

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time October 30, 2016



ST. THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Sunday Oct. 30 | Wis 11:22-12:2 Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14 2 Thes 1:11-2:2 Lk 19:1-10 |
| Monday Oct. 31 | Phil 2:1-4 Ps 131:1bcde, 2-3 Lk 14:12-14 |
| Tuesday Nov. 1 | Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 Ps 24:1bc-4b, 5-6 1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a |
| Wednesday Nov. 2 | Wis 3:1-9 Ps 23:1-6 Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9 Jn 6:37-40 |
| Thursday Nov. 3 | Phil 3:3-8a Ps 105:2-7 Lk 15:1-10 |
| Friday Nov. 4 | Phil 3:17-4:1 Ps 122:1-5 Lk 16:1-8 see Rom 12:3-13 Jn 10:11-16 |
| Saturday Nov. 5 | Phil 4:10-19 Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9 Lk 16:9-15 |

October Birthday List Happy Birthday to::

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| 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 |
| Jyquez Turner | 18 |
| Johnathan Hampton | 18 |
| Shelia James | 23 |
| Troy Hayes | 23 |
| Craig Orebo | 26 |
| Mary Ware | 26 |



Happy Anniversary

George & Mary Alexander 30th
Paul & Zena Thibodeaux

MINISTERIES FOR THE WEEKEND HOSPITALITY

Saturday: Rose Davis, Walter Davis, Richard Scott, & Johnny Riggs
Sunday: Dorothy Jacobs, Elizabeth Mitchell, Fred Green & Horace Broussard

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: A: Felicia Richard L: Gloria Richard & Freda Guillory
Sunday: A: Dorothy Broussard L: Tina Kindle & Phyllis Thibodeaux

ALTAR SERVER:

Saturday: Reagan Pitre & William Pitre
Sunday: D'Ana Williams & Reagan Pitre

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday: Lucy Jones & Russell Bottley
Sunday: Cecilia Davis & Gloria Richard

Bishop Faith Appeal
Goal : \$18,693. Pledged : \$14,823
PAID: \$10,133.

Thank you ALL for your pledges, we look ahead to the continued growth of our Parish

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sunday Oct. 30 | 9:00 a.m. |
| Monday Oct. 31 | 6 p.m. adoration 7 p.m. |
| Tuesday Nov. 1 | 6:00 p.m. + Mary Blackwell Griffith requested by her sister Freda Guillory |
| Wednesday Nov. 2 | 6:00 p.m. + Howard Guillory requested by his sister-in-law Freda Guillory |
| Thursday Nov. 3 | 6:00 p.m. + Sidney A. Gus requested by his aunt Freda Guillory |
| Friday Nov. 4 | No Mass |
| Saturday Nov. 5 | 4:00 p.m. + Sidney Gus requested by his daughter Cindy Hampton |

(N.B. You can request Mass to be offered for you/your loves one, or the deceased.. Speak with the Pastor or call the office to schedule).

SACRAMENTS

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| Mass Schedule | |
| Sunday | 9:00 a.m. |
| Monday | 7:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday & Wednesday | 6:00 p.m. |
| Thursday | 5:30 p.m. |
| Friday | No Mass |
| Saturday Vigil | 4:00 p.m. |
| Holy Days of Obligation | 6:00 p.m. |

Reconciliation

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| Saturdays | 3:20 p.m. - 3:55 p.m. |
| Adoration | |
| Monday | 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. |

Infant Baptism:

Please contact the Pastor two (2) months in advance.

Marriage:

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



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Email: sttherese1350@att.net

WEBSITE: stthereseoragetx.org

PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor: Fr. Donatus Chris Mgebejuo, M.S.P.
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DEACON : Julian Richard (409) 882-4302
DEACON : Hazen Kenney (512) 791-0847

SECRETARY

Cindy Hampton (409) 882-0935

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sanja Popillion (409) 670-0808

PARISH COUNCIL

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|----------------------------|----------|
| Joe Ware, Chairman | 886-5331 |
| Adam Jacobs, Vice Chairman | 883-9688 |
| Dayna Smith, Secretary | 988-6705 |
| P.R.O., Leo Jackson | 886-9692 |
| Horace Broussard | 883-7937 |
| Martin Feathers | 882-4186 |
| Albert Hebert, Jr. | 46-2627 |
| Freda Guillory | 882-1768 |
| Lanny DeLarue | 330-0791 |
| John King | 920-2448 |
| Shirley Ray | 779-9922 |

FINANCE COUNCIL

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| Andre Robertson | 882-0012 |
| Janice Semien | 883-7126 |
| Tina Kindle | |
| Robert Gobert | |

Attendance

Saturday 27
Sunday 130

Weekend Collection

Saturday \$ 537.00
Sunday \$ 1,762.00
\$ 2,299.00

*****Family & Friends Day*****

Today we celebrate our annual family & friends day, this day of joyous celebration where we come together to fellowship with each other and share our experiences through laughter and fun. We are glad to have you join us and we are encouraging everyone to enjoy themselves and make this day a success and that through Christian faith and love we together will enjoy the true meaning of Family & Friends.

