

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Sept. 12, 2021 9:00 am Mass
Mrs. Helen Thomas Benjamin
requested by Cindy Hampton

Monday Sept. 13th NO MASS

Tuesday Sept. 14th 9:00 am

Wednesday, Sept. 15th, 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, Sept. 16th, 9:00 a.m.

Friday, Sept. 17th, 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, Sept. 18th, 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).

Attention Everyone

The Parish Community Breakfast/Brunch will be September 19, 2021, held in the Family Life Center after the 9:00 am Mass. Everyone is invited to come out and fellowship with one another.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. Sept. 12 - Is 50:5-9a Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 Jas 2:14-18 Gal 6:14 Mk 8:27-35

Mon. Sept. 13 - 1 Tm 2:1-8 Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9 Jn 3:16 Lk 7:1-10

Tues. Sept. 14 - Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Nm 21:4b-9 Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17

Wed. Sept. 15 - 1 Tm 3:14-16 Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Jn 19:25-27

Thurs. Sept. 16 - 1 Tm 4:12-16 Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 Mt 11:28 Lk 7:36-50

Fri. Sept. 17 - 1 Tm 6:2c-12 Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20 Mt 11:25 Lk 8:1-3

Sat. Sept. 18 - 1 Tm 6:13-16 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Lk 8:15 Lk 8:4-15

September Birthday List
 Happy Birthday to::

Ryaisha Daughtery	2
Ursula Johnson Smith	3
Doris Hayes	5
Fabian Green	5
Debra Hawkins	5
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
Jalen Jefferson	27
Chris Popillion	28

Bishop Faith Appeal
 Goal : 17,049.

While we are facing challenging times, keeping safe and preventing the spread of the coronavirus. God challenges us to share what we have with others, to make a commitment to serving His people. Romans 8:28 say's "For those who love God, all things work together for the good." Making your pledge to the BFA is one of the ways we are all called together, one parish, supporting others with what we have. Thank you for your support.

Chairpersons, Adam & Dorothy Jacobs and Fr. Donatus.

LECTORS SERVING IN SEPTEMBER

Saturday's/ one reader
 Sept. 11th - Leo Jackson
 Sept. 18th - Freda Guillory
 Sept. 25th - Veronica Berry

Sunday's/ one reader
 Sept. 12th - Peggy Green
 Sept. 19th - Earnette Mitchell
 Sept. 26th - Felicia Richard

COORDINATORS OF MINISTRIES

- Activities** * Brushelle Scott
- BINGO** * Evangeline Platt
- Bishop Faith Appeal**
* Adam Jacobs & Dorothy Jacobs
- Bereavement Committee**
* Rose Bottley
- Director of Youth Ministry**
*Deacon Melvin Payne
- Assistant Director of Youth**
* Jada Semien
- Donut Sunday's** * Freda Guillory
- Environmental** * Ina Chavis
- Extraordinary Minister of Communion** * Dorothy Broussard
- Finance** * Janice Semien
- Fund Raiser** * Walter Davis
- Hospitality** * Horace Broussard
- Lectors** * Peggy Green
- Life Center** * Adam Jacobs
- Maintenance** * Joseph Ware Sr.
- Mission/Retreat** * Cecilia Davis
- Music Director** * Leo Jackson
- Pastoral Council** * Lester Popillion
- Stewardship** * Gary Mims

Last week Income & Expenses

Attendance	Sat:	Sun:
Collection		
Huri. Ida	\$	88.00
Cath. Univer	\$	173.00
Bld rental	\$	400.00
E-giving	\$	25.00
Saturday	\$	390.00
Sunday	\$	2,016.00

Total Deposit \$ 2,692.00

Expenses paid out

Plant & Maint.	<\$ 276.43>
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Admin Supplies	<\$ 2,090.27>

