

**SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK  
OF JUL 1 – 7**

- Monday** - Gn 18: 16-33; Mt 8:18-22  
– **Saint Junipero Serra**
- Tuesday** - Gn 19:15-29; Mt 8:23-27  
– **Saint Oliver Plunkett**
- Wednesday** - Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29  
– **Saint Thomas the Apostle**
- Thursday** - Gn 22:1b-19; Mt 9:1-8  
– **Saint Elizabeth of Portugal**
- Friday** - Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Mt 9:9-13  
– **Saint Anthony Zaccaria**
- Saturday** - Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Mt 9:14-17  
– **Saint Maria Goretti**
- Sunday** - Is 66:10-14c; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20  
– **Blessed Emmanuel Ruiz and Companions**  
**Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**



**AFTERTHOUGHTS**

*Is there anything in your life that you have been “putting off” doing until tomorrow what you might do “filled with faith” today?*

**PRAY FOR:** Mona Escobar, Ray Duthu, Beryl Toups Odom, Linda Lee, J.A. Foret, Jason Chaisson, Christina Sparks, Edrith Boudreaux, Dale Boudreaux, Ursula M. Breaux, Ray Marcello, Barbara Toups Miller, Susan Laperouse, Melinda Fabre, Sheryl Leaber, Evelyn Ruckstuhl, Deacon Lee Crochet, Selma Ferjani, Dee Belanger, Holden Sawyer, Lynn Paul Lirette, Sherman Brown, Mary Lee Boudreaux, Airman Wesley Speyrer, Ernest Robichaux, Nancy Rivere, Claudette Dugas, Aaron Robichaux, Chelsea Ford and for all prayer shawl recipients.

**Please pray for the repose of the souls of all who have died.**

**Daily Prayers for Priests:**

*Lord Jesus, hear our prayer for the Bishop, Priests, Deacons, Sisters, Lay Ministers, and Seminarians in the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux. We praise you for giving their ministry to the Church. In these days, renew them with the gifts of Your Spirit. You once opened the Holy Scriptures to your Disciples when you walked on this earth. Now renew your ordained and chosen ones with the truth and in their lives, the death and resurrection they celebrate around your altar. Give them enthusiasm for the Gospel, zeal for the salvation of all people, courage in leadership and humility in service. Give them your love for one another and for all power of your word. In Eucharist you gave your disciples renewed life and hope. Nourish your consecrated ones with your own Body and Blood. Help them to imitate their brothers and sisters in you. For you love them Lord Jesus and we love and pray for them in your Holy Name, especially (name). Amen.*

- July 1 – Bishop Shelton Fabre
- July 2 – Bishop Sam Jacobs
- July 3 – Fr. Josh Rodrigue
- July 4 – Fr. Prentice Tipton
- July 5 – Fr. Jay Baker
- July 6 – Fr. Vincente DeLa Cruz
- July 7 – Fr. Robert Cruz



**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The beautiful flowers on the Altar were donated in loving memory of the deceased relatives of Eric and Alicia Chauvin.

**GOSPEL COMMENTARY**

**“No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God.”**

When Elijah calls to Elisha, he hesitated, “Let me kiss my father and mother goodbye.” Elijah does not prevent him. Then Elisha kills the team of oxen he was driving, uses the wood of the plow to build a fire to burn their flesh and distributes it to the people and follows Elijah. He detaches himself from everything he previously depended on. Paul tells us, “For freedom Christ set us free.” Christ teaches us to be free from attachment to things of this world. This freedom is not for selfish pursuits, but “to serve one another in love.” Jesus calls us to follow him, but we sometimes hesitate. If we start to follow Jesus but let other attachments distract us, we will never be free to discern God’s will for us and respond in freedom to God for all that he has given to us. What are the attachments in our life that keep us from the true freedom that allows us to follow Christ, without hesitation? Make a list.

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT  
Sunday – June 23**

Envelopes (234).....	\$ 9,684.00
Loose .....	\$ 2,236.11
Total .....	\$11,920.11

**PARISH NEWS**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY  
OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES – BUCKETS**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Francis de Sales distributes funds for rental and utility payment emergencies weekly. Under certain conditions, it assists the needy to acquire other items that might be needed from the St. Francis de Paul Thrift Store. Funds are limited to persons in the geographical boundaries of the parish with parishioners being favored. On months having five Sundays, there is a bucket collection to help St. Vincent de Paul Society maintain this charitable work of mercy to the neediest in our parish.

