

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF MAR 4 – 10

- Monday - Sir 17: 20-24; Mk 10:17-27
- Tuesday - Sir 35: 1-12; Mk 10:28-31
- Wednesday- JI 2: 12-18; Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18
- Thursday - Dt 30: 15-20; Lk 9: 22-25
- Friday - Is 58: 1-9a; Mt 9: 14-15
- Saturday - Is 58: 9b-14; Lk 5: 27-32
- Sunday - **First Sunday in Lent**  
Dt 26: 4-10; Rom 10: 8-13; Lk 4: 1-13



PRAY FOR: Danny Smith, Melinda Fabre, Mona Escobar, Mark Voisin and for all prayer shawl recipients. Pray for the repose of the soul of Ronald Picou.



If you have someone to add or remove from the prayer list, please call the church office at 985-876-6904 or email rvowell@hdiocese.org. After 6 weeks the individual will be removed from the list, but please call or email to keep them on the list.

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Church

In Loving Memory of John & Helen Saia donated by Jeanne Saia. In Loving Memory of Diane Baker donated by Bonnie Prosperie.

Chapel

In Loving Memory of Ernest, Betty, and Sadi Mabile donated by Mark, Tobi, and Rhea' Mabile

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday – February 24

Envelopes (300).....	\$14,358.00
Loose .....	\$ 1,758.56
Total .....	\$16,116.56
Online Giving for month of February	\$ 190.00

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

2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION next weekend, March 9-10, 2019 for the Black and Native American Missions.



The Black and Indian Mission Collection exists to help African American and Native American Diocesan Communities throughout the United States spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and respond to real and pressing needs on the ground.

PARISH NEWS



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

GETTING READY FOR LENT - FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

When Observed: Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

By Whom?: by all Catholics who are 18 years of age ("have attained their majority, Code of Canon Law, Canon 1252) but not yet 59 ("until the beginning of their sixtieth year," Ibid.).

What Constitutes Fasting?: Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to each one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Abstinence from meat: is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years or older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and on all Fridays of Lent. The determination of certain days as obligatory days of penance should not be understood as limiting the occasions for Christian penance.

RENOVATION UPDATE: When you leave the Cathedral, please note the mildew remediation efforts we have made in the vestibule on the front inside walls near the angel statues in relief. In addition to this, what you cannot see are the repairs that were made to the roof of the Cathedral. We hope these repairs will remedy the areas of plaster which continue to blister despite waterproofing in 2017.

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

You have an opportunity to help St. Francis de Sales earn up to \$2,000 in Youth Scholarship money by signing up and setting up reoccurring giving ParishSOFT Online Giving. For every 25 new recurring givers the parish receives a check for \$200 with the maximum amount of \$2,000 per parish. Sign up is easy and free – see below for more information.

ONLINE GIVING

Need assistance? Not sure how to get started? Guides to getting started, setting up your donor profile, and setting up one-time gifts or reoccurring ones – all are located on this page. To get started – Look for this button on our church website - http://www.stfrancisdesaleshouma.org/on-line-giving.html - once you click on Online Giving:

St. Francis de Sales - ParishSOFT On-Line Giving

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Open Wide Our Hearts Against Racism: A Listening Session

On October 14th, 2018 the U.S. Bishop's Committee on Racism led by Bishop Fabre, released a document titled, "Open Wide Our Hearts." In it, they address racism in America by discussing what racism is, how we as a Church have contributed to racism in the past, and how we can work for a future in which the dignity of all human persons is embraced in our hearts.

On pages 3-8 of Open Wide Our Hearts, the Bishops tell us that, "Racism arises when—either consciously or unconsciously—a person holds that his or her own race or ethnicity is superior, and therefore judges persons of other races or ethnicities as inferior and unworthy of equal regard...Racist acts are sinful because they violate justice." This occurs because of Original Sin and is manifested when, "... a person ignores the fundamental truth that, because all humans share a common origin, they are all brothers and sisters, all equally made in the image of God." What is needed is a, "genuine conversion of heart, a conversion that will compel change, and the reform of our institutions and society." To understand what this entails, the Bishops have looked to the prophet Micah who tells us, "...to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)

To help us better understand what racism is, why it appears in the human heart, and how it is manifested in the church today, Bishop Fabre will hold a listening session for all people of the diocese titled, "Open Wide Our Hearts Against Racism: A Listening Session" will be held on March 28th in the Diocesan Pastoral Center on Highway 311 from 6:30 PM until 8:30 PM. Food will be provided. For more information please contact, Fr. Alex Gaudet at agaudet@hdiocese.org.

