

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun. Oct. 7 - Gn 2:18-24 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 Heb 2:9-11 1 Jn 4:12 Mk 10:2-16

Mon. Oct. 8 - Gal 1:6-12 Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c Jn 13:34 Lk 10:25-37

Tues. Oct. 9 - Gal 1:13-24 Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 Lk 11:28 Lk 10:38-42

Wed. Oct. 10 - Gal 2:1-2, 7-14 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Rom 8:15bc Lk 11:1-4

Thurs. Oct. 11 - Gal 3:1-5 Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 See Acts 16:14b Lk 11:5-13

Fri. Oct. 12 - Gal 3:7-14 Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 Jn 12:31b-32 Lk 11:15-26

Sat. Oct. - Gal 3:22-29 Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Lk 11:28 Lk 11:27-28

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, Oct. 7, 2018 9:00 am Mass The Jacobs & Monroe Families Requested by Mary J. J. Monroe

Mon. Oct. 8, NO MASS

Tues. Oct. 9, 8:00 am

Wed. Oct. 10, 8:00 am

Thurs. Oct. 11, 8:00 am

Fri. Oct. 12, 8:00 am

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 pm

Saturday, Oct. 13, 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.

Environmental - Ina Chavis

Extraordinary Minister of Communion - Dorothy Broussard

Finance - Janice Semien*
finance meetings are held every 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Fund Raiser - Walter Davis

Hospitality/Ushers - Rose Davis

Lectors -

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- Gary Mims

Attendance

Saturday: 37 Sunday: 46

Weekend Collection

Mail In	\$ 30.00
Loose	\$ 23.00
Saturday	\$ 322.00
Sunday	\$ 810.00

Total Deposit \$ 1,185.00

Expenses: Entergy <\$ 1,049.73>

**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	

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEKEND HOSPITALITY

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

Sun: Coretta Ambers, Veronica Bradford, Emmanuel Taylor & Coretta Ambers

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: **1st Rdr.:** Hannah Allison
2nd Rdr.: Gary Mims

Sunday: **1st Rdr.:** Horace Broussard
2nd Rdr.: Wayne Sparrow

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

ALTAR SERVER:

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

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday Richard Scott & Russell Bottley
Sunday: Gloria Richard & Cecilia Davis

*****Meeting*****

There will be a meeting for all CCD teachers Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the education building. Everyone is asked to be in attendance.

St. Therese Catholic Church

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

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Pastoral Team:

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Deacon Julian Richard (409) 221-2743
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Office Hours: Tuesday thru Thursday
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



27th Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 7, 2018

“A man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh”

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

SECRETARY

Cindy Hampton (409) 882-0935

PARISH COUNCIL

Richard Scott, Chairman	779-7587
Rose Davis, Vice Chairman	883-0762
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MAINTENANCE & GROUNDS

Joe Ware 886-5331

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sanja Popillion (409) 670-0808

FINANCE COUNCIL

Janice Semien 883-7126

Sheila Arnold 313-2062
Andre' Robertson 882-0012
Tina Kindle 238-4447

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Long Married

You can always tell when two people you have never seen before—at a restaurant, say—are long married. They speak little, sometimes not at all. He spears a french fry from her plate. She smiles or frowns. He orders apple pie with ice cream; she is watching her weight. Nonetheless, she scoops a dollop of his ice cream off the top of his apple pie. They move back and forth like this. It is a kind of dance they've been dancing for years.

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:18-24 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:9-11 GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16 [2-12]

Comment

The Pharisees weren't the first to argue about the indissolubility of marriage, and they won't be the last. Besides, they were looking to trap Jesus, who was clearly introducing something new under the old sun that beat down on the old streets of Israel. The Pharisees asked whether it was permissible for a husband to divorce his wife. This was a disingenuous question, of course. They may have cared about the hotly contested argument among rabbis about this very question, but they were primarily out to get Jesus. He took their question at face value and set before them an ideal for which his followers still strive. God's law supersedes the concessions of Moses, Jesus says. And, he adds, the man and woman who are joined in matrimony are joined as equal partners—husband and wife. Fidelity is required of both spouses, not just the wife, as the Pharisees' question implies, when they ask "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?"