**The next bucket collection is this weekend, June 29 and 30.** Please be generous so that we can continue to help those in need. For more information about how you may individually assist or if you would like to join the St. Vincent de Paul Society, please contact Murke Trahan at 985.217.0593. Thank you for your generosity in advance. **YOU CAN ALSO DONATE ONLINE - CHOOSE THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUND.**

Look for this button

**St. Francis de sales - ParishSOFT On-Line Giving**  
on our church website.  
<http://www.stfrancisdesaleshouma.org/on-line-giving.html>

**CATHOLIC KORNER**



Last week we learned that **The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ** is the Church’s official act of homage and gratitude to Christ, who by instituting the Holy Eucharist gave to the Church her greatest treasure.

Saint Junipero Serra’s feast day is July 1. Miguel Jose Serra was born on the island of Majorca on November 24, 1713, and took the name of Junipero when in 1730, he entered the Franciscan Order. Ordained in 1737, he taught philosophy and theology at the University of Padua until 1749. At the age of thirty-seven, he landed in Mexico City on January 1, 1750, and spent the rest of his life working for the conversion of the peoples of the New World. Junipero’s missionary life was a long battle with cold and hunger, with unsympathetic military commanders and even with danger of death from non-Christian native peoples. Through it all his unquenchable zeal was fed by prayer each night, often from midnight till dawn. He baptized over 6,000 people and confirmed 5,000. His travels would have circled the globe. He brought the Native Americans not only the gift of faith but also a decent standard of living. He won their love, as witnessed especially by their grief at his death. He is buried at Mission San Carlo Borromeo, Carmel, and was beatified in 1988. Pope Francis canonized him in Washington, D.C., on September 23, 2015. It was the first canonization on U.S. soil.

Find out more next week when we talk about Ordinary Time.  
Do you have a particular question you want answered? Send in your questions to [rvowell@hdiocese.org](mailto:rvowell@hdiocese.org) to have answered here!

**MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS**

**GIFT BEARERS**

What an honor it is to carry the wine, hosts and offerings to the priest at Mass for consecration! Any occasion can be a time to serve as a Gift Bearer: a birthday, an anniversary, or maybe you would like to bring up the gifts on the memorial of a loved one. Gift Bearers actively participate in the celebration of the Mass by presenting the gifts of Bread and Wine at the altar and require no special skill or permanent ministerial duty, and yet it is a beautiful and significant part of the Mass performed by lay people. If you would like to participate in the Mass as a gift bearer – please speak to any usher prior to Mass.

**PRAYER FOR OUR NATION AND MILITARY SERVANTS**



*God our Father, giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people.*

*Send your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation’s leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing your will.*

*We commend to your love, providence, and protection all those who have served our Nation in the past and those who serve Her now. We ask that your abundant mercy has been with those who lost their lives on battlefields and in the aftermath of war. We ask that you put a shield of grace around those who serve us now. In all cases, may all that they do bring glory and honor to you and protect the rights and freedoms that belong to every human person.*

*We ask for the maternal beatitude and intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and beseech that she confide to the folds of her mantle all those whom we love. May her garment become for them a safe harbor physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually.*

*We offer this prayer in confidence to you, Father, and in the name of Your Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ.*  
**Amen.**

To add your loved ones (living and deceased) to the list to be prayed for in Women of Grace’s Independence Day Novena beginning July 4th: <https://shop.womenofgrace.com/novena> for 4th july

