

**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, Dec. 30, 2018 9:00 am Mass**

*New Year's Eve Mon. Dec. 31, 10:30 Caroling, 11:00 pm Mass*

**New Year's Day Mon. Jan. 01, 2019 9:00 AM**

Wed. Jan. 2, 8:00 am  
*Mr. Leo Jackson requested by Leo W. Jackson*

Thurs. Jan. 3, 8:00 am  
*Mrs. Hazel Thomas Barber requested by Cindy Hampton*

Fri. Jan. 4, 8:00 am  
*Mr. Charles Adley Thomas requested by Cindy Hampton*

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 pm

Saturday, Jan. 5, 2019  
*Mr. Albert Thomas requested by Cindy Hampton*  
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 - Peggy Green**

**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: 32 Sunday: 64**

**Weekend Collection**

Mail In	\$ 30.00
donation	\$ 25.00
Loose	\$ 58.00
Saturday	\$ 275.00
Sunday	\$ 6,501.00

**Total Deposit \$ 6,889.00**

**Expenses:**

**Diocese close due to holiday**

**MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND HOSPITALITY**

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

Sun: Fred Green, Dorothy Jacobs, Emmanuel Taylor & Elizabeth Mitchell

**ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:**

Saturday: **1st Rdr.:** Leo Jackson  
**2nd Rdr.:** Eva Platt

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

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

**ALTAR SERVER:**

Saturday: **Needed**

Sunday: **Needed**

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:**

Saturday Gail Jefferson & Russell Bottley

Sunday: Cecilia Davis & Freda Guillory

**December Birthday List**

Happy Birthday to:

Draven Platt	1
Eva Platt	3
Sonja Popillion	4
Betty Odom	5
Courtney Chavis	6
Debra Henderson	11
Lawrence DeLarue	12
Jordan Richard	13
Shirley Cezar	14
Ashton Spearman	17
Zederick Cezar	19
Mary Crossley	21
Lucy Jones	22
Rosie Scott	23
Mary Rigsby	27
Brushelle Scott	28
Russell Bottley	29

**Happy Anniversary**

Andre & Lanier Robertson	8th
Richard & Brushelle Scott	8th
Herman & Mona Richard	10th

**St. Therese Catholic Church**

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

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Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-252-5400

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**Pastoral Team:**

**Rev. Donatus Mgbeajuo, MSP**

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Deacon Hazen Kenney (512) 791-0847

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



**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**December 30, 2018**

**“He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them.”**

**Eucharistic Celebration**

**Weekends:**

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m. & Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

**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
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
Albert Hebert III	746-2627

**MAINTENANCE & GROUNDS**

Joe Ware 886-5331

**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Sanja Popillion (409) 670-0808

**FINANCE COUNCIL**

Janice Semien	883-7126
Robert Gobert	(504) 232-5640
Sheila Arnold	313-2062
Andre' Robertson	882-0012
Tina Kindle	238-4447

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sun. Dec. 30 -** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5. or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10. - Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 - Col 3:15a, 16a or Cf. Acts 16:14b Lk 2:41-52

**Mon. Dec. 31 -** 1 Jn 2:18-21 PS 96:1 -2, 11-12, 13 Jn 1:14a, 12a Jn 1:1-18

**Happy New Year's Tues. Jan. 1 -** Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8. Gal 4:4-7 Heb 1:1-2 Lk 2:16-21

**Wed. Jan. 2 -** 1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Heb 1:1-2 Jn 1:19-28

**Thurs. Jan. 3 -** 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 Jn 1:14a, 12a Jn 1:29-34

**Fri. Jan. 4 -** 1 Jn 3:7-10 Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 Heb 1:1-2 Jn 1:35-42

**Sat. Jan. 5 -** 1 Jn 3:11-21 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Jn 1:43-51

# SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS— THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

## The Rich Rewards of Family

A recent study began with a search for the U.S. city that had the lowest incidence of cancer and heart disease. The winner was Rosetto, Pennsylvania. Experts descended upon the city expecting to see a town populated by non-smokers who ate the right foods, exercised, and kept close track of their cholesterol. They discovered that most were “none of the above.” They found instead that their good health was tied to the close family bonds that prevailed within that community. There’s much to be said for a close and loving family.

*FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 1:20–22, 24–28    RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 84:2–3, 5–6, 9–10*  
*SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1–2, 21–24    GOSPEL: Luke 2:41–52*

## Comment

Today’s Gospel is taken from the “infancy narrative” section of Luke. It is helpful to note the very carefully crafted nature of the stories he recounts here. Under the guise of narrating historical events, Luke is actually engaged in a profound theological reflection on the nature and person of Jesus Christ. From the perspective of his vantage point many years after the life and death of Jesus, and certainly inspired by the Christian community’s faith in Jesus as the risen Son of God, Luke is able to weave a narrative of his early years in a way that reveals to the astute reader all that will unfold more clearly later on in the course of the Gospel story of his public ministry, death, and resurrection.

The heart of this story is Jesus’ pronouncement that he “had to be” in his Father’s house. The phrase “had to be” is a favorite expression of Luke’s to signal the inevitability of a destiny tied irrevocably to God’s saving plan for the world. Jesus reveals his special relationship to God as his Father, a relationship that surpasses any human ties to Mary or Joseph. His is a transcendent identity from the beginning. The fact that he was drawn to the temple, to his “Father’s house,” carried with it a pregnant meaning that will be more fully realized in the Gospel proper, where Luke tells the story of Jesus’ great journey to Jerusalem, the place where the events of his paschal mystery are to be played out. His identity and his mission are both foreshadowed in this scene as he “preaches” in the temple, only to have his message (and person) meet with amazement and astonishment.

## Reflection

One of the all-time great Christmas movies is *It’s a Wonderful Life!* The classic scene is the final one. The townspeople are gathering in George Bailey’s living room. They’re pouring money onto a table, all with the intention of rescuing George from financial ruin. It’s not long before George’s brother enters the picture. Having heard of the hard times George had been going through, he secured a leave from the military, hopped a plane, and flew all day and night to make it to Bedford Falls. He wanted to be of help. Seeing the people and the mountain of money, he raises his glass and toasts his brother: “To my brother George, the richest man in the world!”

George Bailey was rich, all right, but not because he was suddenly given money. He was rich because he had family and friends who loved him and cared about him. There’s much to be said for the benefits and blessings of family.

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

Feast of the Epiphany and Commemoration of the Birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration will be on Saturday, January 5, 2019 at the 4:30 p.m. Mass of Anticipation at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, 4445 Avenue A, Beaumont, TX 77705. Msgr. Michael A. Jamail, Vicar General for the Diocese of Beaumont will be the Main Celebrant. Rev. Kevin Fausz, C.M. will be the Homilist.

### 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  
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

### \*\*\*Special Collection\*\*\*

On the weekend of January 12-13, 2019 there will be a second collection. The Special Collection monies are to provide relief for the victims of the severe wind and flood damage inflicted by the recent Hurricane Michael in the State of Florida.

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

### New Years Eve and New Years Day Mass Schedule

**Dec. 31st** - New Year’s Eve, Choir 10:30 pm  
Mass at 11:00 pm.

**Jan. 1, 2019** - New Year’s Day, Mass at 9 am.

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

Please pick up your offertory envelopes at the rear of the church. If you find an error with your envelopes, please inform the ushers are call the parish office

### \*\*\*Attention members and visitors\*\*\*

For those who have forgotten their offertory envelopes, or visiting the parish and want to leave a contribution, Please use the Welcome envelopes located inside the pews for your convenience.

### \*\*\*Meeting\*\*\*

There will be a Ladies Auxiliary meeting Sunday, January 6, 2019 after Mass in the education building. All members are asked to be in attendance.

### Attention:

Every Thursday we clean the Church and we encourage those who will be available to please come. Everyone is encouraged to help keep our Church clean. please come and join in wiping clean the “Face of the Lord.”

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 Forth Friday of the month for the homebound. Please call Fr. Donatus when a loved one is sick.

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



**Everyone is welcome to join us at St. Therese every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. for devotional prayers through our Parton Saint Therese.**

### 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 (pause for your petitions).

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.**

### \*\*\*Meeting\*\*\*

There will be a Lectors meeting Thursday, January 3, 2019 at 6:00 in the education building. All Lectors are asked to be in attendance for the new protocol review.

### Bishop Faith Appeal Paid in full

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 commitment to BFA.