



Mass Intentions

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

Monday, August 24

No Mass

Tuesday, August 25

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday, August 26

6:30 p.m. Communion Service

Thursday, August 27

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Friday, August 28

8:30 a.m. Rosalind Casey (D)

Saturday, August 29

5 p.m. Dustin Conley (D)

7 p.m.

Sunday, August 30

8 a.m. Richard E. Pillsbury (D)

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST



The Liturgy of the Eucharist begins with the preparation of the gifts and the altar. As the ministers prepare the altar, representatives of the people bring forward the bread and wine that will become the Body and Blood of Christ. The celebrant blesses and praises God for

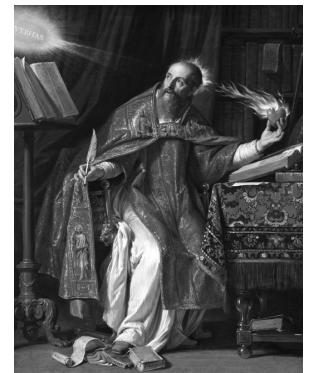
these gifts and places them on the altar, the place of the Eucharistic sacrifice. In addition to the bread and wine, monetary gifts for the support of the Church and the care of the poor may be brought forward. The Prayer over the Offerings concludes this preparation and disposes all for the Eucharistic Prayer.



SAINT AUGUSTINE (354-430)

Feast day—August 28

Born in Roman North Africa, Augustine had a Christian upbringing by his mother, St. Monica. But he led a dissolute life, living for years with a woman who bore him a son. He taught rhetoric in Carthage, Rome, and Milan, where a conversion of heart led to his baptism by Bishop Ambrose in 387. He returned to North Africa and served as bishop of Hippo for 35 years. An influential Doctor of the Church, Augustine battled several heresies and left numerous writings, including his still widely read "Confessions."



Readings for the Week



Monday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17

- 18; Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6;

Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:

7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a,

12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6,

10-12; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9;

Mk 6:17-29

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5;

Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27;

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The ministry of permanent deacons has become an essential part of our parish life today, yet for centuries until 1967, this deeply traditional ministry had virtually disappeared. Every priest had first to be ordained a deacon, but the notion that one could actually embrace a permanent vocation to the diaconate was lost.

The primary ministry of the deacon is to the welfare of the community, especially its poor, and his role in sacraments and preaching flows from that. His principal role is to animate and promote the ministry of all the faithful. Ninety percent of permanent deacons are married, although the discipline of celibacy for clerics means that if a deacon is widowed, normally he cannot remarry, nor can an unmarried deacon marry once ordained. The deacon does not preside at Mass nor may he absolve sins. Nor, since anointing of the sick is linked theologically to penance, may he anoint.

Sometimes we are slow to engage with a tradition: Trent approved permanent deacons in the 1560s, but nothing was done until the 1960s. The vitality of the long-delayed restoration has greatly enriched the Church, particularly in the United States, where the majority of the deacons in the world serve.

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

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



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 Basílica 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.



St. Kolbe Prison Ministry

St. Kolbe Prison Ministry is scheduled to give two retreats in Dayton for the women incarcerated there. Ministering to them in this way is a remarkable way to share the love of Christ with women who have turned away, or never known about Jesus. The dates are January 7-9, 2016 at Henley State Jail and April 21-24, 2016 at Plane State Jail.

If you have made a parish ACTS retreat and are interested in helping on a team, please contact: Margaret Boland at 409-728-0356 or mthyp@yahoo.com



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.

A Life in the Spirit Seminar, sponsored by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Diocese of Beaumont, will be presented on **Saturday, September 12, 2015, 8:00am-5:00pm,** St. Anne Church Hall (located behind the Church), Beaumont. Lunch will be provided and registration is required (no fee) and must be in, on or before, Wednesday, Sept 8th. For registration, call: Mrs. Dee Doucet, 409-724-7379.



May the faithfully departed thru the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Matilda Wright



Calling all people interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) classes begin on Sept. 15. Come join us and take this journey of faith with us. Contact Myrna Stimac at 883-5771 or myrna.stimac@gmail.com to register for the class.

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.



Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

SEPTEMBER 1



Altar Server Training with Father Sinclair and Deacon Tommy for those wishing to serve :

Saturday, September 12 (10:30 am.-12:30pm)
Open to boys and girls 3rd grade to 12th grade who have made their First Holy Communion.

