

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 12-18

- Monday** - Dt 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27
- **Saint Jane Frances de Chantal**
- Tuesday** - Dt 31:1-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
- **Saints Pontain & Hippolytus**
- Wednesday** - Dt 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20
- **Saint Maximilian Kolbe**
- Thursday** - Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10b; Lk 1:39-56
- **Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary**
- Friday** - Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12
- **Saint Stephen of Hungary**
- Saturday** - Jos 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15
- **Saint Joan of the Cross**
- Sunday** - Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53
- **Saint Louise of Toulouse**
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



AFTERTHOUGHTS

By saying "Do not be afraid," Jesus is encouraging us to be full of faith. Does your faith allow you to be generous with others? Does it free you to leave behind anxiety and useless worry? Does your faith give you confidence about the future?

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.

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.

- Aug 12 – Fr. Blair Sabaricos
- Aug 13 – Fr. Fernando Anaya-Maida
- Aug 14 – Fr. Caesar Silva
- Aug 15 – Fr. John David Matherne
- Aug 16 – Fr. Stuart King
- Aug 17 – Fr. Brice Higginbotham
- Aug 18 – Fr. Shenan Boquet



SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Chapel
In Loving Memory of Ronald Picou by Louise

ALTAR FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers on the Altar for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary are donated in loving memory of **The Hazlit and Dagate Families** by Dr. John Dagate

GOSPEL COMMENTARY

"Of those who have much, much is expected"
Johnny Manziel had a successful career as quarterback of the Texas A&M football team. He assumed the moniker of "Johnny Football." Despite reports of erratic behavior on and off the field, Manziel was the 22nd pick in 2014 NFL Draft by the Browns. At Cleveland he did not perform well on the field. Off the field his conduct was irrational, and possibly illegal. In less than two years he was released by the Browns. In June of 2016 his father stated, "He is a druggie . . . I hate to say it but I hope he goes to jail." Much was expected of Johnny Manziel. He had the opportunity to be a positive role model for young people. He had much but chose not to be all that God had given him the ability to be. When Jesus said "Of those who have much, much is expected" he was challenging his disciples, and us, NOT to do like Manziel. God has given us much. Are we aware of all that God has given us? Have we used all that God gave us to the best of our ability? What have we chosen to do with it? Can we do better?

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday – August 4

Envelopes (254).....	\$11,484.00
Loose	\$ 2,584.96
Total	\$14,068.96

PARISH NEWS

**BAPTISM -
THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. FRANCIS
WELCOMES
OUR NEWEST MEMBERS**

Riley Lombes (February), Kolston Williams (February), Adeline Talbot (February), Daxton Desselle (February), Cobi Danos (April), Charleigh Blanchard (May), William Anderson (May), Bentley Landry (May), Eli Doucet (May), Christian Jaccuzzo (June), Elise Duplantis (June), Eleanor Barker (June), Oliver Robichaux (June), Parker Ortego (July), Kelsey Valure (July), Diana MacConnell (July), Charlotte Watkins (July), Charlotte Martin (August), Clara Marie (August).

**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Thursday, August 15, 2019
- is a Holy Day of Obligation.
Mass times:
5:30pm Vigil, 8:30AM, 12:05PM & 5:30PM



MINISTERS SCHEDULE

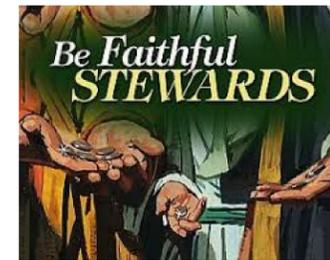
Weekend of August 17-18, 2019

Commentators
4:00 PM Jude Fanguy
7:00 AM Denise Dover
9:00 AM Scott Hebert
11:00 AM Ernie Perry
5:30 PM Carla Peeler

Lectors
4:00 PM Yvonne Fanguy
7:00 AM Jerry Dover
9:00 AM James Watkins
11:00 AM Mindy Scott
5:30 PM Christa Duplantis Prather

