

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF JUL 22 - 28

- Monday - Sg 3:1-4a; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18 - Saint Mary Magdalene
- Tuesday - Ex 14:21-15:1; Mt 12:46-50 - Saint Bridget of Sweden
- Wednesday - Ex 16: 1-5, 9-15; Mt 13:1-9 - Saint Sharbel Makhluf
- Thursday - 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28 - Saint James the Apostle
- Friday - Ex 20:1-17; Mt 13:18-23 - Saints Joachim and Anne
- Saturday - Ex 24:3-8; Mt 13:24-30 - Blessed Antonio Lucci
- Sunday - Gn 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13
- Blessed Stanley Rother

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

AFTERTHOUGHTS

Today's Gospel is addressed to Catholics who are expected to be "contemplatives in action." How are you prayerfully, thoughtfully engaged in the world around you? That is to say, how has Martha bonded with Mary in your day-to-day living?

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, Nancy Rivere, Claudette Dugas, Aaron Robichaux, Chelsea Ford, Denna Sanders, and for all prayer shawl recipients.
Please pray for the repose of the souls of all who have died, especially Kevin Wiemann, Jr., Patricia Arceneaux, and Ernest Robichaux.

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 22 – Fr. Joseph Tregre
- July 23 – Fr. Patrick Riviere
- July 24 – Seminarian Daniel Duplantis
- July 25 – Fr. P.J. Madden
- July 26 – Fr. Sabino Rebosura
- July 27 – Fr. Simon Peter Engurait
- July 28 – Deacons



SANCTUARY LIGHTS
Chapel
In Loving Memory of Joel, David & Hedi Bergeron
donated by Fr. C. Paul, Carol & Carroll Bergeron.



GOSPEL COMMENTARY

"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things."

Martha is doing what was expected of a good Jewish woman of her day - preparing food for her family and guest. Her sister Mary, also a good Jewish woman, plops herself down at the feet of Jesus and absorbs every word He says. Martha finally confronts Jesus, "Lord, make her help me!" Jesus knows that Martha is not doing anything wrong. She is doing what she believes is expected of her. And she is doing it very well. Jesus suggest she should not be so concerned about what others expect of her, but should spend time to discern what God expects of her. What God expects of us can be quite different than what the world expects of us. We discern God's will for us in prayer - prayer that is not about what we say to God, but about what we are willing to hear from God.. Fr. Hacker Fagot, S.J. [d. January 5, 2010] admits that "Too often my prayer is not *God, thy will be done!* but *God, thy will be changed!*" Do we pray? What is our prayer?

STEWARDSHIP REPORT
Sunday – July 14

Envelopes (175).....	\$ 8,109.00
Loose	\$ 2,197.72
Total	\$10,306.72

CATHOLIC KORNER



Last week we learned that Lourdes, France is where our Mother Mary appeared to Bernadette Soubirous and gave us all a message – to pray and do penance for the conversion of the world. Another way for us to pray for the conversion of the world is devotion to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**.

"Devotion to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**, of its very nature, is a worship of the love with which God, through Jesus, loved us, and at the same time, an exercise of our own love by which we are related to God and to other men." – Pope Pius XII

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690) had a personal revelation involving a series of visions of Christ as she prayed before the Blessed Sacrament. She wrote, "He disclosed to me the marvels of his Love and the inexplicable secrets of his Sacred Heart." Christ emphasized to her His love and His woundedness caused by Man's indifference to this love.

Seven ways we can honor the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**:

1. **Consecration** – meditate on the **Sacred Heart of Jesus** – when we receive the Eucharist we receive the very heart of Christ
2. **Enthronement** – Jesus is king – make him king of every aspect of your life
3. **Reparation** – make up for the wrongs we have done by repairing the damage
4. **First Fridays** – attend mass, go to confession, and receive the Eucharist on the first Friday of 9 consecutive months
5. **Prayer** – Pray often!! It can be a novena, litany or simply – "Sacred heart of Jesus, have mercy on us."
6. **Imitation** – Imitate the sacrificial love of Jesus
7. **Missionary activity** – Now – bring that love to others – bear witness – bear our crosses patiently and lovingly

To read more about this devotion – here is just one of many sites
<https://www.catholicgentleman.net/2014/06/7-ways-to-honor-the-sacred-heart-of-jesus/>

Find out more next week when we talk about *The Church Building*.

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

DIOCESAN OUTREACH LINE

In response to the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux has made the following provision for anyone who has been hurt or sexually abused by anyone who works for the church. The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux has set up an Outreach Line for all victims/survivors of sexual abuse.

