

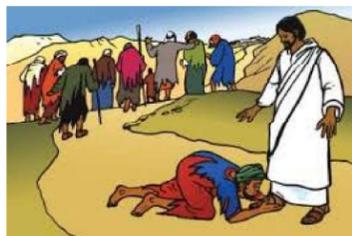
SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 14-OCTOBER 20

- Monday** - Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32
Saint Callistus I
- Tuesday** - Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41
Saint Teresa of Avila
- Wednesday** - Rom 2:1-11; Lk 11:42-46
Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque
- Thursday** - Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54
Saint Ignatius of Antioch
- Friday** - 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9
Saint Luke
- Saturday** - Rom 4:13; 16-18; Lk 12:8-12
Saints Isaac Jogues, Jean de Brébeuf, and Companions
- Sunday** - Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tm 3:14—4:2; Lk 18:1-8
Paul of the Cross
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



GOSPEL COMMENTARY
“Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?”

Would we have been the one who returned to thank Jesus? Or would we have been one of the nine? Gratitude begins with the awareness that someone has done something for us. In order to be grateful to God we must be aware that God is the source of all that we are and have. Our response to God is gratitude. And we can best express our gratitude to God by accepting, developing and using all that He gave us to the best of our ability for ourselves and for others. Note that the one who comes back to thank Jesus is a Samaritan, not a Jew. He recognized that Jesus, a Jew, had done a great thing for him. Many people who are imitating Jesus do great things for us; our parents, family, friends, teachers, priest, deacons and other members of our faith community. We may not be able to repay them, but we can say “Thank you!” In thanking them we are thanking God for sending them to us. Gratitude is an important part of being a good steward. It is the beginning of generosity.



AFTERTHOUGHTS

The Samaritan Leper returned to give thanks. As you return to Jesus this weekend, what is it that fills your heart with gratitude to God?

PRAY FOR: *Mona Escobar, Ray Duthu, Linda Lee, J.A. Foret, Jason Chaisson, Christina Sparks, Edrith Boudreaux, Dale Boudreaux, Ursula M. Breaux, 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, 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, especially Ray Marcello, Gloria Boudreaux, and Aaron Robichaux.

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.

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday – October 6

Envelopes (249).....	\$12,516.50
Loose	\$ 2,456.97
Total	\$14,973.47

PARISH NEWS

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TRAINING - OCTOBER 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 Saturday, October 19, 2019, beginning at 9:00 AM 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. If you cannot attend this training, please make one of the following:

- **St. Lawrence - Kraemer - October 26th**
- **St. Lucy - Houma - November 9th**
- **Sacred Heart - Morgan City - November 9th**

WHY PREPARE A WILL?

A properly drawn will is one of the most important papers you will ever sign. It is a document that will speak your mind and heart, and ensure that your wishes for your estate and loved ones are realized.

A will allows you to:

- Provide security for your family.
- Remember loved ones in a tangible way.
- Leave a legacy to your Church.
- Designate who will manage your estate.
- Reduce estate taxes and administration expenses.

Our parish is sponsoring a Wills Awareness Seminar in the parish multi-purpose building on October 17th 6 PM. All parishioners are invited to this informative presentation with our parishioner and local attorney, Danny Hoychick. While reservations are not required, please call Rebecca Vowell at 985-876-6904 or rvowell@htdiocese.org so enough materials and refreshments may be provided.

