

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 13 – 19

Monday - Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10 – Our Lady of Fatima
 Tuesday - Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17 – Saint Matthias
 Wednesday - Acts 12:24–13:5a; Jn 12:44-50 – Saint Isidore The Farmer
 Thursday - Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20 – Saint Margaret of Cortona
 Friday - Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6 – Saint Paschal Baylon
 Saturday - Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14 – Saint John I
 Sunday - Acts 14:21-27; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35 - Saint Theophilus Of Corte
Fifth Sunday of Easter



AFTERTHOUGHTS

Today, we hear the voice of our Shepherd – Jesus, himself – calling us to follow him. Frankly, it is the most human, the most sensible thing we can do; for to follow him is to return his love. How do you find yourself responding to His voice by loving others?

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, Cathy Clement, Susan Laperouse, Melinda Fabre, Cheryl Leaber, Evelyn Ruckstuhl, and for all prayer shawl recipients. **Please pray for the repose of the souls of all who have died, especially Hazel Champagne, Chauvin, Cathy Clement, and Ralph Deroche**

GOSEPL COMMENTARY

“My sheep hear my voice; I know them and they follow me.”

We can identify family and friends and many public figures by their voice. Jesus tells us that His followers hear His voice and that He knows them and they know him. But, do we listen for the voice of Jesus? Do we know the voice of Jesus? Do we hear the voice of Jesus in the needs and concerns of our family, our friends, and strangers - through the people and events in our lives? What do we do when we hear His voice telling us God's will for us? Jesus challenges us to be and to do all that God created us to be and do; to love the unlovable people in our lives, to challenge the evil we see in our world, to take the risk of being rejected, ostracized and abused for standing up for the forgotten, oppressed and persecuted. If our first response is “No!” we probably just heard the voice of Jesus. It is part of our human nature to resist loving the unlovable, to shy from a challenge, to avoid the risk of actions that may bring retaliation from others. Our second response might also be “No.” But our final response must be “Yes Lord!”

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday – May 5

Envelopes (238).....	\$12,051.00
Loose	\$ 1,826.58
Total	\$13,877.58

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Church

In Loving Memory of Merlin & Joyce Brunet, George & Shirley Picou, Bobby Brunet donated by M/M André Brunet & Children.

PARISH NEWS

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TRAINING - MARK YOUR CALENDARS - JUNE 18, 2019

It is the policy of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux that Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are deputed within five-year intervals, which means that all ministers, across the diocese, whether they are just beginning or are continuing service, must be renewed for the period from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2024. Therefore, training will be held here at St. Francis de Sales on Tuesday, June 18th, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Youth Center. Information on all ministers will be updated at that time. A light dinner will be served.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES - ETHICAL TRADE SALE - NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend, Catholic Charities will be hosting an Ethical Trade Sale here at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral after all 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)*

ANNA'S ALLIES

“She never left the temple, but worshipped night and day with fasting and prayer.”

Luke 2:37

Anna's Allies will meet at 11:00 AM on the third Wednesday of each month; thus our next rosary will be held on Wednesday, May 15th, in the Cathedral. We will be offering the rosary for the sick and dying of the parish and those on the prayer list in our bulletin. This ministry is open to all, men and women! If you are interested in praying with us - simply come and join us in the Cathedral!

MOTHER'S DAY CORSAGES – THIS WEEKEND

The local chapter of Right to Life will be offering Mother's Day corsages after all the Sunday morning Masses on May 13th. The donation is \$5.00 with all proceeds supporting the local Right to Life Chapter in their efforts to stop abortion.

MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Weekend of May 18-19, 2019

Commentators

4:00 PM Becky Boudloche
 7:00 AM Jude Fanguy
 9:00 AM Scott Hebert
 11:00 AM Earl Eues
 5:30 PM Bubba Watkins



Lectors

4:00 PM Lawrence Robinson
 7:00 AM Rebecca Vowell
 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 Archila, Mary Ann Rodrigue, Carlisle Jukes, Volunteer, Volunteer
 7:00 AM Richard Guidry, John Breaux, Paul Labat, Yvonne Fanguy
 9:00 AM Nellie Chemin, Dale Norred, Holly Champagne, Kathy Lovell, Clayton Lovell, Volunteer
 11:00 AM Norman Simon, Craig Bella, Gail Guilliot, Jane Lirette, Abigail Lirette, Volunteer
 5:30 PM Curtis Briggs, Jenny Briggs, Sallie Preston, Gina Danos, Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers

4:00 PM Caroline Louviere, Joshua Louviere, Abigail Gremillion
 7:00 AM Richard Guidry, John Breaux
 9:00 AM Alexander Cosky, Miriam Cosky, Emma Bennett
 11:00 AM Lily Gros, Ethan Gros, Emma Beeson
 5:30 PM Lucia Pizzolata, Aida Pizzolata, Emilie Joller

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY - PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Heavenly Father, source of all good things, one of the greatest goods you have given us in this life is a Holy Catholic Mother. Bless all Holy Mothers who have made so many sacrifices for us during our lives. Thank you for the mothers who have taught us how to be Holy Catholics and happy children. Bless them for insisting on us living holy, pure and blameless lives. Bless and help all mothers to continue to be holy examples to us.

Reward them for their continuous prayers they pour out for their children. Hear their prayers and convert their children that are enslaved by sin. Father, let these mothers never despair of their hope that one day their children will come back into Your Holy Catholic Church and Her Holy Sacraments, especially Holy Confession.

Mary, you are the ideal Mother. Help all mothers to imitate your purity, faith, modesty, humility and obedience to God's will. You are our eternal Mother. You care about all mothers and their children. Help these mothers and their children to be full of God's graces and love. Give them the graces necessary to lovingly obey God's Laws and to enter into eternity in heaven.

We asked this in the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

CATHOLIC KORNER

Last week we learned Sacramentals help us to remember God's love and mercy and are things like, a Crucifix, Holy Rosary, Brown Scapular, Miraculous Medal, St Benedict Medal, Holy Water, Blessed Oil, Blessed Salt, Statues, etc. What about helping others?

Spiritual Works of Mercy are acts of compassion by which we help our neighbors with their emotional and spiritual needs. There are seven (7) Spiritual Works of Mercy.

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| 1. Counseling the doubtful | 5. Forgiving injuries |
| 2. Instructing the ignorant | 6. Bear wrongs patiently |
| 3. Admonishing the sinner | 7. Praying for the living and the dead |
| 4. Comforting the sorrowful | |



Ways we can live these out:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to counsel • Receive instruction in your faith • Share a book • Invite someone to mass • In humility guide others toward the path of salvation • In correcting someone don't be arrogant • Lend a listening ear | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write a letter to someone suffering • Make a meal for someone facing a difficult time • Let go of grudges • Say you are sorry to those you wrong • Go to confession • Pray for patience • Pray for your family, friends, community, church, etc. • Request mass intentions |
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Find out more next week when we talk about Corporal Works of Mercy.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The **Priesthood Ordination** is on **Saturday, June 1, 2019** at **10:00 AM** at the **Cathedral**.

FACEBOOK/WEBSITE

"Like" us on Facebook at the Cathedral of St. Francis DeSales Church – Houma to keep up with the latest happenings at the Cathedral. <https://www.facebook.com/Cathedral-of-St-Francis-DeSales-Church-Houma-121704657888318>. Check out our new website – changes are happening often so check back often! Visit us @ <https://www.stfrancisdesaleshouma.org/>

BULLETIN NEWS

If you have any items that need to be added to the bulletin – please email rvowell@hdiocese.org or call the church office. The company that prints our bulletin will be closed the last week in May so items for the June 1st-2nd bulletin will need to be in by May 21st.

HOSPITAL VISITS

We would like to inform our parishioners if you are entering the hospital or have a loved one currently in the hospital and you would like one of our priests to visit, you can contact the church office at 876-6904, or Father Sovi Devasia who is the Catholic Chaplain at the hospital whom you can call for emergencies. Just tell the staff at the hospital that you would like to meet with Father Sovi. When you register at the hospital, tell them that you are Catholic and your parish is St. Francis de Sales so your name can be placed on the directory; otherwise, the Chaplain or Parish Priest have no way of knowing that you are in the hospital.

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.

