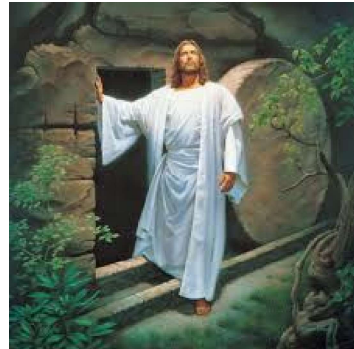


SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF APR 22 – 28

- Monday - Acts 2:14, 22-23; Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday - Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday- Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday - Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48
- Friday - Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday - Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15
- Sunday - Acts 5:12-16; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

Divine Mercy Sunday/Second Sunday of Easter



AFTERTHOUGHTS

During these Holy Days of the Triduum, we are encouraged even more deeply to ponder what GOD's LOVE looks like and feels like. On **Holy Thursday**, IT appears to us as humble as washing feet – something parents do for their children and children might someday do for their parents. On **Good Friday**, IT turns suffering into sacrifice – which God can touch to another to deepen faith, to awaken hope, to engender love. At nightfall on **Holy Saturday**, IT shatters the darkness that filled the hearts of the disciples when they first encountered an empty tomb.

PRAY FOR: Mona Escobar, Ray Duthu, Beryl Toups Odom, Linda Lee, J.A. Foret, Jason Chaisson, Christina Sparks, Loraine Stone, Edrith Boudreaux, Dale Boudreaux, Ursula M. Breaux, Ray Marcel, Barbara Toups Miller, Ralph Deroche, Cathy Clement, Susan Laperouse, Jacques Champagne, and for all prayer shawl recipients. **Please pray for the repose of the souls of all who have died, especially Ray J. LeBouef and Gloria "Sissy" Reeves.**

If you have someone to add or remove from the prayer list, please call the church office at 985-876-6904 or email rvowell@htdiocese.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 Nancy Robicheaux

donated by Aaron Robicheaux and Family

In Loving Memory of Joel, David & Hedi Bergeron

donated by Fr. C. Paul, Carol & Carroll Bergeron.

In Loving Memory of Russell Melancon

donated by Jean & Pepe LeBoeuf & Bessie.

GOSEPL COMMENTARY

"They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him" John 20-1-9

Despite all that Jesus had done and everything he had told his friends and followers to expect, Mary of Magdala did not understand the significance of the empty tomb. Mary, unlike the disciples hiding behind closed doors, summoned up the courage to go to the tomb being guarded by Roman soldiers. When she reported what she observed to the disciples, Peter and John rushed to the tomb to confirm what Mary said, but they "did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead." Eventually Jesus appears to his disciples in a variety of ways. They come to believe that he is the Risen Lord, the Messiah. They begin to reflect on everything he did and all that he taught them. They took responsibility for growing in their faith and communicating their faith in Jesus to others by word and example. At Easter we renew our Baptismal promises. We recommit ourselves to learn our faith and to imitate Jesus by what we say and do. That is why Easter is such a joyous celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday – April 14

Envelopes (280).....	\$ 9,995.00
Loose	\$ 2,878.53
Total	\$12,873.53

PARISH NEWS

BAPTISM - The Cathedral of St. Francis welcomes our newest member, Julian Phuphanich

SEMINARIAN ENDOWMENT GRANT

The Catholic Foundation has received a \$50,000 Challenge Seminarian Endowment Grant from Catholic Extension. Catholic Extension has agreed to match dollar for dollar up to \$50,000 to our seminarian endowment for all donations by December 31st of 2019. To donate, please mail to: Catholic Foundation, P.O. Box 505, Schriever, LA 70395 (*checks made payable to 'Catholic Foundation of South Louisiana'*). Pledge cards are at the church exits as well.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND – April 20-21, 2019

This weekend we will have the EDUCATION TO MINISTRY COLLECTION. This collection is used locally for education of seminarians, education of permanent deacons, and recruiting of candidates for religious life.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND – April 27-28, 2019

Next weekend we will have a second collection – **Catholic Home Missions Appeal.** The Catholic Home Missions Appeal helps dioceses overcome obstacles of geography, poverty, and limited resources, and fosters solidarity to help others experience the presence of the risen Lord. These funded dioceses are located across the United States, including the Deep South, Appalachia, and the Rocky Mountains, as well as in US territories in the Caribbean and Pacific.