In continuing our commitment to support and healing, we invite and encourage people who have been hurt or sexually abused recently or in the past by clergy, religious or other employees of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, to call our outreach line. The Outreach Line operates from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily Monday through Friday. A trained mental health professional responds to the line. The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux Outreach Line telephone numbers are (985) 873-0026.

ARCHDIOCESE OF
NEW ORLEANS
Retreat Center

Upcoming Offerings

<p>August 2-4 When Faith and Suffering Bring Hope <i>Rev. Paul Hart</i></p> <p>August 9-12 Twelve-Step Spirituality and The Joy of Good Living <i>Rev. Len Kraus, SJ</i></p> <p>August 13 Day of Prayer The Power of One <i>Sr. Judith Gomila, MSC</i></p>	<p>August 14-17 Jesus Is Interested in Me! <i>Rev. Richard Buhler</i></p> <p>September 12 – Evening of Prayer Welcoming the God Within Part 1 <i>Sr. Rochelle Perrier, MSC</i></p> <p>September 24 Prayer Concert <i>Lorraine Hess</i></p>
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MINISTERS SCHEDULE
Weekend of July 27-28, 2019
Commentators

- 4:00 PM Carlise Jukes
- 7:00 AM John Breaux
- 9:00 AM Mona Prejean
- 11:00 AM David Haddad
- 5:30 PM Ginny Hamilton

Lectors

- 4:00 PM Ernie Perry
- 7:00 AM Jody Duet
- 9:00 AM Lawrence Breaux
- 11:00 AM Mindy Scott
- 5:30 PM Christina Duplantis Prather

Ministers of the Eucharist

- 4:00 PM Mary Ann Rodrigue, Anita Pearson, Judith Archila, Bernita Tanner, Volunteer, Volunteer
- 7:00 AM Mark Spence, Paul Labat, Cathy Duet, Tammy Blanchard
- 9:00 AM Nellie Chemin, Dale Norred, Holly Champagne, Madeline Picou, Volunteer, Volunteer
- 11:00 AM Norman Simon, Craig Bella, Bill Blanchard, Ellen Blanchard, Volunteer, Volunteer
- 5:30 PM Gina Danos, Sallie Preston, Curtis Briggs, Jenny Briggs, Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers

- 4:00 PM Caroline Louviere, Joshua Louviere, Abigail Gremillion
- 7:00 AM Delsin Blanchard, Benjamin Bourgeois, Aubree Seely
- 9:00 AM Jordon Champagne, Grace Champagne, Claire Klingman
- 11:00 AM Lily Gros, Ethan Gros, Emma Beeson
- 5:30 PM William Deroche, Rebecca Deroche, Ashton Boudreaux



PARISH NEWS

USED UNIFORM SALE – July 21, 2019

This Sunday after the 9am and 11am Masses there will be a used uniform sale in the Youth Center.

FORMED

MODERN EXAMPLE OF VIRTUE

Blessed Pier Giorgio - athlete, outdoor enthusiast, avid skier...and possible future saint? See why the life of Blessed Pier Giorgio has inspired so many to embrace Jesus and pursue holiness. Born in 1901 in Turin, Italy into a family of wealth and status, Pier Giorgio enjoyed close friends, hiking and skiing, museums and music, and was involved in political action. He found that deep prayer, service to the poor, and a passion for bringing others to Christ led to a life of purpose, peace, and happiness. Pier Giorgio died at the age of 24 on July 4, 1925. He was beatified on May 20, 1990 by Pope St. John Paul II who referred to him as a "man of the beatitudes".

Find more 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.

THE TIE-IN – ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus affirms that to be a disciple we must also sit at his feet and listen to him. St. Vincent de Paul taught that it is only in prayer that we can give selfless loving service to those who are poor. **This week, please say a special prayer each day for the poor and forgotten in our parish.**

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

YOUTH NEWS

LIFT ADULT CATHOLIC CONFERENCE – SEPT 27-29, 2019

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

SUMMER FUN KIDS DAY – JULY 27, 2019, 10am-4pm

Summer Fun Kids Day is the bayou region's largest and longest-running indoor, children's festival. It will be held at the Houma Civic Center. Admission is \$5 per person; ages one and under free!
For more info - <http://www.houmaciviccenter.com/kidsday/>



[MARRIED] – AUGUST 17, 2019, 9am-5pm

[MARRIED] is a one-day conference that seeks to help couples have marriages that don't just survive but thrive. Presented by Paul and Gretchen George, the talks will center around the following themes: Marriage is beautiful, designed to be a picture of God's love to the world... Marriage can be messy and difficult at times. Through it all, marriage is worth it... worth every couple's investment of their time, energy, and resources. When couples embrace the beauty and the mess, marriages become what they are meant to be. Don't miss out on this opportunity to enrich your marriage! This will be fun and engaging. Join us!

