

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Sunday Oct.22	Is 45:1, 4-6 Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 Phil 2:15b, 16a Mt 22:15-21
Monday Oct.23	Rom 4:20-25 (Ps) Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 Lk 12:13-21 or 2 Cor 5:14-20 Ps 16:1b-2a, & 5, 7-8, 11 Lk 9:57-62
Tuesday Oct.24	Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21 Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 Lk 12:35-38 or Is 52:7-10 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8, 10 Mk 1:14-20
Wednesday Oct. 25	Rom 6:12-18 Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 Lk 12:39-48
Thursday Oct 26	Rom 6:19-23 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6 Lk 12:49-53
Friday Oct. 27	Rom 7:18-25a Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 Lk 12:54-59
Saturday Oct. 28	Eph 2:19-22 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Lk 6:12-16

**PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND**

John Abram  
Mary Brown  
Mary Crossley  
David Jayce Carey  
Courtney Chavis  
Therese Ferguson  
Hollis Fain  
Joe B. Forward  
Theresa Garrett  
Ella Mae Garrett  
Anna Garrick  
Beatrice Guillory  
Mark Mitchell Jr.  
James Mims  
Westley Popillion  
John Richard, Sr.  
Alma G Thibodeaux  
Alma C Thibodeaux

**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
Jaquez Turner	18
Johnathan Hampton	18
Shelia James	23
Troy Hayes	23
Craig Orebo	26
Mary Ware	26

Happy Anniversary

George & Mary Alexander	30th
Paul & Zena Thibodeaux	

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



**MINISTERIES FOR THE WEEKEND**  
**HOSPITALITY**

Saturday: Johnny Riggs, Richard Scott, Rose Davis & Walter Davis  
Sunday: Fred Green, Rose Bottley, Emmanuel Taylor & Coretta Ambers

**ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:**

Saturday: A: Phyllis Thibodeaux L: Felicia Richard & Freda Guillory  
Sunday: A: Wayne Sparrow L: Candance Brown & Eva Platt

**ALTAR SERVER:**

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

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:**

Saturday: Cecilia Davis & Gloria Richard  
Sunday: Cecilia Davis & Gloria Richard

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 every other Friday for the homebound.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sunday Oct. 22	9:00 a.m. +Mary Blackwell Griffith Requested by Cindy Hampton
Monday Oct. 23	No Mass
Tuesday Oct. 24	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Oct. 25	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Oct. 26	6:00 p.m.
Friday Oct.27	8:00 p.m. Adoration & Benediction
Saturday Oct. 28	4:00 p.m. +Sidney Anthony Gus Requested by Cindy Hampton

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

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

James Arceneaux  
Mable Durio  
Alberta Fontenot  
Frances Freeman  
Debra Glaude  
Margaret Green  
Peggy Green  
Myrtle Guillory  
Marvin Hampton  
Celestine Johnson  
Calvin Johnson  
Stacy Johnson  
Rose Lee Johnson  
Lakeisha Guidry-Jones  
Leothus Jones  
John Milton  
Ruby Milton  
Bettye Odom  
Clayona Pilette  
Doris Robertson  
Brushelle Scott  
Robert Simmons  
Joe Ware

**Bishop Faith Appeal/Fundraiser**  
Goal: \$25,000.  
Pledged: \$15,650. Paid: \$10,880.

*It is the time of year again where we to begin the work on our BFA goal., and for those of us that has not yet pledged please do so and for those of us that has Thank You so much. For any information please contact Robert Gobert at (504) 232-5640 or Shirley Ray (409) 779-9922. We are look forward to the continued growth of our parish*

**Attendance**

Saturday: 29 Sunday: 41

	Weekend Collection	
	Deductible	Non-Deductible
Mail In	\$ 72.00	
Loose	\$ 80.00	
Gifts		\$ 8,760.00
Saturday	\$ 475.00	
Sunday	\$1,775.00	
<b>Total Deposit</b>	<b>\$ 11,162.00</b>	

