

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 16-22

- Monday** - 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10 – Saint Cornelius
 - Tuesday** - 1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17 – Saint Robert Bellarmine
 - Wednesday** - 1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35 – Saint Joseph of Cupertino
 - Thursday** - 1 Tm 4:12-16; Lk 7:36-50 – Saint Januarius
 - Friday** - 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3 – Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang, and Companions
 - Saturday** - Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13 – Saint Matthew
 - Sunday** - Am 8:4-7; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 – Saint Lorenzo Ruiz and Companions
- Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

AFTERTHOUGHTS

The lost sheep, the lost coin, the lost son: They all assure us that God is always and everywhere seeking out human beings who are lost and bringing them back into a loving relationship with Him. Have you been successful in following God's own example – as spoken to us through Jesus– in striving to reconcile and restore relationships with anyone who is "lost" to you?

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 Touns 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, Albert Dupont, and for all prayer shawl recipients.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all who have died, especially Russell Todd, III.

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 16 – Fr. Mark Touns
- Sep 17 – Fr. Michael Bergeron
- Sep 18 – Fr. Josh Rodrigue
- Sep 19 – Seminarian Matthew Prosperie
- Sep 20 – Fr. Roch Naquin
- Sep 21 – Fr. Joey Lirette
- Sep 22 – Fr. Joe Varghese



GOSPEL COMMENTARY

“While his son was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion.”

We can imagine the chuckles and snickers among the crowd when Jesus told the story of the Jewish father who gave half his property to his younger son. Jesus and all who heard him knew the improbability of a Jewish father, then or now, giving his younger son half of his property, then welcoming him back with love. Jesus used this story to teach important lessons. First, God loves us unconditionally. Nothing we can do or fail to do will stop God from loving us. God does not abandon us. Second, it is very difficult for us to love unconditionally. We place conditions on our love in the form of expectations, even if it is to be loved in return. When people we love disappoint us we may love them less or not at all. But Jesus challenged the people of his day, and us, to love unconditionally. Such love is hard for us, and can be hard on those we love. Sometimes we must correct or discipline those we love for their benefit and the benefit of others. How do we love? Do we love unconditionally? If no, will we try harder?

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday – September 8

Envelopes (270).....	\$12,852.00
Loose	\$ 2,699.60
Total	\$15,551.60

PARISH NEWS

2nd COLLECTION FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY THIS WEEKEND - SEPTEMBER 14-15, 2019

We will have a 2nd Collection this 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

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.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEETING SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

Catholic Daughters will meet Monday September 16 at 6 pm at the KC Home. We will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 5:30pm. Any woman over 18 is welcomed to join. We would love to have you!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

THE VALUE OF SACRIFICE

Don't be afraid!

Don't be afraid to come out in the middle of the night. There has never been a single case of anyone being harmed in the middle of the night going to or coming from adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. On the contrary, the Blessed Sacrament is the safest place to be, the safest place to go, and the safest place to come from. Jesus is the Light that casts out all darkness. Where He is adored, the devil flees. The Jesus that dwells in the Blessed Sacrament is the same Jesus in the Gospel who cast out demons, calmed storms, cured the sick, and raised the dead. He says, "Take courage. It is I. Do not be afraid!" (Mark 6:50) Before going to make your holy hour, when you are lying in bed in the middle of the night, think of these words from Scriptures: "You have nothing whatsoever to fear from Him! Get up! He is calling you!" (Mk 10:50)

St. Francis' Adoration Chapel current hours are 7am-6pm daily. All are welcome to come by and spend a few minutes with our Lord.

MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Weekend of September 21-22, 2019

Commentators

- 4:00 PM Becky Boudloche
- 7:00 AM Jody Duet
- 9:00 AM Mona Prejean
- 11:00 AM Wendy LeBouef
- 5:30 PM David Haddad

Lectors

- 4:00 PM Brenda Tanner
- 7:00 AM Evelyn Rucksthul
- 9:00 AM Jerome Zeringue
- 11:00 AM Tommy Tabor
- 5:30 PM Anne Bates

Ministers of the Eucharist

- 4:00 PM Carlise Jukes, Judith Archila, Anita Pearson, Melva Fournier, Bernita Guidry, Lawrence Robinson
- 7:00 AM John Breaux, Richard Guidry, Paul Labat, Gail LeCompte, Carla Exnicious
- 9:00 AM Dale Norred, Nellie Chemin, Holly Champagne, Tammy Blanchard, Clayton Lovell, Kathy Lovell
- 11:00 AM Norman Simon, Rene Rhodes, Julie Rhodes, Craig Bella, Mary Anne Goodwin, Jane Lirette
- 5:30 PM Curtis Briggs, Jenny Briggs, Sallie Preston, Abigail Lirette, Kelly Cazayoux, Gina Danos