**EASTER FLOWERS AND PLANTS DONATED
IN LOVING MEMORY
AND THROUGH THE GENEROSITY OF OUR FRIENDS**

IN MEMORY OF

- Adenise P. Dugas
- Agnes Grice
- Alfred & Ila Beaudry
- Ambrose Theriot
- Betty Blanchard Livings
- Brett Trahan
- Capt. George & Mrs. Augustine Taylor
- Carley Walker
- Caroline Aimee Cooper
- Carroll Lirette, Sr.
- Charlie Grice
- Cindy Lena Picou
- Darlene Rigaud
- Debbie Petrie
- Deceased Family Members, Chauvin & Parra
- Edward & Merita Toups
- Edward & Merita Toups
- Fournier, Guerin & Chaisson Family
- Gabrielle Hebert
- Gerald & Marilyn Babin
- Gina Babin Pellegriin
- Gloria Marcello
- Guy Waggenpack
- Hazlip & Dagate Families
- Howard & Ruby Duplantis
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- Jace Prejean
- Jacob Marcello
- Janice Arceneaux
- Jeanne C. Lirette
- Joseph & Elizabeth Strada
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- Joyce Martin
- Katie Pellegriin Lambert
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- Ray Blanchard
- Ricky Breaux
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- Rodrigue & Guidry Family
- Ronald Picou
- Valerie Bascle
- Wayne Cancienne
- Wilfred J. Dugas



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- The Family
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- George & Angela Beaudry
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- Delton & Sandra Falcon & Family
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- Jan Cancienne
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- Cindy Hitt
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- Parker & Janice Parra
- George & Angela Beaudry
- Pamela Toups
- Melva G. Fournier
- Todd & Rachel Hebert
- Robert & Joy Strada
- Patricia Babin
- Ray Marcello & Family
- Jody Waggenpack
- John Dagate
- Ken & Linda Smart
- George & Angela Beaudry
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Donation

Clayton & Kathy Lovell

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS – LECTORS



Lectoring is a liturgical ministry, meaning it is a service in the public worship of the Church. It is the duty of the Lector to PROCLAIM THE WORD. The Lector should make the Scriptures come alive to the congregation.

A Lector proclaims the first and second readings of the Mass. He or she needs to be committed to the responsibility of the Scripture and preparation is required. The Lector needs to understand the Scriptures in order to PROCLAIM the Word, not teach or interpret the Word. Bible study is helpful in this commitment.

Prayerful reflection is also encouraged. Each Lector receives a Lector Workbook at the beginning of each Liturgical Year with the readings for the upcoming year. Reading and practicing the assigned Scriptures aloud is also helpful. Arriving at least 15 minutes before Mass in order to again reflect on the readings is recommended. Lectors are asked to read about once a month. A two month schedule is prepared keeping the Lectors' preferences for Masses in mind. This schedule is emailed to each Lector. A Lector is responsible for obtaining a substitute when absence is necessary. If you wish to participate in this ministry, please contact the rectory at 985-876-6904.

CATHOLIC KORNER



Last week we learned that Easter is the most important time of the liturgical year and is the celebration of the resurrection and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. This week we tackle why we call our priests Father, especially when in Matthew Jesus said not to call anyone on earth your Father. We should remember that Jesus was making the point that the scribes and Pharisees were placing unnecessary burdens on the people and being arrogant. In the New Testament the first priests (the Apostles) referred to themselves as Father just as the Jewish elders did, so this is nothing new. So in following that tradition we call our priests Father today, just as the Apostles were called Father.

Fr. William Saunders of Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church in Arlington says, "Just as a father must nourish, instruct, challenge, correct, forgive, listen and sustain, the priest must meet the spiritual needs of those entrusted to his care, providing them with the nourishment of our Lord through the sacraments. He must preach the Gospel with fervor and conviction in accord with the mind of the Church, challenging all to continue on that path of conversion which leads to holiness. He must correct those who have erred but with mercy and compassion."

Find out more next week when we talk about the Divine Mercy Devotion!

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - APRIL 28, 2019

The Divine Mercy Sunday celebration at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral will begin at 2:00 P.M. Join in Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Most Holy Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Confessions will be available. The celebration concludes with the Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and the veneration of a first class relic of St. Faustina.

MAY IS THE MONTH OF THE BLESSED MOTHER

"Since Mary is rightly to be regarded as the way by which we are led to Christ, the person who encounters Mary cannot help but encounter Christ likewise." *Blessed Pope Paul VI*

A few ways you can honor Mary this month:

1. Attend daily Mass
2. Pray the rosary daily
3. Pray a novena
4. Offer prayer throughout the day asking for Our Mother's intercession
5. Attend the May Crowning here at the Cathedral on May 4th at 8am.



