



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 19, 2018

Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. — John 6:53

Mass Intentions (August 21 - 26, 2018)

Tues.	Joyce Abshire
Wed.	Parnel Reed
Thur.	Michele George
Fri.	Clarence & Nola Arnaud
Sat.	Duc Nguyen
Sun: 8 am	Louis & Millie Lemoine
10:30 am	For the Parish

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Bernard
Tuesday:	St. Pius X
Wednesday:	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday:	St. Rose of Lima
Friday:	St. Bartholomew
Saturday:	St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz; Blessed Virgin Mary

THE GIFT OF GRACE

The gift of grace increases as the struggles increase.
—St. Rose of Lima

We Need Help!

More persons are needed each Wednesday for Eucharistic Adoration. If you are able to come and pray for 1 hour between the time of 10:00 am and 11:00 am, please call Odette Hill (344-2005). This is a wonderful opportunity to grow closer to our Lord.

Attention Married Couples...

All those who are celebrating 25, 50 or 50+ years of marriage in 2018: Bishop Curtis J. Guillory and the Office of Family Life Ministry invite you to attend the annual Diocesan ceremony honoring your commitment to the Sacrament of Marriage on Sunday, October 21st at 2:30 pm at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica. The ceremony will include Mass, Renewal of Marriage Vows and Presentation of Certificates. A reception will follow in the Cathedral Center. RSVP by calling the Parish Office at 735-2422 by Sept 17th.

Religious Ed registration starts tomorrow & will end Aug 31st!

Hours of registration are 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Monday - Friday in the Parish Office **and** also on Wednesday evenings in the Education Building from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Fees remain the same as last year except for those students making a Sacrament... their fee will be \$60.00 due to retreats and extra materials used. Elementary classes are on a first come/first serve basis, so please come in to register early if you need a particular time. And as always, proof of medical insurance is needed at time of registration.



Pray for
the sick of
our Parish

<i>George Peery</i>	<i>Betty Duhon</i>	<i>Carol Faulk</i>
<i>Lou Garriga</i>	<i>Kerry Stevens</i>	<i>Jean Braus</i>
<i>Dolores King</i>	<i>Margaret Credeur</i>	<i>Morris Baker</i>
<i>Louis Peveto</i>	<i>Glenda LeBeouf</i>	<i>Chester Abshire</i>



Collections for August 12, 2018

Envelope Collection	12,217.52
Loose Collection	406.00
Total Operating Income	12,623.52
Building Fund	1,815.00
Good Samaritan.....	2,079.00

We have open weekends for Memorial Tabernacle Flowers.
Cost is \$45 and you may book your weekend in the Parish office.

Flowers at the tabernacle are in memory of

Melissa Peery Laughlin



All are invited to celebrate **A Mass of Thanksgiving-Retirement** for **Bishop Curtis Guillory, SVD, DD** on **Friday, September 7th at 6:30 pm** at **St. Mary Church** in Orange. See the church bulletin boards for other Mass dates and locations if unable to attend in our vicariate.

Parents and Grandparents, please do not let your little ones walk on the seats or stand on the pew backs. We are finding grit and dirt from shoes in the pews and scratches in the wood. Also, please try not to feed your little ones during Mass...stains are appearing on the pews and some are hard to get out. Thank you!!



RCIA

Are you a non-Catholic interested in joining the Catholic Faith? Are you an adult who was baptized in the Catholic Faith but **never confirmed** or **never received First Communion**? Classes will start in September. Call the Parish Office, 735-2422, to learn about the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Wisdom has built her house; she has dressed her meat, mixed her wine, yes, she has spread her table (Proverbs 9:1-6).

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — Be filled with the Spirit, giving thanks always and for everything (Ephesians 5:15-20).

Gospel — I am the living bread that came down from heaven (John 6:51-58).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14
Friday:	Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Saturday:	Ez 43:1-7a; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday:	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69



08/19	KC Pancake Breakfast 8:00 - 10:30 am	08/22	Adoration 8:00 am - 8:00 pm
08/21	Legion of Mary 5:30 pm	08/23	Choir Practice 7:00 pm
“	Eucharistic Minister Meeting 7 pm		

For more info go to:
www.sthenrybctx.org

Our Parish in Action...

Eucharistic Adoration Every Wednesday—after 8 AM Mass until 8 PM. Call Odette Hill at 344-2005 if you are able to dedicate an hour of prayer on a weekly basis.

Legion of Mary—meets each Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the RE Bldg. For more info contact Judy at 749-4101 or Annette 735-9342.

10:30 AM Choir—meets for rehearsal every Thursday at 7 PM in the Church. New members are always welcome.

Al-Anon Meetings—meetings are every Thursday at 7:00 pm in the Library of the Education Building. For more information, call Cindy at 749-9036 or Mike at 718-0333.