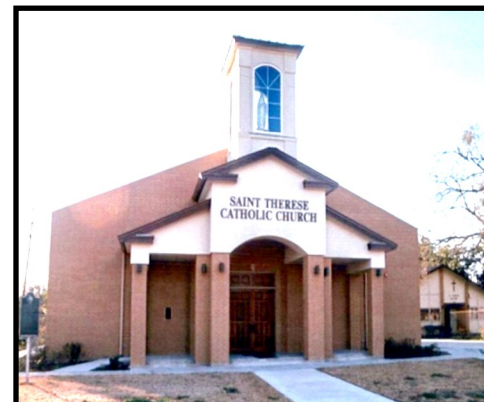
St. Therese Catholic Church

Established in 1924; Served by The Missionary Society of St. Paul from Nigeria since 2000

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Pastor: Rev. Dr. Donatus Mgbeajuo, MSP

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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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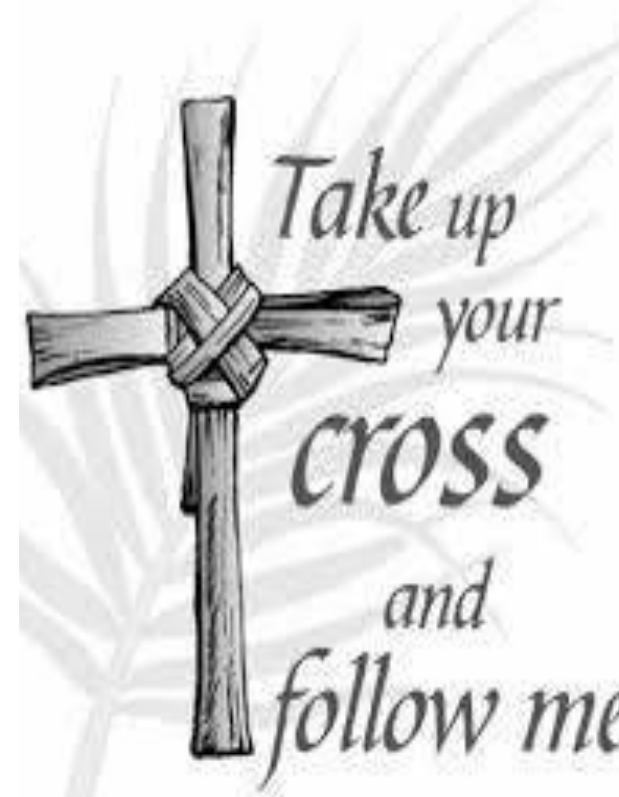
FINANCE COUNCIL

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The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

September 12, 2021

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me"



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

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Hard Work of Discipleship

On the streets of Calcutta, many people saw faith in action. Mother Teresa and the Missionaries of Charity did all they could for the starving people of India. They fed the hungry, cleaned their sores, and even picked maggots from their faces. When there was no more they could do, they held and loved the infirm until they died. When others thought they took foolish risks, Mother Teresa told them that she preferred the sisters to make mistakes from kindness rather than work miracles in harshness.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:5-9a RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
SECOND READING: James 2:14-18 GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-35

Comment

Each of the readings today leads us to good discipleship. The section of Isaiah comes from the "Suffering Servant" portion of the prophet's writings. The servant, as we understand it, was Israel. The pain inflicted on the servant came from the blows of those who insulted him because of his faith, yet this faith never wavered. The servant made clear his faith in the future. Lives were devoted to a just cause and the loss of these lives was not squandered. Instead their torturers were amazed by their loyalty and faces "set like flint."

James had more to say about discipleship. For those to whom he wrote and for us today, it is not enough to state our beliefs and faith. When people find their neighbors hungry and without enough clothing, it is one thing to wish they had more; but it is quite another to take action on the wish. It is important to pray and have faith that God will hear our prayers, but in many cases, prayers are answered through us. If we don't take some kind of action, God's work cannot be completed.

Mark's Gospel offers Jesus' description of a disciple. First Jesus asked his disciples who people said he was. Some thought he was John the Baptist. Others thought he was Elijah or some other prophet, since they believed that a prophet would come back to prepare the way for the Messiah. All of a sudden, it became clear to Peter: Jesus was the Messiah. But before Peter could do anything with that discovery, Jesus told him not to repeat the finding to anyone else. Jesus had to be sure that Peter fully understood what that meant before he went about telling people.

