

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK
OF JUNE 15-21, 2020

- Monday - 1 KGS 21:1-16; MT 5:38-42
St. Vitus
- Tuesday - 1 KGS 21:17-29; MT 5:43-48
Sts. Quiricus and Julietta
- Wednesday - 2 KGS 2:1, 6-14; MT 6:1-6, 16-18
Sts. Blaise and Diogen
- Thursday - SIR 48:1-14; MT 6:7-15
Sts. Gregory Barbarigo and Marina
- Friday - DT 7:6-11; 1 JN 4:7-16; MT 11:25-30
St. Juliana Falconieri
- Saturday - 2 CHR 24:17-25; LK 2:41-51
- Sunday - JER 20:10-13; ROM 5:12-15; MT 10:26-33
St. Louis Gonzaga
The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



AFTERTHOUGHTS

St. Paul reminds the Christians in Corinth that “we, though many, are one body.” How does the way you live your faith contribute to the health of the Body of Christ?



PRAY FOR: Ray Duthu, Linda Lee, Shirley & Bill Walsh, 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 Speyrer, 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, Joy Blanchard, Murke Trahan, Marie Williams, and for all prayer shawl recipients.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all who have died, especially Ms. Leslie Johnson VanOsdale and Edie Boudreaux.

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

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.”

Those words should not disturb Catholics who grow up believing in the Real Presence of the Body and Blood of Jesus under the appearance of bread and wine after the words of Consecration of the priest, in Persona Christi. But for the multitude of people who were fed by Jesus after he prayed over a few loaves and fish, and who sought him out for more such food, the response of Jesus that his flesh is bread for the life of the world must have been disturbing, maybe even repulsive. They did not understand Jesus that his “flesh” is who he is, what he does, what he says; that becoming his “flesh” in the world is the way to eternal life. St. John reports that, “As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him.” When we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus we have the responsibility to be the “flesh” of Jesus in the world, if we hope to live forever. Do we fully understand that? Do we do that? Or do we “return to our former way of life”?

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday – June 7, 2020

Envelopes (122).....	\$10,153.00
Loose	\$ 547.57
Total	\$10,700.57

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

June 28, 2020 we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. For more information visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence



MINISTERS SCHEDULE

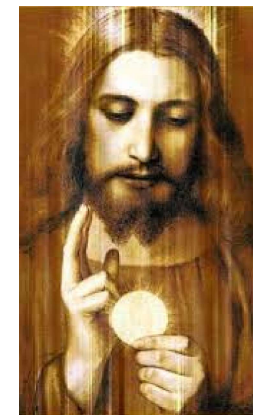
WEEKEND OF
JUNE 20-21, 2020

Commentators

- 4:00 PM Becky Boudloche
- 7:00 AM John Breaux
- 9:00 AM Scott Hebert
- 11:00 AM Tommy Tabor
- 5:30 PM Ann Bates

Lectors

- 4:00 PM Yvonne Fanguy
- 7:00 AM Evelyn Ruckstuhl
- 9:00 AM Mona Prejean
- 11:00 AM Melanie Shipp
- 5:30 PM Bubba Watkins



Ministers of the Eucharist

- 4:00 PM Jude Fanguy, Donna Lapayre, Robert Strada
- 7:00 AM Bill Blanchard, Ellen Blanchard, Carla Exnicious
- 9:00 AM Jody Duet, Cathy Duet, Tammy Blanchard
- 11:00 AM Madeline Picou, Jane Lirette, Michael D'Angelo
- 5:30 PM Randy Bethancourt, Adrienne Bethancourt, Patricia Whipple

STAY INFORMED

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Please visit the Church Facebook page for posts, news, and videos. <https://www.facebook.com/Cathedral-of-St-Francis-DeSales-Church-Houma-121704657888318/>

Please visit the Diocese website for the latest news, stories from Bayou Catholic, prayers, videos, etc. <https://hdiocese.org/coronavirus>

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

This ministry teaches children in grades kindergarten through 4th during the Liturgy of the Word at the 11:00AM Mass. Contact Jane Lirette to volunteer for find out more at 985-856-5488.

