

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 27 – JUN 2

- Monday** – Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4a
–Saint Augustine of Canterbury
- Tuesday** – Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11
–Venerable Pierre Toussaint
- Wednesday** – Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15
–Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat
- Thursday** – Acts 1:1-11; Jn 16:16-20
–Saint Joan of Arc
- Friday** – Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-56
–Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Saturday** – Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28 – Saint Justin Martyr
- Sunday** – Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Jn 24:46-53
–Saints Marcellinus and Peter
Seventh Sunday of Easter

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday – May 19

Envelopes (219).....	\$ 8,610.00
Loose	\$ 2,376.26
Total	\$10,986.26

PARISH NEWS

BAPTISM - St. Francis welcomes our newest member, Eli Doucet.



OFFICE CLOSED - MONDAY, MAY 27, 2019

Monday, May 27, 2019 is Memorial Day. The Church Office will be closed in memory of all who died while serving our country. Normal business hours will resume Tuesday, May 28, 2019.

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in military service for the United States (apx 950,000). The first was observed on May 30, 1868. The first official observation involved placing flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. Please pray for all those that gave their life.

NOTICE – CANCELLED TRAINING

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training has been cancelled and will be rescheduled at a future date as Deacon Lee recovers. Please continue to pray for Deacon Lee.



Time for a Movie Night? Looking for movies like these?

- Unplanned
- Mother Teresa
- Life for Life
- Bernadette Princess of Lourdes
- Ignatius of Loyola
- Saint Rita

Find them all on FORMED.

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.

Marriage



Preparation

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

FOCCUS COUPLES – MARRIAGE PREPARATION

What is FOCCUS?

FOCCUS Inc. USA, an apostolate of the Archdiocese of Omaha, was founded on the principal that communication and problem solving are the keys to a successful marriage. FOCCUS Inc. USA provides resources and support for organizations and individuals who guide couples through marriage formation and who offer ongoing marriage enrichment and support. The program is comprised of the FOCCUS Pre-Marriage Inventory, the REFOCCUS Marriage Enrichment Inventory, and resources applicable to all stages of a couple's journey.

What does it stand for?

Facilitating Open Couple Communication, Understanding & Study

How can you help?

This ministry is for married couples who are willing to serve those engaged to be married. Members of this ministry are first trained to become facilitators, then work directly with the priests to ensure that the engaged couple enters the sacrament of matrimony with honesty and open communication. Married couples who are interested in meeting and helping others through the engagement process are asked to share their knowledge and experience of the sacrament. Meetings take place in the home, so that all feel welcome and free to discuss marriage at a time that is convenient for everyone involved. This ministry is a necessary aspect of the journey towards the Sacrament of Matrimony. Contact the church office at 985-876-6904 for more information.



CATHOLIC KORNER

Last week we learned the 7 Corporal Works of Mercy are ways we are to emulate Jesus and serve our neighbors to meet their needs. Our works here on earth can help us atone for our sins and the sins of others, however, whatever residual we have from our sins has to be cleansed before we enter Heaven.

“All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.” The Church calls this final purification – purgatory. This teaching is also based on the practice of prayer for the dead, already mentioned in Sacred Scripture: “Therefore [Judas Maccabeus] made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin.” From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead: Let us help and commemorate them. If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them. – Catholic Catechism

Find out more next week when we talk about Beatitudes.

Do you have a particular question you want answered?

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

THANK YOU

Terrebonne-Lafourche Right to Life would like to thank parishioners for their donations for Mother's Day corsages. Your contributions will be used locally in promoting a respect for all life, especially protecting the lives of unborn babies and helping mothers choose life. **Thank you for your generosity!**

UPDATES NEEDED! MOVED? CHANGED PHONE #?

We need your updated information. The Guide Book will be re-done soon. This book lists all of our parishioners. In order to have accurate information we need your help! If you have moved, changed phone numbers, or want to add an email address then please call or email the church office to update your information in the software so that the Guide Book will be accurate and in no time at all we will need this information for the Contribution Envelopes. *If you do not want your address or phone number published in the Guide Book, please contact the church office via phone (876-6904) or email (rvowell@htdiocese.org).*

SECOND COLLECTION – JUNE 1-2, 2019

Next weekend, our special collection is for the **Catholic Communication Campaign**. This campaign connects people with Christ in the United States and in developing countries around the world through the Internet, television, radio, and print media. 50% of funds collected remain here in the Houma-Thibodaux diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

PRIESTHOOD ORDINATION – JUNE 1, 2019

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

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.

