

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mass at 50% capacity

Sunday's Facebook LIVE!

Sunday, May 16, 2021 9:00 am Mass

Monday May 17th NO MASS

Tuesday May 18th 9:00 am

Wednesday, May 19th, 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, May 20th, 9:00 a.m.

Friday, May 21st, 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 22nd, 4 p.m. Reconciliation by appointment

(N.B. You can request Mass to be offered for you, your love ones, or any deceased or living person. Speak with the Pastor or call the office to schedule your mass intention).

May Birthday List
Happy Birthday to:

Cecilia Davis	3
William Davis	10
Ronald Warnell	21
Charles Rogers	21
Mary Alexander	22
Dorothy Broussard	22
Ashley Anderson	30
Marva Hebert	31
Herman Richard	31

Happy Anniversary
Fred & Peggy Green 8th

LECTORS SERVING IN MAY

Saturday's/ one reader

May 15th - Felicia Richard
May 22nd - Freda Guillory
May 29th - Veronica Berry

Sunday's/ one reader

May 16th - Peggy Green
May 23rd - Cindy Hampton
May 30th - Tins Richard

**Women's Conference
Our Mother of Mercy Beaumont**

Attention all ladies, SAVE the DATE for the Women of Grace of OMOM of Beaumont annual conference on Saturday, June 12, 2021, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Don't miss an opportunity to be transformed by God's grace and mercy. Registration begins on Sunday, May 16, 2021. For more information contact Maureen Cummings at 409-824-3375 or Evelyn Reado at 409-781-6409

**4th Annual Christ In You – CMC
Saturday August 21, 2021
7am-3:30pm**

Tickets: ChristInYou.info
Follow registration link to Eventbrite
Early Bird - General Admission
\$40.00
+\$4.06 Fee
Sales end on Jun 30, 2021
\$45 + \$4.37 fee - after June 30.

Father/Son Combination --
\$55.00
+\$4.98 Fee

Father/Son add-ons
\$20.00
+\$2.85 Fee

Senior Citizen 65+
\$30.00
+\$3.46 Fee

Students (High School & College)
\$30.00
+\$3.46 Fee

COORDINATORS OF MINISTRIES

- Activities** * Brushelle Scott
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- Youth** * Felicia Richard
- Stewardship** * Gary Mims

**Last week
Income & Expenses**

Attendance Sat: 10 Sun: 27
Collection

Birthright	\$ 67.00
Fr./mileage	\$ 646.80
Youth Grant	\$ 2,208.33
Saturday	\$ 195.00
Sunday	\$ 2,281.00

Total Deposit \$ 5,398.13

Expenses paid out

Central Admin Off.	<\$ 3,250.87>
Seminarians/Easter	<\$ 1,229.>
Holy Land/Good Fri	<\$ 64.00>
Inspection/fire	<\$ 288.75>
Admin supplies	<\$ 451.00>
Equip. contract	<\$ 53.00>
Admin phone	<\$ 98.01>

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. May 16 - Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 Ephesians 1:17-23 or Ephesians 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13] Mk 16:15-20

Mon. May 17 - Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab Col 3:1 Jn 16:29-33

Tues. May 18 - Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 Jn 14:16 Jn 17:1-11a

Wed. May 19 - Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab Jn 17:17b, 17a Jn 17:11b-19

Thurs. May 20 - Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 Jn 17:21 Jn 17:20-26

Fri. May 21 - Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab Jn 14:26 Jn 21:15-19

Sat. May 22 - Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Ps 11:4, 5 & 7 Jn 16:7, 13 Jn 21:20-25

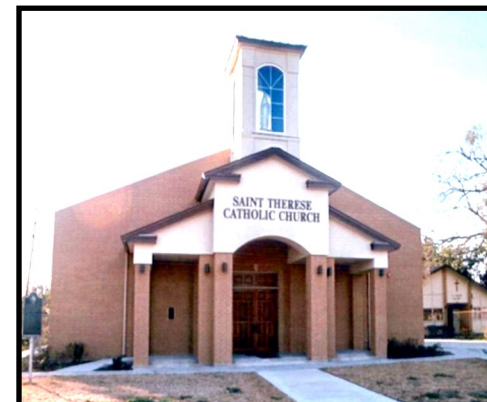
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Office Hours
Tuesday thru Friday
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Lunch 12-1:00 pm
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



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**The 7th Sunday of Easter & The Ascension of the Lord
Year B
May 16, 2021**

"Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature"



Eucharistic Celebration

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

Weekdays:
Tuesday-Friday
9:00 a.m.