SAINTS

20-Jun St William of Perth (adopted children)

A baker by trade, he was accustomed to set aside every tenth loaf for the poor. He went to Mass daily, and one morning, before it was light, found on the threshold of the church an abandoned child, whom he adopted and taught his trade. Later he took a vow to visit the Holy Places, and, having received the consecrated wafer and staff, set out with his adopted son, whose name is given as “Cockermay Doucri”, which is said to be Scots for “David the Foundling”. They stayed three days at Rochester, and purposed to proceed next day to Canterbury, but instead David willfully misled William and murdered him. The body was discovered by a mad woman, who plaited a garland of flowers and placed it first on the head of the corpse and then her own, whereupon the madness left her. A small chapel was built at the place of the murder, which was thereafter called Palmersdene.

CATHOLIC KORNER

Last week we learned **Capital Sins - Gluttony** is not just about food – we can also be gluttonous with possessions, sex, power, and so much more. All pleasures have to be moderated by temperance lest they distract us. This week we talk about the sixth of **The Capital Sins – Envy**.



Envy causes us to desire another's possessions, but also wish their destruction as well. The Catechism states “**Envy** represents a form of sadness and therefore a refusal of charity; the baptized person should struggle against it by exercising good will. **Envy** often comes from pride. The tenth commandment requires that **envy** be banished from our hearts. The remedy is the virtue of kindness.

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

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

PARISH NEWS

CHANGES?

If you had your home phone turned off, changed your number, changed your email address, or moved to a new home – please let the church office know. Volunteers and staff attempted to call all parishioners in March and April, but many numbers were disconnected. You can send any changes to rvowell@hdiocese.org or call the church office at 985-876-6904. Thank you!



CLARE AND FRANCIS

This epic feature film on the lives of St. Clare and St. Francis of Assisi was shot on location in Italy by the Italian film company Lux Vide, the producers of Saint Rita, Pope John Paul II, and St. John Bosco. This outstanding movie is unique among films about St. Francis because of the historical accuracy of the story and its authentic spirit of joy and piety so characteristic of Francis, as well as the major role played by Clare, who is given equal stature with him. The two leads are played by very appealing performers, Mary Petruolo and Ettore Bassi, who give genuinely inspiring and beautifully moving performances of the daughter of a patrician family and the son of a rich merchant who leave everything to follow Christ. Francis renounces his inheritance of wealth to live the Gospel and serve the poor and outcasts. Clare reads deep into his heart and decides to follow him, leaving her home and family to give herself as a bride of Christ. Both found major religious orders, and together they inspire many to follow their radical call to live the Gospel. Their impact has reached across the centuries to change the world.

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THE TIE-IN – ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Today as we celebrate the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ let us pray for those who are hungry, malnourished and starving.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help those who are hungry.

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?

St. Francis de sales - ParishSOFT On-Line Giving

Look for this button on our church website.
<http://www.stfrancisdesaleshouma.org/on-line-giving.html>

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: GLOBAL SOLIDARITY

“To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognize Christ in the poorest, his brethren” (Catechism of the Catholic Church CCC. 1397).

Each scripture today refers to a meal that is shared and to the effects of that meal. The manna reminded the people of the Exodus that they were not alone on their journey. They needed God. They needed the community. They were on a journey of liberation that was bigger than their personal selves. The Eucharist was to remind the Corinthians that they shared one bread and thus were one people. The meal called them to unity and solidarity. The meal called them to move beyond their divisions. In the gospel, the dialogue with Jesus reminds all of us that we are nourished for the “life of the world.” The Eucharist sends us forth for a mission of liberation and life in the world. Our Eucharist celebrates and challenges our sharing and our relationship with each other.

