

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF JUL 29 – AUG 4

- Monday - Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Lk 10:38-42
Saint Martha
- Tuesday - Ex 33:7-11, 34:5b-9; Mt 13:36-43
Blessed Solanus Casey
- Wednesday - Ex 34: 29-35; Mt 13:44-46
Saint Ignatius of Loyola
- Thursday - Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt 13:47-53
Saint Alphonsus Liguori
- Friday - Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Mt 13:54-58
Saint Eusebius of Vercelli
- Saturday - Lv 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12
Saint Peter Julian Eymard
- Sunday - Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21
Saint John Vianney
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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, Gary Benoit, Sonny Lovell, Judy Porche, Faye Platt, Vincent Trabona, Alicia Headrick, and for all prayer shawl recipients.
Please pray for the repose of the souls of all who have died, especially Una Johnson.

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 29 – Fr. Mitch Semar
- July 30 – Fr. Carl Collins
- July 31 – Seminarian James Rome
- Aug 1 – Fr. Amang Santiago
- Aug 2 – Fr. Carlos Talavera
- Aug 3 – Fr. John Nambusseril
- Aug 4 – Fr. Thomas Kuriakose



AFTERTHOUGHTS

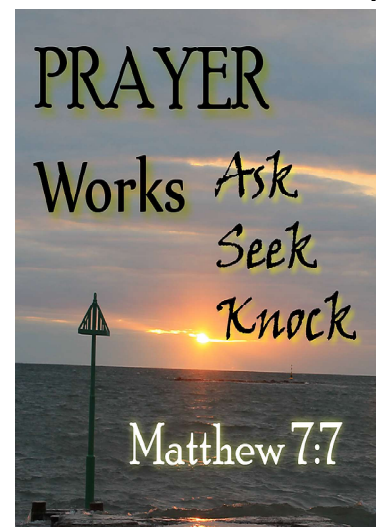
In response to his disciples' request that he teach them how to pray, Jesus calls them to be persistent in prayer. But has there ever been a time when you have asked but not received; or sought but have not found; or knocked but the door remained closed? If so, what has God said to you in that unanswered prayer?

ALTAR FLOWERS

In loving memory of Robert Acosta on the anniversary of his death by His Family.

GOSPEL COMMENTARY

"I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."



When our parents would not let us have that fifth hot dog or third ice cream cone at the parish fair, did we feel they did not love us? If so, we are pretty normal. When we do not win hundreds of millions of dollars in the Power Ball or Mega Millions lotteries, despite intense prayers and great deals with God that we will share most of

it with the poor, do we feel God is not listening to our prayers? If so, we do not understand what Jesus taught us about prayer. If we truly PRAY the Our Father and acknowledge and honor God, ask for what we NEED THIS DAY, and seek His pardon for our sins, then we will understand what he meant when he said, "ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Our parents knew that some things we wanted were not good for us. God knows that some things we want are not good for us. They will not help us gain eternal life. If we are sincere when we PRAY the Our Father, God will give us what we NEED THIS DAY to spend eternity with him.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday – July 21

Envelopes (248).....	\$12,548.00
Loose	\$ 2,596.10
Total	\$15,144.10

HELP NEEDED

CATHOLIC CHARITIES - ANSWER PHONES/DEBRIS

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://htdiocese.org/bridging-the-bayous-timebank>

LECTORS/COMMENTATORS

We are called to proclaim the Word! We are called to evangelize! A great way to do that is to serve as a lector or commentator at Mass! Training is provided - as well as an annual workbook for lectors, which helps with interpretation of the readings and pronunciation of the words. Please contact the rectory (985-876-6904) if you are interested in joining this holy and necessary ministry!



