

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun. Sept. 30 - Nm 11:25-29 Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 Jas 5:1-6 Cf. Jn 17:17b, 17a Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Mon. Oct. 1 - Jb 1:6-22 Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7 Mk 10:45 Lk 9:46-50

Tues. Oct. 2 - Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23 Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8 Ps 103:21 Mt 18:1-5, 10

Wed. Oct. 3 - Jb 9:1-12, 14-16 Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15 Phil 3:8-9 Lk 9:57-62

Thurs. Oct. 4 - Jb 19:21-27 Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 Mk 1:15 Lk 10:1-12

Fri. Oct. 5 - Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5 Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab Ps 95:8 Lk 10:13-16

Sat. Oct. 6 - Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17 Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130 See Mt 11:25 Lk 10:17-24

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH

1st wk. * **Choir & Ushers**
 2nd wk. * **Knights of Peter Claver & Ladies of Auxiliary**
 3rd wk. * **Extra-Ordinary Ministry of Communion & Lectors**
 4th wk. * **Youth**
 5th wk. * **ALL Parishioners**

WEEKLY MASS

Sunday, Sept. 30, 2018 9:00 am Mass

Mon. Oct. 1, NO MASS

Tues. Oct. 2, 8:00 am

Wed. Oct. 3, 8:00 am

Thurs. Oct. 4, 8:00 am

Fri. Oct. 5, 8:00 am

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 pm

Saturday, Oct. 6, 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).

COORDINATORS OF MINISTRIES

Meeting for **ALL COORDINATORS** will be held every 4th Thursday of each month

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: 23 Sunday: 56

Weekend Collection

Mileage \$ 272.50
 Loose \$ 79.54
 Hall/donation \$ 500.00
 Saturday \$ 175.00
 Sunday \$ 1,065.00

Total Deposit \$ 2,095.04

Expenses:

City of Orange <\$ 197.39>

September Birthday List
 Happy Birthday to::

Ryaisha Daughtery 2
 Ursula Gray 3
 Fabian Green 5
 Debra Hawkins 5
 Deborah Crosson 8
 Monic Guillory 14
 Jermaine Mitchell 15
 Cindy Hampton 16
 Darius Mitchell 18
 Elizabeth Mitchell 18
 Wayne Sparrow 19
 Richellee Roberts 20
 Rose Davis 22
 George Davis 22
 Justin Sparrow 22
 Doris Gans 25
 Jalen Jefferson 27
 Chris Popillion 28

Happy Anniversary

Lee & Deborah Henderson 25th

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEKEND HOSPITALITY

Sat: Shirley Allison, Rose Davis, Walter Davis & Willie Olivier

Sun: 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: **Needed**
 Sunday: **Needed**

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday Gail Jefferson & Richard Scott

Sunday: Dorothy Broussard & Freda Guillory



St. Therese Catholic Church

Served by The Missionary Society of St. Paul from Nigeria since 2000

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 Deacon Julian Richard (409) 221-2743
 Deacon Hazen Kenney (512) 791-0847

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



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 30, 2018

“Whoever is not against us is for us”

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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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Authority

There is just no accounting for the enduring existence of people with moral authority. They possess an integrity, sureness, and depth of spirit we cannot help but notice and admire. And we cannot help but follow. For all our planning and organizing, for all our voting for authorized leaders, we count ourselves blessed to have among us people of such moral authority. They are surely a gift from God.

FIRST READING: Numbers 11:25-29 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14

SECOND READING: James 5:1-6 GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Comment

Moses was a surprising leader in many ways. He didn't want the job in the first place, and God appointed Aaron to help him out. So maybe Moses was disposed to receive help anywhere he could find it. It's a good thing, too, because God seems to be much more generous in gift-giving than many would wish—the seventy elders, for example, who received the gift of God's spirit, which made it possible for them to prophesy. Then word came to the honored elders that two unauthorized elders were also prophesying. Moses was not alarmed; on the contrary, he was delighted. Would that everybody were so gifted. Would that the people would rejoice in the generosity of God instead of being so cranky about it!

Jesus faces the same kind of problem in today's Gospel. Great miracles were being performed by people who didn't know Jesus, who were not his chosen few. Jesus is not unnerved by this news. His response echoes that of Moses. One who works miracles in Jesus' name can hardly be against him. Somewhere out there in the great, big world someone has caught the power of the Spirit and is acting for God, who sees all of this and smiles.

