

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 9-15, 2020

Monday -DN 9:4B-10; LK 6:36-38 – Sts. Catherine & Francesca Romana
Tuesday -IS 1:10, 16-20; MT 23:1-12 – Sts. Simplicius & John Ogilvie
Wednesday -JER 18:18-20; MT 20:17-28 – Sts. Sophronius & Eulogius
Thursday -JER 17:5-10; LK 16:19-31 – Sts. Maximilian & Innocent I
Friday -GN 37:3-4, 12-13A, 17B-28A; MT 21:33-43, 45-46 – Sts. Sabinus, Christina, & Leander
Saturday -MI 7:14-15, 18-20; LK 15:1-3, 11-32 – Sts. Matilde & Placido Riccardi
Sunday -EX 17:3-7; ROM 5:1-2, 5-8; JN 4:5-42 – Sts. Louise de Marillac, Clement & Zachary
Third Sunday in Lent



AFTERTHOUGHTS

Atop Mt. Tabor, the fullness of God's glory shines through Jesus. What "mountaintop experiences" have you had which make life more bearable when difficulties arise?

PRAY FOR: Mona Escobar, Ray Duthu, Linda Lee, J.A. Foret, Jason Chaisson, Christina Sparks, Edrith Boudreaux, Ursula M. Breaux, Barbara Toups Miller, Susan Laperouse, Sheryl Leaber, Evelyn Ruckstuhl, Deacon Lee Crochet, Selma Ferjani, Dee Belanger, Holden Sawyer, Lynn Paul Lirette, Sherman Brown, Mary Lee Boudreaux, Airman Wesley Speyler, Nancy Rivere, Chelsea Ford, Denna Sanders, Gary Benoit, Sonny Lovell, Judy Porche, Faye Platt, Vincent Trabona, Alicia Headrick, Scott Stoufflet, Curtis Briggs, Sadie Talbot, Patty LeJune, Margaret Gaudet, Tracy LeBlanc, Kristen Watkins, Alex Schexnayder, Robert Cazayoux, Ken Watkins, Linda Musson, Donald Prosperie and Rosabelle Prosperie, Kayla Dudek Breaux Percy Lee, Linda LeClair, Sadie Talbot, (Open heart surgery), Susie Degeneres, Barbara Gaidry, Wayne Duplantis, and for all prayer shawl recipients.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all who have died, especially Joel Tillery.

Daily Prayers for Priests:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of the priesthood. 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. May they 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

"If you wish, I will make three tents"

Scripture scholars have queried why Jesus took only Peter, James and John with him up a high mountain by themselves. Did they have special roles or importance among his disciples? Did he trust only these three to experience his transfiguration and be seen in the presence of Moses and Elijah? Or were they the only three who were available on that day? What matters is the new understanding of Jesus that these three disciples gained when they saw him in a new light in the presence of the Great Law Giver and the Great Prophet, and realized that Jesus is the Son of God in whom God is well pleased. Most importantly, they heard God say, "Listen to him." That command from God is reminiscent of the last words Mary speaks in Scripture when she instructs the servants at the Wedding Feast of Cana, "Do whatever he tells you." The message to us today is the same. Listen to Jesus and do whatever he tells us. To do that we must frequently read and reflect on Scripture.

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Church

In Loving Memory of Ernest, Betty, and Sadi Mabile donated by Mark, Tobi, and Rhea' Mabile

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday – March 1, 2020

Envelopes (307).....	\$12,667.00
Loose	\$ 2,075.94
Total	\$14,742.94

PARISH NEWS

LENTEN DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:
 Monday through Friday – 12:05pm and 5:30pm
 Way of the Cross – Following 5:30pm Mass on Fridays

LENTEN INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS AVAILABLE:
 Monday thru Friday 11:35 a.m. to 11:55 a.m.
 Monday thru Friday 5:00 to 5:20 p.m.
 Saturday 3:00 to 3:45 p.m.
 Sunday 6:30 to 6:45a.m., 8:30 to 8:45a.m., 10:30 to 10:45a.m.