Jesus' response sends us back to Genesis, today's first reading. In this reading, it is as if Adam is trying to educate God about how hard it is to be one of a kind. He has dutifully named all the animals, an ancient people's indication of superiority, the kind of superiority that unfortunately does not make for a fully satisfying partnership. Adam, we might imagine, has tried to be faithful, grateful, and glad that his creator had set him over all these animals in their stunning variety. But he remains lonely. All of the animals together do not equal one single human being, who is at once like him and other than him.

So God created Eve to be Adam's equal partner on this earth.

Reflection

This is Genesis' take on how indestructible marriage is intended to be. Two individuals leave their home of origin and vow their loyalty to each other until death. Early communities read Jesus' instruction with great interest. They held fast to the ideal enunciated by Jesus. Both partners are equally responsible for the unfolding of their marriage. Both are called to be faithful until death.

Humans are hardwired for relationship, and humans make mistakes. But the ideal holds, though exceptions are allowed. This making of allowances began in the first century of the Church's life. And the exceptions prove the rule. It is possible for human beings to be faithful to promises. Individuals and societies depend on this possibility, as difficult as it may sometimes be to attain.

We are called to keep our promises in the face of all that belittles them. The human spirit does not age, but matures. Even as the body falters and we err, a young and hopeful spirit rebounds and is renewed through some few healing and loving words. The promises of a once young marriage can be renewed in a new exchange of words or one telling gesture: a swap of one French fry for one dollop of ice cream.

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

The weekend will begin with the Extravaganza be held Saturday, October 2018 beginning at 6:00 pm. 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, at 6 pm in the Church, ending with benediction. We will be celebrating our Parish, Feast of St. Therese. If you have any questions please contact Freda Guillory at 409-886-1768 or call the **parish office at 883-3783.**

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 Riggs
Claudine Riggs
Doris Robertson
Robert Simmons
Mark Thibodeaux
Mary Ware
Joe Ware

In Dedication to "Patron Saint" St. Therese

Therese Martin was the last of the nine children born to Louis and Zelie Martin, on January 2, 1873. Only five of her siblings lived to reach adulthood. Therese was a very sensitive child, that craved attention. Her mother died when Therese was four years of age. Since she no longer had her mother, she was spoiled by her father, and her sisters. At the young age of 14, Therese had a conversion that transformed her life. Everything inside of her turned toward love, instead of keeping herself happy. When Therese turned 15 years old, she entered the Carmelite convent in Lisieux to give her entire life to God. Therese took the religious name, Sister Therese of the Child Jesus, and The Holy Face.

During the month of October, each week we will introduce information to help us learn of Therese Martin, our Patron Saint and her dedication to God and his people. In addition to this information, we will begin a nine (9) day novena October 18 through October 26, at 6:00 pm in the Church. We encourage everyone to join us every evening at St. Therese. If you are old and can't make it to the Church in the evenings, remember to join us from your homes in prayer as part of our friends and family celebrations.

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 usamsp@yahoo.com. You may also use PayPal.

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.**

Red Mass

Attention all legal professions, judges, lawyers and legal secretaries, you are invited to attend a Mass of the Holy Spirit on Friday, October 19, 2018 at 11:00 am at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica. After Mass in the Cathedral Center, there will be a luncheon and the Thomas Award will be presented to a person who exemplifies the values of the Catholic Faith and keeps the ideals of the legal profession.

If you will be attending this Mass, please **rsvp** secretary to Bishop Guillory. Claudia Correa at 409-924-4310 or ccorrea@dioceseofbmt.org by October 10, 2018

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