

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 7-OCTOBER 13

- Monday - Jon 1:1—2:2, 11; Lk 10:25-37
Our Lady of the Rosary
- Tuesday - Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42
Saint John Leonardi
- Wednesday - Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4
Saint Denis & Companions
- Thursday - Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13
Saint Francis Borgia
- Friday - JI 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26
Saint John XXIII
- Saturday - JI 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28
Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos
- Sunday - 2 Kgs 5:14-17; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19
Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



AFTERTHOUGHTS



“If I just had **more** faith!” Have you ever said that to yourself? Well, Jesus makes it clear that we can carry out his mission not because we have **enough** faith but because we **have** faith ... even faith the size of a mustard seed.

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:
Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of the priesthood. And, we particularly thank you for the priests here in the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux. We ask that you draw them ever closer to the Sacred Heart of Your Son Jesus. And, that they would experience the depth of communion with you that you long for. Grant them stillness Lord, that they might perceive your presence. Heighten their spiritual senses that they might see and hear you ever more clearly and feel you ever more deeply. Remind them of their call. Remind them of all that you have promised them and they promised you on the sacred day of their ordination. We ask for miracles of renewal in their priestly vocation, Lord. Renew them in your love and strengthen their resolve to love and serve you. Strengthen their priestly fraternity, Lord, and strengthen the bond between the priests and the Laity. That together Lord, we all might be ONE as you are One. In Jesus Name we pray, Amen.

GOSPEL COMMENTARY

“When you have done all you have been commanded, say, ‘We are unprofitable servants, we have done what we were obliged to do.’”

We begin life totally dependent on our parents and guardians. Some of us continue to expect others to do for us long after we are more than capable of doing for ourselves. When a father was asked by one his children to do something he would tell them, “Move your legs, then your arms, and wiggle your fingers.” Then he would tell them, “You look capable of doing it yourself.” When they really needed help, he was there for them. In today’s Gospel the disciples asked Jesus to “Increase our faith.” He tells them, and us, to “Move your legs, your arms and wiggle your fingers” He is teaching us that we have the gift of faith from God, but we must use our head and heart to grow in faith. He cannot do for us what only we can do for ourselves. A wise sage said, “God gave us two ends to use, one to think and one to sit. Success depends on which we use, heads we win, tails we loose.” God has given us the gifts of life, intelligence, reason and free will. Do we use those gifts to increase our faith in God? Or do we just sit there?

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Church

In Loving Memory of Michael Ray Guidry by *Family and Friends*

Chapel

In Loving Memory of John Saia by *his daughter, Jeanne Saia*

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday – September 29

Envelopes (228).....	\$10,162.00
Loose	\$ 2,480.40
Total	\$12,642.40
Sept Online Giving.....	\$ 2,471.00
Sept Building Improvement Fund: \$2,596.44	
Online: \$211.94; Envelopes/Loose: \$2,384.50	

2ND COLLECTION – THIS WEEKEND – OCT 5-6, 2019

Next weekend the 2nd 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. 3rd

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 30th 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

THE VALUE OF SACRIFICE

Sacrifice is the expression of love!

The Eucharist is the greatest expression of God’s love for you. In the Divine Eucharist, Jesus gives you the gift of Himself, all He has, and all He is. St. Augustine says of the Holy Eucharist: “Although God is all-powerful, He is unable to give more; though supremely wise, He knows not how to give more; though vastly rich, He has not more to give.” Give Jesus the sacrifice of spending an hour with Him in the middle of the night and it will be the perfect expression of your appreciation for the gift of His infinite love for you in the Holy Eucharist.

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.

OCTOBER 2019 MASS INTENTIONS

In Memory/In Honor

Russell Cooper Todd, III	October 6, 2019	Sun 11am
Russell Cooper Todd, III	October 13, 2019	Sun 11am
Russell Cooper Todd, III	October 20, 2019	Sun 11am
Russell Cooper Todd, III	October 27, 2019	Sun 11am

CATHOLIC KORNER



Last week we learned that the **Part of the Mass: Canon of the Mass** is central part of the Mass, also known as the Eucharistic Prayer. This week we find out about the **Part of the Mass: Epiclesis**. **Epiclesis** is the prayer petitioning the Father to send the Holy Spirit to sanctuary offerings of bread and wine so that they may become the Body and Blood of Christ. The action of the priest during this epiclesis over the bread and wine is the same. He places his hand, palms down, over the bread and wine as he says the prayer, then makes a sign of the cross over them with his right hand. There is a second part to the epiclesis that invokes the Spirit again, asking that all who share in the Body and Blood of Christ may be brought together in unity to themselves become one body, one spirit in Christ.

