

**SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 6**

- Monday - Zec 8:1-8; Lk 9:46-50  
**Saint Jerome**
- Tuesday - Zec 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56  
**Saint Thérèse of Lisieux**
- Wednesday - Neh 2:1-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10  
**Feast of the Guardian Angels**  
**Saint Théodore Guérin**
- Thursday - Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Lk 10:1-12  
**Saint Théodore Guérin**
- Friday - Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16  
**Saint Francis of Assisi**
- Saturday - Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24  
**Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska**
- Sunday - Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10  
**Saint Bruno**  
**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**AFTERTHOUGHTS**

Do you want to end up in the bosom of Abraham? Want to be sure you'll make merry with Lazarus on the rolling greens of Paradise? Just remember: Jesus will ask: "How much did you care? And, for whom?"

**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 30 – Brothers

**GOSPEL COMMENTARY**  
**"Abraham told the rich man, 'My child, remember you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad.'"**

Jesus paints a depressing picture of Lazarus, a poor man covered with sores laying at the door of a rich man who obviously ignored the poor man just outside of his house. Both men die. From the netherworld [hell] the rich man sees Lazarus in the bosom of Abraham [where all Jews hope to be when they die]. The rich man had clearly ignored the Word that God gave Moses to reveal to the Israelites: to love our neighbor as ourselves. Lazarus, laying outside the rich man's house was clearly his neighbor. He was obviously in need of love and care. But the rich man ignored him. He did not love Lazarus as he loved himself. He did not even love him enough to provide him with the necessities of life. Jesus uses this graphic story to teach us that our neighbors can be just outside our door or across the street. In our current age of instantaneous global communications, our neighbors are all over the world. And many of them are in the same condition as Lazarus. Will we love and help them before it is too late for us?

**SANCTUARY LIGHTS**  
**Adoration Chapel**  
*In Loving Memory of Robert and Eula Lee Russo by Lisa Authement*

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Envelopes (233).....	\$ 9,769.00
Loose .....	\$ 1,990.75
Total .....	\$11,759.75

**2ND COLLECTION**  
**– NEXT WEEKEND – OCT 5-6, 2019**  
Next weekend the 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection will support the March for Life Pilgrimage. This collection supports the 2020 Diocesan Pilgrimage to the March for Life in Washington, DC.

**PARISH NEWS**

**WE ARE MOVING**  
**THE PARISH PICNIC IS COMING HOME!**  
**Save the Date: NOV. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

As summer turns into fall, schools and universities are gearing up for homecoming. In that spirit, we announce that our Picnic will be "Coming Home" to St. Francis as well! Indeed, we have shared many enjoyable picnics on the grounds of Southdown thanks to René Rhodes and our enthusiastic Picnic Committee. As we prepare to bring our Picnic home, we invite you to a meeting on Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the Youth Center. If you are already serving on the Picnic Committee or if you would like to join this year, please come with your ideas and your excitement. If you are unable to attend, but would like to volunteer, please contact the church office at 985-876-6904 or [rvowell@htdiocese.org](mailto:rvowell@htdiocese.org).

**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".

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**THE VALUE OF SACRIFICE**  
**Be a Prayer Warrior for Peace!**

Countless men throughout the ages have made many sacrifices to go to war. How many men are willing to make even a small sacrifice in order to bring about peace? There has never been a weak army that has ever won a battle against a stronger one. Evil prevails throughout the world today because those who are against God are willing to make more sacrifices than those who are for God. There is a spiritual warfare going on today between good and evil. This is the greatest war in the history of humanity because the destiny of the Church and the world are in the balance. There is a spiritual 'red alert'. Who will awake from the complacency of indifference and become a soldier for Christ, a prayer warrior for peace? Who will be a man of God and take up the spiritual arms of prayer and sacrifice? "Stir into flame the gift God has bestowed upon you. The spirit God has given us is no cowardly spirit but rather one that makes us strong." (1 Tim 1:6-7). Who will answer the appeal of Christ who calls out in the middle of the night? "Could you not watch one hour with me?"

