

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF FEB 25 – MAR 3

- Monday - Sir 1: 1-10; Mk 9:14-29
- Tuesday - Sir 2: 1-11; Mk 9:30-37
- Wednesday - Sir 4: 11-19; Mk 9:38-40
- Thursday - Sir 5: 1-8; Mk 9:41-50
- Friday - Sir 6: 5-17; Mk 10:1-12
- Saturday - Sir 17: 1-15; Mk 10:13-16
- Sunday - **Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Sir 27: 4-7; 1 Cor 15: 54-58; Lk 6:39-45



PARISH NEWS

PARISH PICNIC - all Church members that are interested in joining the picnic committee contact Rene Rhodes at 985-209-8744.



Mark your calendars - the Parish Picnic will be March 24, 2019 from 11am-3pm.

PRAY FOR: Jenny Fanguy, David Porter, Taylor Riché, Susan Laperouse, Holden Sawyer, Jason Chiasson, Edrith Boudreaux, J.A. Foret, Penny Simmons, Linda Lee, Alaina Maiorana, Cassandra Rios, Charles Spence, Isabella Cole, Kathy Savoie, Ken Pitre, Christina Sparks, Peter Cantrelle, Betty Olivier, Ursula M. Breaux, Pam Jarveaux Ford, Beryl Touns Odom, Wilbert Duplantis, Harold Lapeyre, Russ Todd, Donald Picou, Kathie Folse, Ethan LeBoeuf, Ralph Deroche, Dianne Deroche, Barbara Touns Miller, Reggie Redmond, Edward Ougel Sr., Deacon Doug Authement, Sylvia Chauvin, Jo Ann Landry, Lee Dugas, Patty Lejeune, Christian Olden, Aiden Robichaux, Delores Deroche, Yvonne Fanguy, Brooklyn Verdin, Ronnie Picou, Fr. Paul Bergeron, Tim Long, Danny Smith, Melinda Fabre, Mona Escobar, and for all prayer shawl recipients.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES are as follows: March 6, 2019 - 6:30 am, 12:05 pm, & 5:30 pm



LENTEN SEASON

There are two sacramentals which parallel the beginnings of the Lenten and Easter Seasons. On Ash Wednesday we receive ashes on our foreheads; at the Easter Vigil or on Easter Sunday, we are sprinkled with the baptismal waters of new life. The paralleling of these two sacramentals symbolizes the transformative process we experience between Ash Wednesday and Easter. We rise from the ashes of death into the new baptismal life.

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Church

In Loving Memory of Ray Daigle donated by his Family. In Loving Memory of Stuart Waldron donated by Kay & Family.

The ALTAR SOCIETY will meet on Wednesday, February 27 at 1:30 P.M. in the meeting room of the Youth Center. All members, active and inactive, are invited to attend the meeting.

GOSPEL COMMENTARY

Luke 6:27-38

“For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you?”

Is there someone your really don't like? Or is there someone you feel you hate. Hopefully you have come to realize that such feelings about people are because of something we believe they did to us, or something they should have done for us, but didn't. We may waste a lot of time thinking about how we will retaliate. Or we may actually retaliate in some way. But that may lead to serious physical or legal consequences. Ultimately, the time we spend with feelings of dislike or hatred, or the actions we take, do more harm to us than to the other person. That is why Jesus taught his disciples, and through them, taught us, to “love your enemies and do good to them.” Jesus knew there would be people that, for some reason or another, we would not like. Jesus was critical of the Chief Priest, Sadducees, Pharisees and the scribes. He loved them enough to challenge them to change. That's the kind of love he wants us to have for everyone, including our enemies. It is not easy, but that is what Jesus did and what he challenges us to do.

PRAYER TO END ABORTION

Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life, And for the lives of all my brothers and sisters. I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion, yet I rejoice that you have conquered death by the Resurrection of Your Son. I am ready to do my part in ending abortion. Today I commit myself never to be silent, never to be passive, and never to be forgetful of the unborn. I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement, and never to stop defending life until all my brothers and sisters are protected, and our nation once again becomes a nation with liberty and justice Not just for some, but for all through Christ our Lord. Amen!

Please continue to pray to end abortion

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday – February 17

Envelopes (260).....	\$ 9,461.50
Loose	\$ 2,154.75
Total.....	\$11,616.25

NEW LOCATION - St. Vincent de Paul Society Pharmacy has moved to 201 Canal Street, Houma, LA. They have been in operation for 17 years and 2 months with the help of an ALL-VOLUNTEER staff of Pharmacists, Pharmacy Assistants, and Screeners. They have filled 174,254 free prescriptions at a retail value of \$13,904,724.64! On average they spend about \$13,000-\$14,000 a month to purchase medicines not donated. In 2018 they have taken 46 new clients. Expenses are subsidized by the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store. The pharmacy hours are Tuesday and Thursday 9am-11am. If you or someone you know needs assistance or you would like to donate, please contact them at 985-872-2253.