Ministers of the Eucharist
4:00 PM Melva Fournier, Carl Soudelier, Deborah Soudelier, Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer
7:00 AM Richard Guidry, Gail LeCompte, John Breaux, Mark Spence
9:00 AM Murke Trahan, Colleen Lewis, Michael Boudreaux, Clayton Lovell, Kathy Lovell, Volunteer
11:00 AM Carol Domangue, Michael D'Angelo, Dianna Olivier, Gail Guillot, Volunteer, Volunteer
5:30 PM Adam Saal, Randy Bethancourt, Mike Amico, Kelli Cazayoux, Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers
4:00 PM Marly Johnson, Misha Johnson
7:00 AM Richard Guidry, John Breaux
9:00 AM Josie Schwab, Juliana Schwab, Evan Adams
11:00 AM Logan Arnold, Chloe Arnold, Heidi Hayes
5:30 PM Alexander Cosky, Miriam Cosky, Emma Bennett



SAINTS

14-Aug- St Maximilian Kolbe

St. Maximilian Kolbe was very active in promoting the Immaculate Virgin Mary and is known as the Apostle of Consecration to Mary. Much of his life was strongly influenced by a vision he had of the Virgin Mary when he was 12. "That night I asked the Mother of God what was to become of me. Then she came to me holding two crowns, one white, the other red. She asked me if I was willing to accept either of these crowns. The white one meant that I should persevere in purity, and the red that I should become a martyr. I said that I would accept them both."

16-Aug- St. Roch (San Roque)

As a child St. Roch was deeply religious, fasting twice a week after the example of his pious mother. His parents died when he was twenty years of age, after which he gave his inheritance to the poor, handed the government of the city over to his uncle, and began a new life as a poor penniless pilgrim. On his way to Rome he cured many people by simply making the Sign of the Cross over them. He continued his charitable work on the way. His miraculous healing power evidenced itself in the same manner in every plague-infested town that he passed through on his way to Rome, and also in Rome itself.

18-Aug- St Helen

St. Helena was the mother of Emperor Constantine the Great and an Empress of the Roman Empire. She was tasked with locating relics of Christian tradition. Tradition says she was instrumental in discovering the three crosses, nails of the crucifixion, Jesus' tunic, and pieces of rope used to tie Jesus to the cross.



AUGUST 2019 MASS INTENTIONS

In Memory ~ August 16, 2019
Daily 12:05pm
Gina Babin Pellegrin



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - MASS

Eucharistic Ministers prayerfully and humbly serve the people by distributing the Body and Blood of Christ during Eucharistic celebrations and to those who choose not to receive the Eucharist are welcomed with a blessing. In every celebration of the Eucharist, there should be a sufficient number of ministers of Holy Communion so that it may be distributed in a reverent and orderly manner. Ministers must be at least 18 years of age. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion should receive sufficient spiritual, theological, and practical preparation to fulfill their role with knowledge and reverence. Contact the rectory office at 876-6904 for information.

CATHOLIC KORNER



Last week we learned The **Solemnity of the Assumption** celebrates the Blessed Mother's entrance into heavenly glory. This week we talk about **The Church Building – Parts.**

Vestibule or Narthex

A true narthex is either an outside, covered porch-like structure or an inside area separated from the body of the church, but this word has come to mean "entry" or "foyer."

Sanctuary

Aside from being the place of the Altar, the sanctuary is the place where the Tabernacle is kept.

Tabernacle

A tabernacle is a fixed, locked box in which, in some Christian churches, the Eucharist is "reserved" (stored).

Altar

The place where the Eucharistic Sacrifice is offered.

Ambo or Pulpit

The podium on the left side of the church as you face the Altar from where the Gospel is read. Mary's side.

Lectern

The stand on the right side of the church as you face the Altar from where the congregation is welcomed and intentions read. St. Joseph side.

Sacristy

The Sacristy is where sacred vestments, liturgical vessels, etc., are stored. In the sacristy you will find the sacrarium — a special sink with a pipe that bypasses the sewer, unlike an ordinary sink, but instead goes straight into the earth. This sink is made thus to preserve the dignity of sacred things which can no longer be used.

Find out more next week when we talk about Spirit.

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

THE TIE-IN – ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this Gospel, Jesus says "Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy."

Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring respite and hope to the elderly who are not able to find relief from the summer heat, and you will indeed find "an inexhaustible treasure in heaven!"

