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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 22, 2023
Wait for the LORD with courage;
be stouthearted,
and wait for the LORD.
— Psalm 27:14



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.



January 21st 4:30PM Stephen Gary (RIP) by Jasline Sebile; Mary Lou Sam, Mary Lee McZeal & Barbara Williams (RIP) by Johanna Lewis
January 22nd 9:00AM For All Parishioners
January 24th 6:00PM Christopher Smith & Warren Jones, III (Healing) by Jasline Sebile
January 25th 8:00AM Gordon Theall (2yr. Death Anniversary-RIP) by The Theall Family
January 26th 8:00AM Christopher Smith, Warren Jones, III & Lucien Lavallais (Healing) by The Legion of Mary
January 27th 8:00AM In memory of Rosie & Homer Willis by The Willis & Hatch Families
January 28th 4:30PM Sylvia Bernard Sylvia (RIP) by Harold Sylvia; Stephen Gary (RIP) The Family



January 14th & January 15th

9:00AM	**$2,728.00**
4:30PM	**$1,988.00**
Mail	**$1,748.40**
Totals	**$6,464.40**

Turkey Leg Committee will be selling Smoke Turkey Legs for $10 on Sunday, February 18, 2023 from 3pm to 6pm in the Parish Hall. We will be taking orders after Mass on January 28 & 29, February 11 & 12. You can also call or text orders to Leo Carmouche @ 409-344-1125 or Rodney Broussard @ 409-363-3375, or any committee member. Any parishioner who would like to help defray the expense of purchasing turkey legs please contact Leo or Rodney.



It's Mardi Gras time and we need your help! Mardi Gras SETX will be held on February 16th to 19th in Downtown Beaumont and we need volunteers. The more volunteer hours we work, the more profit the church earns. There are several areas that need volunteers. To sign up, or for additional information, please contact Crystal Williams at (409) 365-3790.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading —The burdens that were once laid upon the people have been vanquished ***(Isaiah 8:23 — 9:3)***
Psalm — The Lord guides and saves me ***(Psalm 27)***.
Second Reading —Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you. ***(1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17)***.
Gospel —After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee teaching, proclaiming the gospel, and curing the people ***(Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17])***.

GOD'S LOVING CARE

Two readings today refer to the northeast region of ancient Israel: "the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali." Upon hearing these names, some of us might consult maps and determine exactly where these regions lie. Others might let the unfamiliar names drift by unnoticed. If no maps are handy—but we don't want to ignore the references completely—consider this: we might not know the latitude and longitude of Zebulun and Naphtali, but God does. We praise God for watching over every inch of land and sea, caring perfectly for each creature on the planet. While Isaiah celebrates the depth of God's care with "abundant joy and great rejoicing," Saint Paul begs us to remember how the Lord shows this loving care: through the cross. In today's Gospel, Jesus calls Peter, James, and John to follow him. We follow too, confident that God accompanies us, wherever we are.



It with sincere gratitude that we thank The Knights of Peter Claver, Fr. Anthony, Bishop David Toups and all parishioners who have prayed for our family, visited and who have given tokens of love to help in our time of need. Every well wish has been shared with Christopher and we look forward to the day he can thank each of you personally. With love, thankfulness and gratitude in our hearts. ***The Smith Family***

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer
Tuesday:	Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Thursday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:21-35
Friday:	Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday:	Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

"Come Back to the Heart of Jesus"

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

To introduce the beginnings of Jesus' ministry in Matthew's Gospel today, the evangelist quotes from Isaiah 9, which is presented to us more fully in our first reading. Isaiah acknowledges the darkness of oppression from the conquest of the Galilee region by Assyria, but reminds his people of the hope God offers them. Matthew, writing in the time of the Roman Empire centuries later, points to Jesus and his proclamation of the kingdom of heaven, to overturn all forms of oppression. Power structures like Assyria or Rome rely on fear, control, and distrust to sustain themselves. But God's reign is to be saturated with God's love, freedom, and mutual trust. Jesus began by gathering a group of disciples. When Jesus similarly gathers his community of disciples in our church today, our love of each other, and our care for all others, can make this reign of God visible to all.

CALLED TO COMMUNITY

Today's Gospel from Matthew sketches the initial movements of Jesus' public ministry. The arrest of John the Baptist signals that Jesus' time has come. His first actions include the call of his first disciples, and proclaiming the reign, or kingdom, of heaven. Jesus first gathers a community, which he can gradually form to become living evidence of this coming reign. His preaching, which begins just a few verses later in the Sermon on the Mount, is not just essential guidance for each individual life, but for life within a community of his followers.

It can be very challenging for most of us, who live in a highly individualized society, to hear this story of being summoned into community, committed to learning together and from each other. Our parishes and Christian communities need to be safe places so that we can open our hearts to each other, learning the Way of Jesus, and sharing this Way with others.

UNITED IN CHRIST

In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul addresses many pastoral issues, and begins with questions of division over leadership. We hear of rival camps of loyalty for various leaders and preachers: Paul himself, Apollo, or Cephas. Paul fears that the community has lost the center of the faith, that is, Christ himself. The community is to be united in mind and purpose under Christ.