**MASS INTENTIONS – JULY**

*In Memory/In Honor*

<b>July 4, 2019</b> 5:30 PM <i>Inez Mable Decuir Cazayoux</i>	<b>July 14, 2019</b> Sun 5:30pm <i>Marguerite Crosland Ledet</i>
<b>July 5, 2019</b> 12:05 PM <i>Sidney J. Rhodes, Sr</i>	<b>July 15, 2019</b> Sun 5:30pm <i>Jace Prejean</i>
<b>July 6, 2019</b> Sat. 4pm <i>Theresa Caballero</i> <i>Bill Lytle</i>	<b>July 20, 2019</b> Sat. 4pm <i>Theresa Caballero</i> <i>Bill Lytle</i>
<b>July 7, 2019</b> Sun 7am <i>Kathie D. Folse</i>	<b>July 21, 2019</b> Sun 11am <i>Geri Powell Bonvillain</i>
<b>July 7, 2019</b> Sun 11am <i>Geri Powell Bonvillain</i>	<b>July 21, 2019</b> Sun 5:30pm <i>Marguerite Crosland Ledet</i>
<b>July 7, 2019</b> Sun 5:30pm <i>Marguerite Crosland Ledet</i>	<b>July 22, 2019</b> Daily 5:30pm <i>James Numa Cazayoux</i>
<b>July 13, 2019</b> Sat. 4pm <i>Theresa Caballero</i> <i>Lionel Rodrigue</i> <i>Bill Lytle</i>	<b>July 23, 2019</b> Daily 5:30pm <i>Mitch Babin</i>
<b>July 14, 2019</b> Sun 9am <i>Tillie Maiorana</i>	<b>July 26, 2019</b> Daily 12:05am <i>Merle Lewis</i>
<b>July 14, 2019</b> Sun 11am <i>Geri Powell Bonvillain</i>	<b>July 27, 2019</b> Sat. 4pm <i>Theresa Caballero</i>
	<b>July 28, 2019</b> Sun 11am <i>Geri Powell Bonvillain</i>

**SECOND COLLECTION – THIS WEEKEND  
– PETER’S PENCE**

Today is the Peter’s Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence). You can donate by dropping your donation in the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection this weekend, online via [www.peterspence.va](http://www.peterspence.va), or mail your donation directly to Peter’s Pence Collection, The Apostolic Nunciature, 3339 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20008.



**INDEPENDENCE DAY**

**The Church Office will be closed July 4, 2019  
in observance of Independence Day!**



On July 4, 1776, the 13 colonies claimed their independence from England, an event which eventually led to the formation of the United States. Of the 13 colonies, nine voted in favor of the Declaration of Independence, two — Pennsylvania and South Carolina — voted No, Delaware was undecided and New York abstained.

John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress, signed the Declaration of Independence. It is said that John Hancock signed his name “with a great flourish” so England’s “King George can read that without spectacles!”

Today, the original copy of the Declaration is housed in the National Archives in Washington, D.C., and July 4 has been designated a national holiday to commemorate the day the United States laid down its claim to be a free and independent nation.

**THE TIE-IN – ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** – In today’s Gospel we see how Jesus, on his way to Jerusalem, sent a “messenger on ahead of Him.” To be messengers of God, we must know well what it is God wants to say and do through us, as he sends us out to bring his love to others. **In the month of June, you were the “messenger of God” in bringing hope to the poor. Your gifts enabled the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to assist families, provide in food, in gifts, and for utility and rent bills.**

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS - (RCIA)**

We are gearing up to begin RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)! Sessions will begin in the fall, August 2019. If you - or someone you know - is interested in becoming Catholic - or would like to know more about the Catholic faith before making that decision, these sessions are for you!

RCIA is a process, a journey of faith, designed for adults who, after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, consciously and freely are initiated into the Catholic Christian community. This faith journey is for adults who

1. Has been Baptized in another faith tradition,
2. Has been Baptized Catholic but have not celebrated First Communion or Confirmation, and have never received religious instruction in the Catholic faith,
3. Or have never been Baptized in any faith.

These sessions are round table and begin with a period of Inquiry – a time where you are free to inquire about the Catholic Faith and have your questions answered. For more information or to register, contact Cathy in the Cathedral office – 985-876-6904.



**ADULT CONFIRMATION**

The Adult Confirmation Course is set to begin on this fall in October. This course is offered to those who are at least 20 years of age and have received the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, and Holy Communion, but have not yet received the sacrament of Confirmation. There will be seven sessions. For more information, or to register, please contact Cathy in the Cathedral office – 985-876-6904



**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND -  
WITH FR. JAY BAKER**

**MARCH 26 - APRIL 4, 2020 – SIGN UP BY JULY 13!** Ready to travel from Bethlehem to Nazareth to Tiberias to Jerusalem (and many more points between) with Fr. Jay as your spiritual guide? This is a trip you don’t want to miss! Hurry – space is limited. To receive a brochure including the reservation form – visit the church website <https://stfrancisdesaleshouma.org/> or call the church office 985-876-6904.



**HOW MIGHT WE RESPOND TO  
MISTREATMENT AND PERSECUTION?**

In honor of the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul Saturday, discover how the Apostles joyfully lived in the face of persecution so extreme that nearly all were martyred.

