

**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, July 21, 2019 9:00 am Mass**  
*Jacobs and Monroe Families*  
requested by *Mary Julia J Monroe*

Mon. July 22, 8:00 a.m.

**Tues. July 23, 8:00 am & 5:30 p.m.**  
*Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*  
6:00 p.m prayer through  
*Patron St. Therese*

Wed. July 24, 8:00 am

Thurs. July 25, 8:00 am

Fri. July 26, 8 am

Saturday, July 27,  
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

**BINGO** - Evangeline Platt

**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** - Horace Broussard

**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

**Attendance**

Saturday: 27 Sunday: 53

**Weekend Collection**

Mail In	\$ 55.40
Loose	\$ 95.00
Saturday	\$ 505.00
Sunday	\$ 1,924.00

**Total Deposit \$ 2,579.40**

**Expenses:** Security sys <\$ 52.80>

Equipment contract <\$ 41.82>

Liturgy <\$ 29.36>

**July Birthday List  
Happy Birthday to::**

Peggy Green	1
Brenda Mims	1
Mona Richard	6
George Alexander	6
Stefanie Allison	6
Elvina White	6
Turquoy Riggs	10
Joise Curtis	10
Amiyah LeBlanc	12
Brent Hebert	12
Ronald Hebert	12
E'Retrious Gus	13
Lanier Robertson	16
David Riggs	20
Maria Riggs	23
Torian Riggs	28
Claudine Riggs	29
Lester Popillion	30

**Happy Anniversary**

Joe & Mary Ware	4th
John & Janice Semien	13th
Mormom & Ann Richard	25th
George & Cecilia Davis	27th
Deacon Julian & Gloria Richard	31st

**MINISTERS FOR THE  
WEEKEND HOSPITALITY**

Sat: Walter Davis & Richard Scott

Sun: Veronica Warren, Rose Bottley  
Emmanuel Taylor, & Horace Broussard

**ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:**

Saturday: **1st Rdr.:** Gary Mims

**2nd Rdr.:** Dayna Smith

Sunday: **1st Rdr.:** Tina Kindle

**2nd Rdr.:** Peggy Green

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

**ALTAR SERVER:**

Saturday: **Needed**

Sunday: **Needed**

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:**

Saturday Russell Bottley & Dorothy Broussard

Sunday: Mr. & Mrs. Adam Jacobs

**St. Therese Catholic Church**

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

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**Pastoral Team:**

**Rev. Donatus Mgbeajuo, MSP**

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



**The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 21, 2019**

**“Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.”**

**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 Tuesday: 5:30 p.m.

**Adoration & Benediction**  
1st Tuesday each month 5:30 p.m.-6:p.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
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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
Robert Gobert	(504) 232-5640
Sheila Arnold	313-2062
Andre' Robertson	882-0012
Tina Kindle	238-4447

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sun. July 21 - Gn 18:1-10a Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 Col 1:24-28 Cf. Lk 8:15 Lk 10:38-42**

**Mon. July 22 - SGS 3:1-4B or 2 COR 5:14-17 PS 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18**

**Tues. July 23 - Ex 14:21-15:1 Exodus 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17 Jn 14:23 Mt 12:46-50**

**Wed. July 24 - Ex 16:1-5, 9-15 Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 Mt 13:1-9**

**Thurs. July 25 - 2 Cor 4:7-15 Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 See Jn 15:16 Mt 20:20-28**

**Fri. July 26 - Ex 20:1-17 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 See Lk 8:15 Mt 13:18-23**

**Sat. July 27 - Ex 24:3-8 Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 Jas 1:21bc Mt 13:24-30**



# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Hospitality

The art and grace of welcoming another into one's home run deeply in Hebrew and Middle Eastern tradition. There are endless instances of this in the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures. In the second law (Deuteronomy) the Jews are advised to remember that once they, too, were a wandering people, and it is their obligation and honor to welcome the stranger and alien among them. Opening heart and hearth and room and board to another is truly a holy act, as we recall today.

**FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1-10a    RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 5**  
**SECOND READING: Colossians 1:24-28    GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42**

## Comment

There is a lot of scurrying around in two of today's readings. In the first, Abram is almost frenetic in his activity. The three men he sees from afar draw him from his tent. He is effusive in his welcome and generous in his hospitality. But my! does he scurry around. First he insists that the three unexpected visitors stay a spell. Then he hastens to the tent to give orders to Sarai, who is in charge of baking the bread. Next he runs off to get a servant cracking. It is Abram who waits on these three, who seem to function as one. Three inquire about Sarai, and one, who is clearly omniscient if not prophetic, knows Sarai wishes for a child and promises one before the year is out.

These visitors remain shrouded in mystery. They may reflect the familiar and casual comings and goings of God, which one finds in the early writings in Genesis, or the three may stand for some kind of angelic presence. In the letter to the Hebrews, the author clearly had Abraham's visitors in mind when he admonished his readers: "Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels" (Hebrews 13:1-2). Whoever it was who arrived at Abram's tent that day and ate a feast in the shade of the tree in Mamre, they certainly received the gifts of Abram and Sarai's hospitality. And the newly named Abraham and Sarah received an unasked-for gift: the promise of a child, a promise that was fulfilled against all odds.

The Gospel tells of another visitor and two hostesses—Martha and Mary. Martha's problem is that she is overly fussy about the task at hand—preparing a meal. It probably wouldn't have made a lot of difference had Mary been at Martha's side. Jesus wants Martha to settle down, not because her domestic work is unimportant, but because her work seems to have become disproportionately absorbing.

