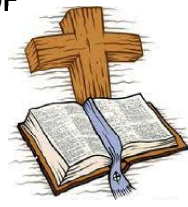


SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF

- Monday - Col 1:24-2:3; Lk 6:6-11 - Saint Peter Claver
Tuesday - Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19 - Saint Thomas of Villanova
Wednesday - Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26 - Saint Cyprian
Thursday - Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38 - Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday - 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42 - Saint John Chrysostom
Saturday - Nm 21:4b-9; Jn 3:13-17 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Sunday - Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 - Our Lady of Sorrows
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



AFTERTHOUGHTS

Has there ever been a time when God has touched you through what someone else has suffered? To give courage, to deepen faith, to rekindle hope, to enliven love?

PRAY FOR: Mona Escobar, Ray Duthu, 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, Aaron Robichaux, Chelsea Ford, Denna Sanders, Gary Benoit, Sonny Lovell, Judy Porche, Faye Platt, Vincent Trabona, Alicia Headrick, Gabrielle Hernandez, Scott Stoufflet, Curtis Briggs, Sadie Talbot, Patty LeJune, Margaret Gaudet, Tracy LeBlanc, Kristen Watkins, Alex Schexnayder, Robert Cazayoux, Ken Watkins, and for all prayer shawl recipients.

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

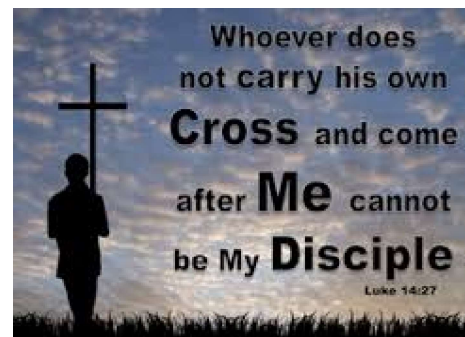
Daily Prayers for Priests:

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.

- Sep 09 - Seminarian Joseph Lapeyrouse
Sep 10 - Fr. Antonio Speedy
Sep 11 - Fr. Jay Baker
Sep 12 - Fr. Cody Chatagnier
Sep 13 - Fr. Donald Ledet
Sep 14 - Fr. Frederick Brunet
Sep 15 - Seminarian Ryan Thibodaux



SANCTUARY LIGHTS Church In Loving Memory of Michael Ray Guidry by Family and Friends



GOSPEL COMMENTARY 'Whoever does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.'

The right to own and legally use property is deeply ingrained in the Bill of Rights and psyche of the citizens of the United States. Some take that right to own property to extreme and turn possessions and the acquisition thereof into their god. They worship at the altar of the almighty dollar. The ownership and legal use of property is also a Natural Law right and a teaching of the Catholic Church. But Jesus taught us that we will not get to heaven based on the number and value of our possessions, but whether we acknowledge we are God's possessions and that everything we are and every thing we have is a gift from God that he wants us to use and enjoy to the best of our ability for ourselves and for others. Jesus also knew that giving to others what we do not need for ourselves would be a cross many would not be willing to carry. So he taught his disciples that "Whoever does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." Do we really want to be a disciple of Jesus? Are we willing to take up our cross and follow Jesus?

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Sunday - September 1. Envelopes (222) \$ 8,577.00, Loose \$ 2,063.87, Total \$ 10,640.87

PARISH NEWS

EXCITING NEWS!

Although the renovations to the Cathedral have been postponed, individual parishioners have come forward and offered to fund the restoration of our Stations of the Cross. We have secured the services of Godfrey Studio of Ecclesiastical Art. The lead artist on this project (Belinda Godfrey) is, herself, a third-generation ecclesiastical restorationist. In order that the work can begin on Monday, the stations along with 4 statues have been removed from St. Francis. So don't be alarmed when you see empty pedestals or miss the stations ... rather, share our excitement!

HEALING MASS - OCTOBER 6, 2019

St. Eloi Catholic Church is having a Healing Mass on Sunday, October 6, 2019 at 10:00 am. The sick will be blessed with the Relic of Blessed Seelos. Greg Terrebbonne from Our Lady of Prompt Succor in Golden Meadow will be the guest speaker. St. Joseph healing oil and prayer blankets will be available.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

THE VALUE OF SACRIFICE

Your sacrifice will unite our country and bring peace to the world! "Today solemn exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the grace and need of our time. Society will be restored and renewed when all its members group themselves around our Emmanuel." (St. Peter Julian Eymard) St. Francis' Adoration Chapel current hours are 7am-6pm daily. All are welcome to come by and spend a few minutes with our Lord.

