

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sun. August 19 - Prv 9:1-6 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Eph 5:15-20 Jn 6:56 Jn 6:51-58**

**Mon. August 20 - Ez 24:15-23 Deuteronomy 32:18-19, 20, 21 Mt 5:3 Mt 19:16-22**

**Tues. August 21 - Ez 28:1-10 Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab 2 Cor 8:9 Mt 19:23-30**

**Wed. August 22 - Ez 34:1-11 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Heb 4:12 Mt 20:1-16**

**Thurs. August 23 - Ez 36:23-28 Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 Ps 95:8 Mt 22:1-14**

**Fri. August 24 - Rv 21:9b-14 Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 Jn 1:49b Jn 1:45-51**

**Sat. August 25 - Ez 43:1-7ab Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 Mt 23:9b, 10b Mt 23:1-12**

**August Birthday List  
Happy Birthday to::**

Jill Mosby	1
Marina Taylor	1
Lauren Jackson	2
Christopher Henry	4
David Thomas III	6
Dorothy Jacobs	10
Gloria Richard	11
Veronica Warren	11
Walter Davis	15
Tyler Rodriguez	15
Mary Lazenby	17
Morgan Jackson	19
Patrick Mims	27
John Riggs Sr.	28
Horace Broussard	29

**Happy Anniversary**

Carroll & Mable Durio	*55yrs	5th
Patrick & Brenda Mims	*45yrs	18th
John & Tammy Richard		12th
Lester & Sanja Popillion		31st

**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 - 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-Wayne Sparrow**



**St. Therese Catholic Church**

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**Pastoral Team:**

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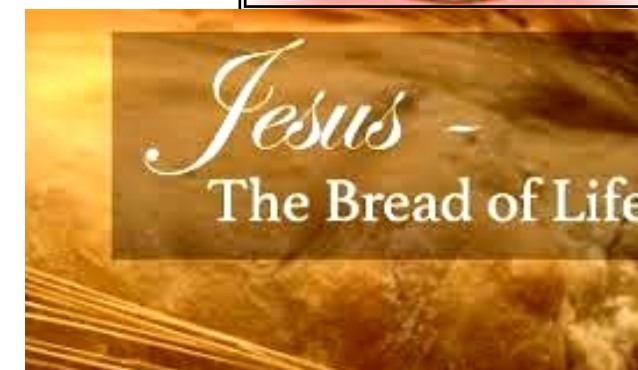
Office Hours: Tuesday thru Thursday  
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**August 19, 2018**

**“The bread that I will give is my  
flesh for the life of the world”**



**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

**Reconciliation**

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

**Infant Baptism:**

Please contact the pastor two (2) months in advance

**Weekdays:**

Tuesday-Friday 8:00 a.m.

**Adoration & Benediction**

1st Friday each month 5p.m.-6p.m.

**Marriage:**

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

**\*\*\*Cleaning\*\*\***

St. Veronica Committee: Every Thursday at 6:00 p.m., Fr. Donatus will meet with different groups and ministries to clean the Church. This Thursday, the 23 of August, the next group to clean the Church is the Youth Coordinators. Everyone is encouraged to help keep our Church clean. please come and join in wiping clean the "Face of the Lord."

**MASS INTENTIONS  
for the Week**

**Sunday, August 19, 2018 9:00 am Mass**

Mon. August 20, NO MASS

Tues. August 21, 8:00 am

Wed. August 22, 8:00 am

Thurs. August 23, 8:00 am

Fri. August 24, 8:00 am

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 pm

Saturday, August 25, 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).

**MINISTRIES FOR THE  
WEEKEND HOSPITALITY**

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

Sunday: YOUTH

**ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:**

Saturday: A: Mona Richard  
L: Gary Mims

Sunday: A: Reagan Pitre  
L: William Pitre & Hannah Allison

**ALTAR SERVER:**

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

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:**

Saturday Freda Guillory & Russell Bottley  
Sunday: Mr. & Mrs. Adam Jacobs

**Attendance**

Saturday: 34 Sunday: 61

**Weekend Collection**

Mail In	\$ 20.00
Loose	\$ 69.00
Spectrum ref.	\$ 38.01
Saturday	\$ 1,795.00
Sunday	\$ 926.00

**Total Deposit \$ 2,848.01**

**Expenses:**

**SECRETARY**

Cindy Hampton (409) 882-0935

**PARISH COUNCIL**

Richard Scott, Chairman	779-7587
Rose Davis, Vice Chairman	883-0762
Steven Allison, Secretary	313-0586
Cecilia Davis	920-1136
Rose Bottley	886-1525
Charlis D. Rogers	988-8719
Adam Jacobs	883-9688
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**MAINTENANCE & GROUNDS**

Joe Ware 886-5331

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Sanja Popillion (409) 670-0808

**FINANCE COUNCIL**

Andre Robertson	882-0012
Robert Gobert	(504) 232-5640
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Janice Semien	883-7126
Tina Kindle	238-4447



# TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Savoring and Sharing Life

If summertime isn't the best time to share life with one another, it's surely the easiest. In the summer, we seem to have the time or make the time to enjoy life and to enjoy it with those we love—at the beach, in the park, dangling a fishing line over the side of a boat, pedaling a bike, or just basking in the sunshine. Summertime is a good time to remember that all our time, all our life, is a gift, a sharing in the time and life of God. And, thank God, our God encourages us to savor the gift of life by sharing it with others.