Novena Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

O Most Blessed Mother, heart of love, heart of mercy, ever listening, caring, consoling, hear our prayer. As your children, we implore your intercession with Jesus your Son. Receive with understanding and compassion the petitions we place before you today, especially...(special intention).

We are comforted in knowing your heart is ever open to those who ask for your prayer. We trust to your gentle care and intercession, those whom we love and who are sick or lonely or hurting. Help all of us, Holy Mother, to bear our burdens in this life until we may share eternal life and peace with God forever. Amen.

MAY CROWNING OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Sat., May 4, 2019



8:00 AM – ROSARY
8:30 AM – MASS
9:00 AM – CROWNING OF THE BLESSED MOTHER IN OUR LADY OF LOURDES PRAYER GARDEN
9:15 AM – REFRESHMENTS IN THE YOUTH CENTER

LORD, TEACH ME TO PRAY

– May 8 thru July 31, 2019

Are you hungering for a deeper prayer life?

St. Francis de Sales Cathedral will again be offering Part I of Lord Teach Me To Pray, a three-part Ignatian prayer series, with Part I focusing on the Christian Virtues. Beginning Wednesday, May 8th, the series will be offered for women only, beginning at 6:30 PM in the convent. Led by two trained facilitators the group will meet for 1-1/2 hours once a week for 12 weeks of prayer, brief prayer sharing and instruction. The sessions will end on July 31st. In the event a session is missed, the materials are given to the participant so she does not miss out on any of the scriptural prayer or virtues. Call the rectory office to register, or for more information visit our website stfrancisdesaleshouma.org. There is no registration fee, all materials supplied.

WHAT IS AN ANNULMENT?

An annulment is a declaration by a Church tribunal (a Catholic Church Court) that a marriage thought to be valid according to Church law actually fell short of at least one of the essential elements required for a binding union. If the Church tribunal can determine that something essential was missing at the moment of consent, then the Church can declare that a valid marriage was never actually brought about on the wedding day. A declaration of nullity has no effect on the legitimacy of children who were born of the union following the wedding day, since the child's mother and father were presumed to be married at the time that the child was born. Many people find great healing in the annulment process, as it helps them to understand what went wrong and why. They gain insights into themselves. Others say that the process allowed them to tell their whole story for the first time to someone who was willing to listen. Let us walk with you on this journey to healing. To start the process, or for more information, please contact Cathy in the rectory at 876-6904.

YOUTH NEWS

EASTER EGG HUNT – April 28, 2019

The Easter Egg Hunt is following the 11am Mass, Sunday, April 28th. Children of St. Francis de Sales parish are invited to join us for an egg hunt on the CYO lot (behind the church cemetery). Bring your own basket and we will provide the fun. Age categories: Babies to 10 years. The Easter Bunny will be available for pictures so bring your camera!! Anyone interested in helping, please call Jane Lirette 856-5488.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MUSIC FESTIVAL – May 4, 2019

The St. Gregory School Music Festival will be held on Saturday, May 4th on the school grounds. Music, food, entertainment, a silent and live auction, as well as a 5-K walk/race, are just some of the day's events. The festivities will be from 10 a.m. - 11 p.m. Visit the St. Gregory Music festival Facebook page for more information (<https://www.facebook.com/events/143214793188275/>).

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 \$42,525.80, with \$31,023.85 paid thus far from 125 pledges. We have achieved 50.03% of our pledged goal. You can give online at www.htdiocese.org/bishopsappeal, return your personalized commitment cards at Mass, or mail your commitment to the Diocese in the provided envelope.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND – Sept 9-18, 2019

Join Rev. Edmund Akordor, Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Norco, LA, for a 10 Day pilgrimage to the Holy Land "Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus" September 9-18, 2019. For more information, please visit <http://www.nativitypilgrimage.com/sacredheart-norco/>

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING - Global Solidarity

Jesus tells us to love our neighbors, even though they may be different from us. That means those neighbors who live next door and those who live on the other side of the planet. Jesus reminds us that we are all part of God's great family.

