

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sun. Nov-12** Wis 6:12-16 Ps 63:2,3-4, 5-6, 7-8 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14 Mt 25:1-13

**Mon. Nov-13** Wis 1:1-7 Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 Lk 17:1-6

**Tues. Nov 14** Wis 2:23-3:9 Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 Lk 17:7-10

**Wed. Nov-15** Wis 6:1-11 Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 Lk 17:11-19 or Sir 15:1-6 Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 Mt 13:47-52

**Thurs. Nov-16** Wis 7:22b-8:1 Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175 Lk 17:20-25 or Is 58:6-11 Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9 Jn 15:9-17

**Fri. Nov-17** Wis 13:1-9 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab Lk 17:26-37 or 1 Jn 3:14-18 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11 Lk 6:27-38

**Sat. Nov-18** Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9 Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 Lk 18:1-8 or Acts 28:11-16, 30-31 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 Mt 14:22-33

**November Birthday List  
Happy Birthday to::**

Rose Bottley	6
Archange Cexar, Jr	10
Deacon Julian Richard	12
Morman Richard	12
Antoine Warnell	14
Pat Roberts	15
Beverly Stewart	21
Gary Mims	22
Kevin Hebert	23
Edmayia Riggs	24
Phyllis Thibodeaux	28
Patricia Blair-Wilks	29

Happy Anniversary

Clifton & Felicia Richards	12th
Marvin & Cindy Hampton	24th

**COORNATORS OF MINISTRIES**

**Bishop Faith Appeal** - Robert Gobert

**Donut Sunday** - Freda Guillory  
Donuts in the Education Building 1st Sunday of each month

**Extraordinary Minister of Communion**  
Shirley Ray

**Fund Rising** - Walter Davis

**Hospitality/Ushers** - Rose Davis

**Lectors** - Gary Mims

**Life Center** - Adam Jacobs

**Maint. & Plumbing** - Joe Fontenot

**Mission & Retreat** - Cecilia Davis

**Music Director** - George Alexander

**Socials** - Knights of Peter Clever & Ladies Auxiliary \* donut/coffee in the Life Center 2nd Sunday of each month

**Youth** - Felicia Richard

**Stewardship**-Wayne Sparrow

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose  
**Romans 8:28**

**MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEKEND  
HOSPITALITY**

**Saturday:** Shirley Allison, Walter Davis, Rose Davis, Willie Olivier

**Sunday:** Staci Powers, Sonja Popillion, Elizabeth Mitchell, Dorothy Jacobs

**ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:**  
Saturday: A: Freda Guillory  
L: P. Thibodeaux & Gary Mims  
Sunday: A: Freda Guillory  
L: Wayne Sparrow & Tina Kindle

**ALTAR SERVER:**

**Saturday:** William Pitre & Reagan Pitre

**Sunday:** D'Ana Williams

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:**

Saturday Cecilia Davis & Russell Bottley

Sunday: Dorothy Broussard & Shirley Ray

**Bishop Faith Appeal/Fundraiser**

**Goal : \$25,000.**  
**Pledged: \$ 16,375. Paid: \$ 11,700.**

*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*

**Deceased Members  
of St. Therese**

Mrs. Theresa Garrett: died Monday, November 6, 2017 funeral held here, Saturday November 11, 2017

Ms. Barbara Paul: died Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at her residence in Houston, funeral also in Houston

**St. Therese Catholic Church**  
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Office Hours: Tuesday thru Thursday  
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

November 12, 2017

**“The bridegroom came and the bridesmaids who were ready went into the wedding feast with him”**



**Eucharistic Celebration**

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

**Weekdays:**  
Tuesday-Friday 6:00 p.m.

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

**Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
Every Friday: 5 p.m.

**Adoration & Benediction**  
1st Friday each month 5p.m.-6:30p.m.

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

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

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**“Therefore keep awake for you know not the day nor the hour”**  
Matthew 25:13



# THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Time

Our use of time is revealing. We make instant coffee. We buy packages of one-minute food and add water or broth or milk. We are familiar with the adjective "quick." It describes shops and services. But, on the other hand, we take all the time we need when we are pursuing certain occupations or hobbies. We have all the time in the world to pursue the object of our affections.

**FIRST READING: Wisdom 6:12-16    RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8**  
**SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:13-18 [13-14]    GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13**

## Comment

Our first reading is from Wisdom, the newest Old Testament book. It was written in Alexandria, Egypt somewhere between 50 and 30 B.C. Here he is, a Jewish scholar and philosopher speaking from the standpoint of his minority faith to a majority Greek culture. The author frames Wisdom as a personified attribute of God. The Wisdom that is the focus of concern for the seeker is readily available. The one who loves, seeks, watches for Wisdom, will find her ready to hand. Wisdom/God is not elusive, tricky, wily. Wisdom wants to be found; Wisdom is available. Wisdom opens to the seeker. She graciously appears; she all but goes out to meet the one who seeks.

