

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sun. June 10 - Gn 3:9-15 Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 2 Cor 4:13-5:1 Jn 12:31b-32 Mk 3:20-35**

**Mon. June 11 - Acts 11:21b-26; 12:1-3 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 Mt 5:12a Mt 5:1-12**

**Tues. June 12 - 1 Kgs 17:7-16 Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 Mt 5:16 Mt 5:13-16**

**Wed. June 13 - 1 Kgs 18:20-39 Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11 Ps 25:4b, 5a Mt 5:17-19**

**Thurs. June 14 - 1 Kgs 18:41-46 Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13 Jn 13:34 Mt 5:20-26**

**Fri. June 15 - 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16 Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 Phil 2:15d, 16a Mt 5:27-32**

**Sat. June 16 - 1 Kgs 19:19-21 Psalm 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10 Ps 119:36a, 29b Mt 5:33-37**

**MASS INTENTIONS for the Week**

**Sunday, June 10, 2018 9:00 am Mass**

Mon. June 11, NO MASS

Tues. June 12, 8:00 am

Wed. June 13, 8:00 am

Thurs. June 14, 8:00 am

Fri. June 15, 8:00 am  
Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 pm

Saturday, June 16, 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

(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).

**June Birthday List  
Happy Birthday to::**

John Semien	1
Josh Riggs	6
Fr. Donatus Mgbeajuo, MSP	7
Anessia Jacobs-Chambers	9
Therese Ferguson	12
Shirley Ray	15
Melena Hampton	16
Devin Hebert	24
Hollis Fain	28
Emmanuel Taylor	29

Happy Anniversary

Reginald & Tina Kindle	5th
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**MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEKEND HOSPITALITY**

Saturday: Brenda Mims, Rose Davis, Walter Davis & Richard Scott

Sunday: Staci Powers, Sonja Popillion, Veronica Bradford, Horace Broussard

**ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:**

Saturday: A: Gary Mims  
L: Freda Guillory

Sunday: A: Peggy Green  
L: Tina Kindle & Eva Platt

**ALTAR SERVER:**

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

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:**

Saturday Freda Guillory & Richard Scott

Sunday: Freda Guillory & Dorothy Broussard

**\*\*\*Attention Everyone\*\*\***

**Mrs. Doris Gans is doing very well and if you wish to contact her please call the parish office for her phone number. Thanks in advance**

**COORDINATORS OF MINISTRIES**

**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** meetings held *every 3rd* Wednesday of *each* month.

**Socials - Knights of Peter Claver & Ladies Auxiliary \*** Parish Luncheon, the second Sunday of each month.

**Youth - Felicia Richard**

**Stewardship-Wayne Sparrow**

**Attendance**

**Saturday: 32 Sunday: 50**

**Weekend Collection**

Mail In	\$ 90.00
Loose	\$ 116.00
Saturday	\$ 310.00
Sunday	<u>\$1,346.00</u>

**Total Deposit \$ 1,862.00**

**Expenses: Direct TV < \$114068>  
Fun slide < 1755.20>**

**Office of Admin. Diocese of Bmt < \$2,446.38>**

**2nd collec <\$ 97.>  
Office suppl <\$ 139.39>**



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**Pastoral Team:**

**Rev. Donatus Mgbeajuo, MSP**

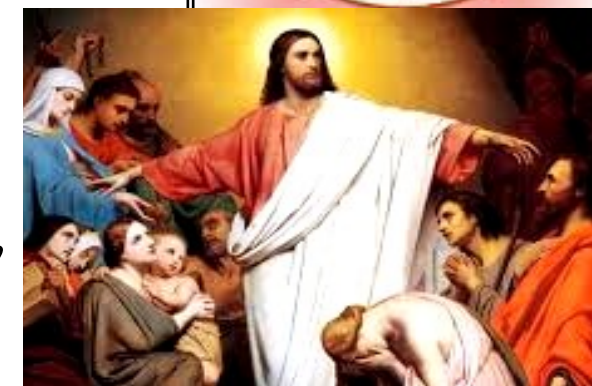
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**Office Hours: Tuesday thru Thursday  
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**



**The 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
June 10, 2018**

**“Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”**



**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

**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
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Janice Semien	883-7126
Tina Kindle	238-4447

# TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Follow the Leader

At one time or another as children, we all played “Follow the Leader.” It was, and remains, a simple game, one easily played and enjoyed. As we grew, however, choosing the right leader and following him or her became more difficult and certainly not always pleasant. We tend to follow those who possess magnetism, a sense of purpose, an aura of power. Sadly, not all such leaders are possessed of good intentions. Today’s liturgy celebrates the magnetism, purpose, and power of a leader who is all-good. The readings charge us to recognize him and to follow.

**FIRST READING: Genesis 3:9–15    RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 130:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8**

**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:13 — 5:1    GOSPEL: Mark 3:20–35**

## Comment

Genesis recounts the consequences of following temptation into sin. Adam and Eve now become as strangers to God, to one another, and to the earth. But the reading also promises a reconciliation. Even in their sin, Eve and Adam are promised a redemption. God will save humankind. Even though we may succumb at times, we have God’s word that ultimately we will be able to overcome temptation and its effects, with God’s help.

