

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 29- July 5, 2020

- Monday** - ACTS 12:1-11; 2 TM 4:6-8, 17-18; MT 16:13-19 – Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles
- Tuesday** - AM 3:1-8; 4:11-12; MT 8:23-27
Sts. Protomartyrs of the Roman Church
- Wednesday** - AM 5:14-15, 21-24; MT 8:28-34
Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist
- Thursday** - AM 7:10-17; MT 9:1-8
Sts. Processus and Martynians
- Friday** - EPH 2:19-22; JN 20:24-29
Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle
- Saturday** - AM 9:11-15; MT 9:14-17
Sts. Elisabeth and Ulrich
- Sunday** - ZEC 9:9-10; ROM 8:9, 11-13; MT 11:25-30
St. Antony M. Zaccaria
The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



AFTERTHOUGHTS

Hospitality makes us vulnerable. Are you willing to take the risk?



PRAY FOR: Ray Duthu, Linda Lee, Shirley & Bill Walsh, J.A. Foret, Jason Chaisson, Christina Sparks, Ursula M. Breaux, Barbara Touns Miller, Susan Laperouse, 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, Linda Musson, 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 Thomas "Kenneth" Watkins Dr., Garland "Jeff" Aycock and Rene "Bear" Chiasson.

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

"Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me."

Jesus was caring, kind and loving. But he was not subtle. He spoke bluntly about his mission and message to the people of his day and to all who would come to believe in him. He clearly stated the conditions to be his disciple and the consequences for those who did not accept those conditions. That caused many people to choose not to follow him. He did not chase after them and beg them to stay or offer them an easier path. We do not know their names. Those who chose to remain as disciples of Jesus would eventually learn and understand the consequences of their decision. They followed Jesus because they had faith in him; because he told them about a loving God; because he demonstrated that love to them; because he was unequivocal and honest. We know the names of many of them. There are streets, cities, churches and children named after them. That is not why they risked all to follow Jesus. They were happy to live another day to tell others about Jesus. That is why they are remembered, loved and honored.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday – June 14, 2020

Envelopes (148).....	\$10,538.00
Loose	\$ 481.00
Total	\$11,024.00

Sunday – June 21, 2020

Envelopes (111).....	\$ 6,529.00
Loose	\$ 442.00
Total	\$ 6,971.00

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

This weekend, 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

PARISH NEWS



INDEPENDENCE DAY
The Church Office will be closed
July 3, 2020
in observance of Independence Day!

On July 4, 1776, the 13 colonies claimed their independence from England, an event which eventually led to the formation of the United States. Of the 13 colonies, nine voted in favor of the Declaration of Independence, two — Pennsylvania and South Carolina — voted No, Delaware was undecided and New York abstained.

John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress, signed the Declaration of Independence. It is said that John Hancock signed his name "with a great flourish" so England's "King George can read that without spectacles!"

Today, the original copy of the Declaration is housed in the National Archives in Washington, D.C., and July 4 has been designated a national holiday to commemorate the day the United States laid down its claim to be a free and independent nation.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

COME, LORD JESUS

Is a Bible study - and so much more! This program inspires and assists Catholics to live out the Gospel message to the fullest. Small groups gather in the home and by prayer and study of the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday, members are formed into ardent apostolic witnesses and dedicated parish ministers. To start a group - or join an existing group - call 876-6904. Let the Word of God come alive in you!

**Open Wide Our Hearts:
The Enduring Call to Lovecontinued
"A Pastoral Letter Against Racism"**

"In this regard, each of us should adopt the words of Pope Francis as our own: let no one "think that this invitation is not meant for him or her." All of us are in need of personal, ongoing conversion. Our churches and our civic and social institutions are in need of ongoing reform. If racism is confronted by addressing its causes and the injustice it produces, then healing can occur. In that transformed reality, the headlines we see all too often today will become lessons from the past.

"How do we overcome this evil of rejecting a brother or sister's humanity, the same evil that provoked Cain's sin? What are the necessary steps that would lead to this conversion? We find our inspiration in the words of the prophet Micah: "You have been told, O mortal, what is good, and what the LORD requires of you: Only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God."

"To do justice requires an honest acknowledgment of our failures and the restoring of right relationships between us. "If we acknowledge our sins, [God] is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing" (1 Jn 1:9). To love goodness demands pursuing "what leads to peace and to building up one another" (Rom 14:19). It requires a determined effort, but even more so, it requires humility; it requires each of us to ask for the grace needed to overcome this sin and get rid of this scourge. In what follows, we hope to provide a Christian call for all of us in this country to "walk humbly with our God" so that, by his grace, racism will be eradicated.

