

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sun. August 26** - Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21 Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32 Jn 6:63c, 68c Jn 6:60-69

**Mon. August 27** - 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5 Jn 10:27 Mt 23:13-22

**Tues. August 28** - 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17 Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 Heb 4:12 Mt 23:23-26

**Wed. August 29** - 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18 Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 Mt 5:10 Mk 6:17-29

**Thurs. August 30** - 1 Cor 1:1-9 PS 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mt 24:42a, 44 Mt 24:42-51

**Fri. August 31** - 1 Cor 1:17-25 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 Lk 21:36 Mt 25:1-13

**Sat. September 1** - 1 Cor 1:26-31 Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21 Jn 13:34 Mt 25:14-30

**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
Reginald Kindle	23
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

**Attendance**

Saturday: 37 Sunday: 62

**Weekend Collection**

Mail In	\$ 45.00
Loose	\$ 78.00
Saturday	\$ 385.00
Sunday	\$ 1,476.00

**Total Deposit \$ 1,984.00**

**Expenses:** plant & maint. < \$ 227.16 >  
Liturgy <\$ 275.> security sys <\$48.70>  
Center point <\$ 133.41>  
equip. contract <4 130.67>  
Spectrum buz <\$201.55>  
Central Admin Off. Dio. Of Bmt <\$2,201.27>

**St. Therese Catholic Church**

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9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**August 26, 2018**

**“No one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father”**



**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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Andre Robertson	882-0012
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**MASS INTENTIONS  
for the Week**

**Sunday, August 26, 2018 9:00 am Mass**

Mon. August 27, NO MASS

Tues. August 28, 8:00 am

Wed. August 29, 8:00 am

Thurs. August 30, 8:00 am

Fri. August 31, 8:00 am  
Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 pm

Saturday, September 1, 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 & Willie Olivier  
Sunday: Fred Green, Dorothy Jacobs, Elizabeth Mitchell & Veronica Bradford

**ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:**

Saturday: 1st Rdr.: Leo Jackson  
2nd Rdr.: Freda Guillory  
Sunday: 1st Rdr.: Amaya Leblanc  
2nd Rdr.: Eva Platt

1st reader = greeting & responsorial  
2nd reader = prayer of faithful & announcements

**ALTAR SERVER:**

Saturday: Reagan Pitre William Pitre  
Sunday: **Needed**

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:**

Saturday Gail Jefferson & Richard Scott  
Sunday: Dorothy Broussard & Freda Guillory

# TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Thresholds

The word “threshold” connotes exit and entrance. It is a Janus-like image facing both out and in. We pause at thresholds and rightly so. At one time grooms carried their brides across thresholds. New lives begin; old lives are left behind. Choices are acted out by stepping across a threshold. We pause at thresholds and rightly so.

**FIRST READING:** *Joshua 24:1–2a, 15–17, 18b*    **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *Psalm 34:2–3, 16–17, 18–19, 20–21*  
**SECOND READING:** *Ephesians 5:21–32 [2a, 25–32]*    **GOSPEL:** *John 6: 60–69*

## Comment

After forty years of wandering in the desert, the people of God stand at the entrance to the promised land. The Pentateuch ends with Joshua gathering all his people rank on rank at the Cannanite shrine of Shechem. This seems a peaceable place to end the sojourn and begin taking possession of what came to be called the Promised Land. Here at the shrine of Shechem the covenant is recalled and renewed. This momentous pause marks a threshold. It marks the ending of the sojourn in the desert and begins life in a new territory.

Though it is not included in this reading, Joshua reiterates the terms of the original covenant on Sinai and recalls God’s care for the people in their sojourn. Then, Joshua tells the people of his choice to serve the Lord and asks them to choose. They affirm their fidelity to the covenant: “Far be it from us to forsake the LORD ... we also will serve the LORD ... our God.” And with that, they cross the threshold and begin a new life.

The second reading deals with a covenant, with life after a threshold is crossed. In this case it is the covenant between husband and wife, the foundation of a people, a family. This reading, which is also the second reading for the feast of the Holy Family, speaks of the responsibility incurred when one enters into a loving relationship. The mutual and complementary love of the spouses is our best reflection of the relationship between Christ and the Church.

## Reflection

Like the first reading, today’s Gospel also speaks of the moment of truth and choice. The Twelve have a right to pause here and consider. Jesus assures timorous people of good heart that the decision they make is not the result of their courage, but rather a manifestation of their faith in God. The followers of Jesus will not arrive at the truth of his life and words and work except by the action of the Father. This is reminiscent of Jesus’ words to Nicodemus another time in another place: “What is born of flesh is flesh and what is born of spirit is spirit” (John 3:6).

At the start of this discourse, which occupies the whole of the sixth chapter of John, thousands pursued Jesus. Now only a few remain. He asks the Twelve poignantly and pointedly, “Do you also want to leave?” We almost do not want Jesus to be this vulnerable, but he is. The response of the Twelve echoes the first reading, “Master, to whom shall we go? [We] ... are convinced that you are the Holy One of God” (John 6:67–68).

“We are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.” We try this one for size; we say it aloud to see if we can say this honestly. This choice of the Twelve is also ours to make a first time—and again, and again, as one choice opens to another, as one day follows another. As followers of Jesus Christ, our life is no less valuable, our response no less valued than that of the Twelve. Jesus is no less driven to ask us and to know our response. As persons baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, no response is small; all are consequential. We are invited to see to it that the daily choices we make originate in the Spirit and draw their strength from there. Thresholds lie before us, thresholds to the cross. But we have to make the choice.

### “I Do Again” Retreat for Married Couples

The Office of Family Life Ministry 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)

### 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  
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  
Rena Mae Jenkins  
Calvin Johnson  
Stacy Johnson  
Rose Lee Johnson  
Lakeisha Guidry-Jones  
Leothus Jones  
John King  
Ruby Milton  
Bettye Odom  
Clayona Pillette  
Herman Richard  
Claudine Riggs  
Doris Robertson  
Robert Simmons  
Mary Ware  
Joe Ware

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.

### 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.

### \*\*\*Family and Friends\*\*\*

As we all know Family and Friends weekend celebration is Saturday, October 27 through Sunday, October 28, 2018. The planning is underway and we are beginning our T-shirt & rosary beads sale, and we are asking everyone to place their order as soon as possible, we will need your size and the number of t-shirts you want. The Tee’s are gold with burgundy lettering and the price is \$10. Please contact Freda Guillory at 409-882-1768 with your money and information. The earlier we collect the information, chances are we will have them in time for the event.

**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

### 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 \*\*\*

On the weekend of September 8-9, 2018, there will be a Special Collection the Superior Generals of the Sisters of the Destitute, and the Carmelites Father of Mary Immaculate, in India. The monies are to provide relief for the victims of massive flooding of large areas in the Province of Kerala, India.

Please be generous, remembering the goodness of others to us in our hurricanes and floods these past 10 years.

### \*\*\*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.**