



# St. Maurice Catholic Church

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Pastor: Rev. Patrick J. Madden  
Deacon: Terrence Anderson

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**  
Sat. 5-5:30 PM and anytime by appointment  
**BAPTISM:** Please contact pastor when you anticipate a baptism in the near future.  
**WEDDINGS:** Please contact pastor at least 6 months prior to the anticipated date.  
**ILLNESS:** Please contact the Rectory & leave a message, or call Fr. Pat's cell number, when a parishioner is ill or in the hospital.

Parish Council Members	
Brenda Kern - President	363-1370
Lisa Fay – Vice-Pres./Secretary	867-8525
Lisa Templeton – Education	209-3396
Fred Nordmeyer – Parish Life	867-2692
Wiley Downing – Finance	362-0166
Anita Wagner - Liturgy	282-7897
Stephen Tidwell – Buildings & Grounds	369-3157
Terry Anderson – Deacon	809-0051

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**WEEKEND MASSES:** Saturday, 6:00 PM; Sunday, 9:00 AM

**WEEKDAY MASSES:** Tues. & Thurs., 6:00 PM; Wed. & Fri., 8:30 AM

*Hispanic Mass – 3rd Sunday of the Month @ 11 AM*

### Monthly Schedule:

- October 2,9,16, - Sunday School Classes
- October 5 – Adult Bible Study @ 9:30 am
- October 12 – Souls Sister's meeting/Liturgy and Choir
- October 16 – Parents confirmation meeting at 10:00 am in parish hall
- October 30 – Sunday School and Fun Fall Event

**Misa en español:** el tercer Domingo de cada mes a las 11 de la mañana (el 16 de Octubre ).

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## 27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 2, 2016

**COLLECTION RESULTS FOR SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> AND 25<sup>TH</sup> 2016:**  
**\$1,305.65; BURSE \$24.00**

We are currently building a parish website:  
[www.saintmauricebrewton.org](http://www.saintmauricebrewton.org) log on and watch us grow!

- RCIA ( Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults ) to begin in October, if interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith , please contact Fr. Pat
- Wednesday morning bible study group will begin in October 5<sup>th</sup> @9:30 am. The title will be Jerusalem the Holy City.
- Adult Faith Discussion Group to meet October 5 , during Sunday School class time in the Parish Hall
- October 4<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> are this months dates for the TV Mass in Mobile. Anyone interested in attending can see Father Pat for details.
- Resource books are available in the back of the church
- The next parish council meeting will be November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm



**Opening Prayer**

Almighty ever-living God,  
who in the abundance of your kindness  
surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you,  
pour out your mercy upon us  
to pardon what conscience dreads  
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Reflecting on Living the Gospel**

The apostles demand that Jesus increase their faith. Jesus responds that even faith “the size of a mustard seed” is enough to do great things. The “unprofitable servants” of Jesus’ gospel teaching simply do what they are commanded—they do not go beyond normal expectations; they cannot uproot a mulberry tree. To go beyond expectations, we must risk doing the impossible and thereby become profitable servants. In this we align ourselves with God, become able to do as God does. Being aligned with God: this is faith.

Faith-filled persons take what they have—whether little or great—and *act*. If we wait until we think we have enough faith, we will never act. In the first example about the mulberry tree, Jesus is saying that even a little faith is enough to move this tree. The point about faith that Jesus makes is not that it be measured; active and fruitful faith is not a matter of “how much.” But we must use what we do have, because even a little bit gives us great power to accomplish God’s work. We have this power not on our own, but because we give ourselves over to God’s will and God’s ways. Faith is aligning ourselves with God so that we can act with God’s power—then we can do the seemingly impossible. Faith is more than faithfulness, is more than doing all we have been commanded. “Faith-filledness” is *acting* decisively as God would do. The faithful and faith-filled disciple is the one who doesn’t wait for enough faith, but continues to respond to the everyday and never-ending demands of discipleship. The Master demands our service. And then gives us the faith to perform it well.

**Closing Prayers**

May we face difficult life challenges with deep faith.

May we, by our faith, do more than is expected or demanded of us.

Our Father . . .



**For Reflection:**

· I have gone beyond what is expected or commanded of me when . . . What happened as a result is . . .

· I am most aligned with God when . . . I can tell I am not aligned with God when . . .