Do Justice: "For a nation to be just, it must be a society that recognizes and respects the legitimate rights of individuals and peoples. These rights precede any society because they flow from the dignity granted to each person as created by God. We are reminded of this fundamental truth in the earliest passages of the book of Genesis:

"Then God said: Let us make human beings in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the tame animals, all the wild animals, and all the creatures that crawl on the earth. God created mankind in his image; in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." (Gen 1:26-27)

"From revelation, we know that the one God who created the human race is Triune, a communion of truth and love, and so by faith we recognize all the more clearly that human beings are, by their very nature, made for communion. Pope Benedict XVI noted, "As a spiritual being, the human creature is defined through interpersonal relations. The more authentically he or she lives these relations, the more his or her own personal identity matures. It is not by isolation that man establishes his worth, but by placing himself in relation with others and with God." We are meant to love God with our whole being, which then overflows into love for our neighbor. "Whoever loves God must love his brother" (1 Jn 4:21).

This is the original meaning of justice, where we are in right relationship with God, with one another, and with the rest of God's creation. Justice was a gift of grace given to all of humanity. After sin entered the world, however, this sense of justice was overtaken by selfish desires, and we became inclined to sin. St. Augustine described well our lives after Eden, saying that in the fallen world our relationships with one another have been guided by a "lust to dominate." Whether recognized or not, the history of the injustices done to so many, because of their race, flows from this "lust to dominate" the other. Even when we are freed from Original Sin by Baptism, we continue to struggle with overcoming temptation and sin in our lives.

from *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love* – "A Pastoral Letter Against Racism" developed by the Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

JULY 2020 MASS INTENTIONS

In Memory/In Honor

Frank Porretto, Sr	July 2, 2020	Daily 5:30pm
Bobby Corte, Sr	July 3, 2020	Daily 12:05am
Chris Corte	July 3, 2020	Daily 12:05am
Kane Corte	July 3, 2020	Daily 12:05am
Kenneth Watkins	July 3, 2020	Daily 12:05am
Noble Socia	July 3, 2020	Daily 12:05am
Wayner Corte	July 3, 2020	Daily 12:05am
John H. Blanchard	July 4, 2020	Sat. 4pm
Mr. Sidney Rhodes, Sr.	July 5, 2020	Sun 7am
Frank Porretto, Sr	July 5, 2020	Sun 9am
Gloria Prejean	July 5, 2020	Sun 9am
Leslie Van Osdale	July 5, 2020	Sun 9am
Sheryl Leaber	July 5, 2020	Sun 11am
Alexia Needham	July 9, 2020	Daily 5:30pm
Barbara Cipolla	July 10, 2020	Daily 12:05am
Kenneth Watkins	July 10, 2020	Daily 12:05am
Leslie Van Osdale	July 12, 2020	Sun 9am
Bobby Corte, Sr	July 12, 2020	Sun 11am
Chris Corte	July 12, 2020	Sun 11am
Kane Corte	July 12, 2020	Sun 11am
Noble Socia	July 12, 2020	Sun 11am
Rhoda Rau	July 12, 2020	Sun 11am
Sheryl Leaber	July 12, 2020	Sun 11am
Wayner Corte	July 12, 2020	Sun 11am
Jace Prejean	July 15, 2020	Daily 5:30pm
Lisa A. Lester	July 15, 2020	Daily 5:30pm
Kenneth Watkins	July 17, 2020	Daily 12:05am
Julio Archila	July 18, 2020	Sat. 4pm
Robert C Baisden	July 18, 2020	Sat. 4pm
Joseph Haddad, Jr.	July 19, 2020	Sun 9am
Leslie Van Osdale	July 19, 2020	Sun 9am
Bobby Corte, Sr	July 19, 2020	Sun 11am
C.G. Keplinger	July 19, 2020	Sun 11am
Chris Corte	July 19, 2020	Sun 11am
Kane Corte	July 19, 2020	Sun 11am
Noble Socia	July 19, 2020	Sun 11am
Sheryl Leaber	July 19, 2020	Sun 11am
Wayner Corte	July 19, 2020	Sun 11am
Gabriela Needham	July 22, 2020	Daily 5:30pm
John H. Blanchard	July 24, 2020	Daily 12:05am
Kenneth Watkins	July 24, 2020	Daily 12:05am
Louis Miranda	July 26, 2020	Sun 7am
Frank Porretto, Sr	July 26, 2020	Sun 9am
Leslie Van Osdale	July 26, 2020	Sun 9am
Oron "Buck" Stutzman	July 26, 2020	Sun 11am
Sheryl Leaber	July 26, 2020	Sun 11am
Jace Prejean	July 26, 2020	Sun 5:30pm
Frank Porretto, Sr	July 30, 2020	Daily 5:30pm
Henry Haydel	July 31, 2020	Daily 12:05am
Kenneth Watkins	July 31, 2020	Daily 12:05am

