



**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**September 16, 2018 Year B**

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**Social Outreach 409-842-1206—Hours 9am-1pm, Monday and Wednesday**

**Pear Orchard Federal Credit Union: 842-4343**  
**Hours: Mon, Wed, Thu, and Fri 1pm-5pm,**  
**Tues. and Sat. 6pm-8pm, Sun. 7am-1pm**

**Eucharistic Worship Celebration**

**Week Day Mass: Mon., Wed - Thu & Fri. 6:30am-Tue. 6:00pm**

**Weekend Mass Schedule: Sat. Vigil: 4:30pm—Sunday 7:00am, 10:00am**

**Reconciliation: Saturday 3- 4:15pm or by appointment**

**Adoration: First Friday from 12 Noon to Saturday 12 Noon**

**RCIA: Charles Woods: 842-6668—Thursday 6:30pm-7:30pm**

**Bible Study: Tuesday Night at 6:45pm, after Novena**

# MASS INTENTIONS



## Prayer List:

**SAT. 9/15/2018 4:30PM**

John Labrie Paula Labrie  
Vivian and Lionel Wiltz Marshall Wiltz  
Lionel and Vivian Wiltz Marshall Wiltz

**SUN. 9/16/2018 7:00AM**

Jimmie Haynes Alma and Velina  
Mary J. Wood Charles Woods  
Elacy Junious Sheryl and Liz

**10:00AM**

Marshall J. Adams Sonia Taylor  
Dec'd Members of Patillo Family Friend  
Anthony C. Fontenot Carr Family

**MON. 9/17/2018 6:30AM**

Mary C. Goodman and Deceased Family  
Members W. J. Andrews, Sr  
and family

**TUE. 9/18/2018 6:00PM**

William Sellers, Sr. Mary Sellers

**WED. 9/19/2018 6:30AM**

In Thanksgiving Dolores Fulton

**THU. 9/20/2018 6:30AM**

**FRI. 9/21/2018 6:30AM**

Mildred Clement Regina J. Rogers

*Please remember our parishioners in your daily prayers:*

Rosa Charles, Sadie Patterson, John and Julia Poullard, Isabella Pierre, Theartis Carr, Eva Carter, Viola Colone, Margie and Clarence Guidry, Sr., Benjamin and Mary Lou Wheeler, Sylvia Shelby, Mary Durio, Polly Smith, Mary Pickney, Elnora Lewis, Barbara Smith, Leroy Jr. and Willie Mae Lewis, Carol Hughes Holbert, Marie Hughes Garrett

## *Weekly Readings*

- Mon. 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33, Ps 40, Lk 7:1-10  
Tue 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a, Ps 100, Lk 7:11-17  
Wed 1 Cor 12:31—13:13, Ps 33, Lk 7:31-35  
Thu 1 Cor 15:1-11, Ps 118, Lk 7:36- 50  
Fri. Eph 4:1-7, 11-13, Ps 19, Mt 9:9-13  
Sat 1 Cor 15:33-37, 42-49, Ps 56, Lk 8:4-15

***Stop Judging...Try It!***

***The instant a judgment enters your mind about someone, immediately substitute a prayer.***

***It Works!***



***Pray for the Sick and Shut-In and their Care Givers***



**N/B PLEASE NOTE!** Announcements and Bulletin information must be submitted at least 8 days before for publication. Your maximum cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