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 vestibule, by the church office, mail them to the church office, or send them with your child to school. Look for these labels:

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.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

USHERS

The words you can use to describe an usher are - Helper-Leader-Guide. Ushers are often the first people you meet in the Church – they are ready to greet and *help* worshipers as they come in. Ushers can *lead* worshipers to seating when the pews are full. Ushers also *guide* worshipers in letting them know when it is their pew's turn to go up the aisle for Holy Communion or a Blessing. Ushers also pass collection baskets and organize the presentation of the gifts. If you are interested in being an usher, please speak to any usher at Mass or call the Church Office at 985-876-6904.

CATHOLIC KORNER



Last week we learned devotion to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**, is a way to worship the love God has for us. A great place to worship that love and receive his Body and Blood is **The Church Building**.

The word "Church" designates the gathering of those whom God's Word brings together to form the People of God, and who themselves become the Body of Christ. The word "Building" means structure with a roof and walls. **The Church Building** is the structure where we gather to be nourished by the Body of Christ. **The Church Building** is not a neutral place. It is not simply a skin for liturgical action. The Catholic Church is a sacramental Church, which means deeper realities are expressed in observable signs. **The Church Building** is a place where prayer happens. It is a temple where sacrifice is offered. We will learn more about the parts of **The Church Building** after the Assumption of Mary.

Find out more next week when we talk about The Assumption of Mary.

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

MINISTERS SCHEDULE Weekend of August 3-4, 2019

Commentators	
4:00 PM	Becky Boudloche
7:00 AM	Jude Fanguy
9:00 AM	Mona Prejean
11:00 AM	Earl Eues
5:30 PM	Carla Peeler
Lectors	
4:00 PM	Lawrence Robinson
7:00 AM	Yvonne Fanguy
9:00 AM	Tommy Chauvin
11:00 AM	Tommy Tabor
5:30 PM	Bubba Watkins
Ministers of the Eucharist	
4:00 PM	Melva Fournier, Carl Soudelier, Deborah Soudelier, Brenda Tanner, Volunteer, Volunteer
7:00 AM	John Breaux, C.J. Stoufflet, Kay Stoufflet, Carla Exnicious
9:00 AM	Murke Trahan, Colleen Lewis, Michael Boudreaux, Jody Duet, Cathy Duet, Volunteer
11:00 AM	Carol Domangue, Michael D'Angelo, Dianna Olivier, Gail Guillot, Rene Rhodes, Julie Rhodes
5:30 PM	Adam Saal, Randy Bethancourt, Mike Amico, Kelli Cazayoux, Volunteer, Volunteer
Altar Servers	
4:00 PM	Elise Ledet, Gabrielle Hebert, Avene Ryals
7:00 AM	John Breaux, C.J. Stoufflet
9:00 AM	Sarabeth Haydel, Scott Haydell, Claire Cazayoux
11:00 AM	Chloe Hoychick, Eli Hoychick, Tess Hoychick
5:30 PM	Madeline Sonnier, Alexander Hernandez, Kenny Bowen



PARISH NEWS

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have Mass said in honor or in memory of someone please complete the purple form in the vestibule, contact the church office at 876-6904, or email rvowell@htdiocese.org. The first weekend of each month we will list all Mass intentions for that month in the bulletin. The usual stipend is \$3.00 per person per Mass. The names are due the Tuesday prior to the first weekend of each month. **Please call or email to have your loved one(s) added to the August list of Mass intentions by July 30, 2019.**

WHO AM I TO JUDGE?

What is "right" and "wrong"?

Is what's right for you right for me?

Is there a right and wrong for everyone, all the time?

These are difficult questions to discuss in our culture. We live in a society that supports the opinion that each person should make up his or her own morality—that there is no moral truth that applies to everyone. Many of us have been affected by the relativistic outlook that pervades the modern world. Maybe some of us wonder whether there really is an absolute right and wrong for everyone. Or maybe we accept that there is a moral standard for all, but we don't know how to explain our moral convictions in a convincing way. Maybe some of us are afraid of saying something is immoral because we are afraid of offending others or of being labeled intolerant. How do we talk about morality in a relativistic world?

In this small group study program featuring Edward Sri, they explore the classical view of morality and find that it is not merely a set of guiding principles for theoretical situations—it is an entire way of life.