Altar Servers

- 4:00 PM Marley Johnson, Misha Johnson, Will Seibert
- 7:00 AM John Breaux, Richard Guidry
- 9:00 AM Ashton Boudreaux, Chloe Pitre, Presley Theriot
- 11:00 AM Kade Twiner, Ethan Prejean, Evan Adams
- 5:30 PM Emerson Paulk, Presley Nelleton, Emilie Joller



Luke 15:1-32

CATHOLIC KORNER



Last week we learned that the **Part of the Mass: Collect** is the prayer that "collects" all the prayers of those gathered to worship into one prayer by the priest. This week we move to the third **Part of the Mass: Liturgy of the Word**.

The main part of the **Liturgy of the Word** is the readings from Scripture and The Responsorial Psalm, which is often sung between the readings. During most of the year, the first reading is from the Old Testament and the second reading is from one of the New Testament letters. During Easter Time, the first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles, which tells the story of the Church in its earliest days. The last reading – the high point– is always taken from one of the four Gospels. Because the Gospels tell of the life, ministry, and preaching of Christ, it receives several special signs of honor and reverence. The gathered assembly stands to hear the Gospel and it is introduced by an acclamation of praise. The Homily, Profession of Faith and Universal Prayer (also referred to as the Prayer of the Faithful) develops and concludes the **Liturgy of the Word**.

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

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

SAINTS

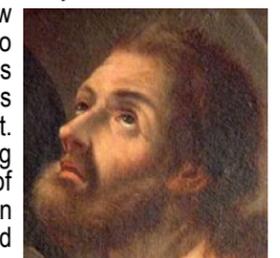
18-Sep St Joseph Cupertino (air travelers, pilots and learning disabled)

Joseph was purported to be slow to learn and absent-minded. Over time he grew in humility and gentleness. The Holy Spirit began to work many amazing miracles through St. Joseph. Over 70 times people saw him rise from the ground while offering mass or praying. Everything drew him closer to God.



21-Sep St Matthew (accountants, bankers, guards, security guards, security forces, stock brokers)

No one was more shunned by the Jews than a publican (tax collector), who was a Jew working for the Roman enemy by robbing his own people and making a large personal profit. Publicans were not allowed to trade, eat, or even pray with others Jews. One day, while seated at his table of books and money, Jesus looked at Matthew and said two words: "Follow me." This was all that was needed to make Matthew rise, leaving his pieces of silver to follow Christ. St. Matthew is known to us principally as an Evangelist. He was the first to put down in writing our Lord's teaching and the account of His life. His Gospel was written in Aramaic, the language that our Lord Himself spoke.



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

FINANCE COUNCIL

This board serves as an advisory council to the Pastor/Rector. Members respond to the financial needs of the parish by preparing annual parish budgets, reviewing parish financial reports and advising in other areas as requested by the Rector. Thank you to our Finance Council members: *John Breaux, Andree' Casey, Craig Hebert, Jude Lapeyrouse, and Louis Routier*

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.



TRAINING- EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION – SEPTEMBER 19, 2019!!

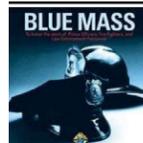
It is the policy of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux that Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are re-trained at five-year intervals, which means that all ministers, across the diocese, whether they are just beginning or are continuing service, must be renewed for the period from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2024. Therefore, training will be held here at St. Francis de Sales on Thursday, September 19, 2019, from 6:00 PM - 9:00 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 – OCT. 19, 2019

If you are unable to attend the September 19 training, there will be an additional training on October 19, 2019 at 9am.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – SEPTEMBER 21-22, 2019

Did you know that St. Vincent de Paul Society prays the rosary together? Did you know that they also meet the poor in our parish boundaries face to face and help them? Want to know more? Next weekend members of St. Vincent de Paul Society will be at all masses to speak and answer questions after mass.



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.



HOUMA LIFE CHAIN – RESPECT LIFE – OCTOBER 6, 2019

The annual Houma Life Chain will be held on Respect Life Sunday, October 6, 2019 from 2-3pm (rain or shine). We will all meet in the Southdown Elementary School parking lot (1124 St Charles St) to pick up signs. We will be standing in memory of Mr. Ronnie Picou and in appreciation to the Picou Family. Those participating will line the median of Tunnel Blvd in Houma and stand prayerfully and silently, holding Life Chain signs. Please join with other pro-life Christians to make a statement to our community that "Abortion kills children".