A link to the U.S. Bishop's document Open Wide Our Hearts can be found on the diocesan website, www.hdiocese.org.

**HEALING MASS** – St. Eloi Church is having a Healing Mass with Fr. Emmanuel “Manny” Fernandez from the Diocese of Lafayette, on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. All are welcome. (location: St. Eloi Catholic Church, 1335 Bayou Dularge Rd., Theriot, LA)

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME** - reminder that daylight savings time this year will begin at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 10.



**2019 Annual Bishop’s Appeal – Update!**

The goal of the Cathedral of St. Francis is \$85,000. Thus far, the Cathedral of St. Francis has pledged \$30,181.80, with \$19,445 paid thus far from 75 pledges. We have achieved 35.51% 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](http://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](mailto:aponson@htdiocese.org).



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**UPDATE - THANK YOU for your generosity - Crossroads Pregnancy Resource Center** - thanks the parishioners

of St. Francis de Sales Cathedral for their total gift of **\$5,849.91** to Crossroads Pregnancy Resource Center from the Baby Bottle Fundraiser (BBF).

**MINISTERS SCHEDULE**

**Ash Wednesday – March 6**



**Lectors**

6:30 AM Bubba Watkins  
 12:05 PM Mindy Scott  
 5:30 PM Tommy Chauvin

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

6:30 AM C.J. Stoufflet, Kay Stoufflet, John Breaux, Richard Guidry, Volunteer, Volunteer  
 12:05 PM Kathy Lovell, Dale Norred, Nellie Chemin, Paul Labat, Volunteer, Volunteer  
 5:30 PM Mike Amico, Melvia Fournier, Judith Archilla, Sallie Preston, Rene Rhodes, Julie Rhodes

**Altar Servers**

6:30 AM C.J. Stoufflet, Richard Guidry  
 12:05 PM Grace Magee, Julia Magee, Kate Magee  
 5:30 PM Alexander Amico, Isabella Amico, Olivia Amico

**Weekend of March 9-10**

**Commentators**

4:00 PM Mike Trahan  
 7:00 AM Rebecca Vowell  
 9:00 AM Scott Hebert  
 11:00 AM Tommy Chauvin  
 5:30 PM Bubba Watkins



**Lectors**

4:00 PM Christa Duplantis-Prather  
 7:00 AM Jody Duet  
 9:00 AM Lawrence Breaux  
 11:00 AM Tommy Tabor  
 5:30 PM Charles Sevin

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

4:00 PM Anita Pearson, Judith Archilla, Mary Anne Rodrigue, Bernita Guidry, Volunteer, Volunteer  
 7:00 AM John Breaux, C.J. Stoufflet, Kay Stoufflet, Dolly Duplantis  
 9:00 AM Nellie Chemin, Murke Trahan, Colleen Lewis, Tammy Blanchard, Volunteer, Volunteer  
 11:00 AM Craig Bella, Michael D’Angelo, Gail Guilliot, Glenn Landry, Tara Landry, Volunteer  
 5:30 PM Curtis Briggs, Jenny Briggs, Adam Saal, Sallie Preston, Randy Bethancourt, Volunteer

**Altar Servers**

4:00 PM Avene Ryals, Gabrielle Hebert, Elise Ledet  
 7:00 AM John Breaux, C.J. Stoufflet  
 9:00 AM Connor Hebert, Corey Hebert, Delsin Blanchard  
 11:00 AM Kade Twiner, Alex Reddoch, Dylan Reed  
 5:30 PM William Deroche, Rebecca Deroche, Ashton Boudreaux

**CATHOLIC KORNER**

Last week we learned that Eucharist is an action of thanksgiving to God. Confirmation is strengthening our relationship with God. It is administered by laying-on of hands and anointing with chrism accompanied by prayer. The chrism is blessed by the bishop and the bishop usually administers the sacrament. Confirmation is the sign that Jesus Christ has permanently marked a Christian with the seal of his Spirit by clothing him/her with power from on high so that he/she may be his witness.



Confirmation increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which are, wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. The fruits of the Holy Spirit are the result of our cooperation with the grace of the gifts. The fruits of the Holy Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

**Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. ....Find out more next week about the sacrament of healing – Reconciliation.**

**Do you have a particular question you want answered? Send in your questions to [rvowell@htdiocese.org](mailto:rvowell@htdiocese.org) to have answered here!**