

**SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 16-22, 2020**

**Monday** - 2 KGS 5:1-15A; LK 4:24-30  
**ST. Hilarious & Taziano**  
**Tuesday** - DN 3:25, 34-43; MT 18:21-35  
**Sts. Patrick & John Sarcander**  
**Wednesday** - DT 4:1, 5-9; MT 5:17-19  
**Sts. Cyril & Anselm**  
**Thursday** - 2 SM 7:4-5A, 12-14A, 16; ROM 4:13, 16-18, 22;  
 MT 1:16, 18-21, 24A  
**Solemnity of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**Friday** - HOS 14:2-10; MK 12:28-34  
**Sts. John Nepomucen & John, Abbott**  
**Saturday** - HOS 6:1-6; LK 18:9-14  
**St. Nicholas of Flüe**  
**Sunday** - 1 SM 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A; EPH 5:8-14; JN 9:1-41  
**St. Paul**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**



**AFTERTHOUGHTS**

How does your Lent, does your life invite others to "Come & see the man?"

**PRAY FOR:** 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 Speyer, Nancy Rivere, Chelsea Ford, Denna Sanders, Gary Benoit, Sonny Lovell, Judy Porche, 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.**

**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**

*"My food is to do the will of the one who sent me."*

As Jesus traveled with his disciples between Galilee and Jerusalem they stopped at Jacob's Well at Sychar (Shechem) in the center of Samaria, approximately thirty miles north of Jerusalem. They would have been walking since dawn. The hour was about noon, the hottest part of the day, a good time to stop for food and drink and to seek shade. The disciples go off in search of food while Jesus has a conversation with a woman at the well. He tells her of a "spring of water welling up to eternal life" and that those who drink will never thirst. Naturally, she wants such water. When the disciples return and offer him food, Jesus says, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me." Those are strange words indeed. But the woman understands that Jesus is the Messiah, that He is the wellspring of eternal life and that He is sustained by discerning and doing the will of God. Have we figured that out? Do we truly desire to drink from the spring of water welling up to eternal life? Do we earnestly try to discern and do the will of God?

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Sunday – March 8, 2020

Envelopes (234)..... \$11,182.00  
 Loose ..... \$ 2,368.11  
 Total ..... \$13,550.11

**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."

**PRAISE, PENANCE, & PIZZA**

The St Francis Mother's club invites you and your children to our Lenten praise, penance and pizza night Wednesday, March 18 following 5:30 mass at the Cathedral. Come and sing praise with music from Mrs. Kayla Leblanc, receive God's mercy through the sacrament of Reconciliation, and afterwards enjoy pizza in the convent. Please RSVP to the rectory office 985-876-6904.

**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 today's Gospel, Jesus says:

**"My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work."**

Through your almsgiving, you are doing the will of the Father and finishing the work of Jesus. Know that your nickel, dime or quarter is multiplied by the coins place by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.

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**

**KNOW. LOVE. SERVE.**

Spending time with and before our Lord in the Eucharist will bring us to know, love, and serve Him more deeply, more wonderfully, more perfectly. 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](mailto:donnalapeyre@yahoo.com)  
 Monday – Candy Archila – Home: 985-868-1792 – [jarchila@bellsouth.net](mailto:jarchila@bellsouth.net)  
 Tuesday – Therese Oubre – Home: 985-226-2252 - Mobile: 225-329-6757 – [tsoubre@att.net](mailto:tsoubre@att.net)  
 Wednesday – Melanie – Mobile: 985-709-3754 - [mbabin1@comcast.net](mailto:mbabin1@comcast.net)  
 Thursday – Melva Fournier – Home: 985-873-7593 – Mobile: 985-226-7800 - [melfour816@gmail.com](mailto:melfour816@gmail.com)  
 Friday – Ana Vice – Mobile: 985-852-8110 – [abvice1@gmail.com](mailto:abvice1@gmail.com)  
 Saturday – Sue LeBlanc – Home: 985-879-2866 – Mobile: 985-688-9044 - [leblancsss@yahoo.com](mailto:leblancsss@yahoo.com)

**General Information:**

Paul Maclean – Mobile: 985-856-5345 – [macleanland@bellsouth.net](mailto: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 21-22, 2020**

**Commentators**

4:00 PM Anne Bates  
 7:00 AM Evelyn Ruckstuhl  
 9:00 AM Scott Hebert  
 11:00 AM Tommy Tabor  
 5:30 PM Charles Sevin

**Lectors**

4:00 PM Lawrence Robinson  
 7:00 AM Mindy Scott  
 9:00 AM Ernie Perry  
 11:00 AM Wendy LeBouef  
 5:30 PM Christa Duplantis Prather