SPECIAL COLLECTION - ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 - There will be a special collection on Wednesday, March 6.

The Church Office will be closed Monday, March 4 and Tuesday, March 5. The Office will resume normal business hours Wednesday, March 6.

YOUTH NEWS



ABBEY YOUTH FEST 2019 - "Restored" 8th Grade – 12th Grade are invited Saturday, March 23rd, 2019 at Saint Joseph Abbey in Saint Benedict

Registration Deadline Monday, February 25th, 2019

If you would like to attend or chaperone, please contact Gina Danos at (985)688-9696 or StFrancisHoumaYouthMinistry@gmail.com

2019 Annual Bishop's Appeal – Update!

The goal of the Cathedral of St. Francis is \$85,000, which is a very achievable goal with your support. Thus far, the Cathedral of St. Francis has pledged \$21,768.80, with \$15,199.15 paid thus far from 45 pledges. We have achieved 25.61% of our pledged goal. *If the Diocese reaches its goal, then a percentage of funds will be returned to all parishes that go over its individual goal.*

Please prayerfully consider a gift to support our Annual Bishop's Appeal and our parish. You can give online at www.htdiocese.org/bishopsappeal, return your personalized commitment cards at Mass this weekend, or you may simply mail your commitment to the Diocese in the provided envelope.

If you would like more information about the 2019 Appeal, please contact the Annual Bishop's Appeal Office at 985-850-3116 or email aponson@htdiocese.org.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Catholic Daughters of the Americas will be at masses this weekend for the **Annual White Ribbon Campaign**. CDA will be giving out white ribbons and cards with an article and prayer for victims of human trafficking. They will also have a donation table in the courtyard after all masses. All donations will be forwarded to Metanoia House whose objective is to rehabilitate victims of human trafficking.

If you are interested in Catholic Daughters you are invited to join us! Contact Kathleen Lirette, Regent 985-856-2379. Our meetings are every 3rd Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the K.C. Home.



REV. EDWARD ROONEY, A CRS GLOBAL FELLOW will be at St Francis Saturday March 2nd at 8:30 am Mass. He

will share personal stories from his experiences traveling to witness the work of Catholic Relief Services.

Fr. Ed Rooney is a native of County Kildare, Ireland. He was ordained a priest in 1962 at St. Patrick's College, Carlow, Ireland, for the Diocese of Mobile. He taught high school in Montgomery, Alabama; Mobile, Alabama; and Jacksonville, Florida. He served as a priest in the Diocese of St. Augustine and was the diocesan director of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Fr. Rooney retired in 2010 from St. Luke Parish in Middleburg, Florida, having served as pastor for 28 years. In 2010, he joined the Global Fellows, traveling to Haiti and Zimbabwe.

Building the culture of encounter as missionary disciples this Lent!

Bridging the Bayous Timebank

BTNEP is gearing up for the 2019 Bayou Lafourche Cleanup to be held Saturday, March 23 from 8am-12pm.

Please sign-up at <https://form.jotform.com/BTNEP/bayou-lafourche-cleanup-2019>

Dynamic Catholic's Best Lent Ever – Don't give up chocolate for Lent – instead, discover simple ways to transform your life in forty days. It's a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will guide you on an incredible journey toward the-best-version-of-yourself. From Ash Wednesday to Easter, you'll discover ways to transform your life in forty days.

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CATHOLIC KORNER

Last week we learned that Baptism is the first sacrament that we receive; one that frees us from original sin and we become a member of the Body of Christ. The final sacrament of initiation is called **Eucharist** because it is an action of thanksgiving to God. At the Last Supper, on the night he was betrayed, our Savior instituted the Eucharistic sacrifice of his Body and Blood. This he did in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the cross throughout the ages until he should come again. At the heart of the Eucharistic celebration are the bread and wine that, by the words of Christ and the invocation of the Holy Spirit, become Christ's Body and Blood. Faithful to the Lord's command the Church continues to do, in his memory and until his glorious return, what he did on the eve of his Passion



The principal fruit of receiving the Eucharist in Holy Communion is an intimate union with Christ Jesus.

Building the foundation.....Find out more next week about the third sacrament of initiation - Confirmation?

Do you have a particular question you want answered?

Send in your questions to rvowell@htdiocese.org to have answered here!