

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF MAR 18 – 24

- Monday - Dn. 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday - 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Lk 2:41-51a
- Wednesday - Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday - Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
- Friday - Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday - Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Sunday - Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9



PRAY FOR: Danny Smith, Melinda Fabre, Mona Escobar, Mark Voisin, Ray Duthu, Beryl Toups Odum, Linda Lee, J.A. Foret, Jason Chaisson, and for all prayer shaw recipients.

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 Joel, David & Hedi Bergeron donated by Fr. C. Paul, Carol & Carroll Bergeron.

GOSPEL COMMENTARY

“This is my chosen Son; listen to him.”

Mount Tabor is a craggy, steep, cone-shaped mountain south-east of Nazareth. There is a church on top of the mountain that commemorates the Transfiguration with chapels full of beautiful paintings, murals and mosaics depicting the event; Jesus with the three disciples, Jesus with Moses and Elijah; and of course, Jesus in dazzlingly white clothes. The art work is based on the record of the Transfiguration in the Gospels, but is ultimately the product of the imagination of the artist. The real meaning of the Transfiguration, like all Revelation in the Old and New Testaments, is God’s love for His creation and His hope that we will be aware of His love for us. Moses conveyed God’s commandment that we love God with our whole heart, mind, soul and strength; and love our neighbor as ourselves. Elijah conveyed God’s promise that he would send a Messiah. Jesus revealed himself as our Savior and Lord, our Messiah. Do we believe that?

STEWARDSHIP REPORT
Sunday – March 10

Envelopes (281).....	\$11,749.00
Loose	\$ 2,230.81
Total	\$13,979.81
Ash Wednesday	\$ 4,551.78

PARISH NEWS

LENTEN DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday thru Friday 12:05 & 5:30 p.m.
Way of Cross following 5:30 p.m. Mass on Fridays

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS AVAILABLE:

Monday thru Friday 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon
Monday thru Thursday 5:00 to 5:25 p.m.
Saturday 3:00 to 3:50 p.m.

LENTEN DATES:

- April 10 @ 6pm – The Light is On / Confessions
- Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord’s Supper @ 7 pm
- Good Friday – Celebration of the Lord’s Passion @ 3 pm
- Good Friday – Way of the Cross @ 6pm
- Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil @ 8pm
- Easter Sunday – 7 am, 9 am, 11 am, & 5:30 pm



“THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU”

The Sacrament of Penance will be offered at all parishes on the evening of April 10th at 6 PM.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW CHURCH WEBSITE!

St. Francis has a new Church website!
The site address is stfrancisdesaleshouma.org.



Looking for the bulletin online? Find them under the About section. Looking to find out more about RCIA and other programs – find that under the Sacramental Life section. Looking for opportunities to volunteer? Find out more under the Ministries section. Want to know Mass and Confession times? Find out under the Liturgy section. Find out all this and more on our new site!

CATHOLICS - HOLY LAND

Once again this Lent, would you consider giving alms for our Catholic sisters and brothers struggling to live in the Holy Land. You may recall that Catholics, Christians, and all non-Jews living there are subjected to government-sanctioned discrimination. Please, to explain: Israel would like to be a Jewish state. That means that the laws can favor Jewish people even if they are oppressive to Israeli citizens of other faiths. Israel is indeed an ally of the U.S., just as is Saudi Arabia, which is a Muslim state. Non-Muslims living in Saudi Arabia are subjected to Islamic laws. However, the Jewish laws in Israel discriminate against the Catholic/Christian minority. A simple example: Jews living in Jerusalem have running water 7 days a week, 24 hours a day; Catholics, Christians, and Muslims only have running water 2 days per week. That’s an Israeli law which favors Jews and is oppressive to Catholics. Throughout this Lent, we will be reminded of the plight of Catholics struggling to live in the land where Jesus walked and will be invited to consider dedicating your almsgiving this year to them. Again this year, the Crusader flag which marks every site revered by Catholics in the Holy Land will keep vigil in our sanctuary. Envelopes with the same Jerusalem cross are available at each door and can be placed in the regular collection. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have Mass said in honor or in memory of someone please complete the purple form in the vestibule, contact the church office at 876-6904, or email rvowell@hdiocese.org. The first weekend of each month we will list all Mass intentions for that month in the bulletin. This will begin in the April 6/7 bulletin. The usual stipend is \$3.00 per person per Mass. The names are due the Tuesday prior to the first weekend of each month. **Please call or email to have your loved one(s) added to the April list of Mass intentions by April 2, 2019.**