STAY INFORMED

Please visit the Church website for daily posts, updates, and news. <https://stfrancisdesaleshouma.org/>

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://htdiocese.org/coronavirus>

THE TIE-IN – ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In today's Gospel hear Jesus tell us: "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—Amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." **Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can bring peace to 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).

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St. Francis de sales - ParishSOFT On-Line Giving

Look for this button on our church website.

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



THE POCO A POCO PODCAST

Join Fr. Innocent, Fr. Angelus and Fr. Mark-Mary, members of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, for their weekly podcast. The Poco a Poco Podcast offers "Practical Spirituality"; The friars break open the Gospel in light of their years of prayer, communal life, and work with the poor.

The Poco A Poco Podcast is a source of rest, encouragement, refreshment, and renewal for all pilgrims helping them to discern and make the next best step. Poco a Poco, little by little, step by step we're making our pilgrimage to the Father's house.

Episode 9: Greater Than The Lilies (He Cries Because He Cares): There's a whole lot of Good News in this episode. Jesus has clothed the lilies with great splendor and they didn't have to do any work at all! And he reminds us, if I take such great care of the wild flowers, how much more will I care for you!

The friars invite you to take a prayerful journey into the heart of Jesus as it's revealed in the story of the raising of Lazarus where we see him weep over Lazarus because he loved him so deeply...and he loves you like that too!

Join the mailing list and follow the Friars at: www.FranciscanFriars.com

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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

St. Francis de Sales is hoping to begin RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) sessions in the fall, August 2020. If you - or someone you know - is interested in becoming Catholic these sessions are for you!

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process, a journey of faith, designed for adults who study the scriptures as well as the teachings of the Catholic Church. The sessions are designed to enable the participants to build community within the group and to introduce them to a deep and abiding faith in Christ, whereby they are consciously and freely initiated into the Catholic Christian community. This faith journey is for adults who

1. have been Baptized in another faith tradition,
2. have been Baptized Catholic but have not celebrated First Communion or Confirmation, and have never received religious instruction in the Catholic faith,
3. or have never been Baptized in any faith.

These sessions are discussion sessions and begin with a period of Inquiry – a time where you are free to inquire about the Catholic faith and have your questions answered. You are also welcome to bring your spouse or a friend to the sessions! For more information or to register, contact Cathy in the Cathedral office – 985-876-6904.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

"Beginning our discussion of the rights of the human person, we see that everyone has the right to life, to bodily integrity, and to the means which are suitable for the proper development of life; these are primarily food, clothing, shelter, rest, medical care, and finally the necessary social services. Therefore, a human being also has the right to security in cases of sickness, inability to work, widowhood, old age, unemployment, or in any other case in which one is deprived of the means of subsistence through no fault of one's own."

— Pope John XXIII, *Pacem in Terris*, #11

The scriptures today celebrate the blessings, which come to those who show hospitality and share food and resources with others. In a world, which produces enough food for everyone, one in seven people suffer from food insecurity. Clearly, some new level of hospitality is called for on a global level.

In a certain sense, the scriptures remind us of the need to have a perspective that is bigger than ourselves and our family and our own group or tribe. To use the imagery of the second reading from the letter of the Romans, we are baptized into something bigger than our family, our friends, and ourselves. In the village of Shunem, the childless woman thinks of the prophet Elisha and makes sure that he has a room to stay in. She thinks beyond herself and he own need. She is rewarded with a son in the next year. Something happens when we look at the needs of someone other than ourselves. In the words of the second reading, something happens when we are "living for God in Christ Jesus." Something happens when we share the "cup of cold water."

In the image of the gospel, something happens when we begin to focus on something more than our family or our small part of the world. In this way of thinking and acting, in sharing in the way of Christ, the way of the cross, we are transformed and world is transformed.