Reconciliation:
Saturdays
3:20 p.m. - 3:55 p.m.

Adoration & Benediction
1st Tuesday of each month
5:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m.

Exposition & Adoration Of the Blessed Sacrament
every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

Infant Baptism:
Please contact the Pastor two months prior to desired date of baptism

Marriage:
Please call the Rectory six (6) months prior to proposed date

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Last year on March 18, 2020, as we began dealing with the coronavirus pandemic, my predecessor, the Most Rev. Curtis J. Guillory, after much prayer and consultation with his Brother Bishops, his Priests' Council and in an abundance of caution and concern for the welfare of the community, issued a dispensation for all Catholics within the Diocese of Beaumont from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until further notice.

During the following months, Masses were celebrated without a congregation present, and many participated in Sunday Mass by watching via livestream and making a spiritual communion. Even after we began the re-opening our churches on May 20, 2020, as people began returning to attending Mass in person, the dispensation remained in place, waiting for clarity and confidence that the overall risk associated with the virus was diminished.

That time has come as the COVID-19 vaccine has been more widely administered and the number of cases has substantially diminished in recent weeks. It is apparent that circumstances now allow almost all Catholics to attend Mass safely. Therefore, beginning May 22, 2021, as we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the general dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation will be lifted in the Diocese of Beaumont.

Thus, the feast of the birthday of the Church also symbolizes for us the re-birth of the Church in Southeast Texas! It is now time for us to once again be nourished by the Eucharist and strengthened by the community. We need Jesus and we need each other! However, please note that the Church always provides exceptions for those who are sick or otherwise unable to attend Sunday Mass (see attached decree).

Jesus said, "I am the living bread come down from Heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." (John 6:51) As Catholics, we gladly return to the altar of God to receive the Bread of Life from the one who gives healing and joy to our hearts

Please be assured of my prayers for you as I encourage all the faithful to continue to cooperate with parish guidelines and protocols for COVID-19 (including the wearing of masks until the pandemic further diminishes) during this time of transition.

DECREE

With Christian joy and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the time has come for Catholics to return to worship God at Mass on Sundays.

Whereas on March 19, 2020, due to the coronavirus pandemic, all Catholics the Diocese of Beaumont were dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until further notice;

Whereas ecclesiastical law specifies that one of the ways that Catholics are normally obliged to keep holy the Lord's Day is by participating in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Whereas a dispensation is to cease with the cessation of the motivating cause (canon 93); and

Whereas the number of cases of COVID-19 has decreased significantly in recent weeks, allowing social and communal activities to resume while maintaining adequate safety precautions.

Now therefore, I, the Most Reverend David Leon Toups, Bishop of Beaumont, do hereby withdraw the general dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, effective on the Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday, May 22, 2021, beginning with the Saturday anticipated Masses the evening before, while maintaining until withdrawn a particular dispensation for those who might feel grave discomfort and fall into the following categories:

1. Those 65 years of age or older;
2. Those at risk for severe illness due to underlying medical conditions as described by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;
3. Those who care for the sick, homebound, or infirmed;

PRAY FOR THE SHUT-IN

Mary Alexander
Mary Brown
Courtney Chavis
David J. Carey
Hollis Fain
Beatrice Guillory
Ella Mae Garrett
Mary Gray
Mark Mitchell Jr.
Westley Papillion
Gloria Richard
Mormon Richard
Alma C Thibodeaux