FIRST READING: Wisdom 11:22 — 12:1 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 145:1–2, 8–9, 10–11, 13, 14
SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 1:11 — 2:2 GOSPEL: Luke 19:1–10

Comment

The Book of Wisdom was written by faithful Hellenized Jews living in Alexandria, Egypt. The original text, written in Greek in the last century B.C., has never been included in the Hebrew canon of Sacred Scripture. Alexandria was the center of culture and learning in the Mediterranean area. Many Jews who fled Israel settled in this vibrant, intellectually stimulating city. Here they rubbed elbows with cosmopolitan, individualistic, skeptical people who were impatient with the old ways. The Book of Wisdom took up the challenge of explaining and defending the history and traditions of Israel. The leaders and scholars of Israel did not think it necessary to jettison their faith for the newest scientific discovery or religious theory. They were not baffled or threatened by new learning; they did not curl up and die or whine or complain.

The first reading today responds to the scientists who were uncovering the mysteries of the physical world and to philosophers who were busily dividing the world into a warring dualism between principles of good and evil. Against this trendy new (but old) dualism, we learn of a transcendent creator God of the whole universe who loves “all things that are” and holds everything in existence.

When Zacchaeus scrambled up the sycamore tree, he had long since given up on a God who kept him in existence. Zacchaeus used all the skill and cunning he possessed not only to keep himself in existence, but to prosper financially. He laughed all the way to the bank and didn’t care much about incurring the enmity of the poor, who didn’t count for much anyway. Zacchaeus seemed far from God, far from the wisdom of Israel. Not much got by Zacchaeus; all his antennae were out. He was curious to see what this Jesus was like and, ever resourceful, he shinned up the tree, where he could easily see Jesus make his way down the road. And Jesus could easily see him—could see him through and through, in fact, and ripe for the picking. So Jesus invited himself to Zacchaeus’ house. Delighted, Zacchaeus rose to his full stature, and suddenly and newly self-conscious, defended himself and Jesus from the murmurs of the crowd, which couldn’t decide which was worse, Jesus dining with sinners or Zacchaeus identified as one.

Reflection

Zacchaeus is anxious to balance his accounts and get over to the credit side as quickly as possible. His spirited self-defense is accompanied by a promise of amendment. This draws from Jesus a statement not unlike that from today’s first reading. Zacchaeus, who receives Jesus into his house, is himself the recipient of salvation. The God who loves all things, hates nothing, and spares all things is the God of Abraham and of this son of Abraham, who this day is “coming home.” Zacchaeus, who long ago had given up searching for God’s salvation, receives it from the God who searched for him and comes this day to his house for dinner.

After Zacchaeus has spent the better part of his adult life cheating justice, he learns about mercy. His *modus operandi* is completely reversed this day. For the rest of his life, he will live as a person sought and found and saved by a God who is anxious for his soul.

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

- Margaret Green
- John Judge
- Therese Ferguson
- Frances Freeman
- John Abram
- Da’Morrius Allison
- Julian Richard
- Ruby Milton
- Alma Thibodeaux
- Rena Jenkins
- Dorothy Broussard
- Myrtle Guillory
- Robert Simmons
- Stacy Johnson
- Leothus Jones
- Debra Glaude
- Mary Brown
- Sammie Williams
- John Richard, Sr.
- Peggy Green
- Elias Gobert
- Mary Feathers
- Clayona Pillette
- Alberta Fontenot
- Hollis Fain
- James Arceneaux
- John Milton
- Gloria Richard
- Ella Garrett
- Bettye Odom
- Fred Green
- James Mims
- Joe Ware, Sr.
- Celestine Johnson
- Mary Crossley
- Calvin Johnson
- Sanja Popillion
- Lester Popillion
- Joe B. Forward
- Theresa Garrett
- Andrew Hayes
- Mary Ware
- Courtney Chavis
- Lakeisha Guidry-Jones
- Brushelle Scott
- Eva Platt
- Vernon Gray Jr.
- Mr. & Mrs. Mace
- Mrs. Rose Lee Johnson
- David Jayce Carey
- Ms. Tricia Slaughter

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.

ANNUAL ST JOHN BINGO FUNDRAISER

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church (620-53rd St. El Vista subdivision) in Port Arthur is having their Bi-Annual Fundraiser Bingo on Sunday, November 6, 2016. Concessions will open at 2, Early Bird Sales at 2:30 and Bingo at 3. Great Food - Cash Gifts! Please come out and support St. John's.

Protecting God’s Children

When: November 9, 2016
Where: St. Therese Life Center
Time: 7:p.m. To 8:30p.m.

The class will start immediately after 6 pm mass and anyone working with children that has not had this class must attend. Renewable every three years.

*****ATTENTION *****

If anyone has any announcements to be placed in the Church’s Weekly Bulletin, upon the Pastor’s approval please submit your information to the parish office by 12 noon each Wednesday. THANK YOU

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 that I list below (pause). 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.**

African American Catholic Youth Congress
St. Thomas More Catholic High School
Lafayette, La

Saturday, November 19, 2016
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

All registrations on or before November 4, 2016 receives a complimentary T-shirts. Cost is \$45. per person For more information about the different workshops or registration please contact Mrs. Felicia Richard.

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Diocese of Beaumont
Fr. Ayo Efodigbue, M.S.P.,
who will present "The Holy Spirit is a God of Surprises" at 7:00PM, Friday, November 18, 2016 at St. Charles Catholic Church, 211 Hardy Ave., Nederland.

Refreshments and individual prayer will follow presentation. There is no charge and a love offering will accepted. For further info call 409-724-7379.