We can ask questions on the level of our sacramental celebration:

Does our celebration of the Eucharist reflect the excitement and joy of being one in community?

Does our celebration reflect a spirit of deep “solidarity?”

Are we celebrating our solidarity as the living Mystical Body of Christ?

Do we recognize Christ in the breaking of the bread?

Is everyone welcome? Is there diversity in our community?

Does the Eucharist empower us for action – for life?

We can ask questions on the level of our life as a community:

How are we in solidarity with the poor in our city or town and in the world?

Do we offer direct service to those in need?

Does our solidarity move from the works of charity toward the works of justice?

Do we work for that “social change” that will heal the structures and systems that keep us apart – that prevent us from being one body?

How does our solidarity with God help us to bring an end to war and violence?

How are we the living Body of Christ in the world?

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Adoration Chapel remains open for adorers. We are still practicing new safety measures, so please wear a mask in the Adoration Chapel.

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.

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Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love – “A Pastoral Letter Against Racism”

“Holy Scripture boldly proclaims, “See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are” (1 Jn 3:1). This love “comes from God and unites us to God; through this unifying process it makes us a ‘we’ which transcends our divisions and makes us one, until in the end God is ‘all in all’ (1 Cor 15:28).” By the work of the Holy Spirit, the Church is called to share with all the world this gift of love. As Pope Francis points out, “The salvation which God has wrought, and the Church joyfully proclaims, is for everyone. God has found a way to unite himself to every human being in every age.” Through his Cross and Resurrection, Christ united the one human race to the Father. However, even though Christ’s victory over sin and death is complete, we still live in a world affected by them. As bishops of the Catholic Church in the United States, we want to address one particularly destructive and persistent form of evil. Despite many promising strides made in our country, racism still infects our nation.

What Is Racism? Racism arises when – either consciously or unconsciously – a person holds that his or her own race or ethnicity is superior, and therefore judges persons of other races or ethnicities as inferior and unworthy of equal regard. When this conviction or attitude leads individuals or groups to exclude, ridicule, mistreat, or unjustly discriminate against persons on the basis of their race or ethnicity, it is sinful. Racist acts are sinful because they violate justice. They reveal a failure to acknowledge the human dignity of the persons offended, to recognize them as the neighbors Christ calls us to love (Mt 22:39).

“Racism occurs because a person ignores the fundamental truth that, because all humans share a common origin, they are all brothers and sisters, all equally made in the image of God. When this truth is ignored,

the consequence is prejudice and fear of the other, and – all too often – hatred. Cain forgets this truth in his hatred of his brother. Recall the words in the First Letter of John: “Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him” (1 Jn 3:15). Racism shares in the same evil that moved Cain to kill his brother. It arises from suppressing the truth that his brother Abel was also created in the image of God, a human equal to himself. Every racist act – every such comment, every joke, every disparaging look as a reaction to the color of skin, ethnicity, or place of origin – is a failure to acknowledge another person as a brother or sister, created in the image of God. In these and in many other such acts, the sin of racism persists in our lives, in our country, and in our world.

“Racism comes in many forms. It can be seen in deliberate, sinful acts. In recent times, we have seen bold expressions of racism by groups as well as individuals. The re-appearance of symbols of hatred, such as nooses and swastikas in public spaces, is a tragic indicator of rising racial and ethnic animus. All too often, Hispanics and African Americans, for example, face discrimination in hiring, housing, educational opportunities, and incarceration. Racial profiling frequently targets Hispanics for selective immigration enforcement practices, and African Americans, for suspected criminal activity. There is also the growing fear and harassment of persons from majority Muslim countries. Extreme nationalist ideologies are feeding the American public discourse with xenophobic rhetoric that instigates fear against foreigners, immigrants, and refugees. Finally, too often racism comes in the form of the sin of omission, when individuals, communities, and even churches remain silent and fail to act against racial injustice when it is encountered . . . **to be continued.**

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