

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Sunday Oct. 8	Is 5:1-7 Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 Phil 4:6-9 Mt 21:33-43
Monday Oct. 9	Jon 1:1-2:2, 11 (Ps) Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8 Lk 10:25-37 or 2 Cor 6:4-10 Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 Mt 5:13-16 or 2 Cor 4:1-2, 5-7 Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 10 Lk 5:1-11
Tuesday Oct. 10	Jon 3:1-10 Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday Oct. 11	Jon 4:1-11 Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 Lk 11:1-4 Or Ez 34:11-16 Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 Jn 21:15-17
Thursday Oct. 12	Mal 3:13-20b Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6 Lk 11:5-13
Friday Oct. 13	Jl 1:13-15 2:1-2 Ps 9:2-3, 6 & 16, 8-9 Lk 11:15-26
Saturday Oct. 14	Jl 4:12-21 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Lk 11:27-28 or 1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 40:2 & 4ab, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 Lk 22:24-30

PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND

John Abram
Mary Brown
Mary Crossley
David Jayce Carey
Courtney Chavis
Therese Ferguson
Hollis Fain
Joe B. Forward
Theresa Garrett
Ella Mae Garrett
Anna Garrick
Beatrice Guillory
Mark Mitchell Jr.
James Mims
Westley Popillion
John Richard, Sr.
Alma G Thibodeaux
Alma C Thibodeaux

October Birthday List
Happy Birthday to::

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
Craig Orebo	26
Mary Ware	26

Happy Anniversary

George & Mary Alexander 30th
Paul & Zena Thibodeaux

MINISTERIES FOR THE WEEKEND
HOSPITALITY

Saturday: Johnny Riggs, Shirley Allison, Rose Davis & Walter Davis
Sunday: Staci Powers, Sonja Popillion, Dorothy Jacobs & Elizabeth Mitchell

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: A: Leo Jackson L: Freda Guillory & Eva Platt
Sunday: A: Dorothy Broussard L: Youth & Phyllis Thibodeaux

ALTAR SERVER:

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

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday: Russell Bottley & Gloria Richard
Sunday: Freda Guillory & Lucy Jones

To all our sick and homebound **THANK YOU** so much for your unwavering commitment and contributions to our parish. To better serve everyone Fr. Donatus is available to visit **ALL** parishioners at the appointed time. However, Fr. Donatus has reserved every other Friday for the homebound.



PRAY FOR THE SICK

James Arceneaux
Mable Durio
Alberta Fontenot
Frances Freeman
Debra Glaude
Margaret Green
Myrtle Guillory
Marvin Hampton
Celestine Johnson
Calvin Johnson
Stacy Johnson
Rose Lee Johnson
Lakeisha Guidry-Jones
Leothus Jones
John Milton
Ruby Milton
Bettye Odom
Clayona Pilette
Brushelle Scott
Robert Simmons
Joe Ware

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday
Oct. 8 9:00 a.m. Mrs. Beatrice Guillory
Requested by Dorothy Broussard

Monday
Oct. 9 No Mass

Tuesday
Oct. 10 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday
Oct. 11 8:00 a.m.

Thursday
Oct. 12 8:00 a.m.

Friday
Oct. 13 8:00 a.m. Adoration & Benediction

Saturday
Oct. 14 4:00 p.m. Mrs. Anna Garrick
Requested by Dorothy Broussard

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

Attendance	
Saturday	35
Sunday	58
Weekend Collection	
Deductible	Non-Deductible
Mail In	\$ 322.00
Loose	\$ 91.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 10.00
Saturday	\$ 466.30
Sunday	\$ 2,678.00
Total Deposit \$ 3,567.30	
Expenses: entery <\$ 785.13>	
plant & maint <\$200.00> accountants <\$ 540.75>	

Bishop Faith Appeal/Fundraiser
Goal : \$25,000.
Pledged: \$ 15,650. Paid: \$ 10,880.

It is the time of year again where we to begin the work on our BFA goal., and for those of us that has not yet pledged please do so and for those of us that has Thank You so much. For any information please contact Robert Gobert at (504) 232-5640 or Shirley Ray (409) 779-9922. We are look forward to the continued growth of our parish

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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8, 2017

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone”



Eucharistic Celebration

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

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

Infant Baptism:
Please contact the pastor two (2) months in advance

Weekdays:
Tuesday-Friday 8:00 a.m.
Thursday: Faith Program 5:30 p.m.

Adoration
Fridays: 6 p.m.

Adoration & Benediction
1st Friday each month 6p.m.-7p.m.

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

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Love and Labor

We recently spent a weekend at a bed and breakfast remodeled from an old barn. The barn was built more than one hundred fifty years ago when the land became a grape vineyard. We ran each morning through the rows of vines filled with grapes at harvest time. The sweet smell filled my senses, leaving me with feelings of warmth. Everything was right with the world. I couldn't help but wonder, however, what those vines had seen over the past hundred and fifty years. For sure they'd seen hard work. Certainly not many days had passed without hard work and strife, but surely there had been love and healing, too. It's true that few things can last very long without love and labor.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20
SECOND READING: Philippians 4:6-9 GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-43

Comment

Isaiah has composed a song about his friend, the vineyard keeper. We are not told this right away, but the vineyard keeper is actually God. The keeper first decided on which land to plant, then the land was cleared of stones. After this, he planted the vines and constructed a vat and watchtower. By the best agrarian measure, the crop had every chance to become perfect, but it didn't. Wild grapes grew instead, and the keeper became irritated. His only recourse was to let the vineyard go and become what it would.