MINISTERS SCHEDULE
Weekend of October 19-20, 2019

Commentators	
4:00 PM	Jude Fanguy
7:00 AM	Jody Duet
9:00 AM	Mona Prejean
11:00 AM	School Mass
5:30 PM	Anne Bates
Lectors	
4:00 PM	Yvonne Fanguy
7:00 AM	Rebecca Vowell
9:00 AM	Jerome Zeringue
11:00 AM	School Mass
5:30 PM	Charles Sevin
Ministers of the Eucharist	
4:00 PM	Carl Soudelier, Deborah Soudelier, Melva Fournier, Robert Strada, Madeline Picou, Anita Pearson
7:00 AM	Cathy Duet, Paul Labat, John Breaux, Richard Guidry, Carla Exnicious
9:00 AM	Kathy Lovell, Clayton Lovell, Dale Norred, Holly Champagne, Nellie Chemin
11:00 AM	Kelly Cazayoux, Craig Bella, Norman Simon, Rene Rhodes, Julie Rhodes, Mary Anne Goodwin
5:30 PM	Tammy Blanchard, Jenny Briggs, Curtis Briggs, Sallie Preston, Bubba Watkins
Altar Servers	
4:00 PM	Grace Magee, Julia Magee, Kate Magee
7:00 AM	John Breaux, Richard Guidry
9:00 AM	Jordan Champagne, Grace Champagne, Claire Klingman
11:00 AM	School Mass
5:30 PM	Delsin Blanchard, Alexander Hernandez, Madeline Sonnier



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

THE VALUE OF SACRIFICE

Your sacrifice thanks him for all he has done for you!

Through Christ's sacrifice on the Cross, we have the gift of the Holy Eucharist. Good Friday follows Holy Thursday because the passion and death of Jesus was the price that He paid so that we may have divine, immortal, everlasting life in Him in the new and everlasting covenant of the Holy Eucharist. The Eucharist flows from our Lord's passion. He poured out His very last drop of Blood on the Cross so that He may fill you with His divine love each time that you receive Him in Holy Communion. What a wonderful opportunity we have in thanking Him for this great gift! Your sacrifice of spending an hour with Jesus in the middle of the night is thanking Him for all the sufferings that He endured to give us the gift of 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.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

HOMELESS HELPS (FOOD BAG MINISTRY)

Due to the incredible response we have had to help feed the men of the Bunk House and the homeless who knock on our door, we have implemented a new ministry! Homeless Helps – we have been referring to as our food bag ministry - helps to feed the homeless during the day, when they do not have access to the Bunk House. These bags contain easy-open canned goods, crackers, fruit, protein bars, water, and much more! Each man is given a bag as he leaves for the day, and anyone else who asks - receives a bag. We have 7 teams of men and women, many of which are including their children in the shopping and packaging of the food for the poor. What an awesome way to put into action the teachings of the church on Social Justice! Thank you, parishioners of St. Francis de Sales!!

CATHOLIC KORNER

Last week we learned that 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. This week we talk about **Part of the Mass: Consecration**. At the heart of the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest says and does what Christ said and did at the Last Supper. The power of Christ's words and actions, and the power of the Holy Spirit, make present the sacrifice of the cross. The bread appears unchanged, but it is no longer bread; it is the body of Christ. The wine appears unchanged, but it is no longer wine; it is the blood of Christ.

The priest shows the consecrated bread or host to the faithful, and after that, he shows the chalice containing the blood of Christ. He then cries out: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith." All respond with one of several possible acclamations to affirm the real presence of the Lord.



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

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

SAINTS

15-Oct St Teresa of Avila (illness, headaches, parent protector, need of grace, religious order life)

Teresa was a woman "for God," a woman of prayer, discipline, and compassion. Her heart belonged to God. Her ongoing conversion was an arduous lifelong struggle, involving ongoing purification and suffering. She was misunderstood, misjudged, and opposed in her efforts at reform. Yet she struggled on, courageous and faithful.

16-Oct St Gerard (childbirth, children, expectant mothers, motherhood, unborn, pro-life)

Gerard Majella (1726-1755) is known popularly today as "The Mothers' Saint." Once, as St. Gerard was leaving the home of his friends, the Pirofalo family, one of the daughters called after him because he had forgotten his handkerchief. In a moment of prophetic insight, Gerard said: "Keep it. It will be useful to you some day." The handkerchief was treasured as a precious souvenir of Gerard. Years later the girl to whom he had given it was in danger of death during childbirth. She remembered the words of Gerard, and called for the handkerchief. Almost immediately, the danger passed and she delivered a healthy child.

