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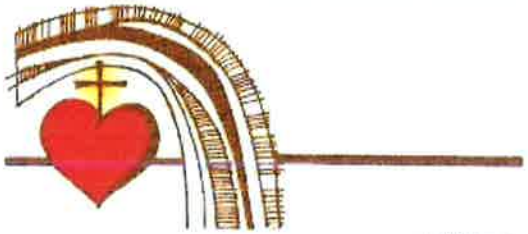
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Crystal Williams

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 11, 2022

A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
— Psalm 51:12



Eucharistic Celebration

Weekends:
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM

Weekdays:
Tuesday: 6:00PM
Wednesday-Friday: 8:00AM

Adoration/Healing Mass

The 1st Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at 5:00 P.M. and Mass at 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday - Friday: Thirty minutes Adoration before Mass.

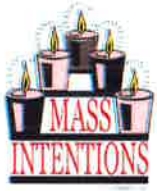
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday and Sunday: Thirty minutes before each Mass or by appointment.

Baptism: Infant Baptism is celebrated the 3rd Sunday of the month. At least one parent must be a registered member of the parish for at least 3 months. Parents **and** godparents **must** attend a one hour Baptism preparation class prior to the scheduled Baptism. For other guidelines and details, please call the parish office.

Matrimony: Call the parish office for an appointment with the pastor. Diocesan guidelines require an initial interview at least 6 months before the wedding date. Please call the parish office for further information.

R.C.I.A.: This is a process for anyone who wishes to become Catholic. Please call the parish office for further information.



September 10th 4:30PM Gustavia Adams (RIP) by Langston Adams; DeBose Thompson (RIP) by Addie Manuel & Family; Claudette Martin (RIP) by Sacred Heart Class of 1965; Evelyn Leopold (RIP) by Leroy Leopold & Family; Stockton Green (RIP) by Irene & Cederick Greene
September 11th 9:00AM For All Parishioners
September 13th 6:00PM Mary Lazard (Happy Birthday-RIP) by Earline & Eldridge Smith; Mary Lillian Fontenot (RIP) by Ann Walker
September 14th 8:00AM Sandra Martin (RIP) by The Lewis Family
September 15th 8:00AM Lillie Agnes Cornell (Happy Birthday-RIP) by Kathleen & Darnell Green
September 16th 8:00AM
September 17th 4:30PM Sylvia Bernard Sylvia (RIP) by Harold Sylvia; Lillie Agnes Cornell (Repose of the Soul) by Kathleen & Darnell Green; Rose James (RIP) by The James & Walker Family; Stockton Green (RIP) by Irene & Cederick Greene

Collections

September 3rd & September 4th

4:30pm	**$1,044.00**
9:00am	**$2,961.00**
Mail	**$1,610.00**
Totals	**$5,615.00**

The Appeal for Catholic Ministry for 2022 is in it's 6th month. As a reminder, our goal for this year is $37,776. So far, 50 of our 409 families have pledged $26,683. Of that total, $17,222 have been paid. If you haven't done so, please make your pledge or one time payment. Pledge envelopes are available in the vestibule of the Church. Remember any amount over our goal comes back to the Parish. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Broussard at 409-548-8713.



Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary
Mary & Harold Joseph



Blessing & Happy Grandparents Day

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Because Moses interceded, the LORD relented and did not punish the people ***(Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14)***.
Psalm — I will rise and go to my father ***(Psalm 51)***.
Second Reading — Paul expresses his gratitude for being appointed to the ministry ***(1 Timothy 1:12-17)***.
Gospel — There is great rejoicing in heaven when a sinner repents ***(Luke 15:1-32 [1-10])***.



Welcome
Most Rev. Curtis Guillory, S.V.D.,
Knights and Ladies of the
Beaumont Interdiocese of
Councils & Courts Assemblies
and Chapters for turning out for the
50th Observance of St. Peter Claver Day

RELYING ON GOD'S LOVE

Imagine being among those who heard Jesus address the Pharisees and scribes in the encounter we hear in today's Gospel: "What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it?" Would you leave ninety-nine in the desert in order to find one lost sheep? In the parable, Jesus is showing us the depths of God's love, the illogical, incredible love God has for each of us. Moses counted on this loving mercy as he spoke for the wandering people; Saint Paul acknowledges his reliance on it in his letter to Timothy. God desires to draw you close, seeking you when you are lost. Are you ready to be drawn into God's loving embrace?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday:	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday:	Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Thursday:	1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Friday:	1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday:	Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]

Meeting

-The Port Arthur Chapter of the Drexel Society, Inc. will meet Tuesday, September 13th at 5:00pm in the St. Katharine Drexel Education Building.



SAVE THE DATE
CCE begins Wednesday, September 21, 2022!!!

