

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Sunday Oct. 29	Ex 22:20-26 Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 1 Thes 1:5c-10 Mt 22:34-40
Monday Oct. 30	Rom 8:12-17 Ps 68:2 & 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday Oct. 31	Rom 8:18-25 Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday Nov. 1	(Holy Day of Obligation) Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a
Thursday Nov 2	Ws 3:1-9 Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Jn 6:37-40
Friday Nov 3	Rom 9:1-5 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Lk 14:1-6 or Phil 4:4-9 Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3 Mt 22:34-40
Saturday Nov 4	Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29 Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15 17-18 Lk 14:1, 7-11 or Rom 12:3-13 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 21-22, 25 & 27 Jn 10:11-16

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: Richard Scott, Shirley Allison, Rose Davis & Walter Davis
Sunday: Phyllis Thibodeaux, Dorothy Jacobs, Fred Green & Elizabeth Mitchell

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: A: Mona Richard L: Leo Jackson & Josie Curtis
Sunday: A: Dorothy Broussard L: Eva Platt & Amyhia LeBlanc

ALTAR SERVER:

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

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday: Russell Bottley & Freda Guillory
Sunday: Shirley Ray & Freda Guillory

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.



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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday Oct. 29	9:00 a.m.
Monday Oct. 30	No Mass
Tuesday Oct. 31	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Nov 1	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Nov. 2	6:00 p.m.
Friday Nov. 3	6:00 p.m. Adoration
Saturday Nov. 4	4:00 p.m. +Vernon Gray requested By Mary Gray

(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).

Attendance	
Saturday	33
Sunday	44
Weekend Collection	
Deductible	Non-Deductible
Mail In \$ 110.00	
Loose \$ 141.00	
World Mission \$ 184.00	
Gifts	\$ 607.00
Saturday \$ 610.00	
Sunday \$ 1,262.00	
Total Deposit	\$ 2,914.00
Expenses: direct TV <\$ 37.59> admin aup <\$ 1,180.05> City of orange <\$ 775.39> Entergy <\$ 1,349.98> Center point energy <\$ 161.74> Catholic's School tuition <\$ 620.>	

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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 29, 2017

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself”



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.

Infant Baptism:
Please contact the pastor two (2) months in advance

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

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

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

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Been there. Done that.

At Christmas time our parish distributes food baskets to families who struggle financially. We once took a basket to a family experiencing a temporary hardship. The young mother was touched by her community's generosity, but quickly said, "Oh, no, I don't need this as much as my sister. Her husband was just laid off and they're really struggling. Please take this basket to her." The following year, both sisters volunteered to prepare and distribute baskets.

FIRST READING: Exodus 22:20–26 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 18:2–3, 3–4, 47, 51
SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c–10 GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34–40

Comment

We often know how someone feels who suffers loss or pain only because we have felt the same way ourselves. God reminds the Israelites in the reading from Exodus today that they were once outsiders. They know how it feels to be foreigners in a strange land, and therefore they should do nothing against the disadvantaged.

The Thessalonians had also suffered persecution, but through their conversion they became model Christians. Paul and Timothy were true to God and modeled fidelity. Through the strength of their example, many Thessalonians turned away from idolatry in order to serve the one, living God.

And what does God ask of those who would be of service? In answer to another trick question from the Pharisees, Jesus gives us God's greatest commandment: To love God with all our heart, soul, and mind and to love one another as we love ourselves ... whether we've been where they are or not.

Reflection

Some people serve others as part of their occupation. Educators, those working in the medical field, counselors, priests and ministers, are only a few professions that are service-oriented. Many people in these fields and others volunteer their time and talent to build up the reign of God by helping directly in their church or in their community.

If we consider power and importance to be signs of strength, we miss the greatness of humility. Throughout the Gospels we hear stories of Jesus turning everything upside down with his ideas of the last being first and the humble being blessed. It is that message that he expresses in Matthew's Gospel today. In order to be great in God's eyes, we need to love God and one another with as much love as we have for ourselves.