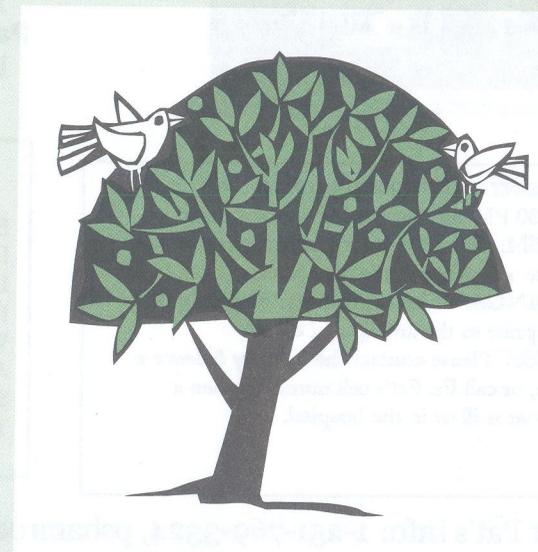
**Suggestions for group and individual use:**

1. Pray aloud the opening prayer (in *The Roman Missal* called the “collect”);
2. One person read aloud the gospel;
3. Each read prayerfully “Reflecting on Living the Gospel” and spend some time in personal prayer;
4. Share together responses to “For Reflection”;
5. Pray the “Closing Prayers.”

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**Gospel**

Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith.”

The Lord replied,

“If you have faith the size of a mustard seed,

you would say to this mulberry tree,  
‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’  
and it would obey you.

“Who among you would say to your servant

who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field,

‘Come here immediately and take your place at table?’

Would he not rather say to him,

‘Prepare something for me to eat.

Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink.

You may eat and drink when I am finished?’

Is he grateful to that servant because he did what was commanded?

So should it be with you.

When you have done all you have been commanded,

say, ‘We are unprofitable servants;

we have done what we were obliged to do.’”

**Readings for the week:**

**27th Sunday in Ord. Time**  
Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4  
Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9  
2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14  
Luke 17:5-10

**Monday**  
Gal 1:6-12  
Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c  
Luke 10:25-37

**Tuesday**  
Gal 1:13-24  
Gal 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15  
Luke 10:38-42

**Wednesday**  
Gal 2:1-2, 7-14  
Ps 117:1bc, 2  
Luke 11:1-4

**Thursday**  
Gal 3:1-5  
Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75  
Luke 11:5-13

**Friday**  
Gal 3:7-14  
Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6  
Luke 11:15-26

**Saturday**  
Gal 3:22-29  
Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7  
Luke 11:27-28

**28th Sunday in Ord. Time**  
2 Kgs 5:14-17  
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4  
2 Tim 2:8-13  
Luke 17:11-19

## St Maurice Parish Bulletin Insert

*Pastor's Corner:* News from Archbishop Rodi : as per his recent letter all announcements during Mass should be shared from the Music Ministry stand ; and the Prayer of the Faithful should be read from the pulpit. *This week's Pastor's Corner : receiving Communion – when you have a cold or just aren't feeling well ! It is wise to abstain from receiving the Blood of Christ when you're not feeling well. There is a option that with the help of the Eucharist minister you can receive the Precious Blood by giving the Host the Body of Christ to the Eucharistic minister, then the minister can dip your Host into the Chalice and then give you communion. Remember that you do not dip the Host into the Chalice yourself, all of us receive communion from the Eucharist minister, Priest or deacon. However, if you chose not to receive the precious blood, you can pause and bow in front of the Chalice and Eucharist minister and return to your pew.* **Other Liturgy notes :** Please encourage , pray for all who help out in the Liturgy. If you have any ideas , requests of songs etc. please contact Fr. Pat or put comments/complains into our Parish Suggestion box, when it becomes available.

Posting of Last Weeks Collection Results : 9/24 & 9/25 \$1,305.00, Burse Club \$24.00 ;

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**Annual Burse Club Seminarian Membership has been concluded. Terry Moody reports that our total is \$712.00**

**Parish Council summary minutes from September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting are as follows:**

Meeting was called to order by Father Pat at 6:37 pm and those attending were: Father Pat, Brenda Kern, Anita Wagner, Terry Anderson, Wiley Downing, Steve Tidwell, Fred Nordmeyer and Victoria Stewart. Lisa Fay and Lisa Templeton were not able to attend. Summary Report for the council meeting are as follows:

Religious Education: Sunday school yearly schedule, adult discussion group, RCIA, confirmation, liturgical minister's training.

Liturgy Committee: highlights of previous meeting.

B&G: list of repairs and parish workday.

Parish Council: elections, terms, future goals, etc.

Finance Council: rectory repair report, budget, debt reduction and future repair projects.

Parish Office Actions: updated and simplified parish census, advertisement for new part time organist, potential parish website.

General Discussion Topics: Parish Yearly festival, 2016 Christ the King medal.

Next meeting will be held on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. The parish council meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm.

Also at the meeting Fr. Pat took suggestions for this year's nominee for the Christ the King Medal, Mrs. Brigitte Lallier is this year's recipient of the 2016 St. Maurice Christ the King Medal.

Full parish council meeting minutes will be made available at the back of the church for those who would like a copy.