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

4:00 PM Donna Lapayere, Jude Fanguy, Yvonne Fanguy, Carl Soudelier, Deborah Soudelier  
 7:00 AM Carla Exnicious, Gail LeCompte, Mark Spence, Paul Labat  
 9:00 AM Murke Trahan, Bernita Guidry, Dale Norred, Gail Guilliot, Tammy Blanchard  
 11:00 AM Madeline Picou, James Goodwin, Mary Anne Goodwin, Norman Simon, Michael D'Angelo  
 5:30 PM Jenny Briggs, Curtis Briggs, Kelli Cazayoux, Gina Danos, Sarah Preston-Smith

**Altar Servers**

4:00 PM Alice Kelley, Scott Kelley, Lauren Kelley  
 7:00 AM Logan Arnold, Chloe Arnold, Heidi Hayes  
 9:00 AM Sarah Beth Haydel, Scott Haydel, Brady Hazleton  
 11:00 AM Renae LeBouef, Sophia Gaudet, Brady Hebert  
 5:30 PM Alexander Hernandez, Auggie Luke, Rebecca Picou



**MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS**

**BAPTISM TEAM**

This group seeks opportunities to reach out to parents of children who are Baptized here at the Cathedral. They are also involved in facilitating a monthly Baptism Seminar. These seminars are held the first 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 rectory office at 985-876-6904 to sign up to be a member of the team, to register for the seminar, or to schedule a baptism.

**CATHOLIC KORNER**



Last week we learned **Capital Sins Lust** is a deadly sin because it leads to so many other sins against chastity. This week we talk about the fourth of the **Capital Sins - Anger**. Gus Lloyd tells us that **Anger** is not always a sin, much less a deadly sin. There is a thing as a righteous **anger**. Jesus modeled this in numerous places in Scripture, calling out the scribes and Pharisees for their hypocrisy and turning over the tables of the moneychangers. The Catechism states the **anger** that is a sin is "**Anger** is a desire for revenge. If **anger** reaches the point of deliberate desire to kill or seriously wound a neighbor, it is a mortal sin." Righteous **anger** leads to positive actions – sinful **anger** often manifests itself in violence, hate, and/or outbursts of language. Even if those who fall into sinful **anger** may be able to curb their outward actions – **anger** inwardly leads to a blackness of heart and separation from the love of God. ([A Minute in the Church](#) by Gus Lloyd)

The remedies are love, patience, and gentleness - Today is the day to stop excusing our **anger** and to conquer it. And since our **anger** is often directed at those nearest us, we'll have many opportunities for practicing the virtues of love, patience, and gentleness. We need to spend time in daily mental prayer—before the Eucharist if possible. We need to frequently confess our sins and be nourished by the Eucharist. We need to give alms and discipline our flesh through fasting. We need to turn to Mary in the Rosary. (<https://onepeterfive.com/overcoming-the-deadly-sin-of-anger/>)

**Find out more next week when we talk about the fourth of The Capital Sins - Gluttony.**

*Do you have a particular question you want answered?*

*Send in your questions to [rvowell@hdiocese.org](mailto:rvowell@hdiocese.org) to have answered here!*

**SAINTS**

**19-Mar St Joseph (carpenters, emigrants, families, fathers, laborers, expectant mothers, social justice, travelers)**

St. Joseph's Day is a big Feast for Italians. In the Middle Ages, God, through St. Joseph's intercessions, saved the Sicilians from a very serious drought. The crop that saved them was the fava bean. The custom is for all to wear red.

A big altar (table) is laden with food contributed by everyone. The table — which is always blessed by a priest — will be in three tiers, symbolizing the Most Holy Trinity. The top tier will hold a statue of St. Joseph surrounded by flowers and greenery. The other tiers might hold, in addition to the food: flowers (especially lilies); candles; figurines and symbolic breads and pastries shaped like a monstrance, chalices, fishes, doves, baskets, St. Joseph's staff, lilies, the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts, carpentry tools, etc.; 12 fishes symbolizing the 12 Apostles; wine symbolizing the miracle at Cana; pineapple symbolizing hospitality; lemons for "luck"; bread and wine (symbolizing the Last Supper); and pictures of the dead. There will also be a basket in which the faithful place prayer petitions.

Three children dressed as the Holy Family will knock on three doors, asking for shelter. They will be refused at the first two, and welcomed at the third, in memory of the Holy Family's seeking of hospitality just before Christ was born. This re-enactment is called "Tupa Tupa," meaning "Knock Knock".

