



Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 15

5 p.m. Richard E. Pillsbury (D)

7 p.m.

Sunday, August 16

8 a.m. Delmond Scheer (D)

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Monday, August 17

No Mass

Tuesday, August 18

8:30 a.m. Nancy Ehrman (D)

Wednesday, August 19

6:30 p.m. Dr. Steven Mazzola (D)

Thursday, August 20

8:30 a.m. Danny Domas (D)

Friday, August 21

8:30 a.m. Will Frey (D)

Saturday, August 22

5 p.m. Kathy Keegan (D)

7 p.m.

Sunday, August 23

8 a.m. Leo Meaux (D)

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

THE MASS - LITURGY OF THE WORD

Most of the Liturgy of the Word is made up of readings from Scripture. On Sundays and solemnities, there are three scripture readings. During most of the year, the first reading is from the Old Testament and the second



reading is from one of the New Testament letters. During Easter Time, the first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles, which tells the story of the Church in its earliest days. The last reading is always taken from one of the four Gospels. In the Liturgy of the Word, the Church feeds the People of God from the table of his Word (cf. *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, no. 51). The Scriptures are the Word of God, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. In the Scriptures, God speaks to us, leading us along the path to salvation. The Responsorial Psalm is sung between the readings. The psalm helps us to meditate on the Word of God.

The high point of the Liturgy of the Word is the reading of the Gospel. Because the Gospels tell of the life, ministry, and preaching of Christ, it receives several special signs of honor and reverence. The gathered assembly stands to hear the Gospel and it is introduced by an acclamation of praise. Apart from Lent, that acclamation is "Alleluia," derived from a Hebrew phrase meaning "Praise the Lord!" A deacon (or, if no deacon is present, a priest) reads the Gospel.

After the scripture readings, the celebrant preaches the homily. In the homily, the preacher focuses on the scripture texts or some other texts from the liturgy, drawing from them lessons that may help us to live better lives, more faithful to Christ's call to grow in holiness.

In many Masses, the Profession of Faith then follows the homily, either the Nicene or Apostles' Creed. The Nicene Creed is a statement of faith dating from the fourth century, while the Apostles' Creed is the ancient baptismal creed of the Church in Rome. If baptismal promises are renewed, from a formula based on the Apostles' Creed, this takes the place of the creed. The Liturgy of the Word concludes with the Universal Prayer, also called the Prayer of the Faithful. The gathered assembly intercedes with God on behalf of the Church, the world, and themselves, entrusting their needs to the faithful and loving God.

BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX 1090–1153 Memorial—August 20

Known as Bernard of Clairvaux, this French abbot and Doctor of the Church is considered the second founder of the Cistercians. He entered the relatively new monastery at Citeaux in 1113 with four of his own brothers and 27 friends and later founded the monastery at Clairvaux, which gave birth to 68 other communities. Despite poor health and his devotion to personal mortification, Bernard was an early Western European rock star: He was consulted by popes and kings, battled heresies, and supported the Second Crusade. The sick and maimed lined the roads he traveled, hoping for a miracle. Dante Alighieri chose Bernard as his final guide in "Paradiso," at the end of "The Divine Comedy." He is the patron of Gibraltar.



Readings for the Week



Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37,
39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 9:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14;
Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7;
Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5,
7-10; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22;
Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17;
Ps 128:1b-5; 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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AT THE TABLE

In today's first reading, Wisdom is imagined as a woman rich in poise and grace. She moves smoothly and confidently about her temple—like home. She doesn't flutter about, nervous with worry. Wisdom sends her maidens to invite all to her open house. The guests do not possess any particular genius or insight. They need only be a people of good will and common sense. They are summoned to leave behind foolishness and to find for themselves a place at Wisdom's table. There they may and can eat and drink deeply.