LENTEN MISSION: BAGS OF HOPE

When you give alms this Lent, please remember the 170 schoolchildren in Houma who are food-insecure – that is, apart from the free school breakfast and lunch programs, they aren't certain where their next meal might be. "Bags of Hope" is a local non-profit organization providing 170 bags of snacks each Friday to these children. Brown paper bags are available on the white tables at the church exits. You can either buy snacks on your own or make a donation which can be used to purchase snacks on your behalf. When choosing items to place in your brown bag please do not choose any snacks with nuts or honey due to allergies. Snacks or filled bags can be returned to the tables in the Cathedral or brought to the Church Office.

Suggested snack items:

Microwavable mac-n-cheese, raviolis, or soups; granola bars, individual boxes of cereal, pop tarts, individual bags of cookies, chips, pringles, goldfish, pretzels, cheese crackers, fruit snacks, and messages of hope "Bags of Hope" is "striving to defeat childhood hunger and empower our youth for success."

SAVE THE CONVENT – SHARE THE VISION

It is not too late to help Save the Convent! Please share the vision and help us get rid of Fr. Mayhem and Save the Convent! Envelopes are at each exit or you can mark your check or envelope with "Convent Renovation". Thank you!

THE TIE-IN – ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In the Gospel Jesus is transfigured and a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased: Listen to him."

Do we listen to Jesus when he asks us to take care of our brothers and sisters who are suffering? Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.

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).

Did you know that you can give online? Look for this button on our church website.

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

St. Francis de sales - ParishSOFT On-Line Giving

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

JESUS WAITS.

Jesus waits for us in the Blessed Sacrament. He waits for our little Acts of faith, adoration, love, thanksgiving, repentance, reparation and charity that we can offer Him as we contemplate — His Divine Majesty — in the Blessed Sacrament.

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.

Sunday – Donna Lapeyre – Home: 225-937-1861 - donnalapeyre@yahoo.com
Monday – Candy Archila – Home: 985-868-1792 - jarchila@bellsouth.net
Tuesday – Therese Oubre – Home: 985-226-2252 - Mobile: 225-329-6757 - tsoubre@att.net
Wednesday – Melanie – Mobile: 985-709-3754 - mbabin1@comcast.net
Thursday – Melva Fournier – Home: 985-873-7593 – Mobile: 985-226-7800 - melfour816@gmail.com
Friday – Ana Vice – Mobile: 985-852-8110 – abvice1@gmail.com
Saturday – Sue LeBlanc – Home: 985-879-2866 – Mobile: 985-688-9044 - leblancsss@yahoo.com

General Information:

Paul Maclean – Mobile: 985-856-5345 – macleanland@bellsouth.net

HELP NEEDED

HOPE

This lent please prayerfully consider making Bags of Hope for our Lenten Mission. See the bulletin article for more info!

MINISTERS SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF MARCH 14-15, 2020

Commentators

4:00 PM Becky Boudloche
 7:00 AM Jody Duet
 9:00 AM Mona Prejean
 11:00 AM Earl Eues
 5:30 PM Mindy Scott

Lectors

4:00 PM Carlise Jukes
 7:00 AM Rebecca Vowell
 9:00 AM James Watkins
 11:00 AM Jenni McNabb
 5:30 PM Logan Arnold

Ministers of the Eucharist

4:00 PM Mary Ann Rodrigue, Judith Archila, Melva Fournier, Anita Pearson, Robert Strada
 7:00 AM John Breaux, Richard Guidry, Bill Blanchard, Ellen Blanchard, Cathy Duet
 9:00 AM Dale Norred, Michael Boudreaux, Nellie Chemin, Tammy Blanchard, Colleen Lewis
 11:00 AM Rene Rhodes, Julie Rhodes, Carol Domangue, Holly Champagne, Mike Amico
 5:30 PM Randy Bethancourt, Adrienne Bethancourt, Patrica Whipple, Gia Holekamp, Margaret Monterio