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

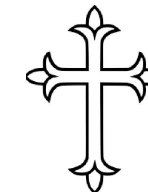
Do you have a particular question you want answered? Send in your questions to rvowell@htdiocese.org to have answered here!

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

RIGHT TO LIFE

An ecumenical organization in Terrebonne and Lafourche Parishes dedicated to protecting the rights of the unborn. Louisiana Right to Life (LARTL), established in 1970, works through education, legislation, activism, and service to restore the right to life in Louisiana by opposing abortion, euthanasia, and other life destroying actions. Contact the rectory office 876-6904 or visit <https://prolifelouisiana.org/get-involved/> for more information.

SAINTS



4-Oct St Francis Assisi
(animals, ecologist, environment, families, merchants, peace, zoos)

Saint Francis of Assisi was renowned for drinking and partying in his youth. After fighting in a battle between Assisi and Perugia, Francis was captured and imprisoned for ransom. He spent nearly a year in prison — awaiting his father’s payment — and, according to legend, began receiving visions from God. After his release from prison, Francis heard the voice of Christ, who told him to repair the Christian Church and live a life of poverty. Consequently, he abandoned his life of luxury and became a devotee of the faith, his reputation spreading all over the Christian world.

5-Oct St Maria Faustina
(lymphedema, heart conditions, milroy’s disease)

On February 22, 1931, Faustina was visited by Jesus, who presented himself as the “King of Divine Mercy” wearing a white garment with red and pale rays coming from his heart. She was asked to become the apostle and secretary of God’s mercy, a model of how to be merciful to others, and an instrument for reemphasizing God’s plan of mercy for the world.

In her diary, Faustina writes: “In the evening, when I was in my cell, I became aware of the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand was raised in blessing, the other was touching the garment at the breast. From the opening of the garment at the breast there came forth two large rays, one red and the other pale. In silence I gazed intently at the Lord; my soul was overwhelmed with fear, but also with great joy. After a while Jesus said to me, ‘paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the inscription: Jesus, I trust in You.’”

9-Oct St Dennis
(headaches, hydrophobia, rabies, strife, possessed people)

Pope Fabian sent the Italian-born Denis and other missionary bishops to encourage and restore the Faith in (present-day) France. Denis and two inseparable companions, the priest Rusticus, and Eleutherius, a deacon, arrived in the neighborhood of Paris and settled on the island in the Seine River. He set about building a church. His fearless and tireless preaching made many converts, but also excited the anger and envy of the heathen priest. Inciting the people against the new preachers, he prevailed upon the Governor to forcibly put a stop to their teaching. Denis and his two companions were seized, tortured, and beheaded. Legend has it that St. Denis’ body stood up, and before the astonished onlookers, picked up his head, and walked six miles.

13-Oct St Edward
(difficult marriages, kings, separated spouses)

Edward the Confessor was a deeply religious man. Some called him the monk-king since he prayed frequently and attended Mass every day. Unlike many kings, Edward was hailed throughout his life as a gentle, loyal and devoted king who resisted war and promoted peace. Edward built a new cathedral to replace the Saxon church at Westminster. The cathedral became known as Westminster Abbey.

**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.

**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.

COOKIE TIME - THE SOCIETY OF JOSEPH

Our Fall Baking Days will be October 30, 31 and November 1st with packing on Saturday, November 2 if we do not finish on Friday. Lunch will be served each day except Saturday. If you want to volunteer to help or order awesome cookies – call Richard at 985-872-3932 or Cindy at 985-868-7003.

The price of a large tin will be \$20.00. The sales benefit our seminarians. Since our inception, we have given \$30,000.00 to the seminary burse with the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux.

FORGIVEN

Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession, is the latest addition to the Augustine Institute’s library of sacramental preparation programs. You have access to all 9 sessions! Forgiven explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God’s love. By looking at God’s revelation of his mercy in Scripture and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite itself, Forgiven communicates God’s invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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.