On a good day, it's easy to love ourselves. But what about the days when we're not so lovable? How do we care for ourselves when we come up short of our expectations and disappointment clouds our vision? These are the times when we need to know God's love for us first and then return that love through prayer, quiet reflection, and outward-directed action. We need to nourish our soul and practice self-care so that we can love ourselves and pass that love on to others. Jesus showed us how to do this. He took time to be alone, to pray and reflect. He then used his recharged strength to reach out to others so that they might love themselves and others. In our humble service, we lift up our neighbors and give them the confidence they need to become humble servants as well.

How Are *You* Observing The Month Of The Holy Rosary?

The month of the Holy Rosary is October and this entire month is dedicated to the Rosary. The feast day of the Holy Rosary in particular is October 7th. The feast of the Rosary is held on October 7th in memory of the glorious and triumphant victory at the battle of Lepanto. That battle was the most convincing military victory that proved without a doubt the great power of the Rosary.

Breast Cancer Awareness

Breast cancer is the second most common kind of cancer in women. About 1 in 8 women born today in the United States will get breast cancer at some point. The good news is that most women can survive breast cancer if it's found and treated early. A mammogram – the screening test for breast cancer – can help find breast cancer early when it's easier to treat.

What Is the Holy Trinity?

In Deuteronomy, we find the great declaration of the Jewish faith that there is one God (see 6:4), and this affirmation is echoed in Christian teaching (see Jas 2:19). Yet at the same time, Scripture calls three Persons "God" (the Father; the Son, Jesus; and the Holy Spirit) and describes all three in ways that pertain to God alone, not to creatures. Nor are these three names simply various ways of speaking about the same Person: At Jesus' baptism, for example, as he (God the Son) emerges from the water, a voice (God the Father) speaks from heaven, and a dove (a form taken by God the Holy Spirit) alights on him (see Lk 3:21-22).

The Church teaches that these two realities of God's "oneness" and "threeness" are not contradictory. Rather, God is one Being in three Persons; within his very essence, he is one community of love.

This Trinity in Unity is no doubt a mystery; after all, as human beings with limited intellects, we can't hope to comprehend fully who God is in himself. Consider this parallel: Someone living in a one-dimensional world, where there can only be points on a line, could not imagine a square. And in a two-dimensional world, where squares exist, a cube would be incomprehensible.

That's how God stands in relation to us. So we accept what he has revealed about himself, even though we find it difficult to fathom. We recognize with the biblical character Job that when we try to figure out God, we are dealing "with great things that [we] do not understand; / things too wonderful for [us], which [we] cannot know" (Jb 42:3). (See also "How Has God Revealed Himself

RELATED SCRIPTURE — Texts cited: Dt 6:4 • 1b 42:3 • Lk 3:21-22 • Jas 2:19. **General:** Mt 28:19
Jn 10:17-18 (with Rom 8:11 and Gal 1:1); 14:23 (with Rom 8:9-11 and 1 Cor 3:16-17); 16:7-8; 17:21-23;
20:26-29 • Acts 5:3-4, 9; 13:2-4; 16:6-7; 20:28; 28:25 (with Is 6:8-10) 1 Cor 8:5-6 • 2 Cor 13:13 • 1 Tm
6:13-16 (with Rv19:11-13 and Jn 1:1-5, 14) • Heb 9:14; 10:29 • 1 Pt • 1 Jn 5:7-8. **CATECHISM OF THE
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Save the Date *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 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

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.**

New Bereavement Committee

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Mrs. Phyllis Thibodeaux Mr. Peter Roberson

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation for agreeing to explore in this new journey of ways to serve God's people, the mission of the church. Your willingness to help serve our parish in this capacity is duly noted, recognized and greatly appreciated. With Sincere Gratitude, Fr. Donatus Mgbeajuo, MSP