LENTEN BOILED SHRIMP DINNER

St. Francis de Sales School’s Co-Op Club - Friday, March 29, 2019
The dinner will consist of a serving of boiled shrimp, potatoes, corn and dip. Dinners are \$12 each and may be picked up by the convent driveway from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM on that day. Tickets are available at the school office.

BAPTISM SEMINAR - TEAM UP!!

“Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments.”
CCC 1213

Baptism - the basis of the whole Christian life! Such an important aspect of our faith life - and a wonderful opportunity to evangelize and educate first time parents! Therefore, we are looking to expand our Baptism program - as well as to add another team - which can be a husband and wife, or two friends! Seminars are held once a month with the teams rotating each month, so your team may serve as little as three times a year! Please prayerfully consider joining our team in reaching out to parents and godparents to enhance their understanding of Baptism - and hopefully to expand their faith life into one that is active and abundantly fruitful!

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” addressing the problem of racism in America.

So far we have briefly touched on what racism is and what it means to “Do Justice.” Today let us look at what the Bishops tell us about “Loving Goodness.”

“As Christians, we know it is our duty to love others.” But when we, “begin to separate people in our thoughts for unjust reasons, when we start to see some people as ‘them’ and others as ‘us,’ we fail to love.” But Jesus teaches us what it means to love. He, “...heals all divisions, including those that are at the core of racism. It is through his Cross that we learn the greatest lesson about love. On the Cross, Jesus died for the human race (see 2 Cor 5:15). ‘He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world’ (1 Jn 2:2). Here is our hope! Here is the grace given to us to be healed of this sin of division! Here is the lesson of love. Once “we have come to the conviction that one died for all”—and not just for ourselves—then “the love of Christ impels us” to see others as our brothers and sisters (2 Cor 5:14).

Examples of Christians who have walked before us loving goodness can be found on pages 17-20 of Open Wide Our Hearts which can be found linked on the diocesan website.

To help us better understand how injustice is manifested in our church today and how we can “Do Justice”, 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.

FORMED

A wonderful website that has been called a "Catholic Netflix." FORMED has inspiring movies and video based studies, audio talks and e-books from the Church's most compelling speakers and authors.

Our parish has invested in FORMED, so that each of us might grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ and in our desire to share our Faith with others, especially those closest to us.

With your free access to FORMED, 24/7 on your smartphone, computer, iPad, or Kindle, you can:

- Prepare for Mass each week by watching an insightful five-minute video on the Sunday Readings;
- Enjoy movies as a family that are both nourishing and entertaining;
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To sign up go to: go to our church website, <http://www.stfrancisdesaleshouma.org/>, click on FORMED, click on Register Now, enter the requested information including email and password (that you will create).

FORMED also has an app for Apple or Android mobile devices! Go to the App Store or the Google Play store to download the FORMED App.

YOUTH NEWS

PLEASE PRAY - ABBEY YOUTH FEST 2019 - "Restored" will be held Saturday, March 23rd, 2019 at Saint Joseph Abbey in Saint Benedict. Please pray for all attendees and volunteers.

COMMUNITY NEWS

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE.....Bread or Stones - BOOKS!!

If you are looking to make a different kind of donation this year for Lent - the Legion Park Library is in need of books! The librarian suggested 2nd & Charles or Bent Pages as great places to buy these books cheaply. She also sent a list of needed titles for 3rd grade level or below:

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|  Junie B. Jones |  Curious George |
|  Disney Books |  Princess Books |
|  Dr. Seus Books |  Super Hero Books |
|  Diary of a Wimpy Kid | |

These books can be dropped off at the school - or the rectory! If you truly want to "feed the hungry, clothe the naked and free the oppressed" - the librarian welcomes you to read to the children! Monday, Wednesday, and Friday are good days - at any time except 10 until 11 AM and lunchtime.