When we come up against a saying of Jesus that seems uncharacteristic of him, we need to check the saying against his whole life. Such is the case here. Clearly he was not against work; we see that he worked hard and steadily. He found time for everyone who came to him. Though he regularly sought quiet times of prayer, he also interrupted the times of prayer when people came to him. (See, for example, Mark 1:35-39.) It cannot be that Jesus categorically prefers prayerful contemplation to necessarily daily work. Some deeper understanding must be intended.

## Reflection

Like constant fretful work, prayer can also become a lopsided concern if one uses prayer to avoid assuming responsibility for action when action is called for. Maintaining a balance between the two is a constant concern of the Church. The story of Martha and Mary can help us with this very issue. Truth to tell, Martha usually ends up getting short shrift. She is often seen as the bustling, irritated busybody. Mary, the contemplative one, is always given the highest praise. But it isn't this easy. We know this from personal experience and from our reading of the history of the Church. Even within the Benedictine community, the problem endures. The monastic order whose ideal is *ora et labora*, prayer and work, has struggled for over 1,450 years to maintain the balance. Which is an interruption of which? Does one take time out from work to pray? Does one take time off from prayer to work? One feeds the other, of course. But how and in what proportion? This is a good question for us to solve for ourselves. If we are too busy to pray, then we are too busy. If our prayer doesn't lead to effective action, then our prayer is inauthentic.

### **The 9th Diocesan Liturgical Conference Sponsored and hosted by the Diocesan Office of Worship**

August 9-10, 2019 at the MCM Elegante' Hotel. The first round of workshops begins, Friday at 5:00 PM followed by a light supper and keynote address. All day Saturday AND DON'T LEAVE UNTIL THE 5:30 PM MASS!! The conference offers something for everyone! There is NO FEE for the conference nor for any of the delicious food. Brochures and Registration Forms will be available soon.

### **PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND**

Mary Brown  
David Jayce Carey  
Courtney Chavis  
Florence Craig  
Therese Ferguson  
Hollis Fain  
Joe B. Forward  
Ella Mae Garrett  
Mary Gray  
Beatrice Guillory  
Mark Mitchell Jr.  
James Mims  
Westley Popillion  
Mormon Richard  
Alma C Thibodeaux



### **PRAY FOR THE SICK**

James Arceneaux  
George Davis  
Mable Durio  
Alberta Fontenot  
Frances Freeman  
Debra Glaude  
Margaret Green  
Myrtle Guillory  
Ronald Hebert  
Junior Henderson  
Calvin Johnson  
Stacy Johnson  
Lakeisha Guidry-Jones  
John King  
Ruby Milton  
John T. Nelson  
Bettye Odom  
Clayona Pillette  
Herman Richard  
John Richard, Sr.  
Claudine Riggs  
Doris Robertson  
Robert Simmons  
Mark Thibodeaux  
Mary Ware  
Joe Ware  
John Warren

### **\*\*ATTENTION Young Adults\*\*** **\*\*\*UNLESH the Gospel\*\*\***

Being the Jewels of the Church!  
Friday/Saturday August 16 17, 2019  
St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica Center  
700 Jefferson St. Beaumont, TX 77701  
Young adults of the Diocese of Beaumont, the Office of African-American Ministry and the Office of Family Life Ministry are excited to welcome renowned speaker and facilitator Jesse Cox to our diocese. Mr. Cox is going to take you on a wonderful journey that will strengthen and invigorate your faith in Christ and Holy Mother Church. This conference will cover important issues facing today's young adult in the Catholic Church, and how each of you can celebrate the jewel that you are. Some of the themes that will be presented during this two-day event are:

Relationships      Prayer Life  
Daily Faith Challenges  
Family/Friends      Faith Formation  
Expectations vs. Invitation  
Conforming oneself to society vs.  
Conforming oneself to the gospel

This conference will be a wonderful spiritual exercise in your daily walk with God. We look forward to hosting you and your friends at this dynamic event. For more information on the conference, and how to register please contact LaWanna Sinegal (409) 924-4333 or Sandra Hall (409) 924-4325. The conference is free of charge, and there will be lite snack foods as well as coffee, tea and drinks.

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

You are Invited Bishop's Faith Appeal Intentions Mass August 22, 2019 St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica at 6:30 pm. The community will come together to pray for the intentions of the faithful and to give thanks for the many gifts God has given us. We also pray for the many ministries that continue to serve the community in Southeast Texas by continuing to do the work of our Lord and Savior. Light buffet supper will follow in the Cathedral Center.

Please join us. RSVP to [BFA@dioceseofbmt.org](mailto:BFA@dioceseofbmt.org) or 409.924.4302 no later than August 14, 2019. If you haven't filled out an Intentions/Pledge card you may also email your intentions to [BFA@dioceseofbmt.org](mailto:BFA@dioceseofbmt.org).

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



*Everyone is welcome to join us at St. Therese every Tuesday*

**5:30 pm    Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**6:00 pm    Devotional prayers through our Parton Saint Therese.**  
**6:20 pm    Benediction**

### **\*\*\*Men's Choir\*\*\***

All men are invited to come out and support or join the male chorus. Rehearsal begins every Tuesday at 7pm. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact come. We look forward to a new beginning.

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

**All RCIA** coordinators, leaders, members, etc., there will be an RCIA Workshop Saturday, August 24, 2019 at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica. Presenters are Bishop Fernand Cheri, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of New Orleans and Dr. Kathleen Dorsey-Bellow, Director at Xavier Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University both of New Orleans, La and Bryan Reising, Director of Evangelization and Catechesis for the Diocese of Beaumont Everyone must complete and return registration forms by August 14. to LaWanna Sinegal PO Box 3948, Beaumont, TX 77704-3948. There is no charge for registration. All forms are online at Diocese of Beaumont.