Up until this time, Peter still believed that the Messiah was someone who would rise to great power. The Messiah would conquer the enemies of God's people and rebuild Jerusalem. Jews throughout the world would once again be reunited in their new city. So when Jesus explained messiahship in the context of suffering and death, it was beyond the disciples' comprehension. Peter resisted these unfamiliar ideas so much that Jesus recognized Satan in Peter's intentions. Jesus did not want to die and knew that Satan could disguise his evil actions to look like the loving acts of a friend.

Following the stern reprimand he gave Peter, Jesus began to explain discipleship. Clearly, a disciple needed to be ready to give up the pleasures of life and say "yes" to God. A disciple had to be ready to face what Jesus faced.

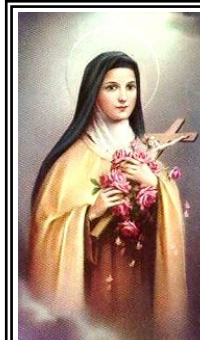
Reflection

Jesus knew the cross was inevitable. Like teachers of any age, Jesus must have wondered many times during the previous three years if the disciples were getting it. The final test of their understanding came in Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" God has been revealed to us through Jesus. Through Jesus we come to understand God's great and unconditional love. Through Jesus we learn how to return that love to God. God's love shines through us, the disciples. We can share that love verbally and in prayer, but mostly we can show that love.

When it is difficult to share God's love, we are reminded to pick up the cross of Jesus and die in him. There may be people who are difficult to love, or difficult circumstances that make it hard to do something that shows our love. But merely to profess our faith verbally is not sufficient. True discipleship means that we do something to care for our brothers and sisters.

PRAY FOR THE SHUT-IN

Mary Alexander
Mary Brown
Courtney Chavis
David J. Carey
Leon Cross
Lawrence Gant
Hollis Fain
Beatrice Guillory
Ella Mae Garrett
Mary Gray
Margaret Green
Mark Mitchell Jr.
Betty Odum
Westley Papillion
Gloria Richard
Mormon Richard
Rosa Scott
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 influenced people all over the world.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jalen A. Chambers
Carroll Durio
Mable Durio
Mrs. Doris Hayes
Roy Hayes
Ruby Milton
Clayona Pillette
John Richard Sr.
Claudine Riggs
Tiffany Winphrey

Hurricane Prayer

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude; you are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control. The Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming, lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster. During this hurricane season, we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us.

Attention Job Seekers

The Diocese of Beaumont Catholic Pastoral Center is actively seeking qualified candidates for the following positions:

- Director Family/Marriage/Youth Ministry
- Multi-Parish Youth Minister Coordinator
- Full-time Maintenance Coordinator

More information about each position can be found on the diocesan website www.dioceseofbmt.org under the topic Careers.

From the President of Catholic Charities of Southeast Texas Market to HOPE (Help Other People Eat)

Volunteers are needed at the Market to HOPE client choice food pantry. We invite parishes to form teams to take at least one day a month to help fight hunger in our community. This service project is a good activity for team building, faith sharing, youth groups, or family and friends. Please contact Alexi Valastro at 409-924-4435 or by email at avalastro@catholiccharitiesbmt.org for more information.

JOB OPENINGS

Please visit our website at www.catholiccharitiesbmt.org to learn more about these employment opportunities:

- o Operations Assistant – full-time position with the Disaster Response Program
- o Guest Services Clerk – part-time position with the Hospitality Center
- o Stock Clerk – part-time position with Market to HOPE

ATTENTION EVERYONE

St. Therese will be having Baptism September 26, 2021 At 2:00 pm. Parents, Grandparents and Guardians please register your child or children. All candidates must register through the Parish Office. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact the parish office at 409-883-3783 or come by Tuesday through Friday between 9am and 4pm.