Altar Servers

4:00 PM Hunter Guidry, Marley Johnson, Misha Johnson
 7:00 AM John Breaux, Richard Guidry
 9:00 AM Delsin Blanchard, Allie Guidry, Elizabeth Larke
 11:00 AM Harrison Franz, Jordan Champagne, Grace Champagne
 5:30 PM Chloe Arnold, Heidi Hayes, Karolina Gurauskas



SAINTS

15-Mar St Louise (sad children, loss of parents, rejected, illness, social workers, widows)

Soon after the death of her husband, Louise met St. Vincent de Paul and began to use him as a spiritual director. With his encouragement and direction, Louise formed a group of women dedicated to serving the sick, the poor and the neglected. Louise traveled around France forming convents and instituting the Daughters as workers in hospitals, orphanages and other institutions dedicated to helping the neglected.

17-Mar St Patrick (against snakes, against snake bites, engineers, ophidiophobia)

Although he is the patron saint of Ireland, Saint Patrick was actually born in Roman Britain in the fifth century. When he was a teenager, he was captured by Irish raiders and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. It was during this time, that he discovered his own faith, finding strength through his relationship with God. Saint Patrick's enslavement lasted for six years until he escaped, but felt drawn to study for the priesthood and return to Ireland. Saint Patrick spent the rest of his life bringing the Good News of the Gospel to the people of Ireland, which was a pagan country at the time. He is believed to have used the three leaves of the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity, and the shamrock remains associated with the saint and the Trinity to this day.

CATHOLIC KORNER

Last week we learned Greed is a selfish and excessive desire for more of something. This week we talk about the third of the Capital Sins - Lust. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says that "lust is disordered desire for or inordinate enjoyment of sexual pleasure."



According to Gus Lloyd, the key word is "disordered". God made sexual relations as a good thing! However, the desire for sex must be rightly ordered. Sexual relations are reserved for a man and a woman in a covenantal, sacramental marriage, always open to the gift of new life. So our desire for sex should be properly ordered to this end. When our desire for sex goes outside this proper order, it becomes lust. Lust is self-centered; only seeking pleasure for the self. Lust is a deadly sin because it leads to so many other sins against chastity. modern popular entertainment culture and media still surround us at every turn and threaten to engulf us in body and soul with bla-tant incitements to lust. They have become so highly sexualized for profit that our consciences may become numb, leaving us insensitive to the extent that we have become entangled within the countless tentacles of this deadly vice. The virtue of chastity counters lust.

Ways to work on being more chaste:

- + **Pray and ask God to show you what areas you need to work on**
 - + **Consider:**
 - Do I thoughtlessly read modern books or watch modern movies that glamorize and glorify sinful sexual behaviors or listen to popular songs that promote illicit sexuality?
 - Are there other ways that I put myself in the path of lustful thoughts and behaviors?
 - Do I dress or act in a way that causes another to think lustful thoughts?
 - When I find myself entertaining lustful thoughts triggered by a person or an image I see or by a memory, do I enjoy and embellish the thought, or do I seek to dismiss it?
 - Examine your conscience for potential sins of lustful thoughts, desires, words, and deeds.
 - + **Confession** – after we examine our conscience, unburden your soul by utilizing the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Find out more next week when we talk about the fourth of The Capital Sins - Anger.**

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

ALTAR SOCIETY – ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Altar Society is beginning its annual membership drive. Envelopes are available at the doors of the Cathedral. Dues/donation are \$10 per year. Anyone interested in joining the Altar Society may pick up an envelope and returned it in the Sunday collection. This generosity will continue the works of the group in the parish. This generosity will continue the works of the group in the parish. The Altar Society purchases and maintains the altar linens, which includes purificators, towels, and altar cloths. In the past, the group purchased altar cloths and priest vestments. Most recently, it partnered with the Society of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary, to purchase new cassocks and surplices for the altar servers. Members assist with the preparations for the Chrism Mass on Holy Thursday and the annual Memorial Mass for those buried from St. Francis during the year. For All Saints Day Blessing of the Tombs, members pray the rosary during the blessing of the tombs. Throughout the year, members launder altar linens and change the altar cloths in accordance with the liturgical seasons (Ordinary Time, Advent, Lent, Christmas, and Easter), as well as special holy days and celebrations.

