

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday  
Oct. 23 Sir 35:12-14, 16-18 Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23  
2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18 Lk 18:9-14

Monday  
Oct. 24 Eph 4:32-5:8 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday  
Oct. 25 Eph 5:21-33 or Eph 5:2a, 25-32  
Ps 128:1-5 Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday  
Oct. 26 Eph 6:1-9 Ps 145:10-14 Lk13:22-30

Thursday  
Oct. 27 Eph 6:10-20 Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10  
Lk 13:31-35

Friday  
Oct. 28 Eph 2:19-22 Ps 19:2-5 Lk 6:12-16

Saturday  
Oct. 29 Phil 1:18b-26 Ps 42:2-3, 5cdef  
Lk 14:1, 7-11

**MINISTERIES FOR THE WEEKEND**  
HOSPITALITY

Saturday: Shirley Allison, Richard Scott, Rose Davis & Walter Davis  
Sunday: Rose Bottley, Coretta Ambers, Fred Green & Horace Broussard

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: A: Leo Jackson L: Phyllis Thibodeaux & Eva Platt  
Sunday: A: Peggy Green L: Wayne Sparrow & Lucy Jones

ALTAR SERVER:

Saturday: William Pitre & Reagan Pitre  
Sunday: D'Ana Williams & Reagan Pitre

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday: Emma Nelson & Cecilia Davis  
Sunday: Dorothy Broussard & Cecilia Davis

Attendance

Saturday 57  
Sunday 68

Weekend Collection

Saturday \$ 783.55  
Sunday \$ 1,385.50  
\$ 2,169.05

**October Birthday List**  
**Happy Birthday to::**

Andre Robertson 2  
Clayona Pillette 3  
John Judge 4  
Ann Richard 5  
Fredrick Green 6  
Janice Semien 8  
Rick Orebo 10  
Rachel Gobert 16  
Justin Jackson 16  
Jyquez Turner 18  
Johnathan Hampton 18  
Shelia James 23  
Troy Hayes 23  
Craig Orebo 26  
Mary Ware 26



**Happy Anniversary**

George & Mary Alexander 30th

**Bishop Faith Appeal**

Goal : \$18,693. Pledged : \$14,823  
PAID: \$9,933

*Thank you ALL for your pledges, we look ahead to the continued growth of our Parish*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sunday  
Oct. 23 9:00 a.m.

Monday  
Oct. 24 6 p.m. adoration 7 p.m.

Tuesday  
Oct. 25 6:00 p.m. + James Milton requested by his niece Felicia Richard

Wednesday  
Oct. 26 6:00 p.m.+ Josephine Payne requested by her family

Thursday  
Oct. 27 6:00 p.m. + Josephine Payne requested by her family

Friday  
Oct. 28 No Mass

Saturday  
Oct. 29 4:00 p.m. + Kent Chavis requested by his cousin Felicia Richard

(N.B. You can request Mass to be offered for you/your loves one, or the deceased.. Speak with the Pastor or call the office to schedule).



**30th Sunday**  
**in Ordinary**  
**Time**  
**October 23, 2016**



**ST. THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**SACRAMENTS**

**Mass Schedule**

Sunday 9:00 a.m.  
Monday 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday & Wednesday 6:00 p.m.  
Thursday 5:30 p.m.  
Friday No Mass  
Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.  
Holy Days of Obligation 6:00 p.m.

**Reconciliation**

Saturdays 3:20 p.m. - 3:55 p.m.

**Adoration**

Monday 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Infant Baptism:**

Please contact the Pastor two (2) months in advance.

**Marriage:**

Please call the Rectory six (6) months prior to proposed date.



**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Email: [sttherese1350@att.net](mailto:sttherese1350@att.net)

WEBSITE: [stthereseorantex.org](http://stthereseorantex.org)

**PASTORAL TEAM**

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**SECRETARY**

Cindy Hampton (409) 882-0935

**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Sanja Popillion (409) 670-0808

**PARISH COUNCIL**

Joe Ware, Chairman 886-5331  
Adam Jacobs, Vice Chairman 883-9688  
Dayna Smith, Secretary 988-6705  
P.R.O., Leo Jackson 886-9692  
Horace Broussard 883-7937  
Martin Feathers 882-4186  
Albert Hebert, Jr. 746-2627  
Freda Guillory 882-1768  
Lanny DeLarue 330-0791  
John King 920-2448  
Shirley Ray 779-9922

**FINANCE COUNCIL**

Andre Robertson 882-0012  
Janice Semien 883-7126  
Tina Kindie  
Robert Gobert

**\*\*\*INSTALLATION SERVICE\*\*\***



With great respect, Fr. Donatus Mgbajio has accepted the task of Pastoring St. Therese Catholic Church by taking "The Oath" given to him by The Diocese of Beaumont by Bishop Curtis Guillory .

Fr. Donatus Mgbajio, "With firm faith I also believe everything contained in God's Word, written or handed down in tradition and proposed by the Church, whether in solemn judgment or in ordinary and universal magisterium, as divinely revealed and calling for faith.