Reflection

The Spirit is at work in the world, and we would do well to recognize it and rejoice. We must create institutions to serve, honor, and fulfill the human dignity God intends. And this means being open to the imaginative, lively Spirit. The first reading and the Gospel assume that the Spirit is at work in the world and the task of individuals and institutions is to promote that work, not to cage it, control it, or contribute to its demise.

The second reading warns us away from the Spirit-killing and soul-numbing actions and attitudes that always threaten. The warnings of James were true in the first century; they are true in this one: accumulation of money and possessions for their own sake is useless and not worthy of human endeavor.

We all know spirited people. They're the ones who brighten and enliven our lives and who challenge and disturb our lives. They people for whom things deeply matter, and people who draw our attention to what really matters. These people come in all shapes, sizes, colors, genders, and races. We can find them within and outside of our faith communities. They seem to have God's ear and speak God's mind. We have a name for spirited people like these. We call them prophets. They are our hearts and souls. Prophets are Spirit-filled and Spirit-driven. They do not so much predict futures as remind us of our heritage, our past. They anchor us to our calling, God's promise, our dignity as children of God. They are the most conservative and progressive of voices. The prophets speak God's will; they do not coddle our whims.

We know the official leaders of our people. We know the authorities who are charged to help order our daily lives so that good work gets done and we are safe. But who are the Spirit-filled people we admire? Who claims the allegiance of our heart? Who speaks most strongly with God's voice? Do you? After all, Moses' wish is fulfilled: the Lord's Spirit has been bestowed on all.

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
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
Mark Thibodeaux
Mary Ware
Joe Ware

Friends & Family Weekend "We 'ye Come this far by faith"

Extravaganza will be held Saturday, October 2018 beginning at 6:00pm. Our fellowship meal and, family day will begin Sunday 12 noon, Certainly, we'd love to have you share Sunday Mass at 9 a.m.

There will be time for reflections, questions and answers on our "Catholic Faith as African Americans," Dr. Cynthia Jackson, St. Mary's Catholic School principal will be our guest speaker for that musical extravaganza evening.

In addition to our Event, we will begin with a 9 day Novena of St. Therese the Little Flower. The Novena begins on October 18, 2018 thru the 26th, ending with benediction, We will be celebrating our Parish, Feast of St. Therese.

If you have any questions please contact Freda Guillory or the church office

Family and Friends

There will be a brief meeting Sunday, September 30, after the 9 am Mass for the Family and Friends committee. All sub-coordinators are asked to be prepared to submit their reports at this time. The last day to place your order for T-shirts is Sunday, September 30, 2018. Please make your purchases with Freda Guillory at 409-886-1768. Again, T-shirts are \$10. dollars and St. Therese Rosary Beads, to be sold at a later date, are \$10 dollars.

Bishop Faith Appeal Goal : \$17,310 Paid: \$15,130.

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. In Philippians 4:13 we read: I can do all things through Christ whom strengthens me. Thank you for your commitment as we 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.**

Ladies Auxiliary Plate Lunch Fundraiser

When: Friday, October 5th, 2018.

Where: Family Life Center,

Time: 10am until sold-out.

Donation: \$9.00

Bake Chicken* Dirty Rice* Green Beans

Potato Salad* Slice Cake & Slice Bread

For orders call 409-883-3783

Thanks for your support

You are cordially invited to the

To the 18th Annual Appreciation Luncheon and Thanksgiving Mass of the Missionary Society of St. Paul, Presided by

Most Reverend Joseph N. Perry

Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago

Saturday, October 27, 2018

St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

Rev. Faustinus Okeyikam, MSP - Pastor

6220 La Salette Street, Houston, TX 77021

Gathering at 9:30 am;

Mass of Thanksgiving at 10:00 am

Luncheon and Silent Auction

immediately following Mass

Luncheon is \$25.00

Your tax-deductible contributions to the Missions will also be received with gratitude.

Please **RSVP by October 15, 2018** using the card and envelope provided, or call (713) 747-1722, or email usamp@yahoo.com. You may also use PayPal.

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.