## COME, LORD, JESUS! PARENT INTERCESSORS

Parent Intercessors is a weekly bible study based on the elements of Prayer, Scripture Study, Eucharist and Christian Community as inspired in Acts 2:42. This CLJ! Program is empowered in truth and strengthens parents and guardians in guiding their children to counteract the negative influence of today's society. Based on the virtues we gather to study the upcoming Sunday Gospel, to intercede for our children and schools and to implore God's protection, guidance and blessings during this critical time of academic, emotional and spiritual development. We have several groups meeting weekly; sessions last approximately one hour. Please contact Caroline Franz at [cellender@gmail.com](mailto:cellender@gmail.com) or 985-226-1401 for more information.

## ALTAR SOCIETY – ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Altar Society is continuing its annual membership drive. Envelopes are available at the doors of the Cathedral. Dues/donation are \$10 per year.

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](mailto:roxane.haydel@gmail.com).

## ANNA'S ALLIES - MARCH 18, 2020

**"She never left the temple, but worshipped night and day with fasting and prayer."**

Luke 2:37

Anna's Allies meets at 11:00 AM on the third Wednesday of each month; our next rosary will be held on Wednesday, March 18, in the Cathedral. We will be offering the rosary for the sick and dying of the parish and those on the prayer list in our bulletin. This ministry is open to all, men and women! All prayer intentions are accepted—and all are welcome to join - simply come and join us in the Cathedral!

## 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.

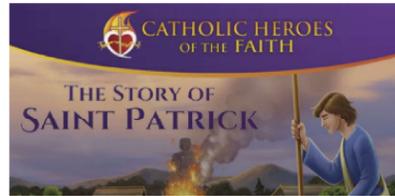
## 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION

### CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES ~ MARCH 22, 2020

Next weekend, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



## THE STORY OF SAINT PATRICK

Far from home and at the mercy of the pirates who kidnapped him, young Patrick spends his days tending sheep and surviving wild animal attacks. That is, until he calls out to the God of his youth. Long days spent aching for home become long days talking with Jesus. After six years as a slave, Patrick hears the Holy Spirit urging him to make a daring escape from the Irish tribe and the druid priest who controls their ways. Once back home, Patrick first becomes a priest and then a bishop, but all this pales when he makes a stunning announcement: He will return to his kidnappers as a missionary! Find out why the man known as St. Patrick is credited with bringing the Gospel to Ireland in this episode of Catholic Heroes of the Faith.

**FORMED** Find this short story 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.

## YOUTH NEWS

### ALL YOUTH ARE INVITED (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:LiretteBunch@yahoo.com)) or Gina Danos (985-688-9696; [StFrancisHoumaYouthMinistry@gmail.com](mailto:StFrancisHoumaYouthMinistry@gmail.com))

### SPRING 2020 LIFE NIGHTS

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

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### 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](http://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](mailto:aponson@htdiocese.org).

### MASS AND HEALING SERVICE MARCH 19, 2020 - ST. ANDREW

Fr. Robert-Joel Cruz offers - 6:00pm Reconciliation; 6:30pm - Praying of the Holy Rosary; 7:00pm - Holy Mass and Services; Music by Teddy; The Pax Christi Healing Ministry at St. Andrew Catholic Church, 833 Julia Street, Amelia, LA; 985-631-2333; 985-232-2229

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:pilgrimswayusa@aol.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](mailto:psm@htdiocese.org) or [hr@htdiocese.org](mailto:hr@htdiocese.org). Applications are now being accepted until March 31 2020.



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

- 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](http://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](mailto:Eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com).

## 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](http://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](http://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:

### CALL TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY, AND PARTICIPATION

The person is not only sacred but also social. 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. The ministry of Jesus is inclusive. The call of Jesus is inclusive. Jesus invites a woman. Jesus invites Samaritans. Jesus wants to invite everyone to the one community of God.

Jesus talks with a woman in today's gospel story. It is amazing to the disciples. Rabbis did not casually talk to women and Samaritans. However, despite all the conventions of the time, Jesus talks to her and everything is changed. She runs off in excitement to share with the whole village. She is the first follower in John's gospel to spread the good news. The whole town is changed.

The Samaritan woman in some way represents all the women of the world whose gifts are not recognized, who experience oppression, and who struggle for justice. Her encounter with Jesus is an encounter of liberation for her and then for her whole village.

God is concerned to bring together people of all genders, all ethnic groups, all ages, all level of wealth, and all social classes.

Both the first reading and the gospel talk about thirst. There is a wonderful spiritual meaning to these scriptures. Our world and its people thirst for justice and peace. Christ comes to satisfy our thirst and invite us to help each other satisfy our thirst. Christ wants us to create a human community of justice and peace.