**BAPTISM - THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. FRANCIS
WELCOMES OUR NEWEST MEMBERS - SEPTEMBER**
Viola Franz, Catherine Johnson, and Spencer Daigle
Welcome!

**FOOD FOR THE SPIRIT – WE NEED YOU!
OCTOBER 12, 2019**

This ministry delivers meals to homebound of our parish. Distribution is scheduled for the second Saturday of each month. A meal plan is emailed to all volunteers prior to the upcoming weekend 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.

**WHY HAVE A WILL? - CONFUSED ABOUT WILLS?
Why should I prepare a will? What if I have minor children?
Can I write my own will?**

Please join us as the Fr. Jay Baker, Danny Hoychick and the Catholic Foundation presents answers to these and other important questions at our parish’s Family Estate Planning Seminar. The event is co-sponsored by the Catholic Foundation and will be held in the parish youth center on October 17th 6 PM. Please call Rebecca Vowell at 985-876-6904 or rvowell@htdiocese.org so enough materials and refreshments may be provided.

BLESSING OF THE TOMBS – OCTOBER 27, 2019

Please join us as we celebrate the Feast of All Soul’s. Regardless of whether you have someone buried at our cemeteries, I would like to encourage you to come and join us on this special occasion as we commemorate the memory of those who have gone before us. While we are still living, let us all pray for the dead so that when our turn comes, someone will also pray for us.

- St. Francis Cemetery #1 @ 10 am
- Magnolia Cemetery @ 1 pm
- St. Francis Cemetery #2 @ 3 pm

WORLD EXTRAORDINARY MISSIONARY MONTH

On this World Mission Sunday, in this Extraordinary Missionary Month, we remember Jesus’ call to go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel. We ask God’s blessing that, through our self-giving, the “Good News” of Jesus may be proclaimed to all nations and peoples.

COMMUNITY NEWS

**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, or through Amy Portier at 985-850-3122 and aporiter@htdiocese.org.

RETREAT CENTER

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

- 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 Rouso & 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

**MASS AND HEALING SERVICE
OCTOBER 20, 2019 - ST. ANDREW**

The Pax Christi Healing Ministry and Fr. Robert-Joel Cruz offers Holy Mass & Healing Services Oct. 20, 2019 beginning at 3:15pm *Work with Personal & Family Helping List*; 4pm Holy Mass & Services; Music by Teddy; St. Andrew Catholic Church, 833 Julia Street, Amelia, LA; 985-631-2333; 985-232-2229

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 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 12-13, 2019**

Commentators

- 4:00 PM Becky Boudloche
- 7:00 AM Denise Dover
- 9:00 AM Scott Hebert
- 11:00 AM Wendy LeBouef
- 5:30 PM Carla Peeler

Lectors

- 4:00 PM Brenda Tanner
- 7:00 AM Jerry Dover
- 9:00 AM Tommy Chauvin
- 11:00 AM Jenni McNabb
- 5:30 PM David Haddad

Ministers of the Eucharist

- 4:00 PM Robert Strada, Judith Archila, Mary Ann Rodrigue, Bernita Guidry, Carlise Jukes
- 7:00 AM C.J Stoufflet, Kay Stoufflet, John Breaux, Mark Spence, Gail LeCompte
- 9:00 AM Jude Fanguy, Yvonne Fanguy, Colleen Lewis, Michael Boudreaux, Murke Trahan, Darlene Pellegrin
- 11:00 AM Carol Domangue, Michael D’Angelo, Dianna Olivier, Gail Guillot, Glenn Landry, Tara Landry
- 5:30 PM Mike Amico, Randy Bethancourt, Adam Saal, Abigail Lirette, Melanie Babin, Gina Danos

Altar Servers

- 4:00 PM Gabrielle Hebert, Avene Ryals, Elise Ledet
- 7:00 AM C.J Stoufflet, John Breaux
- 9:00 AM Emma Bennett, Benjamin Bourgeois, Aubree Seeley
- 11:00 AM Remi LeBouef, Renea LeBouef, Bailey Hebert
- 5:30 PM Alexander Amico, Isabella Amico, Olivia Amico