HELP NEEDED

FOOD BAGS

Looking for ways to serve? What about feeding the hungry? We are looking for volunteers to put together bag lunches for needy persons coming to the Church for food. Volunteers would purchase items, such as, bottled water, Vienna sausages, crackers, fruit cup, and cookies and make 10-15 food bags every few months (give or take as needed). If you are interested, please email rvowell@htdiocese.org or call the church office 985-876-6904 to put your name in the rotation.

MINISTERS SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 14-15, 2019 Commentators

- 4:00 PM Mike Trahan
7:00 AM Rebecca Vowell
9:00 AM Jude Fanguy
11:00 AM Ernie Perry
5:30 PM Carla Peeler

Lectors

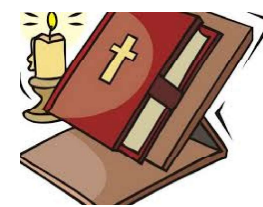
- 4:00 PM Carlise Jukes
7:00 AM Tommy Chauvin
9:00 AM Yvonne Fanguy
11:00 AM Earl Eues
5:30 PM Bubba Watkins

Ministers of the Eucharist

- 4:00 PM Melva Fournier, Carl Soudelier, Deborah Soudelier, Bernita Guidry, Mary Ann Rodrigue, Robert Strada
7:00 AM John Breaux, C.J. Stoufflet, Kay Stoufflet, Mark Spence, Richard Guidry,
9:00 AM Jody Duet, Cathy Duet, Colleen Lewis, Michael Boudreaux, Murke Trahan, Mona Prejean
11:00 AM Carol Domangue, Michael D'Angelo, Dianna Olivier, Gail Guillot, Glen Landry, Tara Landry
5:30 PM Mike Amico, Randy Bethancourt, Adam Saal, Melanie Babin, Gina Danos

Altar Servers

- 4:00 PM Grace Magee, Julia Magee, Kate Magee
7:00 AM John Breaux, C.J. Stoufflet
9:00 AM Alexander Cosky, Miriam Cosky, Madison Henry
11:00 AM Chloe Hoychick, Eli Hoychick, Tess Hoychick
5:30 PM Alexander Amico, Isabella Amico, Olivia Amico



CATHOLIC KORNER

Last week we learned that the Part of the Mass: Introductory Rites includes the Entrance Procession and song, Sign of the Cross and Greeting, Penitential Rite, Kyrie (Lord, have mercy), Gloria, and Opening Prayer. This week we move to the second Part of the Mass: Collect. This simply is the prayer that "collects" all the prayers of those gathered to worship into one prayer by the priest. The Collect prayer is usually addressed to God the Father, through Christ, in the Holy Spirit, and is concluded with a Trinitarian ending, for example: Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Find out more next week when we talk about the first Part of the Mass: Liturgy of the Word.

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

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

PASTORAL COUNCIL

This ministry is an elected group of parishioners who serve as an advisory council to assist the Pastor and parish staff in developing and promoting the mission of the parish. Members respond to the pastoral needs and cares of the parishioners. The Pastoral Council meets once a month. Thank you to our Pastoral Council members: Danny Hoychik, Bill Blanchard, Lawrence Breaux, John Casey, Beverly Cazayoux, Amy Champagne, Pat Pennison, Madeline Picou, and Rene Rhodes.

SEPTEMBER 2019 MASS INTENTIONS In Memory/In Honor

Table with 3 columns: Date, Intention, and Name. Includes dates from September 18 to 29, 2019, with names like James M. Boyne, Michael Guidry, Charles J. Bourg, and Eugene Folse.