St. Francis' Adoration Chapel current hours are 7am-6pm daily (Key fobs allow 24 hours access). All are welcome to come by and spend a few minutes with our Lord.

**HELP NEEDED**

**OFFICE HELP**

We need a pool of volunteers who may be able to help on short notice for little projects, such as copying, stapling, stuffing and mailing letters, and various other small projects, in addition, answer the phones if staff is out of the office or unable. If you are interested in helping in the office – please call the church office at 985-876-6904 or email Rebecca at [rvowell@htdiocese.org](mailto:rvowell@htdiocese.org) to add your name to the list. Thank you!!

**FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY**

We are collecting food for the hungry to benefit the Bunkhouse. There is a box in the vestibule to place your donated items. At this time we are requesting the following items: pouches of tuna, Vienna sausages, canned chicken, and spam (please make sure none require a can opener to open); sealed containers of fruit; sugar and creamer packets; spoon/napkin pack. Please make sure the expiration date is months away.

**MINISTERS SCHEDULE**  
**Weekend of October 5-6, 2019**  
**Commentators**

- 4:00 PM Anne Bates
- 7:00 AM Ida Robichaux
- 9:00 AM Ernie Perry
- 11:00 AM Tommy Tabor
- 5:30 PM Charles Sevin

**Lectors**

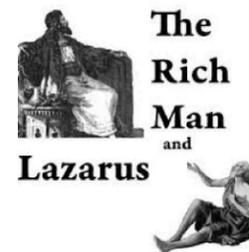
- 4:00 PM Lawrence Robinson
- 7:00 AM Evelyn Ruckstuhl
- 9:00 AM Mona Prejean
- 11:00 AM Melanie Shipp
- 5:30 PM Christa Duplantis Prather

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

- 4:00 PM Carlise Jukes, Judith Archila, Melva Fournier, Anita Pearson, Carl Soudelier, Deborah Soudelier
- 7:00 AM John Breaux, C.J. Stoufflet, Kay Stoufflet, Dolly Duplantis, Carla Exnicious
- 9:00 AM Jody Duet, Cathy Duet, Dale Norred, Holly Champagne, Nellie Chemin
- 11:00 AM Norman Simon, Craig Bella, Rene Rhodes, Julie Rhodes, Jane Lirette, Mary Anné Goodwin
- 5:30 PM Curtis Briggs, Jenny Briggs, Sallie Preston, Kelli Cazayoux, Melanie Babin, Gina Danos

**Altar Servers**

- 4:00 PM Alice Kelly, Scott Kelly, Will Seibert
- 7:00 AM John Breaux, C.J. Stoufflet
- 9:00 AM Luryn Troclair, Brady Hazelton, Sophia Distefano
- 11:00 AM Lily Gros, Ethan Gros, Addison Arcement
- 5:30 PM William Deroche, Rebecca Deroche, Alex Reddoch



**CATHOLIC KORNER**



Last week we learned that the **Part of the Mass: Creed** is our profession of faith. The creed we pray is the Nicene Creed. This week we find out about the **Part of the Mass: Canon of the Mass**. The central part of the Mass, also known as the Eucharistic Prayer or anaphora (*offering*), which is the prayer of thanksgiving and consecration. It begins with the Preface Dialogue – "The Lord be with you...Lift up your hearts...Let us give thanks to the Lord our God" – and ends with a final Doxology – "Through him, and with him, and in him" – and Amen.

**Pope Benedict XVI: "The bread that we break is communion with the Body of Christ; the chalice of thanksgiving that we bless is communion with the Blood of Christ."**

Find out more next week when we talk about the **Part of the Mass: Epiclesis**.

Do you have a particular question you want answered? Send in your questions to [rvowell@htdiocese.org](mailto:rvowell@htdiocese.org) to have answered here!

**MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS**

**HOSPITALITY**

One of the definitions of hospitality is *the act of being friendly and welcoming to guests and visitors*. Our Hospitality Ministry embodies this definition! This ministry of men and women coordinates receptions for the Cathedral parish, including the decorations, preparations, cooking or donating food, and serving. Receptions are held when one of our priests is assigned to another parish or to welcome a new priest to the Cathedral. For the opportunity to participate in our Hospitality Ministry call Melanie Babin at 985-709-3754.

**SAINTS**

**26-Sep St Cosmas & St Damian (blindness, barbers, chemical industry, doctors, pharmacist, surgeons)**

Legend says that they were twin brothers born in Arabia who were both skilled doctors. They were among those who are venerated in the East as the "moneyless ones" because, purportedly, they did not charge a fee for their services. They suffered martyrdom in Syria.

**27-Sep St Vincent de Paul (charities, horses, hospital workers, lost articles, prisoners, spiritual help, volunteers)**

He was born at Pouy, France on April 24, 1581 and ordained a priest on September 23, 1600. In 1605, while on a ship traveling from Marseilles to Narbone, he was captured, brought to Tunis and sold as a slave. Two years later he and his master managed to escape and both returned to France. Vincent devoted himself entirely to the alleviation of the sufferings of the poor. His incorrupt heart can be found in the Convent of the Sisters of Charity and his bones have been embedded in a wax effigy of the Saint located at the Church of the Lazarist Mission. Both sites are located in Paris, France.

**29-Sep St Gabriel (messengers, telecommunication workers, and postal workers)**

St. Gabriel is an angel who serves as a messenger for God to certain people. He is one of the archangels. Gabriel is mentioned in both the Old and the New Testaments of the Bible.

**29-Sep St Michael (soldiers, police, and doctors)**

Saint Michael the Archangel isn't a saint, but rather he is an angel, and the leader of all angels and of the army of God. This is what the title "Archangel" means, that he is above all the others in rank.

St. Michael has four main responsibilities or offices, as we know from scripture and Christian tradition.

- The first is to combat Satan.
- The second is to escort the faithful to heaven at their hour of death.
- The third is to be a champion of all Christians, and the Church itself.
- And the fourth is to call men from life on Earth to their heavenly judgment.

**29-Sep St Raphael (travelers, the blind, bodily ills, happy meetings, nurses, physicians and medical workers)**

St. Raphael is one of the seven Archangels who stand before the throne of the Lord, and one of the only three mentioned by name in the Bible. He appears, by name, only in the Book of Tobit. Raphael's name means "God heals." This identity came about because of the biblical story that claims he "healed" the earth when it was defiled by the sins of the fallen angels in the apocryphal book of Enoch.

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

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. On months having five Sundays, there is a bucket collection to help St. Vincent de Paul Society maintain this charitable work of mercy to the neediest in our parish.

**The next bucket collection is this 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

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

on our church website.

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

**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.

**PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE  
OCTOBER 12, 2019**

Join the 2019 Public Square Rosary at Town Hall, 805 Barrow St, Houma, LA at Noon, October 12, 2019 coordinated by America Needs Fatima campaign. For more information call Joann Williams 985-804-3390.

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

On September 27, the Church celebrated the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who knew that "God had sent him to bring good news to the poor." Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue his work and mission in our parish.

St. Vincent de Paul places buckets at all the exits the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. This weekend is the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Together we can bring good news to the poor.

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).