"My mission - to make God loved - will begin after my death," she said. "I will spend my heaven doing good on earth. I will let fall a shower of roses." Roses have been described and experienced as Saint Therese's signature. Countless millions have been touched by her intercession and imitate her "little way." She has been acclaimed "the greatest saint of modern times." In 1997, Pope John Paul II declared St. Therese a Doctor of the Church - the only Doctor of his pontificate - in tribute to the powerful way her spirituality has

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jalen A. Chambers
Carroll Durio
Mable Durio
Margaret Green
Mrs. Doris Hayes
Roy Hayes
Ruby Milton
Clayona Pillette
John Richard Sr.
Claudine Riggs
Sammie Ware
Tiffany Winphrey
Roger Dell White

4. Those women who are pregnant;
The following persons do not need a dispensation because they are always excused from attending Mass (can. 1248):

- Those who are currently ill, including those who have a fever or exhibit flu-like symptoms;
- Those who have good reason to think they might be asymptomatic of a contagious illness (e.g., those who were in recent contact with someone who tested positive for a contagious illness such as COVID or influenza).

In those cases where a person may not be dispensed or excused from the obligation to attend Mass in one of the above categories but may have significant fear or anxiety of becoming ill by being at Mass, such persons should speak to their parish priest, who may grant a dispensation in individual cases per canon 1245 of the Code of Canon Law.

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Sincerely
Most Reverend David L. Toups,
S.Th.D Bishop of Beaumont

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Missionaries—Then and Now

French missionaries came to the North American continent in the 16th and 17th centuries. They came to teach the people of this land about Jesus and the salvation he won for them. Many of the Hurons and Algonquins embraced the Good News and were baptized, but many did not. The North American Martyrs are the missionaries we honor who died for the sake of their call to continue the apostolic mission of the Church. That mission's roots can be traced to the ascension of Jesus Christ.

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:17-23 or Ephesians 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13] GOSPEL: Mark 16:15-20

Comment

Each year, the first reading of the Ascension remains the same. Acts introduces the founding days of the new Church. Luke carefully weaves the story of Jesus' ministry and Easter into the introduction of Acts. Because the Easter story overlaps both books, we clearly understand that they are not two separate accounts, but rather a tightly meshed story. Luke refers to certain events in Acts as symbolically significant. The fact that Jesus' ascension takes place forty days after the Easter event, parallels the forty days Jesus spent in the desert. Jesus was taken up in a cloud. The cloud, as in the earlier transfiguration reading, represents the presence and intervention of the divine. Two men appeared among the disciples as they watched Jesus going up. The men may have represented the two disciples on the way to Emmaus, or they may have referred again to Moses and Elijah at the transfiguration. For certain, they were two angels who leave the disciples (and us) with hope for the new Church that was being established. Jesus will come back for us.

Until the Holy Spirit descended on them, however, the disciples still didn't fully understand their mission. They asked Jesus when he would restore the kingdom. Jesus did not criticize them because they had again gotten the importance of events out of order. It really shouldn't have mattered to them what God's plan and timing were. The important thing Jesus wanted them to know was that the Spirit would come to them and they would be especially prepared to continue Jesus' work and tell the story.

The letter to the Ephesians continues the description of the new Church established in Christ and carried on by the apostles spreading the good news of Jesus. Christ is the head of the Church, initiated by God. There is a connection between faith and love. God calls for a faithfulness from the apostles to continue their commitment to Christ. By Jesus' death, resurrection and ascension into heaven to be at the right hand of God, we know the magnitude of God's love. The love of God is within each person and all of Jesus' disciples show that love to others as we tell the story of Jesus throughout the world.

It is not clear if Mark actually authored these closing verses of the Gospel, but it ends with the necessary means for salvation. In order to receive salvation, we must first be baptized and believe. Jesus commissioned the twelve to go out into the world to be sure that all people have the chance for this salvation. The disciples were given special gifts to accomplish this, the gift of the Holy Spirit, but they were also warned that even though many will hear their message, not all will believe and be saved. This event marked the beginning of the new Church and the mission of the disciples to take the message of salvation into the world.