Today's Gospel draws us back to the table of the Eucharist. Jesus addresses those who seek to understand his words and, sadly, those who seek to avoid them. As people born of God, we are called and equipped to seek God's will and act on it. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Diocesan Confirmation Program

Are you an adult Catholic, 18 years or older, who has received First Holy Communion but has never been confirmed?

There is a program for you which consists of nine sessions, where you can gather with other adults to prepare to receive this sacrament and be confirmed by Bishop Guillory on Sunday, May 1, 2016, at the 12:00 Noon Mass at Saint Anthony Cathedral Basilica. Sessions have been set up in three areas of the diocese but others will be added if needed. If you are interested in attending, please contact Dr. Lorraine S. DeLuca at the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis (409) 924-4323.

¿Eres un católico adulto, más de 18 años, que ha recibido la primera comunión pero nunca ha sido confirmado? Hay un programa de nueve sesiones, donde pueden reunirse con otros adultos a prepararse para recibir este Sacramento y ser confirmado por el obispo Guillory en domingo, 01 de mayo de 2016, a las 12:00 Misa del mediodía en la Catedral Basilica de Santa Antonio. Si estás interesado en asistir, por favor póngase en contacto con la Dra. Lorraine S. DeLuca en la oficina de evangelización y catequesis (409) 924-4323.

THANK YOU TO OUR RELIGIOUS

In 2013, Pope Francis declared a Year of Consecrated Life from November 29, 2014 to February 2, 2016. As part of this year remembering the lives and contributions of men and women in religious orders, **Bishop Curtis J. Guillory will celebrate Evening Prayer on Sunday, September 13 at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica, 700 Jefferson Street, Beaumont. Evening Prayer will take place at 5:00 PM followed by a reception in the Cathedral Center.** We have been blessed over the years in the Diocese of Beaumont with the presence and ministry of many priests, brothers and religious sisters in religious orders. Bishop invites all the people of the Diocese of Beaumont to join with him on September 13 to offer thanks, support and encouragement to our religious and continued prayer for vocations.

A LA MESA

En la primera lectura de hoy, la sabiduría se presenta como una mujer rica en aplomo y gracia. Se mueve fácilmente y con confianza en torno a su templo-hogar. No anda mariposeando, nerviosa y preocupada. La sabiduría envía a sus doncellas a invitar a todos a su casa. Los invitados no tienen que tener ningún talento o conocimiento en particular. Tan sólo necesitan ser personas de buena voluntad y sentido común. Se les llama a dejar atrás las tonterías y buscar para sí mismos un lugar a la mesa de la sabiduría. Ahí pueden comer y beber a fondo.

El Evangelio de hoy nos lleva de nuevo a la mesa de la Eucaristía. Jesús les habla a aquellos que buscan entender sus palabras, y, tristemente, a aquellos que tratan de evadirlas. Como pueblo nacido de Dios, estamos llamados y preparados para buscar la voluntad de Dios y ponerla en práctica. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Según la creencia de los aztecas, toltecas y otros indígenas, los niños y las niñas nacen sin rostro y corazón. Corresponde a la familia formar en ellos y ellas el rostro (la personalidad), y el corazón (ánimo/ motivación) durante los primeros siete años de su vida.

Rostro y corazón son una combinación para hablar de un tercer aspecto. En este caso rostro y corazón indican la persona bien formada. Los judíos de la época de Jesús también usaban ciertas palabras para indicar otras realidades. Cuerpo y sangre, por ejemplo, indican a la persona en su totalidad. El cuerpo muestra el carácter de la persona, mientras que la sangre indica su ánimo o motivación.