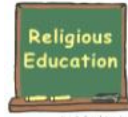
# Our Mother of Mercy Church

## A New Appreciation for Catholicism

Although the fashion of society is to think of all faith—all religious expressions—as the same, this cannot be true. After all, some faith expressions seem to contradict other faith expressions either Jesus is divine or he is not; either faith contradicts reason or it does not. Reconnecting with your Catholic faith can bring a renewed appreciation of what Catholicism distinctly, has to offer modern believers; (1) a tradition that goes back to the Apostles themselves;(2) an expression of faith that appreciates reason (3) a range of spiritualities over twenty centuries of Christianity; (4) the discipline and challenge of the seven sacrament, particularly the Holy Eucharist; (5) a Church with authority, that leaves plenty of room for individual express; (6) a faith that is not either in the next world or in the world, but relates each to the other in hope; (7) an approach to Scripture that allows for non-literal understanding; (8) and institution that, while open to change, does not flap with the latest wind; and (9) most of all the assurance of our communion with God, in Jesus and the Spirit. We have often taken our Catholic faith for granted, overlooking its particular vibrancy and distinct gifts. Reconnecting with the Church can help us appreciate Catholicism's gift.

## Question of the Week

How am I denying myself?  
What is the cross I am bearing at this point in my life? With the grace of God, am I willing to carry it?



Registration for CCD will start on Monday, September 17, 2018 at 5:30pm in the Hall. Religious Education Classes are every Monday from 5:30pm-6:30pm. Classes will start September 24, 2018 in the school **ALL YOUTH, grades 1st-12th are required to attend Religious Education (CCD) classes.** If you have any questions please call Margaret Denson, DRE at 842-0112 or 454-7127.

The **Training Session** for the **Pastoral Council Members** will be Wednesday, September 19, 2018. The Training Session will be held in meeting room 1 at 6 pm.



## Little Flower Parish Festival

St Theresa, the Little Flower of Jesus is hosting its Parish Festival September 30 from 11am to 1:30pm on the parish grounds-6412 Garnet Ave. in Port Arthur. Barbeque Chicken dinners, \$8.00 each, dinners include 1/2 chicken, rice dressing, beans and bread. Contact the parish office at 409-736-1536 for more information and to purchase tickets.



Are you interested in learning more about scripture or do you have questions? Come and study God's Word every Tuesday night at 6:45pm in Meeting Room 1. We are studying the Acts of the Apostles . Bring your Bible and a friend. Please come and join us!

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OSERVANCES

- 16 Sun. Catechetical Sunday
- 17 Mon. Optional Memorial of St. Robert Bellarmine
- 19 Wed. Optional Memorial of St. Januarius  
Yom Kippur
- 20 Thu. Memorial of Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang, and companions
- 21 Fri. Feast of St. Matthew
- 22 Sat. Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Autumn begins

IS 50:5-9A; PS 116:1-9; JAS 2:14-18; MK 8:27-35

Sometimes the Sunday readings bring peace and consolation. Other times they come as a swift kick in the pants. Today's readings definitely fall in the latter category. In the Gospel from St. Mark, Jesus begins to instruct the Apostles in what was ahead for Him – and for them. “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it.” In Peter's worldly way of thinking, Jesus should not have to suffer — and for that matter, neither should Peter.

### Retreat Weekend for Married Couples

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. Friday thru Sunday October 5-7, 2018 Holiday Inn Beaumont Plaza 3950 I-10 South Walden Road Beaumont, TX Please register immediately as space is limited. For additional information, please contact Sandra Hall at 409-924-4325  
[shall@dioceseofbmt.org](mailto:shall@dioceseofbmt.org)  
Jerome Cabeen at 409-924-4390  
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The cost of the “*I Do Again*” Marriage Retreat is **\$100.00 per couple.**

This fee includes room, board, materials and instructions. Please make checks payable to the “Diocese of Beaumont.”

### Stewardship of Treasure

Mass Attendance 448

Offering.....\$13,293.42

*Thank you for your generosity*

### 2018 Bishop Faith Appeal Update as of August 27, 2018

**214** Parishioners have pledged a total of **\$97,069.50** to the 2018 Bishop's Faith Appeal. A big “Thank You” to everyone who made a contribution. If you have not made a decision, please do so this week.

*Jackie Semien —BFA Chairperson*  
*Greg Pumphrey —Parish Stewardship Chairperson*

*Fr. Noel Effiong-Pastor*

**2018 Parish Goal \$90,079.00**

**Payments \$81,679.50**