

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun. Jan. 21— Jon 3:1-5, 10 Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20

Mon. Jan 22 - 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26 Mk 3:22-30

Tues. Jan. 23 - 2 Sm 6:b-15, 17-19 Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 Mk 3:31-35 or 2 Cor 4:7-15 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 10:17-22

Wed. Jan. 24 - 2 Sm 7:4-17 Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30 Mk 4:1-20 or Eph 3:8-12 Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 30-31 Jn 15:-9-17

Thurs. Jan. 25 - Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Mk 16:15-18

Fri. Jan. 26 - 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 Mk 4:26-34 or Lk 10:1-10

Sat. Jan. 27 - 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 Mk 4:35-41 or 1 Pt 4:7b-11 Ps 148:1bc-2, 11-13a, 13c-14

January Birthday List
Happy Birthday to:

Jace Robertson	1
Chris Orebo	3
Christina Edwards	3
D'Ana Williams	5
Ryan Robertson	5
Freda Guillory	7
Marvin Hampton	8
Joe Ware Sr.	12
O'Ril Guillory	18
Horace Broussard III	18
Coretta Ambers	24
Reginald Antoine	24
Ariel Anderson	25
David Feathers	28

Happy Anniversary	
Adam & Dorothy Jacobs	8th
John & Cecelia Judge	16

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEKEND
HOSPITALITY

Saturday: Shirley Allison, Rose Davis
Walter Davis, Willie Olivier
Sunday: Fred Green, Rose Bottley,
Emmanuel Taylor, Coretta Ambers

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: A: Freda Guillory
L: Eve Platt & Josie Curtis
Sunday: A: Alexandre Gamble
L:Hannah Allison & D'Ana Williams

ALTAR SERVER:

Saturday: Reagan Pitre & William Pitre
Sunday: Reagan Pitre & William Pitre

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday Gloria Richard &
Russell Bottley
Sunday: Mr. & Mrs. Adam Jacobs



COORNATORS OF MINISTRIES

Bishop Faith Appeal - Robert Gobert
Bereavement Committee— Rose Bottley

Donut Sunday's - Freda Guillory*
Donuts and coffee in the Education Building 1st, 3rd & 4th Sunday of each month.

Extraordinary Minister of Communion -
Shirley Ray

Finance - Andre' Robertson * finance meetings are held *every 2nd* Wednesday of *each* month.

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 *
choir rehearsal's are every Tuesday at 6:30 pm

Pastoral Council meetings held *every 3rd* Wednesday of *each* month.

Socials - Knights of Peter Clever & Ladies Auxiliary * Parish Luncheon, the second Sunday of each month.

Youth - Felicia Richard

Stewardship-Wayne Sparrow

1st Friday of each month Fr.
Donatus has 11 am Mass at Orange Villa located on 3rd Street. There will be NO evening Mass that day, adoration only, everyone is invited to come.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Jan. 21, 2018 9 a.m. Mass

Monday January 22, NO MASS

Tuesday, January 23, 6:00 p.m.
Communion Service

Wednesday, January 24 , 6:00 p.m.
Communion Service

Thursday, January 25, 6:00 p.m.
Communion Service,

Friday, Jan. 26, 6:00 p.m.
NO MASS

Saturday, January 27, 2018
3:20 - 3:55 Reconciliation
4:00 p.m. Mass

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

St. Therese Catholic Church

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Deacon Julian Richard (409) 221-2743
Deacon Hazen Kenney (512) 791-0847

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



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21, 2018

“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men”



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

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday: 5 p.m.

Eucharistic Celebration

Weekdays:

Tuesday-Friday 6:00 p.m.

Adoration & Benediction

1st Friday each month 5p.m.-6:30p.m.