*FIRST READING: Proverbs 9:1-6    RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7*  
*SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:15-20    GOSPEL: John 6: 51-58*

## Comment

In a splendid passage from Proverbs, we find Wisdom preparing the messianic banquet. This is again a prefiguration of the Eucharist. The reading invites us to put away "foolishness" and to sup at the table the Lord God has set for us. Doing so may well seem foolish to others. Who would be so unwise as to celebrate a meal that leads to a cross? Who would be so foolish as to believe that bread and wine are body and blood? All of us "simple" folk, that's who. All of us who are crazy enough to believe that there is more to life than meets the eye, more to bread and wine than meets the senses, more to the cross than death.

The Gospel contains the third installment of Jesus' discourse on the Bread of Life (and the fourth consecutive reading from the sixth chapter of the Gospel according to John). In today's passage, Jesus bluntly states that the bread he will give is his own flesh. The crowd grumbles and misunderstands. However, we shouldn't be too hard on those folks. Remember, we're reading John. "Misunderstanding" on the part of Jesus' hearers is one of John's favorite ways to help us ask important questions. Thus, the crowd's misunderstanding leads them to ask Jesus just such a question, which in turn allows Jesus to lead them to deeper understanding.

Jesus is asked a "how" question. He answers a "what" question. The crowd wants Jesus to solve a problem. Jesus wants to draw the crowd into a mystery. So Jesus does not tell his listeners "how" he will give them his flesh to eat. Instead, Jesus tells them "what" eating his flesh will mean for them: real union and real life with God. This is not just a promise, a hope hanging in the future. No, Jesus is saying that the person who eats the bread he gives has union and life now.

## Reflection

Over the past few weeks, the second reading at Mass has been taken from Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Paul has been providing an ongoing instruction on what it means to live and share God's life now. Paul was writing to people who lived in the midst of pagan activity. Perhaps that is why his words are so applicable to us today. This is not to say that our neighbors are pagans, that our world is monstrously evil, or that everyone is out to get us Christians. That's not true. What is true, however, is that times are tough. We are a pressured people. Our society constantly pressures us to look out for ourselves, to take the best advantage we can, often without giving much thought to the other guy. Paul also urges us to take the best advantage we can, but with constant regard for the other guy. And the best advantage we can take is to remember that Christ is with us—is in us—now.

### \*\*\*Ladies of Grace\*\*\*

Ladies of Grace Mary Ann Chapter 8 is sponsoring an appreciation Luncheon "Honoring our Shepherds" which is being held at Our Mother of Mercy Church Saturday, October 13, 2018, ticket donation is \$30. The deadline for purchasing tickets Saturday, September 15, 2018. The guest speakers for the event is Rev. Ayo Emmanuel Efodigbue, M.S.P. and Most Worthy James K. Ellis Supreme Knight and Chief Administrative Officer Knights of Peter Claver Inc. Our very own Rev. Dr. Donatus Mgbeajuo, M.S.P. is on of the honorees.

### 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  
Rena Mae Jenkins  
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  
Claudine Riggs  
Doris Robertson  
Robert Simmons  
Mary Ware  
Joe Ware

### Attention ALL Students

Parents and Guardians please register your student or students for CCD and Bible Study. Every season we have new challenges facing our community. To prepare ourselves and our children, we are encouraging students, elementary to high school to learn God's plan for us. Registration will begin Saturday, September 29, 2018 from 10 am to 12 noon. Classes begin every second (2) and fourth (4) Saturday starting October 13th and 27th of each month from 10 am to 12 noon. Catholic's and non-Catholic's all are welcome to attend.

### "I Do Again" Retreat for Married Couples

The Office of Family Life Ministry of the Diocese of Beaumont is hosting a Retreat weekend for married couples. The retreat will begin Friday, October 5, through Sunday, October 7, 2018 at the Holiday Inn Plaza, 3950 I-10 South, Walden Road, Beaumont. The cost of the retreat is \$100., this fee includes room, board, materials and instruction. Please make your checks payable to the "Diocese of Beaumont." Please register immediately because space is limited. For more information contact Sandra Hall at 409-924-4325 or [shall@dioceseofbmt.org](mailto:shall@dioceseofbmt.org) or Jerome Cabeen at 409-924-4390 or [jcabeen@dioceseofbmt.org](mailto:jcabeen@dioceseofbmt.org)

### Bishop Faith Appeal Goal : \$17,310    Pledges: \$15,815. Paid: \$ 8,995.

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, Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ whom strengthens me. We are look forward to the continued growth of our parish

The parish office is updating our records, so please all of us are encouraged to sign-up for one ministry or two. All those already serving in ministries should equally sign-up for the update of our records. Please use the sign-up sheet at the rear of the Church to submit your information. All information will be used to update our records.

### 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 MARRIED COUPLES

Anyone who will be celebrating 25th, 50th, or 50th + wedding anniversary in 2018: Bishop Curtis J. Guillory and the Office of Family Life Ministry invite you to attend the annual diocesan ceremony honoring your commitment to the Sacrament of Marriage on Sunday, October 21, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica.

If you would like to take part in the ceremony or you need more information please call the parish office.

### \*\*\*Intentions Mass\*\*\*

Everyone is welcome to attend the Intentions Mass August 23, 2018 at 6:00 pm, at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica, downtown Beaumont. The Intentions Mass is a beautiful experience and we looking forward to praying with you and for all the Intentions of those in Southeast Texas.

### \*\*\*ATTENTION \*\*\*

**If anyone has any announcements to be placed in the Weekly Bulletin, upon the Pastor's review and approval please submit your information to the parish office by the end of the day every Wednesday. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**