

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sun. August 5 - Ex 16:2-4, 12-15**  
Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 Eph 4:17, 20-24 Mt 4:4b Jn 6:24-35

**Mon. August 6 - Dn 7:9-10, 13-14**  
Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 2 Pt 1:16-19 Mt 17:5c Mk 9:2-10

**Tues. August 7 - Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22** Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 Jn 1:49b Mt 14:22-36

**Wed. August 8 - Jer 31:1-7 Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 Lk 7:16 Mt 15: 21-28**

**Thurs. August 9 - Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 Mt 16:18 Mt 16:13-23**

**Fri. August 10 - 2 Cor 9:6-10 Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 Jn 8:12bc Jn 12:24-26**

**Sat. August 11 - Hab 1:12—2:4 Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 See 2 Tm 1:10 Mt 17:14-20**

**August Birthday List**  
*Happy Birthday to::*

Jill Mosby	1
Marina Taylor	1
Lauren Jackson	2
Christopher Henry	4
David Thomas III	6
Dorothy Jacobs	10
Gloria Richard	11
Tyler Rodriguez	15
Mary Lazenby	17
Morgan Jackson	19
Patrick Mims	27
John Riggs Sr.	28
Horace Broussard	29

**Happy Anniversary**

Carroll & Mable Durio	5th
55 years	
Patrick & Brenda Mims	18th
45 years	
John & Tammy Richard	12th
Lester & Sanja Popillion	31st

**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.

**Religious Education - Sonja Popillion**

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

**Youth - Felicia Richard**

**Stewardship-Wayne Sparrow**

**Attendance**

**Saturday: 62 Sunday: 42**

**Weekend Collection**

Mail In	\$ 140.00
Loose	\$ 109.00
Saturday	\$ 360.00
Sunday	\$ 1,646.00

**Total Deposit \$ 2,255.00**

**Expenses: directTV <\$ 185.12>**

**Equipment repair <\$ 149.99>**

**Entergy <\$ 1,201.83>**

**St. Therese Catholic Church**

*Served by The Missionary Society of St. Paul from Nigeria since 2000*

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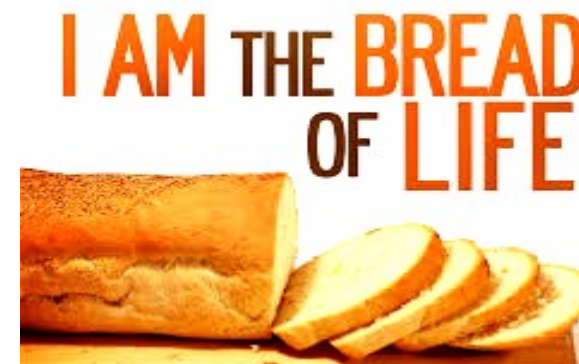
**Office Hours: Tuesday thru Thursday**  
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**August 5, 2018**

**“The bread of God comes down from heaven and gives life to the world”**



**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

**Reconciliation**

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

**Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Every Friday: 6 p.m.

**Infant Baptism:**

Please contact the pastor two (2) months in advance

**Weekdays:**

Tuesday-Friday 8:00 a.m.

**Adoration & Benediction**

1st Friday each month 5p.m.-6p.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
Rose Davis, Vice Chairman	883-0762
Steven Allison, Secretary	313-0586
Cecilia Davis	920-1136
Rose Bottley	886-1525
Charlis D. Rogers	988-8719
Adam Jacobs	883-9688
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**MAINTENANCE & GROUNDS**

Joe Ware 886-5331

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Sanja Popillion (409) 670-0808

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Andre Robertson	882-0012
Robert Gobert	(504) 232-5640
Sheila Arnold	313-2062
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**\*\*\*Parish Luncheon\*\*\***

The Parish Luncheon will be Sunday, August 12, 2018. Please make your schedules accordingly, we don't want to leave anyone out. This is a parish social event, and all are invited to attend.

**MASS INTENTIONS for the Week**

**Sunday, August 5, 2018 9:00 am Mass**  
Jacobs & Monroe Families  
Requested by Mary J. J. Monroe

Mon. August 6, NO MASS

Tues. August 7, 8:00 am

Wed. August 8, 8:00 am

Thurs. August 9, 8:00 am

Fri. August 10, 8:00 am  
Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 pm

Saturday, August 11, 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).

**MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEKEND HOSPITALITY**

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

Sun: Joe Fontenot, Rose Bottley, Emmanuel Taylor, Coretta Ambers

**ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:**

Saturday: A: Freda Guillory  
L: Eva Platt

Sunday: A: Horace Broussard  
L: Lucy Jones & Wayne Sparrow

**ALTAR SERVER:**

Saturday: **Needed**  
Sunday: **Needed**

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:**

Saturday Cecilia Davis & Russell Bottley  
Sunday: Gloria Richard & Shirley Ray

# EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## The Real Thing

Not too long ago, a soda company proclaimed that its product was the “real thing.” A successful advertising gimmick, but just a tad presumptuous, don’t you think? Today’s readings proclaim the Real thing, and our sharing at the Table of the Lord is the Real thing. No gimmicks here.

**FIRST READING: Exodus 16:2–4, 12–15    RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 78:3–4, 23–24, 25, 54**  
**SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:17, 20–24    GOSPEL: John 6:24–35**

## Comment

Things were not going that well for the Israelites. They had asked God for rescue from Egypt, and God had obliged. But things in the desert were tough. And, as was Israel’s wont when things got tough, they began to whine. Once again, God graciously obliged, sending them quail and manna—bread from heaven. Even then, the people weren’t satisfied. “What’s this stuff?” they grumbled. God was testing their faith again. Would they recognize and accept God’s gift? Luckily there was someone in their midst whose eyes were open. Moses pointed out that the manna was the answer to their prayers.