The next Altar Society meeting will be held on **TUESDAY, MARCH 24 at 10:00AM** in the CONVENT. All members, active and inactive, as well as those interested in joining, are invited to the meeting.

FOOD FOR THE SPIRIT – MARCH 14, 2020

This ministry delivers meals to homebound of our parish the second Saturday of each month. The next delivery date is March 14, 2020.

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.

ANNA'S ALLIES – MARCH 18, 2020

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR – MARCH 19 & 22, 2020

- Public viewing March 19, 2020 from 8:00am until 6:30pm
- March 19, 2020 - St. Joseph Mass 8:30am. Celebrated by Bishop Fabre
- Blessing of the altar after 8:30am Mass followed by the Tupa-Tupa.
- The Altar will be closed March 20, & 21 and reopen on Sunday March 22 8:00am-6:00 pm

Our most sought after FIG COOKIES will be in abundance this year as well as our traditional Italian cookies, and other delicacies. Goodie bags filled with cookies and religious items will be in abundance along with fava beans and St. Joseph prayer cards. Our proceeds support Seminarians of our diocese and other charitable work.

THE ROAD TO KNOCK

When a near death experience after fall from a 70 foot waterfall in Thailand transformed his life, Alan Field gave up a life of crime to become a filmmaker, going on to win a Bafta and International Emmy awards (for BBC's The Street). After his first documentary, The Road to Santiago, walking along the ancient Camino de Santiago, Alan now finds himself walking a more recent pilgrimage to Knock in County Mayo, Ireland. A walk which began over thirty years ago as a peace pilgrimage from Derry in Northern Ireland during the troubles, this pilgrimage now has four routes with hundreds of pilgrims walking to the Holy Shrine of Knock.

The film follows Alan as he attempts to accept his newly found faith and understand more about holy Mother Mary with each step taken along the powerful Road to Knock.

FORMED Find this film and more on FORMED.

To sign up for FREE 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.



BAPTISM SEMINAR – APRIL 7, 2020

The next Baptism Seminar will be held April 7 at 6:30pm in the convent. These seminars are held on a monthly basis – the 1st Tuesday of the month. First time parents and godparents are required to attend this seminar, which emphasizes the symbols of Baptism, the rite of Baptism, and the importance of faith in the life of both parents and godparents. Contact the church office at 985-876-6904 to sign up for the seminar or schedule a baptism.

YOUTH NEWS

ALL YOUTH ARE INVITED (9th-12th Grades) – NEXT LIFE NIGHT – MARCH 15, 2020

Life Nights are held in the Youth Center from 3:45pm-5:15pm and conclude with 5:30pm mass. If you are interested in assisting with Youth Formation & Confirmation, please contact Jane Lirette (985-856-5488; LiretteBunch@yahoo.com) or Gina Danos (985-688-9696; StFrancisHoumaYouthMinistry@gmail.com)

SPRING 2020 LIFE NIGHTS

- ✠ March 15, 2020
- ✠ March 29, 2020
- ✠ April 5, 2020
- ✠ April 26, 2020
- ✠ May 3, 2020

PLEASE NOTE..

COMMUNITY NEWS

CATHOLIC CHARITIES - ASSISTANCE

Catholic Charities assists low income workers with the payment of minor car repairs when they are having trouble getting to and from work due to brakes, alternators, belts, starters, etc. that need to be changed. The car must be registered in the name of the person who is employed; they must have insurance on their vehicle, and be receiving SNAP (Food Stamp) Benefits. For more information, please contact Jennifer Gaudet at 876-0490.