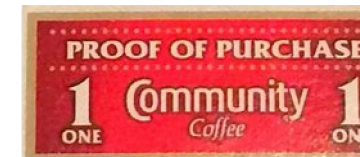
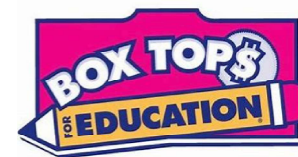
An understanding of resurrection which does not address issues of justice is shallow and not consistent with the spirit of Jesus who lived, died, and rose to bring an end to all oppression and injustice. To use the recent words of Pope Francis, Christ calls us "...to build bridges connecting all people, in such a way that everyone can see in the other not an enemy, not a rival, but a brother or sister to be welcomed and embraced!"

Today's letter to the Corinthians reminds us that something new is possible: "Let us celebrate the feast, not with the old yeast, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." We affirm life. We believe that resurrection is possible. Change is possible. Growth is possible. Peace and reconciliation are possible. Something new is possible. Healing of relationships is possible. Nations can work together for justice and peace. More than ever we need a spirit that will help and heal the death, violence, and injustice of the world. Peter in Acts reminds us that Jesus "...went about doing good and healing all those oppressed..." We are called to do the same.

HELP NEEDED

CATHOLIC CHARITIES - ETHICAL TRADE SALE

Catholic Charities will be hosting an Ethical Trade Sale here at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral after the Saturday 4pm, Sunday 7am, 9am, and 11am Masses the weekend of May 18th and 19th. Your purchase of these items employs artisans and farmers in marginalized communities around the world! (Please pay with cash or check) We will need help with set up and sales after each Mass. If you can help after the Mass you attend, please contact Cathy in the rectory office at 876-6904.



BOX TOPS AND COMMUNITY COFFEE

St. Francis de Sales School is collecting Box Tops and Community Coffee proof of purchase labels. Please drop them in the box located in the back of the church, by the church office, mail them to the church office, or send them with your child to school. Look for these labels:

FOOD FOR THE SPIRIT – WE NEED YOU!

This ministry delivers meals to homebound of our parish. Distribution is scheduled for the second Saturday of each month (**Next date is May 11th**). A meal plan is emailed to all volunteers prior to the upcoming weekend and participants volunteer to cook one of various dishes, or bring bread, dessert, etc. The group meets and prepares the go-plates, adding various prayer cards or small gifts to deliver along with the meals in a nicely decorated bag!

Each volunteer then takes 2 or 3 meals to deliver to the various homes of those who are homebound or in need of food. Can you spare a couple of hours each month? Please consider helping – we are in need of volunteers, especially to help deliver the food. Contact Roxane Haydel at 985-381-3573 or roxane.haydel@gmail.com.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Are you looking for an awesome ministry opportunity? Heritage Manor needs you! It takes about 30 minutes each Sunday and begins at 10:15am. You will be giving Catholic residents the Body of Christ. They also need assistance on Wednesdays, Mass is celebrated at 10:00am, volunteers arrive a little earlier to determine hall scheduling. If you are interested, please contact Cathy at the church office – 985-876-6904.



MINISTERS SCHEDULE Weekend of April 27-28, 2019

Commentators

4:00 PM Becky Boudloche
7:00 AM Jude Fanguy
9:00 AM Mona Prejean
11:00 AM Ernie Perry
5:30 PM Charles Sevin

Lectors

4:00 PM Brenda Tanner
7:00 AM Mindy Scott
9:00 AM Lawrence Breaux
11:00 AM Tommy Tabor
5:30 PM Carla Peeler

Ministers of the Eucharist

4:00 PM Melva Fournier, Carl Soudelier, Deborah Soudelier, Anita Pearson, Judith Archila, Volunteer
7:00 AM Gail LeCompte, Dolly Duplantis, Mark Spence, Paul Labat
9:00 AM Melanie Babin, Colleen Lewis, Madeline Picou, Bernita Guidry, Murke Trahan, Volunteer
11:00 AM Carol Domangue, Michael D'Angelo, Gail Guilliot, Abigail Lirette, Dianna Olivier, Volunteer
5:30 PM Adam Saal, Randy Bethancourt, Kim Sanvi, Kelli Cazayoux, Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers

4:00 PM Caroline Louviere, Joshua Louviere, Abigail Gremillion
7:00 AM Logan Arnold, Chloe Arnold, Heidi Hayes
9:00 AM Josie Schwab, Juliana Schwab, Evan Adams
11:00 AM Emerson Paulk, Presley Nelleton, Lily Domangue
5:30 PM Madeline Sonnier, Alexander Hernandez, Kenny Bowen