

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun. May 27 - Dt 4:32-34, 39-40
Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 Rom
8:14-17 Rv 1:8 Mt 28:16-20

Mon. May 28 - 1 Pt 1:3-9 Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c 2 Cor 8:9 Mk 10:17-27

Tues. May 29 - 1 Pt 1:10-16 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 See Mt 11:25 Mk 10:28-31

Wed. May 30 - 1 Pt 1:18-25 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Mk 10:45 Mk 10:32-45

Thurs. May 31 - Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16 Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 See Lk 1:45 Lk 1:39-56

Fri. June 1 - 1 Pt 4:7-13 Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 Jn 15:16 Mk 11:11-26

Sat. June 2 - Jude 17, 20b-25 Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6 See Col 3:16a, 17c Mk 11:27-33

MASS INTENTIONS for the Week

Sunday, May 27, 2018 9:00 am Mass

Mon. May 28, 8:00 am Mass

Tues. May 29, 8:00 am

Wed. May 30, 8:00 am

Thurs. May 31, 8:00 am

Fri. June 1, 8:00 am
Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 pm

Saturday, June 2, 2018 8:00 am
NO morning Mass on any Saturday we are have a Funeral. Mass will be by 10am
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).

May Birthday List
Happy Birthday to:

Cecilia Davis 3
William Davis 10
John King 12
Ronald Warnell 21
Mary Alexander 22
Dorothy Broussard 22
Ashley Anderson 30
Marva Hebert 31
Herman Richard 31

Happy Anniversary

Fred & Peggy Green 8th

MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEKEND HOSPITALITY

Saturday: Shirley Allison, Rose Davis, Walter Davis & Richard Scott

Sunday: Kenneth Mason, Dorothy Jacobs, Elizabeth Mitchell, Veronica Bradford

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: A: Freda Guillory
L: Eva Platt & Josie Curtis

Sunday: A: Wayne Sparrow
L: Dorothy Broussard & Freda Guillory

ALTAR SERVER:

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

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday Gail Jefferson & Richard Scott

Sunday: Cecilia Davis & Lucy Jones

Bishop Faith Appeal
Goal : \$17,310.00 Paid: \$7,180.00

It is time to begin our yearly commitment to our BFA goal for 2018. For any information please contact Shirley Ray at (409) 779-9922. We are look forward to the continued growth of our parish

COORDINATORS OF MINISTRIES

Activities - Brushelle Scott

Bishop Faith Appeal - Shirley Ray

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 Raiser - Walter Davis

Hospitality/Ushers - Rose Davis

Lectors - Gary Mims

Life Center - Adam Jacobs

Plumbing - Joe Fontenot

Mission & Retreat - Cecilia Davis

Music Director - George Alexander
* choir rehearsal are every Tuesday at 6:30 pm

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

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

Youth - Felicia Richard

Stewardship-Wayne Sparrow

Attendance

Saturday: 30 Sunday: 75

Weekend Collection & 2nd collection
Catholic Communications Campaign

Mail In \$ 30.00
CCC \$ 89.00
Loose \$ 59.00
Stipend \$ 5.00
Saturday \$ 395.00
Sunday \$1,470.00

Total Deposit \$ 2,048.00

Expenses: Center Point <\$149.46>
Security Service <\$48.70>
Administrative fees <\$1,024.52>

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



The Most Holy Trinity

May 27, 2018

“Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit the Only”



Eucharistic Celebration

Weekends:

Saturday 8:00 a.m. Vigil: 4:00 p.m. & Sunday: 9:00 a.m.
NO Saturday 8:00 a.m. on Funeral day's

Weekdays:

Tuesday-Friday 8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

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

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday: 6 p.m.

Adoration & Benediction

1st Friday each month 5p.m.-6p.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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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Unity and Relationship

The notion of the Trinity, or God as three-in-one, is sometimes off-putting. We begin to ponder the meaning of Trinity, only to quickly assign it to that amorphous realm we call “mystery.” Well, it’s true that the notion of the Trinity is a mystery, but it is mystery in which we are continually involved. None of us is a loner. We are all immersed in the mysterious—that not quite molecular, but very real—realm called relationship. So, too, is God. Today’s liturgy celebrates that unique unity, that splendid relationship, and invites us to join in.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:32–34, 39–40 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 33:4–5, 6, 9, 18–19, 20, 22
SECOND READING: Romans 8:14–17 GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16–20

Comment

In the first reading, Moses challenges the Israelites to judge whether any other people has been as blessed as they. He recounts the many benefits bestowed upon them and then urges the people to acknowledge these boons by accepting and following God’s commands. Moses’ retelling of God’s gracious deeds reminds the people that God has loved—and loves—they in the concrete. It also points out God’s initiative in, and passion for, encounter with the people, for alliance and union with them. Accepting God’s precepts becomes tantamount to accepting God and to becoming God’s own.