2020 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

The goal of the Cathedral of St. Francis is \$85,000. Thus far, the Cathedral of St. Francis has pledged \$60,676.00, with \$49,504.00 paid thus far from 78 pledges. We have achieved 71.38% of our pledged goal. This year the appeal supports Retired Priests, Seminarian Education, Religious Education in parishes through OPS, and Catholic Education through our Catholic Schools Office. You can give online at www.htdiocese.org/bishopsappeal or mail your commitment to the Diocese in the provided envelope. If you would like more information about the 2020 Appeal, please contact the Annual Bishop's Appeal Office at 985-850-3116 or email aponson@htdiocese.org.

BREAD OR STONES COORDINATOR TRAINING – APRIL 3-4, 2020

The Bread or Stones Campaign for child well-being (Mt. 7:9) is a program of the Louisiana Interchurch Conference (LIC). This statewide campaign is holding the first **Bread or Stones Coordinator Training** on Friday, April 3 in the evening, ending around mid-day on Saturday, April 4 at the Wesley Center in Woodworth, LA (south of Alexandria). Attendance (including room and board) is free, but limited. Bread or Stones Coordinators are volunteer church members who have a **moral commitment** to improve the lives of the children of Louisiana and a passion for bringing about change. Coordinators are networked and supported through the Louisiana Interchurch Conference (LIC). If you are interested in learning more about this campaign or the workshop please contact Rob Gorman at 805-0372 or rdfgorman@charter.net

CHRISM MASS – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

APRIL 9, 2020

Everyone is invited to the Chrism Mass on Thursday, April 9th at 10:30 a.m., at the Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales in Houma. At the Chrism Mass, the oil of catechumen and sick will be blessed. The chrism oil will be consecrated. The priests will also renew their commitment to the priestly service.

PILGRIMAGE TO LEBANON – JUNE 1-10, 2020

Come to what God calls His Sanctuary – Lebanon - with Father Paul Bergeron and Charbel Achkar. Visit the Cedars of Lebanon and Tyre, Sidon, and Cana, as well as many other places. To register or get more information, call Fr. Paul Bergeron at 985-856-7709 or Yvonne Lottinger at 985-873-8355.

JOIN A PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. SIDNEY SPEAKS TO THE HOLY LAND - MAY 26 - JUNE 6, 2020

You are invited to join a 12 day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land where we will visit the humble home of Joachim and Anna where the Angel Gabriel visited Mary; the birth place of Jesus in Bethlehem; the Sea of Galilee; the house of Caiaphas where Jesus was held for trial; and the Antonia Fortress where Jesus was tried by Pilot; the site of the Crucifixion and the tomb where Jesus rose from the dead.

A brochure with Reservation Application is available in the vestibule or at the rectory, or contact Deacon Jerry Martinez at pilgrimswayusa@aol.com or at 504-559-4495.

JOIN A PILGRIMAGE TO TURKEY AND GREECE WITH FR. BEAU CHARBONNET - JUNE 21-25, 2020

Follow the Path of St. Paul through The Seven Cities of the Book of Revelation and Other Sites in Turkey and Greece with Fr. Beau Charbonnet. Starting from Istanbul (Constantinople), we travel south to visit the Seven Cities of the Book of Revelations, then take a cruise across the Aegean and Mediterranean Seas, stopping at Patmos, Rhodes, Crete, and Santorini, then tour Athens, Corinth, and Delphi. Contact Jerry Martinez (504) 559-4495 or PilgrimsWayUSA@aol.com if interested.

JOIN A PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND WITH MSGR HARRY BUGLER - JULY 6 - 17, 2020

In response to previous Pilgrimages to Ireland with Fr. Harry, many people have expressed interest in joining him for a visit to his native Emerald Isle. Those who have traveled with Fr. Harry to Ireland know how special it is to have him on the journey. Jack our guide and Johnny our driver chat with Fr. Harry in their native Gaelic Irish language, and their Irish wit adds great joy to the pilgrimage that cannot be adequately described, it must be experienced.

Fr. Harry is hosting a meeting for anyone interested in the pilgrimage at St. Philip Neri Parish Center, 6500 Kawanee St., Metairie, LA at 7:00 PM on February 9, 2020. For more information contact Jerry Martinez, Pilgrim's Way by phone or text at 504-559-4495, or Email: pilgrimswayusa@aol.com.