Cuando Jesús nos invita a comer su Cuerpo y beber su Sangre nos está invitando a tomar su rostro y corazón. Nuestra personalidad debe ser como la suya y nuestra motivación también. De esta manera entramos en íntima comunión con él, a quien comulgamos. En nuestro interior vamos aprendiendo a pensar y amar como él, mientras que exteriormente vamos aprendiendo a comportarnos como él.—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

If the alb is the premier baptismal garment, then why are there so many other styles of vesture in evidence in our parishes? In some places, altar servers and other ministers might wear a garment, usually black, called a cassock. Over that is normally worn a white garment (a "surplice"), reminiscent of the alb but much shorter, often of starched linen and trimmed with lace. The cassock is not a liturgical garment, but a clerical robe. Its origins lie in the religious habit of monks. By the late Middle Ages, diocesan priests and clerics increasingly were encouraged to emulate religious priests. Very small boys were often apprenticed to monasteries, especially for music education, and would be invested with a cassock and sometimes even inducted into the ranks of clerics. For centuries before the Reformation, it was required that all men entering higher education be clerics, and so the cassock and its variations became familiar academic garb. At the Reformation, many ministers retained a form of the cassock as ordinary dress, rejecting liturgical garments. In the seventeenth century, the English Civil War was in part provoked by the Archbishop of Canterbury's insistence that ministers wear surplices. Although the Episcopal Church now retains "cassock and surplice" as the normal dress for lay men and women assisting at liturgy, Catholics are increasingly attentive to the deeply traditional treasure of the alb, our baptismal robe, when special liturgical vesture is needed.—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Do you know anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith? Let them know that RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) classes begin Sept. 15th. To register please contact Myrna Stimac at 883-5771 or myrna.stimac@gmail.com.



St. Francis of Assisi is offering Baptismal Preparation class with parents for

children ages infant to 7 years old who have not been baptized. Please call the Parish office at 883-9153

Estamos ofreciendo Preparación bautismal para los padres cuyos niños de infante a 7 años de edad no han sido bautizados. Por favor llame a la oficina de la parroquia- 883-9153



Altar flowers for August 15,16 were donated by:
Frank and Stephanie Lomonte
In memory of:
Angie and Frank Lomonte
and
Reginald and Shirley Parker
In honor of: Our
60th Wedding Anniversary

Blessed Mother flowers were donated by:
Doug and Jan Childress
In thanksgiving for our
Children and Grandchildren

ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES who



are celebrating their 25th, 50th, or 50th+ wedding anniversaries in 2015: 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 11, 2015 at 2:30pm 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. Please RSVP to your parish office no later than Friday, September 18.



Monday, August 31 at 6 p.m. will be our first Choir Practice for the new season at 6 p.m. We will then take off for Labor Day and meet once a week starting **Monday, Sept.14 at 6 p.m.** Please consider joining our choir.

WOMEN, DESIRE & PRAYER Silent retreat for women

HOLY FAMILY RETREAT CENTER
9920 North Major Drive
Beaumont, TX 77713
409-899-5617

Thursday – Sunday, September 10-13, 2015
Renata Furst, PhD & Mary Wilder

Women in western culture are raised to recognize, articulate and act upon the desires of others. Meanwhile our own unacknowledged desires limit our spiritual life, because authentic desires are the root of prayer and connection to God.

In this retreat we explore the work of embracing, praying with, and transforming desires which many of us thought had perished long ago.

Renata Furst and Mary Wilder are experienced spiritual directors, teachers and workshop presenters who have worked with the expression of women's desire in prayer.

Registration begins at 4:00 pm on Thursday, opens with a light supper at 5:00 pm and ends with lunch on Sunday.

Cost: \$295/person
\$75 deposit
Pre-register by August 24

SEPTEMBER 20, 2015- Catechetical Sunday

Catechists use gifts of faith, hope, and love, to serve who they teach that they are a witness to Jesus.



Please look for the ACTS Prayer Poster in the church foyer. When you sign up and tear off the time slot to pray for an hour, you will be praying for ALL of the women who will attend the Aug 20-23 Women's ACTS retreat.



Upcoming Special Collections:

September 6th for Catholic University- Every aspect of the Catholic University of America campus culture is focused on serving others and giving back to the community.