9/11

**On this day that weighs heavy on our hearts we will celebrate the Blue Mass on September 26<sup>th</sup> at 11am.**



*O God, our hope and refuge, in our distress we come quickly to you. Shock and horror of that tragic day have subsided, replaced now with an emptiness, a longing for an innocence lost. We come remembering those who lost their lives in New York, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania.*

*We are mindful of the sacrifice of public servants who demonstrated the greatest love of all by laying down their lives for friends. We commit their souls to your eternal care and celebrate their gifts to a fallen humanity.*

*We come remembering and we come in hope, not in ourselves, but in you. As foundations we once thought secure have been shaken, we are reminded of the illusion of security. In commemorating this tragedy, we give you thanks for your presence in our time of need and we seek to worship you in Spirit and in truth, our guide and our guardian. Amen.*

*by Rev. Jeremy Pridgeon*

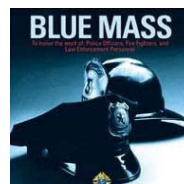
**NOTRE DAME HOSPICE – SEPTEMBER 14-15, 2019**

Sister Paula Derise will speak at all the Masses on the weekend of Sept 14 and 15. Sr Derise will introduce us to the only non-profit, Catholic Hospice in this area. She will remain after all masses to answer any questions you may have.

**ALTAR SOCIETY – SEPTEMBER 17, 2019**

The next meeting of the Altar Society is on **Tuesday, September 17 at 10:00 A.M.** in the Convent. All members, active and inactive, are invited to attend the meeting.

**BLUE MASS – SEPTEMBER 26, 2019**



The annual "Blue Mass" will be celebrated on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. here at the Cathedral of St. Francis. Bishop Shelton Fabre will preside at this Mass at which we pray for our community protectors, including police, fire fighters, military personnel, and emergency responders. All are invited to attend.

**2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION – SEPTEMBER 14-15, 2019**

**We will have a 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection next weekend for St. Vincent De Paul Society.** 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.

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 on our church website.**

<http://www.stfrancisdesaleshouma.org/on-line-giving.html>

**St. Francis de sales - ParishSOFT On-Line Giving**

**FOOD FOR THE SPIRIT – WE NEED YOU – SEPTEMBER 14, 2019!**

This ministry delivers meals to homebound of our parish. The next distribution is Sept 14, 2019. A meal plan is emailed to all volunteers and participants volunteer to cook one of various dishes, or bring bread, dessert, etc. The group meets and prepares the go-plates, adding various prayer cards or small gifts to deliver along with the meals in a nicely decorated bag!

Each volunteer then takes 2 or 3 meals to deliver to the various homes of those who are homebound or in need of food. Can you spare a couple of hours each month? Please consider helping – we are in need of volunteers, especially to help deliver the food. Contact Roxane Haydel at 985-381-3573 or roxane.haydel@gmail.com.

**TRAINING - EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - SEPTEMBER 19, 2019**

It is the policy of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux that Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are re-trained at five-year intervals, which means that all ministers, across the diocese, whether they are just beginning or are continuing service, must be renewed for the period from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2024. Therefore, training will be held here at St. Francis de Sales on Thursday, September 19, 2019, from 6 PM - 9 PM in the Youth Center. All those who distribute Holy Communion at Mass, (on the schedule or substitute), in the nursing home, to the homebound, or the hospital are required to attend. Information on all ministers will be updated at that time. A light dinner will be served.



**NOTICE – ADDITIONAL TRAINING DATE – EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

If you are unable to attend the September 19 training, there will be an additional training date, time during the day, announced in October 2019.

**THE TIE-IN – ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In today's Gospel, Jesus lays out the demands of following him, the great cost of discipleship. The Mission Statement of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul states: "Vincentians witness God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice...the Society makes no distinction in those served because, in them, Vincentians see the face of Christ."

Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

If you or someone you know needs assistance, please call 985-872-2520. After the beep, clearly state your name, phone number, address, and nature of the request. One of our volunteers will call you back to arrange an appointment interview (caller id will not display the number).

**ADULT CONFIRMATION – OCT 17-DEC 12, 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, with Confirmation on Sunday, December 15, 2019. For more information, or to register, please contact Cathy in the Cathedral office – 985-876-6904

**BROTHER FRANCIS: THE ROSARY**

Join Brother Francis in this entertaining and guidance-filled presentation that will inspire children to deepen their faith by praying the Rosary!

**This episode includes:**

The prayers of the Rosary as well as the Apostles' Creed—each wonderfully visualized!

The Annunciation—an animated portrayal of Mary's joyful submission to God's will.