Ladies of St. Henry—meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month (Sept-May) at **10 AM** in the Activities Bldg. Call Tenna Walker at 313-6596 for info.

Young at Hearts Group meets the 1st Tuesday each month for a pot luck luncheon in the Religious Ed. Bldg. at 11:30 a.m. Contact Peggy Biddle, Ruth Wallace or Judy Cole for more information.

Bunco meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in RE Bldg. Call Tracey Broussard at 344-2341 for more info.

Knights of Columbus—Officer's Meeting the Wed. before the Business Meeting; Business meetings are the 2nd Tues.; Family Night 3rd Tues. Call David Landry at 719-1525 for more info.

R.C.I.A. - meets on Thursday's at 7pm in the Religious Ed Building.

Bereavement Committee—If you would like to help provide food for families of deceased parishioners, call Barbara Piat at 735-5119.

Social Committee—plans and hosts Parish dinners and receptions at our Parish. Call Debbie Gregg at 988-1243 for more info.

Gather the Children will be every Sunday at the 10:30 am Mass (except for holiday weekends). Contact Alicia Romero (718-6407) if you are interested in helping.

Parishioners preparing to enter the hospital for non-emergency medical treatment or surgery are asked to call our parish office and make an appointment to receive the Anointing of the Sick **BEFORE** entering the hospital, if so desired.

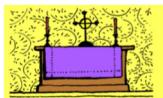
If anointing is desired **AFTER** entry into the hospital, please contact the following:

- For **Christus St. Mary Hospital** contact the chaplain department of the hospital
- For **Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital** contact the chaplain department of the hospital
- For **The Medical Center of Southeast Texas** contact St. Charles Church in Nederland at 722-3413

If you are not receiving the ETC and would like to, please email kgilman@dioceseofbmt.org and request a copy be mailed to you.

Bishop's Faith Appeal Intentions Mass August 23rd at 6:30 pm St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica

All are invited to pray for the intentions of the faithful and to give thanks for the many gifts God has given us as well as the many ministries that serve the community in Southeast Texas. A light buffet supper will follow in the Cathedral Center. RSVP to bfa@dioceseofbmt.org or call (409) 924-4302



Altar Cleaning for August

Judy Cole Doodie Mannino
Michlene Moody Dorothy Truncale

THIS EUCHARISTIC FEAST

Some things about human nature don't change, even over the course of centuries. When we celebrate a holiday, we have a meal; when we celebrate a significant event, we have a feast. In today's first reading, Lady Wisdom is setting a feast, a sign of celebrating the covenant that Israel has with God. Israel's central remembrance of its saving Exodus covenant is the Passover meal. So it is natural—and not coincidental—that the Christian celebration of the new covenant sealed by the blood of Christ on the cross happens at a meal, our Eucharist, offered first by Jesus in the context of Passover remembrance. It is easy for us, sometimes, to forget the very long and rich religious and human origins of our eucharistic feasting on the bread and cup that are the Body and Blood of Jesus. Today, and for the next few Sundays that we hear the "Bread of Life" discourse from John, let us bring to mind the loving covenant that God makes with us, and be filled with great joy at this marvelous feast that we have come to attend! Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Sometimes the heat of summer translates into unrest in a city's streets. In the summer of 1834, popular sentiment against the presence of the Ursuline nuns near Boston reached a boiling point. An influx of Irish laborers had an impact on the work force in the city, and a deep-seated resentment against Catholics fueled the fire. The nuns supported themselves with a school, and most of the young women students were drawn from patrician Protestant families. Nevertheless, rumors fed by the saga of an unhappy junior sister and a later episode of a senior sister fleeing the place increased tensions. The city's selectmen were given a tour by the disgruntled sister, who by then had returned, and found all things in good order. That didn't please the mob, and the mother superior didn't help matters when she said that the bishop had platoons of Irishmen at hand, twenty thousand strong, to do marauders harm. By August 11, the convent had been invaded, ransacked, and burned to the ground. The nuns fled to Maine and Canada. The diocese attempted to recover losses, but the commonwealth offered only ten thousand dollars, which was rejected. Years later, a legislative bill for the state to rebuild the convent and school was roundly defeated. Yet the enterprise of Catholic education had great resilience, and in 1946, more than a hundred years after the riots, the Ursulines returned to Boston to re-establish an academy that endures to the present day. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

The Church mailing address is: **PO Box 427, Bridge City, TX 77611.**
We do **NOT** receive mail at the physical address.

Married Outside the Church?

If you cannot receive the sacraments due to marriage outside the Church, and you wish to return to the Eucharist, please make an appointment with a priest or deacon of the parish to determine what canonical process may be possible to remedy your situation. You may call Fr. Steve at 409.735.2422 to get more info.

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