

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Sept. 26, 2021 9:00 am Mass
 Monday Sept. 27th NO MASS
 Tuesday Sept. 28th 9:00 am
 Wednesday, Sept. 29th, 9:00 a.m.
 Thursday, Sept. 30th, 9:00 a.m.
 Friday, Oct. 1st, 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, Oct. 2nd, 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).



Baptism Sunday

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. Sept. 26 - Nm 11:25-29
 Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 Jas 5:1-6
 Cf. Jn 17:17b, 17a Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Mon. Sept. 27 - Zec 8:1-8 Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 & 22-23 Mk 10:45
 Lk 9:46-50

Tues. Sept. 28 - Zec 8:20-23 Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mk 10:45 Lk 9:51-56

Wed. Sept. 29 - Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 Ps 103:21 Jn 1:47-51

Thurs. Sept. 30 - Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 Mk 1:15 Lk 10:1-12

Fri. Oct. 1 - Bar 1:15-22 Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 Ps 95:8 Lk 10:13-16

Sat. Oct. 2 - Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 Ps 103:21 Mt 18:1-5, 10

September Birthday List
 Happy Birthday to::

Jalen Jefferson 27
 Chris Popillion 28

October Birthday List
 Happy Birthday to::

E'Retrious Gus Jr. 1
 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
 Roy Hayes 23
 Craig Orebo 26
 Mary Ware 26
 Happy Anniversary

Paul & Zena Thibodeaux 24th
 George & Mary Alexander 30th

ATTENTION EVERYONE

All who wish to come is invited to attend the Baptism this Sunday afternoon, September 26, at 2:00 pm. Parents, Grandparents and Guardians please get here twenty (20) minutes prior to the Baptism.

LECTORS SERVING IN SEPTEMBER

Saturday's/ one reader

Sept. 25th - Veronica Berry

Sunday's/ one reader

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		
Donation	\$ 50.00	
Infirm Priest	\$ 140.90	
Saturday	\$ 136.00	
Sunday	\$ 2,255.00	

Total Deposit \$ 2,581.90

Expenses paid out

Maint. Repairs	<\$ 919.80>
Spec. Admin	<\$ 149.96>
Spec Busi	<\$ 188.00>
Center Point	<\$ 142.13>
Admin Supplies	<\$ 142.10>

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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 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
September 26, 2021
"Whoever is not against us is for us"



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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Authority

There is just no accounting for the enduring existence of people with moral authority. They possess an integrity, sureness, and depth of spirit we cannot help but notice and admire. And we cannot help but follow. For all our planning and organizing, for all our voting for authorized leaders, we count ourselves blessed to have among us people of such moral authority. They are surely a gift from God.

FIRST READING: Numbers 11:25-29 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14
SECOND READING: James 5:1-6 GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Comment

Moses was a surprising leader in many ways. He didn't want the job in the first place, and God appointed Aaron to help him out. So maybe Moses was disposed to receive help anywhere he could find it. It's a good thing, too, because God seems to be much more generous in gift-giving than many would wish—the seventy elders, for example, who received the gift of God's spirit, which made it possible for them to prophesy. Then word came to the honored elders that two unauthorized elders were also prophesying. Moses was not alarmed; on the contrary, he was delighted. Would that everybody were so gifted. Would that the people would rejoice in the generosity of God instead of being so cranky about it!

Jesus faces the same kind of problem in today's Gospel. Great miracles were being performed by people who didn't know Jesus, who were not his chosen few. Jesus is not unnerved by this news. His response echoes that of Moses. One who works miracles in Jesus' name can hardly be against him. Somewhere out there in the great, big world someone has caught the power of the Spirit and is acting for God, who sees all of this and smiles.

Reflection

The Spirit is at work in the world, and we would do well to recognize it and rejoice. We must create institutions to serve, honor, and fulfill the human dignity God intends. And this means being open to the imaginative, lively Spirit. The first reading and the Gospel assume that the Spirit is at work in the world and the task of individuals and institutions is to promote that work, not to cage it, control it, or contribute to its demise.

The second reading warns us away from the Spirit-killing and soul-numbing actions and attitudes that always threaten. The warnings of James were true in the first century; they are true in this one: accumulation of money and possessions for their own sake is useless and not worthy of human endeavor.

We all know spirited people. They're the ones who brighten and enliven our lives and who challenge and disturb our lives. They are people for whom things deeply matter, and people who draw our attention to what really matters. These people come in all shapes, sizes, colors, genders, and races. We can find them within and outside of our faith communities. They seem to have God's ear and speak God's mind. We have a name for spirited people like these. We call them prophets. They are our hearts and souls. Prophets are Spirit-filled and Spirit-driven. They do not so much predict futures as remind us of our heritage, our past. They anchor us to our calling, God's promise, our dignity as children of God. They are the most conservative and progressive of voices. The prophets speak God's will; they do not coddle our whims.

We know the official leaders of our people. We know the authorities who are charged to help order our daily lives so that good work gets done and we are safe. But who are the Spirit-filled people we admire? Who claims the allegiance of our heart? Who speaks most strongly with God's voice? Do you? After all, Moses' wish is fulfilled: the Lord's Spirit has been bestowed on all.

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 Odom
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 ALL HIGH SCHOOL AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

The Diocese of Beaumont Youth Ministry Office is sponsoring a Dodgeball Tournament on October 9, 2021 at St. Henry Catholic Church in Bridge City. The tournament is an all afternoon event. Below is a list of planned activities and their times.

- Leave From St. Therese Parish Life Center at Noon.
- Check-In at St. Henry's at 12:30
- Dodgeball Tournament from 1:00 - 4:00
- Prepare for Mass at 4:30
- Mass at 5:00
- Dinner and Program at 6:00
- Goodbye Prayer at 7:00
- Return to St. Therese Parish Life Center by 7:30
- Parents/Grandparents to be at Parish Life Center to pick up their student by 7:30

Any/All High School and Junior High School Students who are interested in participating in this fun event, must get your parent/grandparent permission. Please put your name and your parent/grandparent phone number on the sheet (Dodgeball Tournament Sign-up) in the back of the church. All those interested must sign-up by Sunday, October 3rd. 2021.

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.