Watch on FORMED. To sign up go to: go to our church website, <http://www.stfrancisdesaleshouma.org/>, click on FORMED, click on FORMED under the Register Here heading, 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**

**Vacation Bible School** attendees enjoyed their week with the theme: ROAR, Life is wild \* God is good. Please continue to pray for those involved that they may carry the message to their family and friends.

**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 \$57,434.80, with \$4,488.89 paid thus far from 153 pledges. We have achieved 67.57% of our pledged goal. **The remaining to reach our goal is \$27,565.20.** You can give online at <https://htdiocese.org/bishopsappeal>, return your personalized commitment cards at Mass, or mail your commitment to the Diocese in the provided envelope.

**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 31, 2019. To donate, please mail to: Catholic Foundation, P.O. Box 505, Schriever, LA 70395

**FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY – JULY 2, 2019**

Food for the Journey is a monthly lunchtime speaker series featuring presenters from throughout the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux. It is designed to help us live out our Catholic faith in our daily lives. 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). The next date is July 2, 2019.

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

**HOLY MASS & HEALING SERVICES – JULY 11, 2019**

There will be a Mass and Healing Services held at St. Andrew Catholic Church, 833 Julia Street, Amelia, LA on Thursday, July 11, 2019. The Rosary will be prayed at 6:30pm, with the Mass and Healing Service beginning at 7pm. If you have any questions, please call 985-631-2333 or 985-232-2229.

**NOVENA TO ST. ANNE – JULY 17, 2019**

The St. Anne Association’s annual Novena in honor of Saint Anne will begin July 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Calvary Grotto Shrine in St. Joseph’s Cemetery in Thibodaux with a Mass, followed by prayers and meditation. Each day thereafter prayer and meditation will begin at 6:30 pm. On the 10th day, which is the feast day of Saints Anne and Joachim (July 26) a closing Mass is celebrated at the shrine.

Saint Anne is the patron saint of mothers, grandmothers, women who desire pregnancy, women in labor and women who want husbands, to name a few. Countless miracles have been reported in the past, which members attribute to the intervention of Saint Anne, including women who have found husbands and couples who conceived children.

All are invited to attend. For more information, contact Joanie Lirette (985) 637-6906 or Connie Richard (985) 447-6559.

**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**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL  
TRI-PARISH COMMUNITY PHARMACY**

The St. Vincent de Paul Tri-Parish Community Pharmacy recently relocated to 201 Canal Street, Houma, LA 70360. The mission of the St. Vincent Pharmacy is to serve the less fortunate of the area of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux by providing them with maintenance medicine they otherwise cannot afford and do not receive through assistance from government aid, Veteran’s benefits, or insurance.

The pharmacy is still in need of volunteer pharmacists and pharmacy techs.

For more information about the services of the pharmacy or to volunteer, please contact the pharmacy at 985-872-2253.

**MINISTERS SCHEDULE  
Weekend of July 6-7, 2019**

**Commentators**

- 4:00 PM Mike Trahan
- 7:00 AM Tommy Chauvin
- 9:00 AM Lawrence Breaux
- 11:00 AM David Haddad
- 5:30 PM Christa Duplantis Prather

**Lectors**

- 4:00 PM Brenda Tanner
- 7:00 AM Evelyn Ruckstuhl
- 9:00 AM Mona Prejean
- 11:00 AM Earl Eues
- 5:30 PM Charles Sevin



**Ministers of the Eucharist**

- 4:00 PM Melva Fournier, Carl Soudelier, Deborah Soudelier, Carlisle Jukes, Volunteer, Volunteer
- 7:00 AM John Breaux, C.J. Stoufflet, Kay Stoufflet, Paul Labat, Volunteer, Volunteer
- 9:00 AM Murke Trahan, Colleen Lewis, Michael Boudreaux, Madeline Picou, Volunteer, Volunteer
- 11:00 AM Rene Rhodes, Julie Rhodes, Carol Domangue, Michael D’Angelo, Dianna Olivier, Volunteer
- 5:30 PM Adam Saal, Randy Bethancourt, Mike Amico, Kim Sanvi, Volunteer, Volunteer

**Altar Servers**

- 4:00 PM Gabrielle, Hebert, Avene Ryals, Elise Ledet
- 7:00 AM John Breaux, C.J. Stoufflet
- 9:00 AM Madison Henry, Brady Hazelton, Sophia Distefano
- 11:00 AM Kade Twiner, Alex Reddoch, Dylan Reed
- 5:30 PM Madeline Sonnier, Alexander Hernandez, Matthew King