I also firmly accept and hold each and every thing that is proposed by the Church definitively regarding teaching on faith and morals.

Moreover, I adhere with religious submission of will and intellect to the teachings which either the Roman Pontiff or the college of bishops enunciate when they exercise the authentic magisterium even if they proclaim those teachings in an act that is not definitive."

*FIRST READING: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18    RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23  
SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18    GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14*

**Comment**

The Pharisee in today's Gospel passage expects God's favor and attention. After all, he is one of those set apart by his dedication to religious observance. The tax collector expects nothing. After all, he is a collaborator with the Romans and, in all probability, a thief. Jesus tells this story neither to condemn or laud the Pharisee for who he is nor to condemn or laud the tax collector for who he is. Rather, Jesus uses the story to point out the difference between the two men's attitudes—trust.

The Pharisee trusts in himself, in his own good works. He offers praise, true, but it is not praise directed to God, but self-congratulation. He asks God for nothing, because he figures he needs nothing, for he has granted himself his salvation. The tax collector, however, focuses on God in his plea for mercy. He recognizes that he is a sinner and knows that he doesn't have the power to save himself, only God does. And God does just that.

In the second reading, the Pharisee Paul is boasting. But Paul's boast is different from that of the Pharisee in the Gospel. Paul acknowledges from whom his strength has come and acknowledges that he will receive his "crown" not by means of his merit, but by the saving grace of God.

**Reflection**

Read again the first sentence of today's Gospel: "Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else." "Righteousness," "despised:" these are harsh terms. Jesus is pointing his finger at the proud and haughty in his own community, those who view themselves as "the saved." But are they? Or are they guilty of presumption, a very old-fashioned kind of sinful pride that supposes that God's mercy is their private preserve to the exclusion of others—to the exclusion of "sinners." There is a clubhouse sort of faith. The Pharisee offers God thanks, and for good reason: he avoids sin of every sort—except one. In shunning sin, he also shuns sinners, the very ones to whom Jesus came to proclaim the Good News of salvation. By coldly excluding sinners, by holding them in contempt, the self-righteous also exclude God's mercy, the very goodness and kindness of God that the tax collector pleads for in his sense of unworthiness. Salvation for the Pharisee is a matter of merit. For the tax collector, it is a matter of mercy. Guess who's right. Better, guess who Jesus says stands justified before God.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

- Margaret Green
- John Judge
- Therese Ferguson
- Frances Freeman
- John Abram
- Da'Morrius Allison
- Julian Richard
- Ruby Milton
- Alma Thibodeaux
- Rena Jenkins
- Dorothy Broussard
- Myrtle Guillory
- Robert Simmons
- Stacy Johnson
- Leothus Jones
- Debra Glaude
- Mary Brown
- Sammie Williams
- John Richard, Sr.
- Peggy Green
- Elias Gobert
- Mary Feathers
- Clayona Pillette
- Alberta Fontenot
- Hollis Fain
- James Arceneaux
- John Milton
- Gloria Richard
- Ella Garrett
- Bettye Odom
- Fred Green
- James Mims
- Joe Ware, Sr.
- Celestine Johnson
- Mary Crossley
- Calvin Johnson
- Sanja Popillion
- Lester Popillion
- Joe B. Forward
- Theresa Garrett
- Andrew Hayes
- Mary Ware
- Courtney Chavis
- Lakeisha Guidry-Jones
- Brushelle Scott
- Eva Platt
- Vernon Gray Jr.
- Mr. & Mrs. Mace
- Mrs. Rose Lee Johnson
- David Jayce Carey
- Ms. Tricia Slaughter

**Hurricane Prayer**

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude; you are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control. The Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming, lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster. During this hurricane season, we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us.

**Protecting God's Children**

When: November 9, 2016  
Where: St. Therese Life Center  
Time: 7:p.m. To 8:30p.m.

The class will start immediately after 6 pm mass and anyone working with children that has not had this class must attend. Renewable

**Annual Family & Friends**

**Gospel Extravaganza  
October 29, 2016**

**St. Therese Parish Life Center:  
Time 6:30 pm**

**Family & Friends Day  
October 30, 2016**

**Mass 9 am followed by Festivities  
St. Therese Parish Life Center**

**Pleas don't forget your covered  
Dish!!!**

**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.**

**The Catholic Charismatic Renewal  
of Diocese of Beaumont**

Fr. Ayo Efodigbue, M.S.P., who will present "The Holy Spirit is a God of Surprises" at 7:00PM, Friday, November 18, 2016 at St. Charles Catholic Church, 211 Hardy Ave., Nederland.

Refreshments and individual prayer will follow presentation. There is no charge and a love offering will accepted. For further info call 409-724-7379.

**African American**

Catholic Youth Congress  
St. Thomas More Catholic High School  
Lafayette, La  
Saturday, November 19, 2016  
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

All registrations on or before November 4, 2016 receives a complimentary T-shirts. Cost is \$45. per person For more information about the different workshops or registration please contact Mrs. Felicia Richard.