OPENING THE TREASURES OF THE MASS

The series, *Elements of the Catholic Mass* is designed to help the faithful better appreciate the beauty of the Mass. Featuring Fr. Douglas Martis, former director of the Liturgical Institute, the program consists of thirty-one beautifully produced short videos. Because each episode comes with a discussion guide with references, *Elements of the Catholic Mass* is ideal for personal faith formation or group discussion.

Fr. Douglas Martis has a doctorate in Sacramental Theology from the Institut Catholique in Paris and a Ph.D. in History of Religions and Religious Anthropology from the University of Paris (Sorbonne). He is a priest of the Diocese of Joliet and a former Associate Professor of Sacramental Theology and Chairperson of the Department of Liturgy and Music at Mundelein Seminary. From 2004-2016 he served as Director of the Liturgical Institute of the University of Saint Mary of the Lake.

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.

FRENCH MASS @ ST. HILARY – AUGUST 15, 2019

There will be a Mass in French at St. Hilary in Mathews, LA on August 15 at 6pm to celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption and French Heritage. Go and celebrate our French heritage and help preserve the culture and the language. People are encouraged to dress in traditional Cajun attire. A reception will follow.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS - (RCIA) – AUGUST 27, 2019

We are gearing up to begin RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)! Sessions will begin August 27, 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.

COME, LORD JESUS

The fruit of the Come, Lord Jesus Bible Study has been abundant! Community, friendships, and most importantly, knowledge of Jesus and a greater understanding of the scriptures are just some of the benefits! At this time, we do have openings in one of our groups who meet on Tuesday evenings at 6:45pm. If you are interested in joining this group or forming your own group, please contact the rectory office @ 985-876-6904!

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

25TH, 40TH, 50TH, 60TH (AND BEYOND) ANNIVERSARY PRAYER SERVICE

The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux is inviting all couples married in the Catholic church who are celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th (and beyond) anniversary during 2019 to the Diocesan Prayer Service will be held Sunday, October 20, 2019 at St. Francis Cathedral at 2:00pm. There will be NO diocesan mass celebration. If you wish to participate in this program, contact the church office by September 6, 2019 to register. All registered anniversary couples will receive an inscribed diocesan certificate in their own church parish during their scheduled parish celebration.

MASS AND HEALING SERVICE – AUGUST 15, 2019 – ST. ANDREW, AMELIA

6:30pm - Praying of the Holy Rosary; 7:00pm - Holy Mass and Services; Music by Teddy; St. Andrew Catholic Church, 833 Julia Street, Amelia, LA; 985-631-2333; 985-232-2229

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

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. Our parish has pledged \$64,394.80, with \$54,751.93 paid thus far from 160 pledges. We have achieved 75.76% of our pledged goal. **The remaining to reach our goal is \$20,605.20.** 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.

RETREAT CENTER

The Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center

(5500 St. Mary St, Metairie, LA) has the following upcoming offerings:

- August 13** – Day of Prayer – The Power of One
– Sr. Judith Gomila, MSC
- August 14-17** – Jesus is Interested in Me! – Rev. 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: CALL TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY, AND PARTICIPATION

The person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society— in economics and politics, in law and policy—directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community.

We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

Jesus says to his disciples: "Do not be afraid any longer, for your God is pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy. For where your treasure is, there also will your hearts be."

The scriptures today invite us to keep our values (and values) in perspective and not to focus on the accumulation of money or possessions. The great people of faith, who are discussed in Hebrews, held onto values that transcended what was immediate. In this way they were so energized by their great faith that great things happened for them and their community.

To use the image of the gospel, we hear Christians are invited to respond to the knocking. Thus, the Christian is invited to listen to the call of those in need and so to live responsibly in a spirit of justice for all, to respect and care for the earth, to treat all people and all of life with respect, to turn away from violence and war, to work for human rights, and to have special concern for the poor and marginalized.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

What is Eucharistic Adoration?

It is an extension of the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which occurs in every Mass: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb." Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament flows from the sacrifice of the Mass and serves to deepen our hunger for Communion with Christ and the rest of the Church. <http://www.usccb.org>

Did you know that St. Francis has an Adoration Chapel? The hours are 7am-6pm daily. All are welcome to come by and spend a few minutes with our Lord.



HELP NEEDED

Called to *Serve*

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.