The second reading also focuses on the subject of union with God. Paul reminds us that if we allow ourselves to be “led” by the Spirit, we are God’s children and beneficiaries of the promises made by Christ. To achieve this unity, we need only give the Spirit room in us.

The Gospel demonstrates that if the Triune God is obsessed by anything, it is the preoccupation of bringing all peoples—all “nations”—into the unity of discipleship. Jesus’ command to baptize is a command to unify, an invitation to all people to belong to and to exist in the life-giving and life-sustaining relationship that is God.

Reflection

God lives in—God is—God has to be—relationship. Why? A non-relational God would repel, not attract. Likewise, only a relational God can be a God of love, a God who unites and gives peace. All other gods are but demands and reprisals. We are made in God’s image, made to be relational and to live lives of relationship. We are given the ability to do both by Jesus, who, in his release of the Spirit, granted us the ability to become related to God, to call God “Father.” So empowered by the mighty initiative of God’s uniting and peace-giving love, we can also relate to other people, can love them, and can image the God in whose image we are created.

Because we are so driven to relationship, we are also driven to be liked. We want to identify with and to be identified with a group of others. Unfortunately, we do not always possess the resources or the skills necessary to manage the complicated relationships in which our enthusiasm to be liked involves us. Too often, we are willing to pay too high a price for popularity. Too often our ambition to be liked is driven not by the motor of self-confidence, but by the engine of fear. What results, then, is not relationship and unity, but estrangement and division.

Instead of easily empathizing with outsiders and effortlessly opening ourselves to relationship with God, we often try to guarantee our belonging or relationship with God and others by making clear who is not “in” on the relationship, who is not a friend. We begin labeling others—“liberal,” “conservative,” “true believer,” “heretic.” We equate our ideas and ideals, our beliefs and morals, with the faith and its practice. And in so doing, we create division, not unity.

This division has been and remains the great scandal of Christianity. It is a refusal to take seriously both Jesus’ call for unity and his authority to bring it about. It is a refusal to allow ourselves to be “led” by the Spirit. And it is a refusal to recognize that we are all children of the same Father.

PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND

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



PRAY FOR THE SICK

James Arceneaux
Mable Durio
Alberta Fontenot
Frances Freeman
Debra Glaude
Margaret Green
Peggy Green
Myrtle Guillory
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
Robert Simmons
Mary Ware
Joe Ware

We Remember Memorial Day

A Lesson in Service And Sacrifice

What we remember—and honor—on Memorial Day is heroic sacrifice. We acknowledge those who nobly gave of themselves, even unto death, for a purpose they believed was greater than themselves. Since the days just following the end of the Civil War, Americans have gathered in late May to honor those who died in military service to their country. In the spirit of the day, we can also recall, honor, and pray for all those we know who have lived lives of service and sacrifice for the good of others.

Sacrifice is more than suffering

One definition of sacrifice is “the destruction or surrender of something for the sake of something else.” Though suffering is always a part of sacrifice to some extent, seeking suffering for its own sake is not sacrifice. Sacrifice implies giving up one good for a higher good. For example, a child gives up a day of play to visit an ailing grandparent, or a parent sacrifices watching a favorite television program to help a child who is struggling with homework. Life in the family is full of opportunities for service and sacrifice.

Jesus: the perfect example of sacrifice

What counts in this definition is the phrase “for the sake of something else.” Is that “something else” worthy of the sacrifice we make? True sacrifice is always at the service of life. We learn this from Jesus, who made the ultimate sacrifice and remained faithful through his Passion, death, and Resurrection. Jesus’ greater purpose for this sacrifice was our well-being—that we might have life and have it abundantly.

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.*

ATTENTION EVERYONE

Parish Office hours are from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon & 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Tuesday through Thursday. When contacting the parish office the lines may be busy, if so, please leave a detailed message and your call will be returned. Anything after 4:00 pm will be addressed the next business day. *If there is an emergency please contact Fr. Donatus, cell # (409) 454-3958. Thanks in advance*

Celebration

There will be a Birthday and Graduation celebration in honor of Fr. Donatus on his accomplishments, 55 years old and receiving his Doctorate Degree in Theology. Held here at St. Therese, June 7, 2018 Mass at 6:00 pm followed by dinner in the Parish Hall. Everyone is invited. If anyone would like to contribute in any capacity, please contact Jill Mosby or Francine Sparrow.

YOUTH FUN DAY & VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Kick off Vacation Bible School with a fun filled day with food and activities for kids of all ages to enjoy! Everyone is welcome to join us and while you’re here sign your student up for a week of vacation bible school. Vacation Bible School will begin June 18 - June 23, 2018 from 5 pm to 8 pm Hope to see you there!

If anyone is free to assist in fun day in any capacity please call Brushelle Scott at 409-779-7365 for Vacation Bible School please contact Sonja Popillion at (409) 670-0808 or Cecilia Davis at (409) 920-1136