More information is available at www.discovertheartofliving.com/married or St. Genevieve's Facebook page.

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/>

RCIA WORKSHOP – SEPTEMBER 28, 2019 – 8am-2pm

RCIA is a formation in the whole Christian life...during which the disciples will be joined to Christ their teacher. The speaker will be Monsignor Michael Clay from Washington, DC. If you are interested in helping facilitate or assist in coordinating, please join us for this very important and informative workshop at the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux Pastoral Center. Contact Cathy at the Church Office at 985-876-6904 or cbutler@hdiocese.org to sign up.

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 \$63,894.80, with \$53,060.41 paid thus far from 158 pledges. We have achieved 75.17% of our pledged goal. **The remaining to reach our goal is \$21,105.20.** You can give online at <https://hdiocese.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

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: THE DIGNITY OF WORK AND THE RIGHTS OF THE WORKERS

The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation. The gospel today speaks to those in our society who have fallen into the trap of overwork or to those who consider the only value to be the maximum production of some product or service. The gospel seems to be addressed to those who have placed work before relationship – to those who have placed things before people. The stress we encounter in our culture and the demands that we encounter in our lives have limited our ability to be hospitable – to take time for people – to put into practice the ideals that are modeled by the hospitality of Mary in the gospel. The stress and busyness of our lives can prevent us from living in a contemplative way – a contemplative way toward God and a respectful, contemplative way toward our neighbor and our world. We can make the mistake of focusing on consumption and possessions. Our contemporary world places many demands on our goodness. War, poverty, unemployment, politics, refugees, adequate shelter and clothing, intolerance, discrimination, and global warming are concerns the scriptures remind us today that all people should be treated as unique and precious human beings who are entitled to share in the bounty of the world.

We hope that our service of one another will not be based on guilt. Rather, it will be most powerful if it is based on our relationship with God and with others. The passage from Colossians proclaims that the mystery we now realize is that: Christ is in you." Christ is in me and you and all our brothers and sisters. Our service must respect this mystery and our service must rejoice in the mystery of Christ in each and every person.

HELP NEEDED

ST. FRANCIS MOTHERS CLUB CHURCH CLEANING – July 26, 2019

The Mother's Club has scheduled a Church cleaning with students on July 26, 2019 at 1pm. They will be dusting, cleaning windows, sweeping, etc. Want to help? Come – all are welcome!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES – ANSWER PHONES

Catholic Charities is in great need of people to answer our phones due to heavy volume of Hurricane Barry requests as well as people to help pick up debris and cut downed trees. Please check your Timebank account to see what the needs are and how to respond back to us. New to Timebank – visit the diocese website to sign up <https://hdiocese.org/bridging-the-bayou-timebank>

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA

Court Cardinal Gibbons #177 here at St. Francis Cathedral was founded in June 23, 1912. Under the patronage of the Blessed Mother, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas are united by their faith in Jesus Christ, in their devotion to the church and the Holy See. One of the largest organizations of Catholic women in the world, dedicated to strengthening their spiritual life through Christ and His Church, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas was founded in 1903 by the Knights of Columbus in Utica, New York. We are organized in 45 states across the country, and in Puerto Rico, Mexico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, Kenya, and Peru. Catholic lay and religious women 18 years of age or older, who love and support the Church and wish to participate in social and charitable activities are welcome to join.

Catholic Daughters engage in an expansive array of activities in pursuit of our mission including:

- Enhancement of Spiritual Life
- Support of the Holy Father, Bishops and Clergy
- Vocations to the religious life
- Evangelization
- Mission activities
- Catholic Relief Services
- Habitat for Humanity
- Mother Teresa
- Right to life
- Adopt-a-Child program
- Battered spouses and child abuse
- Scholarships and educational contests
- Teen pregnancy and suicide
- Civic Programs
- Morality in Media
- Drug and alcohol abuse
- Elderly
- Prison Apostolate
- Aid to flood and disaster victims
- Apostolate of the Sea
- HIV/AIDS
- Rural life
- Patriotism
- Veterans' support
- Project Handclasp (U.S. Navy)

For more info or to join contact: Kathleen Lirette, Regent at 985-856-2379