Matthew's Gospel continues the vineyard theme, but in this case, it is the human element that is addressed. The landowner (God) previously sent servants (prophets) to gather the proceeds from the harvest. The vineyard workers (the chief priests and elders) killed the slaves. Finally the landowner sent his son thinking the workers surely would not kill him, too. But they did (Jesus' crucifixion). We know that it is God's way that something good should be born from something bad. Even though the workers killed the son, new life for the world began with his death and resurrection.

Reflection

We are clearly the vines planted by Isaiah's vineyard keeper. We have been given every opportunity to love and serve God, but are the grapes of our vines wild or will we yield a good crop?

The vineyard of Matthew's Gospel has been left to us. The owner's son was killed, but new life began with his resurrection. The field has been entrusted to our care—that is the field of the Church and God's world. We are called to continue the care of the vineyard and be faithful to its mission. The fruit we yield must be good. Therefore, we need to work actively in our Church and world to be sure that it is God's will that prevails.

Breast Cancer Awareness

Breast cancer is the second most common kind of cancer in women. About 1 in 8 women born today in the United States will get breast cancer at some point. The good news is that most women can survive breast cancer if it's found and treated early. A mammogram – the screening test for breast cancer – can help find breast cancer early when it's easier to treat.

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a chance to raise awareness about the importance of early detection of breast cancer. Make a difference! Spread the word about mammograms and encourage communities, organizations, families, and individuals to get involved.

The woman, whose character and conduct is according to God's will, has tremendous influence for good. It was a Sarah who gave birth to Isaac, a Hannah who gave birth to Samuel, and a Mary who gave birth to Jesus. Who could doubt that the ladies, each with a meek and quiet spirit, through their offspring, greatly influenced the world for good? For that reason along gives us all, women especially the choice to get the word out about breast cancer awareness.



How Has God Revealed Himself?

In the generations after our first parents disobeyed God, breaking their relationship with him (see Gn 3), their descendants' knowledge of their Creator seems to have become faded and even distorted. We find in the Book of Genesis, however, that God chooses to reveal himself to a series of individuals and their families, to begin the restoration of his relationship with humanity. His revelation to Abraham (see 12:1-9) begins a series of events that leads to the formation of the Jewish people, and eventually to the birth of God's Son, Jesus Christ, to a Jewish woman.

As "the Word [who] became flesh" (Jn 1:14), Christ most perfectly reveals God the Father; the entire divine revelation is perfectly summed up in him. He is not only the Son of God, but also God the Son: equal in essence and glory with his Father in heaven. The Holy Spirit — the Spirit sent by the Father and breathed on the apostles by the Son — is also a divine Person, and fully God (see Jn 14:9-11, 16:17; 20:22)

Catholics believe that this revelation of the triune God — who is three Persons in one essence (or being) — is communicated in the holy Scriptures and through the Church, which authoritatively and infallibly interprets the Bible according to unbroken apostolic Tradition (see 1 Tm 3:15; 2 Thes 2:15). It is true that individuals can come to know God, even if they have never heard the gospel ("good news") of Jesus Christ, on the basis of nature and what it reveals of the Creator, and through the laws of their conscience (see Ps 19:2-3; Rom 1:19-21; 2:12-16). Various non-Catholic, Christian communions also teach a great deal that is true about God. However, the fullness of the Christian revelation is entrusted to the Catholic Church, the guardian of the apostolic deposit from the beginning.

This Christian message, most fully proclaimed by the Catholic Church, with the aid of the Holy Spirit, who leads the Church into all truth, reveals God's nature and character, his love for us, his mercy, and his holiness and commandments. Revelation is God's message to us about himself and about how he wants us to live. It teaches us what is right and wrong, good and evil. It is passed on through the generations by the Church through words and deeds that testify to its truth. (See also "What Is the Holy Trinity?" C-1.)

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Your voice is important and need to be heard. It is critical that you join us after mass Sunday, October 8, 2017, for a general meeting/lunch to discuss the life and future sustenance of our Parish.

Thank you so much to generous parishioners paying for the lunch . Your help has been invaluable and I really appreciate your willingness to assist. I look forward to hearing from everyone at this meeting regarding the sustenance of our parish and implementing many of your suggestions. Again, thank you so much. I sincerely appreciate your input and your generosity. God bless! Rev. Fr. Donatus Mgbajuo, MSP

Save the Date
Feast of St. Martin de Porres
And
National Black Catholic History
Month

Liturgy of the Hours – Evening
Prayer Sunday, November 5, 2017–
6:00 p.m. St. Martin de Porres
Catholic Church
7467 Boyt Road - Cheek, TX

Most Reverent Curtis, J. Guillory,
S.V.D.
Bishop of Beaumont
Presider and
Homilist

Reception immediately following
in Parish Hall

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op Faith Appeal

Meeting ALL Youth Coordinators

There will be a meeting for ALL youth coordinators,
adult team-members, teachers and chaperons interested
in supporting our young adults on Thursday, October
12, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Education Building

The Missionary Society of St Paul 40th Anniversary Celebration and Appreciation Day

October 28, 2017, Mass of thanksgiving will
begin at 10:00am at St Mary Magdalene Church,
527 S. Houston Ave., Humble, Texas 77338. The
mass will be presided by the Most Reverend Joe
Vásquez, Bishop of Austin. Reception and Silent
Auction will follow immediately after the mass at
the parish hall.

For More information on reservation or how to
support the Missionaries of St Paul, please con-
tact The Mission Development Office at 713
747-1722 or usamp@yahoo.com Please RSVP
by October 20, 2017 using the card and
envelope provided.

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 King-
dom. Continue your shower of
roses in our lives. We ask you,
dear friend with the bold confi-
dence and loving care. We make
this prayerful petition in the name
of Jesus and through the power of
his Spirit. **AMEN.**