September 20th for Infirm Priests Fund- provide financial assistance for the challenges they face with advanced age and failing health.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



ST. FRANCIS BLOOD DRIVE

TODAY

**Sunday, August 16
8 a.m. until 1 p.m.**

**San Damiano Center
Please donate!**

*Your Blood
Saves
Lives!!!*



Religious Education Registration:

**Sunday, August 30 after
8:00 a.m. and 10:30 Mass.**



**First Day of Class:
Wednesday,
September 2
5:15 p.m.-6:15 p.m.-K-
8th
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.- 9th-12th**



Jason and Ashley
Heatherly and family
Linda Garrett

Cody and Sarah
Simon and family

Paul and Samantha
Burman and family
Gene and Flo Edgerly



**Catechist Meeting!!
August 19 at 6:30**
All catechists are
needed at this
meeting to talk about
the new Fall Session
that will begin
September 2.

FREE LEGAL ADVICE For all U.S. Vets

Divorce/Custody • Child Support • Bankrupt-
cy • Consumer/Contracts • Wills/Estate Plan-
ning Guardianship/Probate • Landlord/Tenant •
Social Security/SSI • Employment •
Foreclosure • Housing Other Legal Issues
May Apply

**Saturday, August 22, 2015
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Lumberton Fire & EMS
228 Country Lane Dr., Lumberton**

**Appointments are strongly encouraged to
ensure consultation.** Walk-ins will be
addressed as time and resources allow. *To
schedule an appointment, contact the JCBA at
(409) 835-8647 or veteran@jcba.org.*

**Volunteer attorneys will provide brief, legal
advice.** To best assist you, please bring any
paperwork that is relevant to your case. This
includes copies of all pertinent claims, corre-
spondence and rulings from the court,
agency, or VA. If you are seeking veteran
benefits or a discharge upgrade, please
bring a copy of your DD214 and any evi-
dence related to your claim. Benefit coun-
selors will be available onsite.

**For any questions please contact the
Jefferson County Bar Association**

Will You
**GOLF
For
FOOD**

to help support
eliminating hunger
in Southeast
Texas?

4th Annual
Southeast
Texas
Food Bank
Golf
Tournament

Bayou Din Golf Club
8537 Labelle Road

Four Person Scramble
Friday, September 18th, 2015

Tee times—8 am and 1 pm
Registration starts at 7 am for
morning times and 11 am for
afternoon times



Saturday, August 15

Reconciliation—4-4:45 p.m.
Mass 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Sunday, August 16

Mass 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Blood Drive 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Sonlight Choir— 6:30 p.m.

Monday, August 17

No Mass
Men's ACTS 6:30 p.m.
Women's ACTS 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 18

Mass 8:30 a.m.
Men's faith sharing 5:45 a.m.
Women's faith sharing 6:15 a.m.

Wednesday, August 19

Mass 6:30 p.m.
Catechist Meeting— 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 20

Mass 8:30 a.m.
Women ACTS Send Off
Book Club 7 p.m.

Friday, August 21

Mass 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, August 22

Reconciliation—4-4:45 p.m.
Mass 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Sunday, August 23

Mass 8 a.m.
Mass 10:30 a.m.-ACTS Return
Sonlight Choir—6:30 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE August 9, 2015

Amount needed each week
\$11,873.00
Weekend regular collection
(including building fund)
\$ 10,941.00
Under Goal- \$ -931.58

Year to date
Amount needed \$59,365.00
(\$11,873.x 45fiscal weeks)
Total Sunday collections to date
\$ 53,485.00

**Year to date Short of goal—
\$5880.00**

FLOWER CALENDAR

If any parishioner is interested, there is still one
weekend available in the 2015 Flower Calendar
October 31/Nov 1- Open



**Saturday, September 12
at 10:30 a.m.- Altar Server
Training for both old and
new altar servers. New
instructions to learn.**