**Expenses: pr. Contract <\$ 38.02> phone <\$ 73.90>**  
**S.S. fire & extinguisher <\$ 1,169.05>**  
**Security service <\$48.70> admin sup. <\$225.00>**  
**S/min <\$ 300.00>**

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 22, 2017  
“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God”



### Eucharistic Celebration

**Weekends:**  
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

**Reconciliation**  
Saturdays: 3:20 p.m. 3:55 p.m.

**Adoration**  
Fridays: 6 p.m.

**Adoration & Benediction**  
1st Friday each month 6p.m.-7p.m.

**Weekdays:**  
Tuesday-Friday 6:00 p.m.  
Thursday: Faith Program 5:30 p.m.

**Marriage:**  
Please call Rectory six (6) months prior to proposed date

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# TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Give God Glory

It's a frustrating feeling I get all too often. I'm in a situation that requires just the right response ... and that response lives somewhere in my brain. Only trouble is, I don't find it until the next day! Have you ever said to yourself, "I should have said ..." or "Why didn't I think of that one yesterday?" Jesus was always quick on his feet and knew the right thing to say. Even when his enemies tried to trick him, the exact right words came out. He left their dignity intact while still making a pivotal point.

*FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6    RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10*  
*SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b    GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-21*

## Comment

We learn of God's greatness in Isaiah. Not only did God create us and know us intimately, but God is so awesomely wondrous that God's glory surpasses any treasures we know. All the greatness we know in this world, whether it be wealth, power, or fame, could only be accomplished through God's authority. For this reason, Paul tells the Thessalonians that God has created them for great things and that God has the power to transform their lives. The Thessalonians, at the time of their conversion, worshiped the one God rather than the many idols they had worshiped previously.

Matthew's Gospel distinguishes worship of God from paying homage to anyone else. When Jesus was about to be tricked by the Pharisees, kind but clear words came to him. The Pharisees were able to answer their own questions as Jesus led them through an exercise in logical deduction. He asked to see a coin used for paying taxes. The coin had an impression of Caesar's head and title. The Pharisees understood that taxes were to be paid to Caesar, and Jesus agreed. He added, however, that what belonged to God, namely glory, should be given only to God. The two payments were not to be confused.

## Reflection

Separation of church and state can get messy. The people directly and indirectly responsible for settling our country were Godly men and women. Our coins have imprints of great leaders, but the lettering reminds us that it is "In God we trust." The Pharisees thought singularly about taxes, but when we look at our coin, isn't it evident that we see God in all facets of our lives, especially the governing of God's people? As it was in the days of Caesar, God is the ruler over all people; and if authority were not given by God, rulers of any era would have no power.

Things were not perfect for the settlers of our country; they made mistakes, too; but the basis of any government should be the well-being of the nation's people. God is concerned for our well-being, too. When we see a conflict in what political leaders strive to do and what we know God wants us to do, we must follow the higher power. This creates conflict within and possibly between ourselves and those with whom we associate, but it is the conflict that calls us to action.

## Feast of St. Martin de Porres And National Black Catholic History Month

Liturgy of the Hours – Evening Prayer Sunday, November 5, 2017– 6:00 p.m. St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church 7467 Boyt Road - Cheek, TX

Most Reverent Curtis, J. Guillory, S.V.D. Bishop of Beaumont  
Presider and Homilist

Reception immediately following in the Parish Hall

Underwritten by a grant from Black and Indian Mission Fund and the generosity of the people of the Diocese of Beaumont through the Bishop Faith Appeal

## Catholic Charismatic Renewal

A Catholic Charismatic Renewal will be held 7-9 PM, Friday, November 17, 2017 at Mother of Mercy Catholic Church Hall, 3390 Sarah St. Beaumont TX. Fr. Noel Effiong, M.S.P., the pastor of Our Mother of Mercy Church, will be speaking on "all things work our for those who believe." Romans 8:28 Ted Nelson will provide music for Praise and Worship. Refreshments, fellowship and individual prayer will follow. All are invited.

## 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.**

## Can You Lose Your Salvation?

Many Christians declare: "Once saved, always saved!" By this they mean that once a person confesses faith in Jesus Christ, he is "saved" from all God's punishments for sin, including hell. Whatever he may do for the rest of his life, he is guaranteed a place in heaven.