ANNUAL RED MASS – OCTOBER 11, 2019

The Annual Red Mass will take place on **Friday, October 11 at 11:30 a.m.** at here at the Cathedral of St. Francis. The Annual Red Mass is celebrated at the beginning of the Judicial Year. Along with all the People of God, those who are in a special way invited to attend this Mass are those who serve in our Judicial System: Judges, Lawyers, Court Personnel, etc. The Red Mass asks that through the Holy Spirit, all who serve our Judicial System will know God's wisdom and guidance as they strive after justice and make decisions that will impact the lives of many people.

FRIDAY MASS TIME CHANGE – Due to the Red Mass the Friday Mass time on October 11, 2019 will be 11:30am instead of 12:05pm.

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

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that the shepherd rejoices when he finds one lost sheep. The story tells us that nothing and no one is insignificant to God who is compassionate and loving to all.

Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of job or an illness? Please leave a message for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul...we want to help!

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).

UPDATES NEEDED! MOVED? CHANGED PHONE #?

We need your updated information. If you have moved, changed phone numbers, or want to add an email address then please call or email the church office to update your information in the software. We will be getting our Contribution Envelopes and will use this updated information to generate labels. *Please contact the church office to update your information 985-846-6904 or rvowell@htdiocese.org*

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FORMED has an exciting new and improved home for the thousands of videos, talks, and books that you love and trust. You've asked for features like Roku, better performance, offline playback, and many, many more, and we are proud to release the next version. Check it out – it is free! **To sign up 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).**

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PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY OUTREACH MONTH – SEPTEMBER

Did you know that St. Francis de Sales Parish is involved in the following social ministries?

1. St. Vincent de Paul Society offers emergency assistance weekly to the needy living within our parish boundaries.
2. We have adopted Legion Park Elementary School in the "Bread or Stones" Outreach (teamed up with St. Matthew Episcopal School in this outreach)
3. Distribute food bags for the needy.
4. Provide backpacks (filled by St. Ann Catholic Church in Bourg) with supplies for the needy
5. Provide meals for the bereaved following funerals
6. Deliver hot meals monthly to our homebound through "Food for the Spirit."
7. Household Supply Drive (items that cannot be purchased with Food Stamps) at Thanksgiving
8. Toy Drive at Christmas for the needy
9. Parishioners volunteer at St. Vincent de Paul TriParish Community Pharmacy
10. Hosted Fair Trade Sale for Catholic Charities
11. Hosted "Food for the Poor" Outreach Preacher
12. Hosted "Cross Catholic Outreach" Preacher
13. Hosted "Bridging the Bayous" Time Bank Speaker



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

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	January 25, from 9-3
October 26, from 9-3	February 8, from 9-3
November 16, 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 or 985-876-6904 to register.

COMMUNITY NEWS

RACIAL SOBRIETY TRAINING

In Open Wide Our Hearts, the US bishops, spoke of Pope Francis' words from The Joy of the Gospel saying that "we should let no one think that this invitation is not meant for him or her. All of us are in need of personal, ongoing conversion." Bishop Fabre says that we all, including himself, need to grow closer in our relationship with our Lord Jesus because only in Christ can we "find the strength and the grace necessary to make that journey." Furthermore, Bishop Fabre would like to invite us to a Racial Sobriety Training for the laity of our diocese on the 5th of October from 9:00 - 11:45 with doors opening at 8:30. Fr. Jay will be attending the training offered to our priests in our continued effort to heal racial divisions that may still linger in both our hearts and the hearts of our people.

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.

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 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
- October 25-27 – Old Testament Women as Role Models of Faith – Rev. Glenn LeCompte
- October 30 – Day of Prayer – Pope Francis: Climate Change & the Care of the Earth – Matt Rousso & Doug Doussan
- November 1-3 – When the Saints Go Marchin In! You Can Be in that Number! – Rev. Richard B. Williams OP

To Sign up – 504-267-9604 or 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 to sign up.

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 Terrebonne from Our Lady of Prompt Succor in Golden Meadow will be the guest speaker. St. Joseph healing oil and prayer blankets will be available.

2019 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL – UPDATE!

The goal of the Cathedral of St. Francis is \$85,000. Our parish has pledged \$67,034.80, with \$60,508.45 paid thus far from 162 pledges. We have achieved 78.86% of our pledged goal. **The remaining to reach our goal is \$17,965.20.** 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.

HELP NEEDED

FOOD BAGS FOR THE BUNKHOUSE

Looking for more ways to serve? What about feeding the hungry? We had such a wonderful response from parishioners wanting to help feed those coming to the Church we are looking to expand. We are looking for volunteers to put together bag lunches for our homeless staying at the Bunkhouse. Volunteers would purchase items, make food bags (frequency depends on number of volunteers), and deliver them to the Bunkhouse. If you are interested, please email rvowell@htdiocese.org or call the church office 985-876-6904 to put your name in the rotation.