Marriage:

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

SECRETARY

Cindy Hampton (409) 882-0935

PARISH COUNCIL

Richard Scott, Chairman 779-7587
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Attendance

Weekend Collection

Mail In	\$ 72.00
Loose	\$ 150.00
Missals reimburs	\$ 10.00
Saturday	\$ 934.00
Sunday	\$ 617.00

Total Deposit \$ 1,783.00

Expenses: service contract <\$38.02>
Spectrum <\$ 112.83>

The 2018 BFA Leaders Workshop will be held at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica Center. We scheduled 2 sessions to try and accommodate your schedule better.

Tuesday, January 22, 2018 at 12 pm-1:30 pm or 6:00 pm-7:30 pm. Lunch / dinner will be served.

Bishop Faith Appeal/Fundraiser
Goal : \$25,000. Paid: \$ 18,987.

Congratulations everyone we have reached our BFA goal for 2017. For any information please contact Robert Gobert at (504) 232-5640 or Shirley Ray at (409) 779-9922. We are look forward to the continued growth of our parish

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Creativity

Prize-winning novelist Toni Morrison once told an interviewer that raising children nourished her creativity. The interviewer was startled. Surely, he thought, spending time with helpless infants, needy children, unsure adolescents would squelch creativity and occupy the time Morrison could spend instead at her desk creating yet another novel. But no, her children knew her as mother, as the creator and sustainer of their lives. They brought out the best in her. They freed her so that she could create even more.

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

Comment

The readings from Jonah and the Gospel describe instantaneous and positive responses. Jonah is give the task of preaching conversion to hitherto unrepentant Nineveh. The demand for repentance barely leaves Jonah's lips, and the city rises up to obey. The people repent in sackcloth and ashes.

In the Gospel for this day, Jesus is walking the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Not once, but twice, he encounters a set of brothers, who abandon their nets at Jesus' call. Such spontaneous and obedient responses appear rarely. And today we get two such incidents in a row. We must not miss the point. God expects such a response from us. This is our chance, our big chance. God knows this, and if we are not too dull of spirit, we know it, too. God's call is Good News that we can seize. This may imply surrendering the bad news of our easy and trivializing habits, not someday or tomorrow, but right now.

Making such a response to God's offer of Good News calls for faith, yes, but more than that, it calls for freedom. God's call invites our free response. That is why Paul summons us in the second reading to travel light, to lead lives unburdened of those things that threaten to drag us down and keep us there. It would be drawing the wrong conclusion to infer that Paul is denigrating marriage or any other human good. Rather, he is simply calling attention to the fact that responding to Christ's summons means achieving a perspective that focuses the stuff of human life toward God.

Reflection

We know, of course, that the people of Nineveh responded immediately, but alas! Jonah didn't. He dragged his anchor, for sure. He had to be tossed overboard and coughed up on shore before he finally got himself turned around in the direction that led to the fulfillment of his prophetic mission—the conversion of the willing and pliable people of Nineveh.

Mark's account of the call of the disciples shows them accepting their mission instantly. The disciples abandon their old way without a second thought. Imagine yourself leaving your workplace at the drop of the hat without announcement or future plan or further thought. People who knew you well would search for a reason, a deep motivation. Jesus' call to the disciples touched their deeper sense, stirred something in the very soul of Israel and of its faithful people. The disciples recognized the one truth that was meant for them. This was the promised one of God and they were on their way. They discovered in him the freedom of the sons and daughters of God. In this new undertaking they were finally free. Not merely free *from* fish and fishing, but free *to* serve the Lord in a new and undreamed of, but wished for, way. Paul describes this sort of freedom in acceptance of the Lord's mission. He tells us that people who take up the mission of Jesus Christ must be free *from* the day-to-day worries that can drain the life out of a person. As we have noted, the person of mission—the Christian—is not called to detach himself or herself from the world, from family, from relationships. Rather, the Christian must involve himself or herself in these very worries and concerns so that they can be shaped and managed to serve the work of Christ on this great old joyful and painful earth. Christians are called to use all the tools at hand. Only then will the Christian be free, and only then can he or she help in the work of freeing others and helping them see and experience the presence of God, not by transcending this world, but by creatively taking it on.