CCE Registration will be held the following weekends after each Mass in the St. Katharine Drexel Education Building.

September 10th & 11th
September 17th & 18th
Please register your child as soon as possible!

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We are still in need of CCE Teachers. If you are interested, please contact Esther Dugay at 409-549-6188 or Crystal Williams at 409-365-3790.

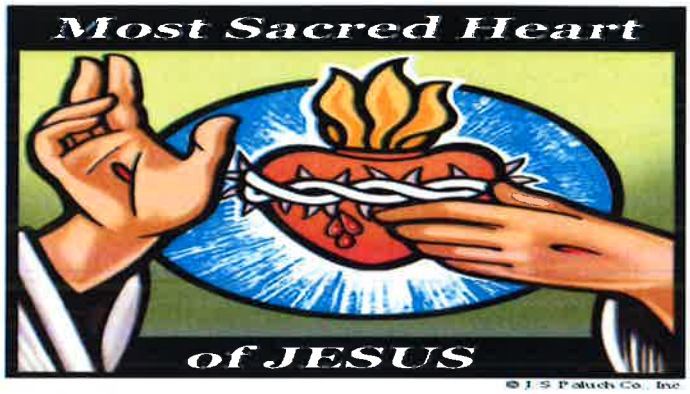
Just Look at the Cross

The common theme of today's readings is forgiveness. The Gospel is one familiar to us all, and Paul in the second reading highlights his story of receiving God's mercy. But the first reading might cause us to wonder if God was always so forgiving. God and Moses come across like a couple of parents deciding whether they should punish their children. One, the Lord, points out how bad Israel has been. The other, Moses, points out how good God is, in the promise to make them a great nation. The important point is that God relented and forgave the people.

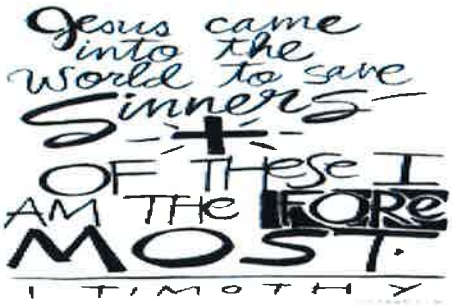
In each case, great sins are forgiven--not because the people deserved it, but because they were loved.

My favorite line in the second reading is "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1Timothy 1:15)--not to find the wealthiest people to build his kingdom, or the nicest, or the holiest; he came to save sinners. The Pharisees and scribes did not get this. That was one of the reasons they wanted to kill Jesus. And yet, when they did just that, Jesus' death on the cross brought forgiveness for us all.

Remember the story in Genesis 18, of Abraham bargaining with God not to destroy Sodom if he could find a few good people? Maybe he should have "reminded" God of that divine mercy instead of hoping to find enough good people to spare the town. Sometimes we can't believe that God would love us so much as to forgive any sin. Just look at the cross if you need a reminder.



"Come Back to the Heart of Jesus"



ALL THE LOST HOME

For truly, we've all had moments when we have lost our way and needed others to get us back on track. Perhaps this means reconnecting with someone we once knew and making amends, or seeing a therapist to make things right. Maybe it means finally seeking help to stick with the diet and exercise plan, or joining a 12-step program to deal with an addiction. Could it be time to meet with a financial expert to manage credit card debt, or go to confession or meet with a spiritual director to find your way home spiritually? It is hard to ask for help or admit we are lost. We dread the reactions of others, thinking they will be angry, hurt, or defensive. We feel shame. Sometimes people hold grudges for years because neither they nor another will break down and make the first move. We feel fear. This sets us up for the classic story of the prodigal father, where we see two possible outcomes.

WELCOME HOME The son returns home and, expecting the worst, confesses his sinfulness. His brother has an angry, self-righteous response, but the Father is full of joy and mercy. Such is the case in all the Gospel parables today. We hear God say, "You are the one who is important." There is another poignant song by Brian Flynn entitled "The Prodigal Father" that presents the perspective of the parent waiting and worrying about their lost child, watching the road and praying for the child's return. And if for some reason your own family will not accept you, you will find that there are many intentional families, friends, and parishes waiting with open arms to welcome you. Or perhaps you can offer the same welcome to another returning soul.
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THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR THE BUILDING FUND. NEXT WEEKEND, THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR THE INFIRM PRIESTS' FUND.

Fr. Shiju will bless those celebrating a wedding anniversary in September. Next weekend he will bless our youth.