New and current altar servers need to attend as there will be new instructions and changes taught for this year.

Pizza will be served after our training.



**SEPTEMBER 20,
Catechetical Sunday**

Being a Sponsor in RCIA is like being a trusted friend. You share what you can about your own faith journey.

FAITH SHARE

Come join us for an hour of God's word and good fellowship. We are a very informal group and we always find something to laugh about, even that early! What a wonderful way to start the day!!

Men's Faith Share Women's Faith Share
Tuesday 5:45-6:45a Tuesday 6:15-7:15 a

**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

Men's ACTS Retreat Registration Begins

Registration begins at 9 am, Monday, August 24 for the next Men's ACTS retreat. The retreat will be held Oct 29-Nov1 and fee is \$170. To register. Complete a registration form and turn it in with your \$50 deposit. Financial difficulties should not prevent anyone from attending the retreat, if God is calling you to make this retreat. Registration forms can be found on website and in the back of the church. Contact one of the individuals below for more information.

Bobby Hommel –Director-337-540-3515
Sidney Badon– Co-Director-409-718-2852
Willie Bowman-Co-Director 832-233-1868



Thank You

Many thanks to those who donated blood and those who attempted to do so. The 20 units successfully donated have the potential to save 60 lives. Special appreciation to our youngest donors:



Meagan Brzezinski and Noah Vigil.

Winners of the WalMart gift cards are: Pam Cheek and Gwen Dyson.



Altar flowers for August 22,23

were donated by:
Hazel Prince Webb
In memory of:
Manfred Prince
and

Frank and Marie Zeto
In memory of:
Chad McGee

Blessed Mother flowers were donated by:

Joyce and Lloyd Blanchette
In memory of:
Margaret Hudnall

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.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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



FORTNIGHT OF FREEDOM

Everywhere we turn our freedom of religion comes under attack both in our country and worldwide. Praying to Mary for her intercession for world peace is our protection against this attack. Therefore, Fortnight of Freedom is continuing in our Parish. The first Sunday each month, we will gather at St. Francis of Assisi to pray the rosary at 7 p.m. All parishioners are welcome. We will meet for the rosary-September 6



“Tinsel and Treasure”-
Shopping in Lafayette—
only a few seats left!
Sept 24- \$40

Reminder—

Fun filled Santa Fe/
Albuquerque trip-
Oct 5-Oct 11- \$650
double occupancy
Any questions, please call
Janis at 883-4566
or 779-1038



Saturday, August 22

Reconciliation—4-4:45 p.m.

Mass 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Adoration Sign Up

Sunday, August 23

Mass 8 a.m. and

10:30 a.m. (ACTS Return Mass)

Sonlight Choir—6:30 p.m.

Adoration Sign Up

Monday, August 24

No Mass

Men's ACTS 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 25

Communion Service

Men's faith sharing 5:45 a.m.

Women's faith sharing 6:15 a.m.

KC Dinner-A-H(Dessert),I-D(Meat),P-Z(Veg)

Wednesday, August 26

Communion Service

Thursday, August 27

Communion Service

Friday, August 28

Mass 8:30 a.m

Saturday, August 29

Reconciliation—4-4:45 p.m.

Mass 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Training-"Living the Eucharist"-Lorraine
DeLuca (8am-1pm)

Sunday, August 30

Mass 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Sonlight Choir—6:30 p.m.

Mark Your Calendar-

Confirmation—Parent
Meeting— after 10:30 Mass
September 13.
Noon-2pm



St. Francis Choir

We are looking for
some good folks with a
generous heart, a little extra time, and the
willingness to learn music for the Liturgy.
Please consider joining your church choir
as we begin weekly rehearsals. We meet
Monday evenings at 6 pm and sing every
weekend. Our first practice will be August
31. We will skip Labor Day —resume
September 14.



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Will You
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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 11am for
afternoon times

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE August 16, 2015

Amount needed each week
\$11,873.00

Weekend regular collection
(including building fund)
\$12,289.00

Over Goal- +\$416.78

Year to date
Amount needed \$83,111
(11,873 x 6)

Total Sunday collections to date
\$65,774

Year to date Short of goal
-\$17,337.00