16-Oct St Margaret (polio, death of parents)

Margaret married King Malcolm of Scotland. Although she was very much caught up in the affairs of the household and country, she remained detached from the world. Her private life was austere. She had certain times for prayer and reading Scripture. She ate sparingly and slept little in order to have time for devotions. She and Malcolm kept two Lents, one before Easter and one before Christmas. During these times she always rose at midnight for Mass. On the way home she would wash the feet of six poor persons and give them alms. She was always surrounded by beggars in public and never refused them. It is recorded that she never sat down to eat without first feeding nine orphans and 24 adults.

18-Oct St Luke (artist, bookbinders, brewers, butchers, doctors, glass makers, goldsmiths painters)

St. Luke came from Antioch, was a practicing physician and was one of the first converts to Christianity. Luke wrote one of the major portions of the New Testament, a two-volume work comprising the third Gospel and Acts of the Apostles. He is the only Gentile Christian among the Gospel writers

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

THE TIE-IN – ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In today's Gospel, we hear that only one of those healed returned to glorify God and to give thanks to God. It is true, that when we have a grateful heart we know that everything is a gift from God. To give thanks for all that God has given to you, have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

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

BREAD OR STONES CAMPAIGN OFFERS OCTOBER AS CHILDREN'S SABBATH MONTH – a month where we take a Sunday and pray for the poor and under-privileged children in our state. Please pray for our children.

Most gracious heavenly Father, you give us all good gifts, loving us each as your own. Strengthen our resolve to ensure that all of the children of Louisiana receive the food, education, health care, and opportunity they need for growth and fulfillment of the lives they deserve. Bless the Bread or Stones Campaign as we work to improve child well-being, serving your children with the tenderness you have first shown us. We ask these things in the Name of your holy Child, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

OUR NEW GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY IS HERE!

Look in your mailbox for our new Guide Book & Directory. They should be arriving in the coming week. The advertisers helped provide this service at no cost to our congregation. We encourage you to think of them in the future as your needs arise. Please familiarize yourself with the ministries and organizations at our church located in the front of the book. An electronic PDF version of the Guide Section of the book, which you can download to your computer, smart phone, or tablet, is available for download at your convenience.

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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 985-852-1334.

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.

2ND COLLECTION – OCTOBER 19-20, 2019

Next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious, and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

BROTHER FRANCIS: THE BAREFOOT SAINT OF ASSISI

If you think you know Francis of Assisi, you are in for a surprise. Discover the astonishing life of Brother Francis, the fun-loving son of wealth and privilege who gave up everything for the sake of Christ. As a young soldier, he encountered suffering. As a victim of war, he began a search for inner meaning that would redirect his life. As a holy beggar, he embraced lepers, shook hands with the Pope, debated a Sultan, and touched the lives of millions.

Now the power and passion of one of the world's most popular saints is captured in this exciting 10-part audio drama from Augustine Institute Radio Theatre. Bold and inspiring, AIR Theatre takes storytelling to a whole new level. Dozens of accomplished, award-winning actors bring characters to life, and cinematic sound and music will quicken the imagination.

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 – BOOK OF 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.



WORLD EXTRAORDINARY MISSIONARY MONTH

Next week is World Mission Sunday, in a special Extraordinary Missionary Month. We are called through our baptism to be part of the Church's missionary efforts, through prayer, self-sacrifice, and support of missionary vocations through material aid. Remembering that we are baptized and sent as a Universal Church of Christ on mission in the world, we can PRAY for the Church's worldwide missionary work and OFFER financial help and charity through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for vulnerable communities throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Pacific Islands.

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.



COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

WHY SUFFERING?