Ref: Education for Justice, a project of Center of Concern

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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MINISTERS SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF JULY 4-5, 2020

	Commentators
4:00 PM	David Haddad
7:00 AM	John Breaux
9:00 AM	James Watkins
11:00 AM	Wendy LeBouef
5:30 PM	Charles Sevin
	Lectors
4:00 PM	Yvonne Fanguy
7:00 AM	Evelyn Ruckstuhl
9:00 AM	Melanie Shipp
11:00 AM	Tommy Tabor
5:30 PM	Christa Duplantis Prather
	Ministers of the Eucharist
4:00 PM	Jude Fanguy, Robert Strada, Anita Pearson
7:00 AM	C.J. Stoufflet, Kay Stoufflet, Carla Exnicious
9:00 AM	Mona Prejean, Dale Norred, Nellie Chemin
11:00 AM	James Goodwin, Mary Anne Goodwin, Carol Domangue
5:30 PM	Gina Danos, Gia Holekamp, Sarah Preston-Smith



CATHOLIC KORNER

Last week we learned **Capital Sins - Sloth** is often associated with laziness, but as a deadly sin is indifference – to God, to prayer, to caring for one's spiritual well-being. This week we talk about the **Precepts of the Church**. The **Precepts of the Church** are things that every Catholic must do – rules that must be observed. The Catechism of the Catholic Church list five universal rules. (*Other precepts may be in place in different territories, but these are the five universal ones*)

1. You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on Holy Days of obligation and rest from servile labor.
2. You shall confess your sins at least once a year
3. You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season
4. You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church
5. You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church.

The Catechism of the church states "the precepts of the Church are set in the context of a moral life bound to and nourished by liturgical life. The obligatory character of these positive laws decreed by the pastoral authorities is meant to guarantee to the faithful the very necessary minimum in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, in the growth in love of God and neighbor." (CCC 2041)

Find out more next week when we talk about the **The First Precept**.

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

SAINTS

29-Jun St Paul
(against snakes, authors, evangelist, journalist, musicians, publishers, reporters, rope makers, saddlers, writers)

Saint Paul is one of the most important and influential of all the saints. Many of his writings are contained in the Canon of the Bible and have influenced the growth and development of the Church since the first century. He was originally known as Saul, and he was a Roman citizen and a Pharisee. He even presided over the persecutions of the early Christians and was present at the martyrdom of St. Stephen. However, Saul experienced a powerful vision that caused him to convert to Christianity while on the road to Damascus. He was baptized and took the name Paul.

Paul traveled the world and preached ceaselessly. Jews, in particular, hated his preaching as they saw him convert people to Christianity from Judaism. After establishing his churches, Paul remained in communication with the faithful, often writing letters to answer questions and resolve disputes. The letters that have survived have become part of the Bible. Paul was imprisoned on multiple occasions for years, but continued to preach. Paul eventually returned to Rome once again. In 67 AD, Paul was arrested in Rome for a second time and this time he was beheaded under the insane Emperor Nero.

29-Jun St Peter
(feet, fever, bakers, bridge builders, clock makers, anglers, locksmiths, masons, ship builders, shoemakers, watch makers)

Peter, who was also known as Simon Peter of Cephas, is considered the first Pope. Despite his papacy, Peter had humble beginnings and became one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus.

In the time following Christ's Ascension, Peter stood as the unquestionable head of the Apostles, which the book of Acts clearly describes. He went on to appoint the replacement of Judas Iscariot, spoke first to the crowds that had assembled after the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, and he was the first Apostle to perform miracles in the name of the Lord. Peter was instrumental in bringing the Gospel to the Gentiles.

Peter was crucified on the Vatican Hill upside down because he declared himself unworthy to die in the same manner as the Lord. He was then buried in Rome near the Vatican on Vatican Hill.

3-Jul St Thomas the Apostle
(blindness, doubt, architects, builders, geometricians, masons, surveyors)

St. Thomas is best known for his role in verifying the Resurrection of Jesus. Tradition says that at the dispersal of the Apostles after Pentecost he was sent to evangelize to the Parthians, Medes, and Persians. He ultimately reached India, carrying the Faith to the Malabar coast, which still boasts a large native population calling themselves "Christians of St. Thomas."

According to tradition, Thomas was killed in an accident when a fowler shot at a peacock and struck Thomas instead. Following his death, some of his relics were taken to Edessa while the rest were kept in what is now known as India. They can still be found within the San Thome Basilica in Chennai, Mylapore, India.