This seeking, vigil keeping, attentiveness is also present in the Gospel for today. Matthew's Gospel was written between 80 and 90 (a relatively long time after Jesus' resurrection and ascension). The question of the end-times or the day of the Lord's coming loomed fairly large on the horizon for the early Church. The first followers of Jesus fully expected his imminent return.

This story of the wise and foolish virgins, found only in Matthew, responds to this concern. It seems to drive home the point that we must exercise foresight, because the time of the coming of the Lord is uncertain. There's just no telling.

The parable includes some details that are a little stretched to prove a point. The bridegroom is late in coming for his bride. This surely addresses the impatience of the members of the early Church. The virgins seem ungenerous, but no one can do the waiting for another. That is, no one can live another person's life for them. Each is responsible for his or her own attentive vigilance. This same lesson is retaught in the second of three parables that make up the twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew's Gospel. The lesson of these parables apparently needs reinforcement!

Paul's letter to the Thessalonians also takes up the point of the Second Coming and responds to the question of the beloved faithful who died before the Second Coming. What of those who will not be around for this great and awesome day? In the end, Paul's words are sufficient for us also. They are based on trust in the power of the Resurrection. We can be sure—as they were—that the deceased and the living are always with the Lord. No faithful one is or ever will be forgotten.

## Reflection

All three readings for today nudge us toward an earthly practicality. Initially, this doesn't seem to be the case. The focus seems to be on the end of life, rather than the object of our present life. Seeking God is to be the focus, or object, of our life. The end of life will take care of itself. We can pretty much leave that alone, or leave it in God's hands. Daily life is the stuff we are called to manage and mold and handle. We seek Wisdom/God in all our doings and Wisdom will most certainly come to us. We live in the sure knowledge, won in the Resurrection, that we will not be left alone or left out like those who dallied or let all the oil drain away from their lamps.

We are called to tend our circle of light. This message is not nearly as spectacular as the recurring ominous predictions of end-times one runs across on television and radio programs. There seems no end of seers. Jesus insists that we just don't know the day or the hour, but there is no such humility among those prognosticators and fear-mongers who want to grab our time and attention.

### 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



### PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

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 2nd and 4th Friday for the homebound.

## Why Does the Church Teach That Jesus Is God?

Isaiah prophesied, "A child is born to us, a son is given us.... They name him . God-Hero" (Is 9:5). Christians have long seen in these words a prophecy of Jesus' birth and an affirmation of his divine identity. Though it took several centuries for the Church to develop her understanding of the relation between Jesus' human and divine natures, nevertheless, from the beginning she has declared of Christ, as the apostle Thomas declared, "My Lord and my God!" (Jn 20:28).

The reality that God himself became a man for our salvation — what is called the Incarnation (literally, "becoming flesh") — is at the heart of Christian faith. Denial of this truth has been the hallmark of many heretical sects.

Jesus himself declared, "The Father [that is, God] and I are one" (Jn 10:30). When he did, some of those who heard him picked up stones to kill him for blasphemy, because they understood (correctly) the implication of what he was saying: He was claiming to be God (see Jn 10:30-33; also Jn 5:17-18).

In fact, virtually every attribute of the Father in heaven — the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, who revealed himself in the Old Testament — was claimed by Jesus for himself. He spoke authoritatively as God (rather than merely for God). He accepted worship. He forgave sins. He said he was equal to his Father. And he claimed that he had existed eternally.

New Testament authors verified his claim: "For in him," St. Paul wrote, "dwells the whole fullness of the deity bodily" (Col 2:9); "In the beginning," the Gospel according to John announced, "was the Word, / ... the Word was God. / ... All things came to be through him, / and without him nothing came to be. / And the Word became flesh" (Jn 1:1, 3, 14)

### \*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\*

With the flu season underway and for the health of the community, at Holy Communion please refrain from drinking from the chalice if you have a cold, cough or other contagious symptoms.

A sacramental reminder: A person who receive the Eucharist in the form of bread or wine is receiving the complete body, blood, soul and divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Greetings St. Mary's Family,

We are excited to announce that we are now a part of the Amazon Smile Program. When anyone uses the St. Mary School link to order from Amazon, the school will get a portion of the proceeds. It does not cost anything to use the link, is simple and provides support for the school. Thanks in advance.

The link is -  
<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/76-0028816>

### Great Job Students

St. Mary Catholic School recognized Honor Roll recipients for the 1st Nine Weeks of the 2017-2018 school year: 5th grader Hannah Allison

Congratulations!! Hannah Allison

St. Mary Catholic School is pleased to introduce Reagan Pitre as one of the 2017 - 2018 Hornet Cheerleaders!!

Congratulations!! Reagan Pitre

### \*\*\*SALUTING VETERANS DAY\*\*\*

Today we have the privilege to honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect our country, we also recognize that our freedom is not free, and for many it came at a cost. John 15:13 says, Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. Thank You Veterans for your Service and may God continue to Bless 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.**