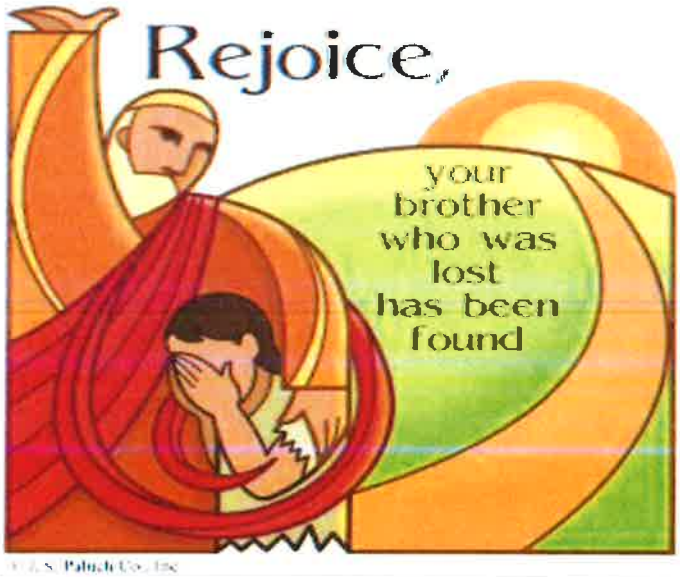
Reflection question:
In what ways do I serve God?

IF YOUR FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND IS ON OUR PRAYER LIST AND HE/SHE GETS WELL OR PASSES, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO DELETE HIS/HER NAME. THANKS.

Pray for ...

Sharon Adams, Ethel Allen, Lucinda Allen, Nedra Alpough, Thelma Alpough, Lyric Anderson, Juliana Barnes, Emma Bonton, Diane Bowd, Tom Bronnon, Geraldine Broussard, Cecilia Brown, Beverly Carmouche, Doris Jacob Castile, Curtis Clark, Lionel Clark, Jr., Emmett Comeaux, Kenneth Cormier, Aletha Covington, Isaiah Covington, III, Nekemia Covington, Cheetara Cox, Janelle Dale, Morris Davis, Valerie Dennis, Charles Doyle, Kaitlyn Dugas, Esther Dugay, Bernadette Dames, Vincent Fertitta, Sandra Fontenette, Jonathan Fontenot, Normand Fontenot, Michael Fontnette, Jr., Gloria Foreman, John Francis, Alton Gallentine, Wilda Green, Malinie Guidry, Annie Guillory, Elzina Harris, Zacchaeus Hart, Robin Hataway, Aerial Hawkins, Mildred Hayes & Family, Edmonia Henderson, Crystal Henton, James Henry, Fay Hines, Gladys Wilson-Hollins Yvette Jacquet, Hazel January, Mary Jenkins, Darlene Joe, Zackary U. Johnson, Jr., Linda M. Jones & Family, Roderick Jones, Steven Jones, Wilda Jones, Curtis Joseph, Hilda Joseph & Family, Elda Kennerson, Wildred Lavine, Bobbette Lawson, Michael Linden, Akliah Lopez, Adrienne Davis-Lott, Joseph Marcel, Marita Marcel, Phil C. Mahoney, Veronica Mayo, Mabry McZeal, Mary Lee McZeal, Robert Mae Mims, Denisha Montgomery, Erma Moore, Velma Morgan, Yvette Morris, Berlinda Mouton, Elvina Mouton, Sophia Mouton, Linda Nico, Dewey Normand, Dallas Oliver, Donald Oliver, Helen Orsort, Johnny Owens, Roger Paris, Iris Phillips, Lester Pickney, Mary Polk, Bernice Potier, Chery Prevost, Jared Prevost, Joseph Prevost, Margie Provost, JoAnn Pugh, Estella Ray, Mary Riggle, Jocelyn Rush, Earline Smith, Eldridge Smith, Ree Smith, Schreida Solaire, Lillie Stewart, Aneel Thomas, Clarence Thomas, Alozia Vaughns, Jennie Veal, Jean Vincent, Larry Viltz, Rosina Viltz, Phyllis Voliby, Rose Mary Williams, Juanita Williams, Shahara Williams, Jamon Wilson, Andre' Winston, Jr., Hazeletta Younger and Tosharie Younger.

Communicants: Ethel Allen



Obituary Announcement

Our beloved parishioner Mary Lillian Fontenot, mother of 12 children died Wednesday, August 31, 2022. Service was held on Saturday, September 10, 2022 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Please remember to keep the family in your prayers.



Patriot Day to commemorate the lives of those who died in 2001 terrorist attacks. Please remember them in your prayers.



The Male Chorus is recurring new members. If you are interested in being a member, please contact Shelton Forrest at 409-460-8857.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

WEEKLY SCHEDULE
September 17th & September 18th

LECTORS
SAT. 4:30PM Cynthia Sinegal
Jackie Guillory

SUN. 9:00AM Youth
USHERS (ANY)