

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 23-29

- Monday - Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18
Saint Pio of Pietrelcina
- Tuesday - Ezr 6:7-8, 12b; Lk 8:19-21
Blessed John Henry Newman
- Wednesday - Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6
Saints Louis Martin & Zélie Guerin
- Thursday - Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9
Saint Paul VI
- Friday - Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22
Saint Vincent de Paul
- Saturday - Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45
Saint Wenceslaus
- Sunday - Am 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31
Saints Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



AFTERTHOUGHTS

Jesus says: *“You cannot serve both God and mammon.”*
Not that you cannot have both; simply that you cannot make both your master. Which of the two will you serve? If gold is your god, the God of Jesus Christ is not.

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, Linda Musson, 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 23 – Lay Ministers
- Sep 24 – Fr. Wilfredo Decal
- Sep 25 – Msgr. Cletus Egbi
- Sep 26 – Fr. Roger Villarrubia
- Sep 27 – Fr. Noas Kerketta
- Sep 28 – Seminarian Davis Ahim-bisibwe
- Sep 29 – Nuns



GOSPEL COMMENTARY

“For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.”

Jesus tells of a steward who is caught squandering his master’s property. The master gives him time to prepare to lose his position. He decides to make deals with the master’s debtors so they who will owe him a favor when he is no longer steward. In the time of Jesus a steward had the power to make such deals, even if they did not benefit his master. In our own time it is not unusual for people to make deals to curry favor with others and have them behold to them, even if such deals do not benefit, or even defraud, their employer. Jesus acknowledges that

some may consider that to be shrewd. But it is probably dishonest and illegal in an effort to avoid the consequences of failure to be responsible or to take advantage of others. Jesus is not approving the actions of the worldly and dishonest wealth. He is challenging the people of his day, and us, to be trustworthy and responsible in all things. We cannot serve two masters. We can either imitate Jesus or be like shrewd and dishonest in the world. Which do we choose?

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Church

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

Chapel

In Loving Memory of Michael Ray Guidry by Family and Friends

ALTAR FLOWERS

In loving memory of Megan Hitt, Gabby Hebert, T.J. Cantrelle, Ian Haydel by Cindy Hitt

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday – September 15

Envelopes (233).....	\$12,325.10
Loose	\$ 2,290.35
Total	\$14,615.45

PARISH NEWS

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? This weekend members of St. Vincent de Paul Society will be at all masses to speak and answer questions after mass.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES – BUCKETS

The next bucket collection is next weekend, September 28 and 29. 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

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@hdiocese.org or call the church office 985-876-6904 to put your name in the rotation.

MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Weekend of September 28-29, 2019

Commentators

- 4:00 PM Jude Fanguy
- 7:00 AM Rebecca Vowell
- 9:00 AM James Watkins
- 11:00 AM David Haddad
- 5:30 PM Ginny Hamilton

Lectors

- 4:00 PM Yvonne Fanguy
- 7:00 AM Mindy Scott
- 9:00 AM Tommy Chauvin
- 11:00 AM Melanie Shipp
- 5:30 PM Charles Sevin

Ministers of the Eucharist

- 4:00 PM Carl Soudelier, Deboorah Soudelier, Robert Strada, Mary Ann Rodrigue, Anita Pearson, Madeline Picou, Carla Exnicious
- 7:00 AM Mark Spence, Dolly Duplantis, Paul Labat,
- 9:00 AM Colleen Lewis, Michael Boudreaux, Murke Trahan, Darlene Pellegrin, Tammy Blanchard, Melanie Babin
- 11:00 AM Carol Domangue, Michael D'Angelo, Dianna Olivier, Gail Guillot, Bill Blanchard, Ellen Blanchard
- 5:30 PM Mike Amico, Randy Bethancourt, Adam Saal, Carla Peeler, Bubba Watkins, Gina Danos

Altar Servers

- 4:00 PM Caroline Louviere, Joshua Louviere, Elise Ledet
- 7:00 AM Logan Arnold, Chloe Arnold, Heidi Hayes
- 9:00 AM Claire Cazayoux, Scott Haydel, Sarah Beth Haydel
- 11:00 AM Josie Schwab, Juliana Schwab, Emma Beeson
- 5:30 PM Michael Hamilton, Lucia Pizzolata, Aida Pizzolata



CATHOLIC KORNER



Last week we learned that the **Part of the Mass: Liturgy of the Word** includes the Readings, Homily, Profession of Faith and the Prayers of the Faithful. This week we learn about the **Creed**. The **Creed** is our profession of faith. The creed we pray is the Nicene **Creed**. The Nicene **Creed** is the declaration of the Christian faith for all Catholics and Orthodox as well as many Protestants. It is also called the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed, because it was defined at the Councils of Nicaea (325 A.D.) and Constantinople (381 A.D.). The Nicene Creed explains the Church’s teachings about the Trinity and affirms historical realities of Jesus’ life.

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

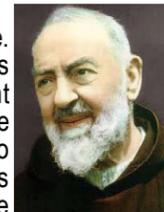
Do you have a particular question you want answered? Send in your questions to rvowell@hdiocese.org to have answered here!

SAINTS

23-Sep St Padre Pio (civil defense volunteers, stress relief, Catholic adolescents)

St. Padre Pio was born Francesco Forgione. He was an Italian priest who was known for his piety and charity. His parents were peasant farmers. He had an older brother and three younger sisters, as well as two other siblings who died in infancy. As a child, he was very religious and by the age of five he reportedly made the decision to dedicate his life to God. From his tender age, Francisco had a peculiar ability. He could see guardian angels, spoke with Jesus and the Virgin Mary. This was not something taught to him, but occurred so naturally that he assumed other people could see them too.