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



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.

YOUTH NEWS



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. Price per person: \$175, includes Friday dinner, Saturday lunch and dinner.

Questions? CALL 985-262-9064 OR EMAIL: SteubenvilleOnTheBayou@gmail.com.



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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY – JUNE 4, 2019

Food for the Journey is a monthly lunchtime speaker series featuring presenters from throughout the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux. The next date is June 4, 2019. This program is held on the first Tuesday of each month at Ellendale Country Club, 3319 Highway 311, Schriever, LA. \$15 per meal (includes meal, drink & tip). Doors open at 10:45am.

RSVP by the THURSDAY prior to the event to assure an accurate count by calling 985-850-3178 or email FoodForTheJourney@htdiocese.org. Be prepared to give us your name, phone number and the names of each person in your party.

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 \$57,257.80, with \$42,515.37 paid thus far from 150 pledges. We have achieved 67.36% 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/>

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)

VANDEBILT CATHOLIC THEATRE SUMMER CAMP 2019 – JUNE 10-14, 2019

VC Theatre's actors, tech crew, and members join together to host summer camp! They would love for your children, in ascending grades 1-7 for the 2019-2020 school year, to join their talented and dedicated students for a week of activities including workshops on acting, singing, dancing, and improvisation, as well as games, and lots of fun. The camp will be from Mon, Jun 10, 2019, 9:00 AM to Fri, Jun 14, 2019, 3:30 PM. To register or more information visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/vandebilt-catholic-theatre-summer-camp-2019-registration-59165055273>



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.

The theme of peace flows through our scriptures today. Jesus talks about giving us peace, a peace that might be different than that of the world. The early disciples go to Jerusalem to discern a common vision and to promote peace within the church. The Jerusalem envisioned in Revelation seems to be a magnificent city of tranquility and peace. Reflections on peace must certainly be part of our prayer today.

In the first reading, the men and women in Antioch have heard religious messages or opinions that have upset them and disturbed their peace of mind. There is tension and conflict. The issue is brought to the community in Jerusalem. The community consensus is not to impose anything that gets in the way of the spirit – that gets in the way of the freedom and joy of the people of God in Antioch or anywhere else – that gets in the way of liberation.

In the heavenly Jerusalem envisioned in the second reading, things are so simple and direct. There is no need for a temple. The presence and glory of God is everywhere. As Jesus makes clear in the gospel, the spirit comes and the gift is peace.

Religion can cause much harm and confusion or it can become a source of life and hope to all people.

The invitation of the scriptures is to keep it simple and focused on what is really important – what will give life and freedom to peace.

The social teachings of the church aims to help us keep focused on what is really important and what is important to people.

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.

MINISTERS SCHEDULE Weekend of June 1-2, 2019

Commentators

- 4:00 PM Mike Trahan
- 7:00 AM Jude Fanguy
- 9:00 AM Jerome Zeringue
- 11:00 AM Ernie Perry
- 5:30 PM Charles Sevin

Lectors

- 4:00 PM Lawrence Robinson
- 7:00 AM Yvonne Fanguy
- 9:00 AM James Watkins
- 11:00 AM Wendy LeBouef
- 5:30 PM Ginny Hamilton



Ministers of the Eucharist

- 4:00 PM Mary Anne Rodrigue, Anita Pearson, Judy Archila, Carlise Jukes, Volunteer, Volunteer
- 7:00 AM John Breaux, C.J. Stoufflet, Kay Stoufflet, Mark Spence
- 9:00 AM Nellie Chemin, Dale Norred, Holly Champagne, Bernita Guidry, Volunteer, Volunteer
- 11:00 AM Rene Rhodes, Julie Rhodes, Norman Simon, Craig Bella, Volunteer, Volunteer
- 5:30 PM Curtis Briggs, Jenny Briggs, Sallie Preston, Gina Danos, Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers

- 4:00 PM Marly Johnson, Misha Johnson, Brady Hazelton
- 7:00 AM John Breaux, C.J. Soufflet
- 9:00 AM William Deroche, Rebecca Deroche, Ashton Boudreaux
- 11:00 AM Ethan Prejean, Olivia Babin, Addison Arcement
- 5:30 PM Connor Hebert, Corey Hebert