Anyone able to perform miracles is bound to capture attention. Today’s Gospel speaks of Jesus’ notoriety because of his miracles, in particular his exorcisms. The Jews believed that the ability to drive out demons could come either from God or from Satan. Since the Jewish religious leaders already saw Jesus as a threat to their stature and authority, they inclined to the latter opinion.

Challenged, Jesus responds with metaphors. First, he points out that if he were a messenger of Satan, Satan would be tearing apart his own kingdom—clearly an unwise political move! Second, he goes on to explain that a strong man’s house cannot be despoiled, unless the strong man is first restrained. Jesus claims to be restraining Satan, the “strong man,” and thus taking possession of Satan’s “house”—the world, once under evil’s dominion. The kingdom of evil is being overcome and displaced by the kingdom of God, by the Messiah, the emissary of God.

Jesus then addresses the seriousness of the religious leaders’ accusation against him, labeling it a blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. Jesus equates refusal to accept God’s messenger with a refusal to accept God’s promised salvation. Jesus accuses the leaders of rejecting him not out of human weakness but out of hard-heartedness and bad faith. Such recalcitrance will not be tolerated.

The Gospel concludes with Jesus apparently rejecting his family. In fact, this is not so. Rather, he is expanding his “family,” including in his family “whoever does the will of God”—all those who follow him and accept him as their leader. This is a guarantee of the fulfillment of God’s promise that, with Christ’s help, we will be able to overcome the power of temptation and sin.

The reading from Second Corinthians speaks of the struggles with evil we all will have to endure if we dare to call Christ our leader. To persevere, Paul tells us that we need to be doubly focused: focused on eternal life and focused on the life we are living now. So focused, Paul assures us that Christ’s great power is operative within us and leading us on.

## Reflection

Tongue planted firmly in his cheek, Oscar Wilde once remarked, “I can resist anything ... except temptation.” Long before Wilde uttered these words, Jesus knew their sad truth: Our campaign against evil was not going to be easily won. Surely that is why, in the Lord’s Prayer, Jesus included a petition to help us steer clear of temptation. Navigating such a steady course is not simple. We are easily tempted, our heads easily turned, our attention easily diverted, our intentions always subject to question. We need direction.

This is not to say that we are not good followers. In fact, we’re quite good at it. Unfortunately, we’re not always very particular about whom we follow. Someone once said that we are a nation of people who are far too easily pleased. We don’t ask much from our leaders, and so we get precisely what we ask for. The leader who plots the true but difficult course has few fans and fewer followers.

### PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Mary Brown  
David Jayce Carey  
Courtney Chavis  
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  
Mable Durio  
Alberta Fontenot  
Frances Freeman  
Debra Glaude  
Margaret Green  
Peggy Green  
Myrtle Guillory  
Rena Mae Jenkins  
Celestine Johnson  
Calvin Johnson  
Stacy Johnson  
Rose Lee Johnson  
Lakeisha Guidry-Jones  
Leothus Jones  
John Milton  
Ruby Milton  
Bettye Odom  
Clayona Pilette  
Doris Robertson  
Robert Simmons  
Mary Ware  
Joe Ware

### \*\*\*THANK YOU\*\*\*

Please accept my heartfelt “thank you” to everyone that work so hard in preparing my Graduation/Birthday celebration. To all for attending, your presence is a gift in itself, it means a lot to me that you all took time from your busy lives to wish me congratulations and a happy birthday. I feel very blessed to have everyone share in the celebration. Your thoughtfulness and generosity will not be forgotten!

**Fr. Donatus Mgbeajuo MSP**

### \*\*\*Thank You Everyone\*\*\*

Thank you to everyone who worked hard, making phone calls, passed out flyers, cooked or what every capacity you played in making St. Therese Youth Fun day a success. Thank you to the youth and their parents of our communities, We are so grateful for the time, energy, excitement, you put into fun day. We’re already praying that you’ll come back and see us next year!

### Bishop Faith Appeal

**Goal : \$17,310    Paid: \$7,180.**

**It is time to begin our yearly commitment to our BFA goal for 2018. Everyone is asked to make their pledges and payments. If you have any questions or concerns about your contributions to BFA please contact Shirley Ray at (409) 779-9922. or Fr. Donatus (409) 454-3958. Romans 8:28 says We know that all things work together for good, for those who love God, who are the called according to his purpose. We are 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. 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**

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.**

### \*\*\*Mission Appeal\*\*\*

There will be a second collection for Brothers of the Sacred Heart, who are religious educators, will be here the weekend of June 23 & 24 at both Saturday 4 pm and Sunday 9 am Masses. The Brothers are asking for both your prayers and financial support. Your contribution will especially benefit young men who are preparing to enter religious life and needy students in the African countries.

### \*\*\*Attention\*\*\*

The Diocese of Beaumont is sponsoring a Catholic Charismatic Renewal seminar

When: Saturday August 11, 2018  
Where: St. Anne's Catholic Church Hall  
11th & Calder - Beaumont TX  
Time: 8:00 am - 12:00 noon  
Presenter: Msgr. William Manger  
Topic: Pope Francis' Exhortation,  
"Rejoice and be Glad! The call to holiness."

There will be breakout sessions, refreshments, fellowship and individual sharing. All are invited.

There is no charge, but registration is required by July 27, (numbers needed for handouts and refreshments). Please call 409-724-7379.