On September 20, Padre Pio was hearing confessions when he felt pain in his hands and feet. He noticed the stigmata, the wounds of Christ, appearing on his hands and feet. The experience was painful. Bleeding occurred. The wounds smelled of roses, and although they continued to weep, they never became infected. Doctors who later examined the stigmata were amazed at their perfectly round shape. Padre Pio became popular with the people he encountered and soon began to attribute supernatural occurrences to him.



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.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

This group of men and women help the needy in the parish regardless of religious belief with medicine, food, rent and utility assistance, and transportation. This assistance comes from the generous donations of the community. Members meet once a month, contact Murke Trahan at 985-217-0593 for more information or to join the team.

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 affect 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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, we see that prudent decisiveness means that we recognize that all our choices in daily living are really choices for eternal life. Admission into heaven is something money cannot buy. The only currency that has any value to secure our entrance is that of love.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering.

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).

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care.

Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son, Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in your motherly protection.

Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.

Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion and threaten the sanctity of family life. Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's law is the foundation on which this nation was founded, and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

O merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new Culture of Life. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD – MONTH OF OCTOBER

During the month of October The Book of the Dead will be available to write the name(s) of your loved ones that have died during the year in remembrance. It will be located in the vestibule.

WHAT IS A DISCIPLE'S WILL?

A disciple's will is an expression of your faith. A properly drawn will is one of the most important papers you will ever sign. Yet a surprising number of people — more than 60 percent — do not have a will. Whether you have a large or small estate, you should have a will if you want your possessions distributed according to your wishes rather than under state law.

A disciple's will acknowledges that you understand that God alone is creator and the sole and absolute owner of all things you possess. Preparing your will is your Christian duty and solemn responsibility to God, your loved ones and your Church.

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church will host a Wills Awareness Seminar in the parish Youth Center on Thursday, October 17th 6 PM. The seminar is co-sponsored by the Catholic Foundation of South Louisiana. The parish and Foundation will conduct the Wills Awareness Seminar, which will help educate you on the importance of writing or updating your will. For information, please call Rebecca Vowell at 985-876-6904 or rvowell@htdiocese.org.

TRAINING DATE – EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION – OCTOBER 19, 2019

There will be a training on October 19, 2019 at 9am. 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, October 19, 2019 at 9am in the Convent. 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.

FALL 2019 FOCCUS FACILITATOR TRAINING – OCTOBER 22 & 29, 2019

This is a training for married couples who are willing to serve those who are engaged to be married. They meet and help others through the engagement process and are asked to share their knowledge and experience of the sacrament. This is a two-part training, Part I is on Tuesday, October 22, 2019, 6-8:30pm and Part II is Tuesday, October 29, 2019, 6-8:30pm.

To register, please call the Church Office at 985-876-6904 or email rvowell@htdiocese.org.

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.

ADULT CONFIRMATION OCTOBER 17-DECEMBER 12, 2019

The Adult Confirmation Course is set to begin October 17. 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.



THE WHOLE SEX TALK

Sex: It's a difficult topic for all of us. This series gives parents the motivation, confidence and tools to talk to their kids about sex.

There are six videos in the series and a Study Guide for you to download. 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).

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.

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 October 5th 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.

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

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 cbutter@htdiocese.org to sign up.

Bayou Lafourche Eucharistic Procession

Sat. 5th October 2019

FEAST DAY OF BLESSED FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS

Join us by boat, vehicle or foot:

- 8:00 am** - Golden Meadow
Mass at Our Lady of Prompt Succor
- 9:30 am** - Golden Meadow
Procession departs from Our Lady of Prompt Succor (by boat)
- 11:30 am** - Larose
Procession arrives at Our Lady of the Rosary
- 12:30 pm** - Larose (by fire truck)
Procession departs from Our Lady of the Holy Rosary
- 1:30 pm** - Thibodaux (departs on foot)
Procession arrives at St. Joseph Cemetery
- 2:15 pm** - Thibodaux Arrival (on foot) at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral
- 2:45 pm** - Benediction



For more information & how to register a boat, email: tduet@htdiocese.org or call Trisha: 985-475-5428 or call Greg: 985-637-8198
Facebook: Bayou Lafourche Eucharistic Procession

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.

LIFT ADULT CATHOLIC CONFERENCE – SEPT 27-29, 2019

Friday, Sept. 27-Sunday, Sept. 29, 2019. The conference begins at 6pm on Friday, September 27 and ends on Sunday, September 29 at noon. Anyone and everyone 18 years old and up are invited. It will be held at the Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center. For individual or group registration and more information visit: <https://www.lift316.com/adult-conference-details> (Early registration and group discounts available)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

THE VALUE OF SACRIFICE

Your sacrifice will make the streets safe for God's people!

The Bible states that God will make the streets safe for His people when they become "zealous for His glory in the sanctuary." Those willing to make a sacrifice and keep Jesus company in the middle of the night are the ones who are "zealous for His glory in the sanctuary". They are the ones that will release God's power and make the streets safe for His people. When we unite ourselves with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, we unite ourselves with all the power on earth and in heaven. When you go before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, you release His power and His graces upon the whole world. This is why Jesus said, "if you had the faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this sycamore tree, 'be uprooted and transplanted', and it will obey you." Those who are willing to make a sacrifice and come to Jesus in the middle of the night have that faith! They put their faith in the greatest power on earth. This is why they crime rate actually goes down in those neighborhoods where the church has perpetual adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

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