February is Black History Month and St. Therese Catholic Church will be closing out the month with fellowship amongst believers, and evangelistic outreach to our communities. The event is called The Conversion Experience and guest speakers from area churches will join us. The focus is on their own experience. We hope that this will encourage everyone and we look forward to seeing you. The program will be February 26, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Life Center. Some of our members will be called on to assist with preparations, If you would like to help with this program and need more information please contact Charles Rogers, committee chairperson @ 409-988-8719.

PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND

John Abram
Mary Brown
Mary Crossley
David Jayce Carey
Courtney Chavis
Therese Ferguson
Hollis Fain
Joe B. Forward
Ella Mae Garrett
Anna Garrick
Beatrice Guillory
Mark Mitchell Jr.
James Mims
Westley Popillion
John Richard, Sr.
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 Pilette
Doris Robertson
Brushelle Scott
Richard Scott
Robert Simmons
Joe Ware

To all our sick and homebound THANK YOU so much for your unwavering commitment and contributions to our parish. Fr. Donatus will resume home visits when he returns from vacation mid February.

Fish Dinners

With Lent approaching that also means it's time for our wonderful fish/seafood dinners!

Our parish Fundraising Committee will need your help with donations of any kind, some may buy dinners, others may want to purchase items. Below you will find a list of our menu for those who want to purchase accordingly.

Fried or Grilled Fish
Seasoned Rice Potato Salad
Green Beans Sliced Cake & Bread

The cost of the dinners will be \$8.00 beginning Friday, February 16, 2018 until Friday, March 23, 2018. Thank you in advance for serving in whatever capacity you choose.

You are invited

**The 15th Annual Harvest of Hope
Benefitting the Programs of Catholic Charities
of Southeast Texas.**

When: Tuesday, January 23, 2018
Where: MCM Elegante Hotel Ballroom
Time: Cocktails at 6 p.m. Dinner & Program at 7 p.m.
Dress: Business or after five.

**Honorees are Msgr. Jerry McGrath, St. Anthony Cathedral
Basilica Pastor Rector and Sister Esther Dunegan, Chancel-
lor of the Diocese of Beaumont**

TABLE SPONSORSHIPS are available from \$1,000 -\$20,000.
INDIVIDUAL SPONSORSHIPS starting at \$125.

FOR SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION and early reservations, please call Catholic Charities at 409-924-4411 or visit our website at www.catholiccharitiesbmt.org.

Retreat Weekend For Married Couples Holiday Inn Beaumont Plaza 3950 1-10 South Walden Road

Friday, March 16, 2018 through Sunday, March 18, 2018

The Office of Family Life Ministry is hosting another "I DO Again" marriage enrichment event to help revive, strengthen and celebrate marriages. We are pleased to have Anthony and Tami Landry as our facilitators for the weekend.

Please register immediately as space is limited. For additional information, please contact:
Sandra Hall at 409-924-4325 shall@dioceseofbmt.org
Jerome Cabeen at 409-924-4390 icabeen@dioceseofbmt.org
Diocese of Beaumont 710 Archie Street Beaumont, Texas 77001

The cost of the "I Do Again" Marriage Retreat is \$100.00 per couple. This fee includes room, board, materials and instruction. Please make checks payable to the "Diocese of Beaumont."

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.**

Southeast Texas Rally For Life

Sunday, January 21, 2018
2:00 P.M. St. Anne Catholic Church; Beaumont (Calder @ 11th Street) Please join us for our 'Sanctity of Life' Celebration, commemorating the 45th Anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court Decision to legalize abortion...

For more information please call: Darrell Segura at 409-720-9999 -or- Karen & Vic Soares @ 409-866-8652 Please come 'be a voice for the unborn who cannot speak for themselves'