**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 usual stipend is \$3.00 per person per Mass. Please call or email to have your loved one(s) added to the October list of Mass intentions.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**Congratulations to the Vanderbilt Seniors of '20** who have been chosen to serve on this year's Homecoming Court. The court has asked to begin this quite memorable week in their lives at the 5:30 pm mass her at St. Francis this Sunday, September 29th. Please join us as together we "... Pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Compete well for the faith." (1 Tim 6:11-12) & *Geaux Terriers!*

**WHY DO I NEED THE CHURCH?**

Fresh. Bold. Relevant. Season 1, Episode 8 of the series Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained, is titled Why Do I Need the Church. Although Jesus saves us as individuals, he calls us to live out our salvation as members of a communion of believers. But that can be hard if we don't understand what the Church is and what it is meant to be. Why does the Church claim to have authority over what Catholics believe? How do we reconcile both the divinity and humanity of the Church that Christ himself created? Why is the Church essential to the life of every believer? Watch this and more for free!

**FORMED** 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.

**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**

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.

**DO YOU WANT THE STATE OF LOUISIANA  
TO MAKE YOUR WILL?**

If you do not have a valid will, the laws of the state of Louisiana will make one for you. State rules and regulations — not your wishes — will determine how your property will be distributed upon your death, who will manage your estate, and who will care for your children. Without a will, you will have no control over the disposition of your estate, and you most likely will increase your estate's administration expenses and taxes.

To get you started on making or updating your will, St. Francis de Sales will host a Wills Awareness Seminar in the parish Youth Center on **October 17th 6 PM**. The seminar is cosponsored by the Catholic Foundation of South Louisiana and we will have our very own parishioner and local attorney, Danny Hoychick, as our guest speaker. Please call Rebecca Vowell at 985-876-6904 or rvowell@htdiocese.org so enough materials and refreshments may be provided.

**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.

**TURN YOUR ANNUAL GIFT INTO A FOREVER GIFT**

Offertory and annual gifts are a critical lifeline to our church parish. Without them, we couldn't fund the ministries we offer to serve our parishioners. If you're a parishioner who gives through our parish offertory, you know firsthand the satisfaction that comes from making a difference—and we deeply appreciate your generosity. But as you look to the future, you may wonder what will happen to the programs made possible through your gifts once you're gone. How can you make sure your generosity continues forever?

One option is to make a gift in your will or trust to establish an endowment with the Catholic Foundation restricted for our Church Parish.

**Here's an example of how that could work.**

Let's say Jerry makes an offertory donation of \$1,000 annually and would like to continue his support after his lifetime. His estate-planning attorney suggests that Jerry include a provision in his will to fund an endowment with a gift of \$25,000 restricted for our church parish with the Catholic Foundation of South Louisiana. Once funded, we will use a portion of the endowment each year to fund the program of Jerry's choice. The remainder is reinvested, which allows it to grow and support annual payouts indefinitely. This generous arrangement replaces Jerry's \$1,000 annual gift after his lifetime.\* As a result, the parish receives the benefit of Jerry's generosity forever. \*assuming 4 percent (\$1,000) is used by the fund annually.

**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.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**RACIAL SOBRIETY TRAINING - OCTOBER 5, 2019**

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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

*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](mailto: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 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.

**BISHOP AND CATHOLIC FOUNDATION'S  
2ND ANNUAL DINNER – OCTOBER 10, 2019**

Bishop Fabre and the Catholic Foundation Cordially invites you to our 2nd Annual Dinner - Bringing our Catholic Community together for an evening of fellowship in recognition of all who have contributed to the success of the diocese and to the foundation's mission. Thursday, October 10, 2018, Cocktails at 6pm, Dinner at 7pm at the Nicholls State University Ballroom. Cocktail Attire. Seminararians as our guest waiters. Tickets can be purchased online at [catholicfoundationsl.org](http://catholicfoundationsl.org), or through Amy Portier at 985-850-3122 and [aporiter@htdiocese.org](mailto:aporiter@htdiocese.org).

**2019 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL – UPDATE!**

The goal of the Cathedral of St. Francis is \$85,000. Our parish has pledged \$67,084.80, with \$61,163.45 paid thus far from 162 pledges. We have achieved 78.92% of our pledged goal. **The remaining to reach our goal is \$17,915.20.** 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:

- 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](http://neworleansretreats.org)