Find much 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.

ONLINE GIVING

You have an opportunity to help St. Francis de Sales earn up to \$2,000 in Youth Scholarship money by signing up and setting up reoccurring giving ParishSOFT Online Giving. For every 25 new recurring givers the parish receives a check for \$200 with the maximum amount of \$2,000 per parish. Sign up is easy and free – see below for more information.

Need assistance? Not sure how to get started? Guides to getting started, setting up your donor profile, setting up one-time gifts or reoccurring ones – all are located on this page. To get started – Look for this button on our church website - <http://www.stfrancisdesaleshouma.org/on-line-giving.html> - once you click on Online Giving:

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THE TIE-IN – ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us that God is our "Father" and just as a parent's love for their children is unlimited, so is God's love and care for us is unlimited. **This week you can also share God's love and care for others by donating to St. Vincent de Paul.**

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS - (RCIA) – AUGUST 2019

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 or cbutler@htdiocese.org.

ADULT CONFIRMATION – OCTOBER 2019

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 or cbutler@htdiocese.org.

YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH FORMATION & CONFIRMATION

We're just getting started moving ahead with Bishop Fabre's vision for Youth Formation! Please pray in order to help our youth become missionary disciples by praying for guidance, wisdom, and God's call. Upcoming trainings will be available in the fall. Please call or email if you are interested in assisting with Youth Formation (9th-12th Grade) & Confirmation Program (Jane – 985-856-5488, LiretteBunch@yahoo.com or Gina 985-688-9696, StFrancisHoumaYouthMinistry@gmail.com)

FOR ADULT VOLUNTEERS

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. Schedule will be similar to Steubenville Youth Conference. For individual or group registration and more information visit: <https://www.lift316.com/adult-conference-details>

COMMUNITY NEWS

FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY – AUGUST 6, 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 August 6, 2019.

RSVP by the THURSDAY, August 1 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.



[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 St. Genevieve's Facebook page or www.discovertheheartofliving.com/married.

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@htdiocese.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 \$53,135.41 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://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

RETREAT CENTER

The Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center (5500 St. Mary St, Metairie, LA) has the following upcoming offerings:

- August 2-4 – When Faith and Suffering Bring Hope
Rev. Paul Hart
- August 9-12 – Twelve-Step Spirituality and The Joy of Good Living
Rev. Len Kraus, SJ
- August 13 – Day of Prayer – The Power of One
Sr. Judith Gomila, MSC
- August 14-17 – Jesus is Interested in Me!
Rec. Richard Buhler
- September 12 – Evening of Prayer Welcoming the God Within, Part I
Sr. Rochelle Perrier, MSC
- September 24 – Prayer Concert
Lorraine Hess

To Sign up – 504-267-9604 or neworleansretreats.org

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: LIFE AND DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON

Created in the image of God, all human life is sacred and possesses a dignity from our creation not from any action of our own.

Figuring out how to live the Christian life in our complex world can be quite an adventure. It takes time to figure out the route. It takes time to undertake the trip. Figuring out how to work for justice and peace is a journey and an adventure. To use the images of the gospel, it involves a lot of asking, seeking, and knocking. It is something that is worked out over time in the midst of ambiguity and struggle. It is best supported by a community of faith, hope and love. The Scriptures today remind us not to be afraid of the search for justice and peace. Don't be afraid of bargaining with God, just as Abraham sought out justice for the people of his time. Don't be afraid of seeking out something of importance. Don't be afraid of making your needs known. Don't be afraid to ask questions. Don't be afraid to ask why. Abraham spoke to God. So can you. Searching is part of implementing Catholic Social Teaching. Not one of us knows all the answers. Not one of us can fix the whole world and its problems. However, all of us can and do have a courage and faith that comes from our relationship with our God. Great things are possible. Speaking up is part of implementing Catholic Social Teaching. We are called to speak up when we see injustice. We are called to share what we know. We are called to take a stand for what is right.