchell	11
Deacon Julian Richard	12
Mormon Richard	12
Antoine Warnell	14
Pat Roberts	15
Beverly Stewart	21
Gary Mims	22
Kevin Hebert	23
Edmayia Riggs	24
Ina Chavis	26
Phyllis Thibodeaux	28
Patricia Blair-Wilks	29

Happy Anniversary

Clifton & Felicia Richards	12th
Marvin & Cindy Hampton	24th

MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND HOSPITALITY

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

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

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: **1st Rdr.:** Richelle Roberts
2nd Rdr.: Mona Richard

Sunday: **1st Rdr.:** Dorothy Broussard
2nd Rdr.: Jo'Nire Pete

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

ALTAR SERVER:

Saturday: **Needed**
Sunday: **Needed**

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday Gail Jefferson & Freda Guillory
Sunday: Mr. & Mrs. John Semien

Expenses:

Plant & Maintenance <\$ 125.28>



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



The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 11, 2018

“They gave from their surplus wealth, but she has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.”

Eucharistic Celebration

Weekends:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m. & Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

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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Sheila Arnold	313-2062
Andre' Robertson	882-0012
Tina Kindle	238-4447

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Heaven

Folklore has made of heaven a cluttered and softly pastel place of chubby angels. We do not know *what* heaven is; by faith we know *that* it is. Today we consider the reality of eternal life as a troubling question for some and as a matter of faith for Christians.

FIRST READING: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 2:16 — 3:5 GOSPEL: Luke 20:27-38

Comment

When Jesus walked the roads of Palestine, life after death was a disputed question. Today's story of Jesus' response to the Sadducees is from Luke's Gospel. The Sadducees were a learned group of men who adhered to a strict interpretation of the Hebrew Scriptures. They were a priestly aristocracy that was closely allied with the Temple. The Sadducees counted only the Torah as definitive Scripture; furthermore, they did not believe in life after death, nor did they have a messianic doctrine.

For the Sadducees, Jesus was clearly a problem. Defeating his arguments would render his mission void and make his witness and words useless. They proposed an argument based on their reading of the Law, which obliged a man to marry the widow of his deceased brother if the brother has died and fathered no male child. This arrangement speaks strongly to the value of securing the future in the name of the male head of household. With no belief in an afterlife, one's future hope is one's children—or, in the case here, one's sons.

The Sadducees "lay it on thick," betraying their need to win at all costs. They suggest one widow and seven husbands. Jesus uses the Torah to argue the Torah, recalling the venerable patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Then, he just applies clear logic. If God is a God of the living, and these three giants of faith are dead, what then? If these patriarchs are dead, then God is not a God of the living. If God is a God of the living, then they are alive beyond their bodily death. They are eternally with God.

Jesus spends little time discussing what eternal life is like, except to say that it more resembles the life of angels. It's worth noting that the Sadducees also did not believe in angels. Nonetheless, Jesus used these spiritual beings to emphasize the enduring life of the human spirit.

Reflection

The first reading from Second Maccabees mentions life after death, and this is doubtless why it finds itself at the head of these three Sunday readings. The seven Maccabees and their mother gave their lives to defend the holiness of the Temple, which was threatened with desecration during the rule of the Greeks. The second and fourth brothers attest to their belief in the reality of life after death. In this reading and in the book of Daniel (7:13, 27; 12:2), we come upon references to a new idea in Israel—the possibility of life after death. The books of Maccabees and Daniel are among the last written books of the Catholic canon of the Old Testament, or Hebrew Scriptures. The two books of Maccabees were written within the last century before the birth of Christ, for example, so we can see why life after death was a disputed question in the Palestine of Jesus' day.

Paul's faith in Christian resurrection is beyond question and totally grounded in Jesus' resurrection. Today's reading from the second Letter to the Thessalonians addresses a rising problem in the early Church. Many held that Jesus' second coming was imminent. He had died and risen and said he would come again. Many believed that this meant that Jesus would come soon. After all, what else was there to do? In his resurrection, they were saved. They were ready and waiting.

But some were ready and idling, and this was the problem Paul addressed. However, Paul talks about progress and constancy and keeping faith. He reminds us to get a life and to live it. He further reminds us that God keeps faith and so must we. Eternal life with God is our hope, and God will take care of this. Our job is to be constant in our faith.

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.

Prayer and Fasting

Bishop Guillory is joining bishops across the country for seven days of prayer and fasting. Bishop Guillory has chosen the period from Monday, November 12, to Sunday, November 18, for a time of intensified prayer. The U.S. Bishops general conference will begin this coming Monday. During that time, bishops will be making critical decisions regarding the tragedy of clergy abuse. A letter with more details from Bishop Guillory is available on the diocesan website

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
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

STAND SUNDAY A prayer for foster children

Dear Joseph, foster father of Jesus and protector of the Holy Family, in you we contemplate a model of courage and compassion.

Help us be more courageous in making space for God in our lives, so we may be better guardians of the vulnerable, especially the children and their families seeking our care. As we contemplate your role alongside Blessed Virgin Mary as first teacher of the faith to Jesus, may we recognize our own call to live with conviction and fidelity God's mercy and faithfulness.

Help us to be more compassionate, so we may be present and faithful to all, but especially to those children whose lives are chaotic, anxiety-filled and too often marred by violence. As we contemplate the Holy Family's moments of stress in Jesus' young life your betrothal to Blessed Virgin Mary, your flight to Egypt, losing Jesus in the Temple — may we recognize our own call to give tender care and protection to those whom God brings to us.

Help us to be strong and wise in our faith, yet tender and open to love, as you were. May God grant that our families, including our parish family, be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel. Amen.

ATTENTION EVERYONE

If you have not yet paid for your t-shirts, please do so otherwise, because the purchase was made in the name of St. Therese, St. Therese will be responsible for the payment. There are some extra Family and Friends T-shirt and St. Therese Rosary for sale. If anyone is interested in these purchases please contact Cecilia Davis, Freda Guillory or the parish office. Cost is \$10. each.

Congratulation's

Congratulations to Amiyah LeBlanc, a 10th grader at Little Cypress High School for making the A/B honor roll this six-weeks. Your success is our success again, congratulations.

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 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 Finance Council

There will be a finance meeting Tuesday, November 13, at 6:00 pm, all members are asked to be in attendance.

Bishop Faith Appeal Goal : \$17,310 Paid: \$15,430.

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

ATTENTION EVERYONE

Parish Office hours are from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon & 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Tuesday through Thursday. When contacting the parish office the lines may be busy, if so, please leave a detailed message and your call will be returned. Anything after 4:00 pm will be addressed the next business day. **If there is an emergency please contact Fr. Donatus, cell # (409) 454-3958. Thanks in advance**