The Gospel is a continuation of the sixth chapter of John, which begins the discourse on the Bread of Life. The folks who seek out Jesus are led to him not by faith but by their stomachs. They did not understand that the eating of the bread was a sign of a much greater partaking. Simply put, they were hungry, and they wanted bread. Jesus tried to move the crowd to recognize a deeper hunger. He spoke to them of lasting bread, bread that nourishes not just for life, but for life eternal. To their credit, the crowd took Jesus’ bait. Figuring that they had to do some “work” to get that bread, they asked what they had to do. Believe, Jesus said.

The folks didn’t expect this response, so they asked for a sign like manna to earn their faith. Jesus reminded them that manna was but perishable bread, while the bread he offered had an eternal “shelf life.” Still not understanding, the people jumped at his offer. Then Jesus delivered the punch line: “I myself am the bread of life.” And the people? They still did not recognize that the one for whom they’d been asking for centuries was standing before them.

## Reflection

It was a Friday, almost forty years ago. Mom, the regular cook of the family, was out. Dad was at the stove. Knowing it was Friday (meatless in those days) we kids had badgered Dad to fix something simple, something good, something everyone would eat—pancakes.

As we plunked ourselves down at the table, things boded well. After grace, Dad sauntered over to the stove. Then, from above each of our heads, Dad kerplopped something onto our plates. We sat in shock. It was puffy, brown-flecked, and bigger than our plates. No one said anything. Then, Dad put one of those UFOs (Unidentified Fried Objects) on his own plate, sat down, and reached for the butter and syrup. We just sat.

At last, the youngest, the dumbest, or perhaps the bravest among us, spoke up. “What is it?” My father looked up from his plate and scanned his brood with a frazzled look that seemed to ask, “Are these knuckleheads really mine?” Then, shaking his head, he replied, “It is just what you asked for. It is a pancake. You wanted pancakes. I made pancakes. Eat the pancakes.” We ate. Dad was right. It was a pancake. The real thing.

Like the Israelites in the desert some four thousand years ago, like the crowds who followed Jesus some two thousand years ago, and like the kids who sat around a kitchen table some forty years ago, we keep making the same mistake. We ask for bread, but fail to recognize it when we get it. This Sunday, when someone presents you with bread and says, “The Body of Christ,” remember, this is the bread you’ve been asking for. Believe it. This bread is the real thing.

### PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Mary Brown  
David Jayce Carey  
Courtney Chavis  
Florence Craig  
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  
George Davis  
Mable Durio  
Alberta Fontenot  
Frances Freeman  
Debra Glaude  
Margaret Green  
Peggy Green  
Myrtle Guillory  
Rena Mae Jenkins  
Calvin Johnson  
Stacy Johnson  
Rose Lee Johnson  
Lakeisha Guidry-Jones  
Leothus Jones  
John King  
Ruby Milton  
Bettye Odom  
Clayona Pillette  
Claudine Riggs  
Doris Robertson  
Robert Simmons  
Mary Ware  
Joe Ware

### \*\*\*Thank You All\*\*\*

To Fr. Donatus and my supporting church family, St. Therese. There are countless ways you all have shown to us your expressions of gratitude. To be there for us through two funerals, three days apart my husband, John Riggs of 59 years, and my daughter Karen, who also lose her husband Rodney Dove, the prior day, a difficult task for any family. St. Therese helped us through some dark days. Thank you for your support, for your prayers and thoughts. Thank you for your monetary gifts, some brought food, everyone served in some capacity or another. We are thankful for friends like you and we are deeply grateful for the kindness and compassion extended during these difficult times

**Claudine Riggs Family**

### \*\*\*Convocation\*\*\*

Convocation for Catholic Leaders: The Joy of the Gospel in the Diocese of Beaumont, which will be Friday evening, August 17 and Saturday, August 18, 2018 at the Holiday Inn (Walden and I -10) in Beaumont. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about the people we serve in our parishes and Diocese of Beaumont. There are copies of the itinerary in the rear of the Church or call the parish office and we will get one to you.

### \*\*\*Intentions Mass\*\*\*

Everyone is welcome to attend the Intentions Mass August 23, 2018 at 6:00 pm, at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica, downtown Beaumont. The Intentions Mass is a beautiful experience and we looking forward to praying with you and for all the Intentions of those in Southeast Texas.

### \*\*\*ATTENTION\*\*\*

**If anyone has any announcements to be placed in the Weekly Bulletin, upon the Pastor’s review and approval please submit your information to the parish office by the end of the day every Wednesday. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

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 the second and forth Friday of the month for the homebound.

### 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.**

### \*\*\*Ministers of Communion\*\*\*

There will be a meeting for ALL Ministers of Communion Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the Education Building. Everyone on this minister is asked to be in attendance. Thanks in advance

### \*\*\*Envelopes\*\*\*

It’s the time of year to reorder our offering and visitor envelopes. The order will be made by August 15, 2018, if you made any changes, please inform the ushers or call the parish office. Thanks in advance

**Bishop Faith Appeal**  
**Goal : \$17,310    Pledges: \$15,815.**  
**Paid: \$ 8,995.**

As we deepen our commitment to the Gospel message, we come to understand that stewardship is a way of life which empowers us to share what we have. One of the ways we share what we have is through our contributions to BFA, a commitment of people helping people. Please let’s continue our unwavering support. If you have any questions or concerns about your contributions please contact Shirley Ray or Fr. Donatus, Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ whom strengthens me. Thank you for your commitment, and we are look forward to the continued growth of our parish.