Two visualized songs: "I Love to Pray"—an energetic, catchy song that will encourage children to communicate with God anywhere and anytime!

"The Our Father"—an uplifting musical rendition that celebrates our Heavenly Father's presence in our daily lives!

Besides being a lot of fun, Brother Francis: The Rosary is a captivating way to help children use their hearts and minds in prayer.

For this and many more Brother Francis episodes for free: 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.

**CHOIR SEEKS NEW MEMBERS**

Now preparing for Advent and Christmas...rewarding and fun!! Call Leslie at 985-872-0573 or the Church Office at 985-876-6904 to sign up.

**YOUTH NEWS**

**YOUTH FORMATION & CONFIRMATION**

Are you interested in training to be a future leader to minister here in St. Francis de Sales Parish? The diocese is offering an exciting new opportunity for both Adult and Youth formation! Please see the video detailing this a NEW training initiative offered by the Office of Parish Support entitled "Missionary Disciple Formation" at <https://htdiocese.org/missionary-disciple-formation-saturday-workshops>

The dates of trainings are as follows:

**Track B:**

- September 21, from 9-3
- October 26, from 9-3
- November 16, from 9-3
- January 25, from 9-3
- February 8, from 9-3
- May 16, from 9-3

Trainings will be hosted at the Pastoral Center and facilitated by the Office of Parish Support staff. If you are interested in attending please contact the Cathedral Office at [rvowell@htdiocese.org](mailto:rvowell@htdiocese.org) or 985-876-6904 to register.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**VANDEBILT – TERRIER TAILGATE - RAFFLE TICKETS SEPTEMBER 7-8, 2019**

Vandebilt Catholic is selling tickets after the Masses this weekend for their "Terrier Tailgate" - \$25,000 Car Raffle. Tickets are \$10 per entry and the drawing will be held at the Terrier Tailgate on September 21, 2019 – 9:00 P.M. at the Houma – Terrebonne Civic Center. Proceeds from the raffle will be used to continue the upgrades to school safety and other facility needs.

**PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY OUTREACH MONTH – SEPTEMBER**

How is the Gospel proclaimed not only in the pulpits of our parishes, but also in the everyday lives of Catholic people? Bishop Fabre quotes the Irish author James Joyce who said "Catholic means 'Here comes everybody.' We are a church of many races, colors, ages, experiences, and languages. We are men, women and children, rich and poor alike. As Catholics we are missionary disciples called to reach out to everybody. Our outreach may attract others to the Church, (because of our love witness) but even if it doesn't we are still called to reach out to people - not because they are Catholic, but because we are." The September issue of the Bayou Catholic calls us to remember and live out the Catholic Social doctrine founded on the dignity and respect for human life.

**MATTHEW 25 DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE PROGRAM – TRAINING SEPT 11; SEPT 14**

Catholic Charities is holding refresher training throughout our diocese for your Matthew 25 Disaster Preparedness & Response Team members. Please attend whichever meeting is most convenient.

**St. Gregory KC Hall, Houma -**

Wednesday September 11th from 6:00-7:30 pm

**St. Andrew Rel.Ed. Building, Amelia -**

Saturday September 14th from 9:00 am- 10:30am

**New volunteers are especially welcome.**

**Please call Catholic Charities to sign up 985-876-0490.**

**MASS AND HEALING SERVICE SEPTEMBER 19, 2019 - ST. ANDREW**

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

**RETREAT CENTER**

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

- September 12 – Evening of Prayer Welcoming the God Within, Part I – Sr. Rochelle Perrier, MSC**
- September 24 – Prayer Concert – Lorraine Hess**
- September 26 – Evening of Prayer Welcoming the God Within, Part II – Sr. Rochelle Perrier, MSC**
- October 8 – Becoming a Woman of Faith, Mary, Teach Us Wisdom and Love – Noel Delery**
- October 17 – Day of Prayer, Poetry and Prayer: A Living Flame – Sr. Beth Fitzpatrick, O Carm**
- October 18-20 – Men's Retreat – Jesus Christ Wants to Be With Us! – Rev. Richard Buhler, SJ**

**To Sign up – 504-267-9604 or [neworleansretreats.org](http://neworleansretreats.org)**

**R C I A 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](mailto:cbutler@htdiocese.org) to sign up.