Many today experience in a very similar division. Some Christians will in effect say: "I belong to . . . (fill in the name of your favorite preacher, theologian, or leader), and those who don't are not to be trusted." Diversity of thought and background are essential to the vitality of Christian community, but here Paul describes a division that hides the message of Christ. It hides Christ's call to charity and forbearance toward all. This division hides the truth that we are all at the foot of the cross, a cross that reveals our own brokenness and our need for mercy.



Annual Diocesean Jubilee Mass
to honor couples
celebrating 25, 50 & 50+ years of marriage
on Sunday, February 12, 2023 at 12:00 noon
St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica, Beaumont, TX
The Most Reverend David L. Toups, S,Th.D.
Principal Celebrant
Deadline: February 3, 2023

All couples who wish to be acknowledged must pre-register through the Office of Family, Marriage & Youth Ministry. Jubilee Mass Registration (office.com) or Robert Barbry by email (rbarbry@dioceseofbmt.org) or 409-924-4362.

Boast in the Lord

What are you most proud of? What do you like to boast about? Were you top of your class in college? Do you work harder than anyone in your office? Or are you the best at appearing to work hard, but hardly working? Everyone likes to have something they are the best at, or at least very good. But it really is kind of silly to base your own worth on what you accomplish. What truly makes us important is that we are loved by God. Our second reading tells how God uses the foolish, weak, or poorest people to shame those who are wise, strong, and wealthy. Why? Because God loves the poor, the weak, the disabled, the homeless just as much as God loves the important people.

And it's not just the external qualities that are important. Some wealthy people have great love for the poor. Some of the best teachers only work with disabled children. Our Gospel on the Beatitudes today makes that clear if you listen carefully. Blessed are not just the poor, but the poor in spirit; not only the hungry, but those who hunger for righteousness. That's what Saint Paul means when he says, "Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 1:31).

So how do we get to be "important" to God? Instead of asking God to make my projects a success, I can ask what God wants me to do. And for all the good that you do, remember to thank the Lord.

THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND. NEXT WEEKEND, THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR BEREAVEMENT FUND.

Fr. Anthony will bless those celebrating a birthday in January . Next weekend he will bless those who lost a child in January.

Jr. Daughters of Cartagena Court #32 are looking for candidates, must have made your First Communion to join. We will meet on Sunday, January 28th after 9:00am Mass in the St. Katharine Drexel Education Building. Contact Jean Bergeron for more infor. @718-7886.

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, Aletra Bowman, Tom Bronnon, Geraldine Broussard, Cecilia Brown, Beverly Carmouche, Doris Jacob Castile, Curtis Clark, Lionel Clark, Jr., Kenneth Cormier, Aletha Covington, Isaiah Covington, III, Nekemia Covington, Cheetara Cox, Janelle Dale, Bernadette Dames, Morris Davis, Valerie Dennis, Charles Doyle, Kaitlyn Dugas, Herman Dugay, Yourmae Duplechain, Vincent Fertitta, Sylvia A. Fisk, Ronald Fontenette, 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, Lucien Lavallais, Wildred Lavine, Bobbette Lawson, Johanna Lewis, Akliah Lopez, Adrienne Davis-Lott, Joseph Marcel, Marita Marcel, Phil C. Mahoney, Veronica Mayo, Dorothy McClarin, Mabry 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, Jayden Spencer, Lillie Stewart, Audry Stood, Henry Stood, Michella Sulldan, Aneel Thomas, Clarence Thomas, Alozia Vaughns, Jennie Veal, Jean Vincent, Larry Viltz, Rosina Viltz, Phyllis Voliby, Iris Waymon, Rose Mary Williams, Juanita Williams, Shahara Williams, Jamon Wilson, Andre' Winston, Jr., Tadarell Woods, Hazeletta Younger and Tosharie Younger.

Communicants: Ethel Allen



SAVE THE DATE
Bishop David Toups & the
Diocese of Beaumont Vocations Office
invites you to a
St. Andrew Dinner
Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 6:00pm
Holy Family Retreat Center
9920 North Major Dr., Beaumont

Join us for a evening of Prayer, Fellowship, and Ministry as we share our stories of Priestly Life and Ministries. All young men considering a Vocation are invited between the ages of 16-35.
RSVP to: lmartinez@dioceseofbmt.org/409-924-4310 or kdelarosa@dioceseofbmt.org/409-924-4360

Meeting

-***BICCAC*** will meet Saturday, January 21st, at 2:00pm at the St. Katharine Drexel Education Building.
-***Drexel Society, Inc.*** will meet Tuesday, January 24th at 5:00pm at the St. Katharine Drexel Education Building.
-***AMSP*** will meet Wednesday, January 25th at 2:00pm at the St. Katharine Drexel Education Building.
-***KPC Council #164*** will meet Saturday, January 28th at 10:00am at the St. Katharine Drexel Education Building.
-***Core Committee*** will meet Tuesday, January 31st at 6:00pm at the St. Katharine Drexel Education Building.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE
January 28th & January 29th

LECTORS

SAT. 4:30PM	**Jackie Guillory**
	Corine Jones
SUN. 9:00AM	**Diane Marks**
	Kenneth Marks

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