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Retreat Center

The Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center (5500 St. Mary St, Metairie, LA) has the following upcoming offerings:
March 13-15 – The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius –
Rev. Jacob Dumont, LC

March 18 – Day of Prayer: Pope Francis Speaks on Faith and Politics
Matt Rouso & Rev. Doug Doussan

March 20-22 – Living a Trinitarian Spirituality –
Rev. Daniel Renaud, OMI

April 3-5 – Why I Thank God Every Day for Holy Women –
Rev. Jeffrey A. Montz

April 17-19 – On the Highway to Heaven: Stop-Look-Go –
Rev. Anthony Rigolu, OMI

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

CATHOLIC ALASKAN CRUISE

WITH FATHER FRANK WITTOUCK – MAY 17-24, 2020

Come and sail away on a 7- night Catholic Alaskan Explorer Cruise with Father Frank Wittouck on May 17th, 2020 – May 24th, 2020 on Holland America's Oosterdam out of Seattle, Washington Ports of Call: Puget Sound, Washington; Scenic cruising Stephens Passage; Juneau, Alaska; Hubbard Glacier; Sitka, Alaska; Ketchikan, Alaska; Victoria, British Columbia, Canada and back to Seattle, Washington.

Prices begin at \$2220 for two passengers and includes all port fees and taxes. ASK US ABOUT OUR LOWER NON-REFUNDABLE SNAP FARES. Daily Mass offered. Deposits of only \$300 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further info or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785/ Eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CCHD) SHORT TERM INTERNSHIP JOB OPPORTUNITY

The CCHD fund is funding a stipend-provided internship for Catholics to gain experience working with and on behalf of the poor. For more information please contact Catholic Charities 985-876-0490 or psm@htdiocese.org or hr@htdiocese.org. Applications are now being accepted until March 31 2020.

EWTN

Learn the Church's teaching about the right to life, and find out what you can do to defend it. Watch new episodes of *Defending Life* began March 5 and airing on EWTN Thursdays at 10:30pm ET and rebroadcast Mondays at 3:30am ET. For show topics visit DefendingLife.TV. New episodes of *The Catholic View for Women* are on now airing Sundays at 2:30am ET and rebroadcast Sundays at 11:30pm ET.

See TheCatholicViewForWomen.com for episode details.

BAYOU COUNCIL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES, INC.

Parent Education Presentations

Wednesday Sessions (3) – Houma

9am-noon – March 18, March 25, April 1. Held at Terrebonne Parish DA Office, 118 Armour Dr, Houma

Thursday Sessions (3) – Cut Off

9am-noon – April 2, April 9, April 16. Held at Lafourche Parish Library, 16241 E Main St, Cut Off

Admission is free and presentations are open to the public. NO CHILDREN ALLOWED. For more information, call 985-446-0643.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: GLOBAL SOLIDARITY

We are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. Our love for all our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict.

Benedict XVI writes in his encyclical "Spe Salvi" that "The Gospel is not merely a communication of things that can be known – it is one that makes things happen and is life – changing."

The gospel story of the transfiguration is such a communication. The disciples now see in a new way. They are called to bring that new way of seeing with them as they leave the mountain. Jesus urges them not to build tents and stay on the mountain. Jesus sends them forth with a new vision.

In the midst of our complex contemporary world, the gospel invites us to be free enough to see things in a new way and from other viewpoints. This is especially important if we are to put the social teaching of the gospel into practice and not just get trapped by the viewpoint of our culture. This is especially important if we are to see all people with love and understanding.

We see Christ in all men and women. We see Christ in a special way in the experience of those who are poor or suffering. We see Christ in those who are suffering from violence, torture, war, or any form of abuse. We see Christ in the struggle of people and nations to enjoy basic human rights. We see Christ in the beauty of the world. We see Christ in all the hopes, joys, struggles and sufferings of the world.

In his message for Lent, Pope Francis wrote: "The Lord asks us to be joyous heralds of this message of mercy and hope!"