Feast of the Ascension - May 30, 2019 – The Feast of the Ascension is **May 30, 2019**. This is *not* a Holy Day of Obligation. Regular daily Mass is offered at 5:30pm.

YOUTH NEWS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – JUNE 24-28, 2019

Mark your calendars – VBS will be June 24-28, 2019 from 9am-noon. Registration is open until June 10, 2019. The cost is \$25, which includes the cost of a t-shirt. VBS is open to children ages 4 through 6th grade. Look for the green registration form at the back of Church.



2019 STEUBENVILLE ON THE BAYOU - JUNE 14-16, 2019

The Catholic Youth Conference "Belong" 1 John 3:1 will be held at the Houma Terrebonne Civic Center. 2019 Pricing - Early Bird Registration: \$155 (ends May 16th) – includes Friday dinner, Saturday lunch and dinner. Price per person: \$175 (after May 16th)

Priests are FREE as a sign of our appreciation for their willingness to hear confessions. Other religious willing to serve in a volunteer capacity at the conference may also attend for FREE! Questions? CALL 985-262-9064 OR EMAIL: SteubenvilleOnTheBayou@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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 \$55,017.80, with \$40,778.37 paid thus far from 147 pledges. We have achieved 64.73% of our pledged goal. You can give online at www.hdiocese.org/bishopsappeal, return your personalized commitment cards at Mass, or mail your commitment to the Diocese in the provided envelope.

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 Priesthood ordination this year.

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.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

- Global Solidarity

We are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. Our love for all our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict.

In the gospel, Jesus says: "I give them eternal life." What does this mean?

There are, of course, many levels of meaning. However, in light of the incarnation, we cannot focus simply on eternal life in some other future world. Jesus is concerned with what promotes eternal life in the present.

In the context of Easter, we are called to feel the joy that is part of this divine concern. We hear today of the citizens of Antioch and the multitude in Revelation who are filled with life and filled with joy. It is the joy of an eternal life that is beginning now and is shared with others. Despite opposition, Paul and Barnabas are not discouraged. They shake off the dust and continue to share what they have been given.

Eternal life involves a joy and life that comes in solidarity with others and from a relationship with the loving shepherd. It is a life which comes together in Christ. Joy and life flow from relationship – relationship in community – relationship fostered and nourished by a Good Shepherd whose desire is to bring all the sheep together into the fullness of life – a relationship of justice and righteousness with people of "from every nation, race, people, and tongue."

Pope Francis has captured the attention of many in the word by his gift of being able to symbolize the gospel message in so many actions of simplicity and solidarity with people in need.

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

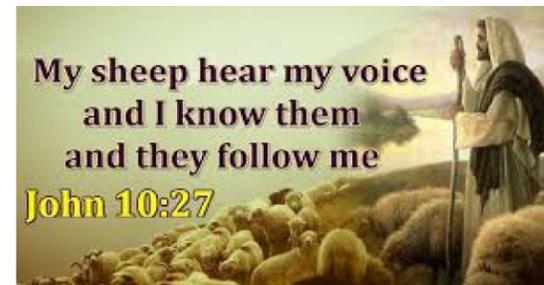
- Sept 9-18, 2019

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/>

LIFT ADULT CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

- SEPT 27-29, 2019

Friday, Sept. 27-Sunday, Sept. 29, 2019. The conference begins at 6pm on Friday, September 27 and ends on Sunday, September 29 at noon. Anyone and everyone 18 years old and up are invited. It will be held at the Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center. For individual or group registration and more information visit: <https://www.lift316.com/adult-conference-details> (Early registration and group discounts available)



HELP NEEDED

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.

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. 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:

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS - ADULT CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is the Gift of the Holy Spirit activating the graces we receive in Baptism. Together with the Eucharist, it completes our initiation into Christ's Church.

Candidates for Adult Confirmation should be 20 years of age and have completed the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist and actively practice their faith. God's invitation for us to receive Sacraments is always present. God is patient and awaits our response. If you are now ready to respond to God's invitation to prepare for and receive the Sacrament of Confirmation contact the rectory at 985-876-6904 to register. If you are interested in joining the team to facilitate, please contact the rectory.