DIOCESAN CHOIR

The Office of Worship is inviting choir members, vocalists and cantors from every parish in the diocese to participate in a diocesan choir for both the Chrism Mass and Priesthood ordination this year.

The Chrism Mass is on Holy Thursday morning, April 18, 2019 at 10:30 AM at the Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales, Houma. Music Rehearsals for the Chrism Mass are Thursdays, April 4 and 11, 2019 at 6:30 PM at the Cathedral.

The Priesthood Ordination is on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at 10:00 AM at the Cathedral. Music rehearsals for the Chrism Mass are Fridays, May 24 and 31, 2019 at 6:30 PM at the Cathedral.

It is necessary for choir members to make the rehearsals to participate.

CHRISM MASS – MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Everyone is invited to the Chrism Mass on Thursday, April 18th at 10:30 a.m., at the Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales in Houma. At the Chrism Mass, the oil of catechumen and sick will be blessed. The chrism oil will be consecrated. The priests will also renew their commitment to the priestly service.

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 \$33,784.80, with \$22,216 paid thus far from 98 pledges. We have achieved 39.75% 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.

MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Weekend of March 23-24, 2019

Commentators

- 4:00 PM Tommy Chauvin
- 7:00 AM Jody Duet
- 9:00 AM Mona Prejean
- 11:00 AM Earl Eues
- 5:30 PM Ginny Hamilton

Lectors

- 4:00 PM Carlise Jukes
- 7:00 AM Rebecca Vowell
- 9:00 AM Jerome Zeringue
- 11:00 AM Mindy Scott
- 5:30 PM Christa Duplantis-Prather

Ministers of the Eucharist

- 4:00 PM Anita Pearson, Judith Archila, Mary Anne Rodrigue, Bernita Guidry, Volunteer, Volunteer
- 7:00 AM Carla Exnicious, Paul Labat, Dolly Duplantis, Cathy Duet
- 9:00 AM Nellie Chemin, Murke Trahan, Melanie Babin, Volunteer, Volunteer
- 11:00 AM Craig Bella, Michael D'Angelo, Gail Guilliot, Bill Blanchard, Ellen Blanchard, Volunteer
- 5:30 PM Curtis Briggs, Jenny Briggs, Adam Seal, Sallie Preston, Kelli Cazayoux, Volunteer

Altar Servers

- 4:00 PM Caroline Louviere, Joshua Louviere, Abigail Gremillion
- 7:00 AM Benjamin Bourgeois, David Castello, Aubree Seely
- 9:00 AM Alexander Cosky, Miriam Cosky, Emma Bennett
- 11:00 AM Caroline LeRay, Ellen LeRay, Gracelyn Ramirez
- 5:30 PM Grace Magee, Julia Magee, Kate Magee



EASTER FLOWERS



If you would like to donate to provide beautiful Easter flowers to adorn The Cathedral in memory of a loved one or just because, please provide the information below on the form below or find the form on our church website, email or fax the information to rvowell@htdiocese.org, 985-851-4204.

Thank you for helping us celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and for sharing with us your loved one/s represented by the flowers you have donated.

RETURN FORM BELOW

EASTER FLOWERS DONATION FORM

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CATHOLIC KORNER

Last week we learned that Reconciliation restores or heals our relationship with God and the church. Another way to bring about healing is Anointing of the Sick. Through the priest, it is Jesus who touches the sick to heal them from sin – and sometimes even from physical ailment.

When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hoped-for effect is that, if it be God's will, the person be physically healed of illness. But even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age.

The anointing of the sick delivers several graces and imparts gifts of strengthening in the Holy Spirit against anxiety, discouragement, and temptation, and conveys peace and fortitude.

Find out more next week about the Sacrament of Service of Communion and the Mission of the Faithful – Holy Orders.



**Do you have a particular question you want answered?
Send in your questions to rvowell@htdiocese.org to have answered here!**