OCTOBER 13, 2019, 9AM – HOLY FAMILY, DULAC

Adult formation: Catechesis No. 1 by the Poor Friars & Nuns: *Why is there Suffering?* – based on the Word of God, teaching of the Church, and personal experiences. Held at Holy Family, Dulac, October 13th at 9am. All welcome! www.poorfriars.net

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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES – ASSISTANCE

Why go through the stress of applying for Social Security Disability on your own if you can get help FREE OF CHARGE from someone who is experienced in the application process? If you are disabled and are no longer able to perform the duties of your employment, call Jennifer Gaudet at Catholic Charities: 876-0490 to set up your appointment today!

MORAL OUTCRY PETITION

The Moral Outcry Petition lists for the Supreme Court the reasons that it should reverse Roe vs. Wade and also gives all Americans an opportunity to voice their moral outrage over abortion as a crime against humanity. The goal is to get one million signatures. Please visit www.PriestsForLife.org/MoralOutcry for more information and to make your voice heard.



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 Rousso & Doug Doussan
- November 1-3 – When the Saints Go Marchin In! You Can Be in that Number! – Rev. Richard B. Williams OP
- November 12 – Day of Prayer: A look at Life through the Lens of Gratitude – Dr. Paul Caesar/Darryl Ducote
- November 15-17 – Young Women's Retreat: I Know the Plans I Have for You, Says the Lord – Jane Hebert/Stephanie Davis
- December 10 – Becoming a Woman of Faith: A Heart That's Been Purified – Lorraine Hess
- December 12 – Day of Prayer: Advent: The Time of Expectation – Rev. Sergio Serrano, OP
- January 1-12 – Becoming a Disciple of Jesus of Nazareth; Rev. Glenn LeCompte

To Sign up – 504-267-9604 or neworleansretreats.org

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING:

Call to Family, Community, and Participation

As human beings, we have a right to live and grow in peace. Because we have that right, we have the responsibility to make sure others enjoy the same opportunity too. We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

God desires good things for all people. God's desire for good is not limited to any one group of people. Naaman is a foreigner, but he is still healed. Jesus heals all 10 people with leprosy including the Samaritan. God's love is inclusive. As followers of such a God, we too want to be inclusive. Such a perspective will affect how we relate to people from other parts of the world or other religious traditions or other racial and ethnic groups. Such a perspective will influence how we act on immigration issues or the welcoming of refugees. Such a way of thinking and seeing will influence how nations relate to each other or how they use the resources of our planet. Genuine gratitude is a transforming experience that opens us up to others. It changes our whole way of looking at things and our way of behaving. Naaman, the foreigner, is overwhelmed with gratitude and has a religious conversion after his healing. After his healing, the Samaritan runs back with enthusiasm to thank Jesus and to be a part of the community of people around Jesus. Genuine gratitude changes us. We see everything differently. It is an invitation to be open to all sorts of things – concern for the poor, concern for those who are different, desire for growth and change, commitment to community and the common good. Gratitude is an invitation into fearlessness. It is an invitation into new life and joy – a new life and joy that change our world and us and help us form real community. Gratitude energizes us to live out the social teaching of our church and to share our gifts with the world.

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 packet. Please make sure the expiration date is months away.



BOX TOPS

AND COMMUNITY COFFEE



St. Francis de Sales School is collecting Box Tops and Community Coffee proof of purchase labels. Please drop them in the box located in the vestibule, by the church office, mail them to the church office, or send them with your child to school. Look for these labels:

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TRI-PARISH COMMUNITY PHARMACY

The St. Vincent de Paul Tri-Parish Community Pharmacy has been serving the poor for 18 years! As of August this year, they have provided 3,414 free prescriptions and added 25 new clients. The mission of the St. Vincent Pharmacy is to serve the less fortunate of the area of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux by providing them with maintenance medicine they otherwise cannot afford and do not receive through assistance from government aid, Veteran's benefits, or insurance.

The pharmacy is still in need of volunteer pharmacists and pharmacy techs.

For more information about the services of the pharmacy or to volunteer, please call 985-872-2253.