Catholics — and many other Christians as well — reject this teaching as unbiblical. For example, there is this warning in the Book of Sirach: "Of forgiveness be not overconfident, / adding sin upon sin. / Say not: 'Great is his mercy; / my many sins he will forgive.' / For mercy and anger alike are with him; / upon the wicked alights his wrath" (5:5-7).

Some might object that this passage doesn't apply to Christians; after all, Sirach is an Old Testament book that doesn't even appear in Protestant Bibles. Nevertheless, the New Testament echoes this warning to Christians:

For it is impossible in the case of those who have once been enlightened and tasted the heavenly gift and shared in the holy Spirit and tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, and then have fallen away, to bring them to repentance again, since they are recrucifying the Son of God for themselves and holding him up to contempt. [Heb 6:4-6, emphasis added]

At the same time, in speaking of severe trials ahead for his followers, Jesus predicts that "the love of many will grow cold. But the one who perseveres to the end will be saved" (Mt 24:12-13). Not the one who makes a one-time confession of faith, but the one who perseveres to the end.

To clarify further, we should note that "salvation" means much more than an initial experience of faith. It's a lifelong process, in this world and the next, which culminates — if we faithfully persevere — in perfect holiness and the vision of God. (See "Is Purgatory in the Bible?" H-2 and "What Does the Church Teach About Heaven?" J-4.) After the "new birth," St. Peter says, despite undergoing "various trials, ... you attain the goal of [your] faith, the salvation of your souls" (1 Pt 1:3, 6, 9).

So we don't obtain our salvation one day and then "lose" it another. Instead, for a lifetime we must "work out [our] salvation with fear and trembling" (Phil 2:12)

**RELATED SCRIPTURE — Texts cited:** Sir 5:5-7 • Mt 24:12-13 • Phil 2:12 • Heb 6:4-6 • 1 Pt 1 • 3, 6, 9. **General:** Rom 13:11 • 2 Thes 2:3-5 • Heb 10:26-29 • 1 Pt 1:3-5; 2:2-3. **CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH** — 95 • 169 • 620 776 • 780 • 830 • 980 • 1129 • 1257 • 1696 • 1811 • 1889 • 2036 • 2090-92.

## My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Know that in the days since the storm you and your loved ones have been in my every prayer. This letter is a difficult one for me to write especially since I am addressing many who have been tremendously affected by the storm! I hope that you and your family are well and will soon receive all necessary assistance to help you recover from any effects that you have experienced as the result of the storm.

I am so grateful for your pledge to the 2017 appeal. These funds – which are used for the operational costs of our ministries – are more important than ever. Twenty-three of our parishes and three of our schools sustained severe damage. Holy Family Retreat Center, which your gifts support, was hit the hardest. The rebuilding will be costly and long, but as you probably know from your own experience the usual costs of daily living also continue as does our work.

Catholic Charities of Southeast Texas and our diocesan ministries have not only continued their good works but have also added to their workload as they have responded to the many needs created by Harvey. So, though I am always grateful for your pledges to the appeal, my gratitude has increased this year just as the needs of our ministries and our people have.

Some of you who have weathered the storm unscathed will be able to not only complete your pledge but you may perhaps want to increase your gift. Your increase will help us greatly since so many others may not be able to keep their promise due to financial hardships from the storm. I hope that you will consider that increase if you have been spared. If, however, you have also suffered grave damage and are struggling to make ends meet, I totally understand. I have spoken with many of you and have witnessed your personal devastation. Know your faith community is in solidarity with you.

Our offices did not send out September statements. Even though we did not mail statements, many of you continued to make payments on your pledges. Thank you so much for those! I am humbled by your generosity and graciousness.

Although this has been a difficult time for all of us, the Light of Christ continues to shine in so many ways. We see His Light in the way each of you have responded to the needs of your brothers and sisters. I am honored to be your shepherd. You are in my prayers.

Sincerely in Christ, **Most Rev. Curtis Guillory, SVD, DD, Bishop of Beaumont**