

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK
OF JULY 6-12, 2020

- Monday - HOS 2:16, 17C-18, 21-22; MT 9:18-26
St. Maria Goretti
- Tuesday - HOS 8:4-7, 11-13; MT 9:32-38
Blessed Benedict XI, Pope
- Wednesday - HOS 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; MT 10:1-7
Sts. Aquila and Priscilla
- Thursday - HOS 11:1-4, 8E-9; MT 10:7-15
Sts. Adrian III, Augustine Zhao Rong and companions, Veronica Giuliani
- Friday - HOS 14:2-10; MT 10:16-23
Sts. Rufina, Secunda, Anatolia and Victoria
- Saturday - IS 6:1-8; MT 10:24-33
Sts. Pius I and Benedict
- Sunday - IS 55:10-11; ROM 8:18-23; MT 13:1-23 OR 13:1-9
Sts. John Gualbert, Nabor, and Felix
The FIFTEENTH Sunday in Ordinary Time



GOSPEL COMMENTARY

“Take my yoke upon you and learn from me . . . For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

Jesus spoke those words to his disciples before he was cruelly betrayed, forcefully arrested, falsely accused, unjustly condemned, viciously beaten and brutally crucified. After that occurred his disciples would have justifiably wondered: “Is the yoke of Jesus easy and his burden light?” If the mission of Jesus had ended with his death that would have been a reasonable question. But Jesus rose from the dead and appeared to his disciples. They recalled that he also said, “For I am meek and humble of heart and you will find rest in me.” Aware that all we have, all we are, and all we will be comes from our loving God, such humility of heart and the knowledge that we will rest in the Risen Lord makes his yoke easy and his burden light. After his Resurrection Jesus’ disciples understood what he meant. His yoke was to choose to do the will of his Father. His burden was to fulfill the mission of his human nature, regardless of the cost. Do we understand? Are we willing to accept his yoke and burden?

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday – June 28, 2020

Envelopes (140).....	\$ 8,734.00
Loose	\$ 1,107.73
Total	\$ 9,841.73

PARISH NEWS

THE TIE-IN – ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In the Gospel today we hear Jesus say: “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.”

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings peace to those who are overwhelmed with life’s burdens.

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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CATHOLIC KORNER

Last week we learned **The Precepts of the Church** are things that every Catholic must do – rules that must be observed.

This week we discuss **The First Precept**. **The First Precept** is you shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor. This precept requires us to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord. One thing that many Catholics seem to have forgotten is that deliberately missing Mass without a serious reason (illness, care of infants, dispensed by priest or Bishop, etc.) mortal sin. As Catholics we believe that the Mass is the highest form of prayer and worship. The Catechism states “The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice.” (CCC 2181) Sunday is a day of rest – the Church does realize this is not always possible – that some folks simply must work on Sundays and if this is the case every effort should be made to still attend Mass. *A Minute in the Church by Gus Lloyd*

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

Do you have a particular question you want answered?

Send in your questions to rvowell@hdiocese.org to have answered here!

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

COMMENTATORS

Commentators welcome the community at the beginning of Mass, make announcements about upcoming events, and lead the Prayers of the Faithful. The schedules can be arranged to suit your preference of Mass time. If you are interested in becoming a commentator contact the Tommy Chauvin at 985-860-4155 or the rectory office at 985-876-6904 for more information.



STAY INFORMED

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<https://stfrancisdesaleshouma.org/>

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<https://www.facebook.com/Cathedral-of-St-Francis-DeSales-Church-Houma-121704657888318/>

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<https://hdiocese.org/coronavirus>

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.



INTO THE BREACH

Into the Breach is a groundbreaking 12-episode video series from the **Knights of Columbus** that seeks to answer what it means to be a Catholic man in today's world. Inspired by Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted's apostolic exhortation to Catholic men, Into the Breach tells men they are made for greatness and challenges them to achieve it by founding their lives on God and pursuing heroic virtue. Each episode explores a different aspect of authentic Catholic masculinity and features well-known Catholic speakers, as well as the personal story of a man who has deeply experienced the episode's topic in his own life. Speakers include Dr. Scott Hahn, Fr. Mike Schmitz, Jason Evert and many others. The episodes can be used for individual personal enrichment and for group discussion.

THIS FILM INTENDED FOR MATURE AUDIENCES. PARENTAL GUIDANCE SUGGESTED.

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CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux As human beings, we have a right to live and grow in peace. Because we have that right, we have the responsibility to make sure others enjoy the same opportunity too.

The scriptures today seem to have a strong “counter-cultural” message. The scriptures challenge us to look at our world and its values in a critical way. The scriptures invite us to move beyond greed and selfishness and to learn from and connect with others.

Our culture seems to value power, control, and victory over “the enemy.” However, the scriptures today give us the image of a savior that comes with humility, without military and economic power, “meek and riding on an ass.” In a society overwhelmed with many examples of greed and large-scale corporate abuse, the scriptures remind us of the virtues inherent in simplicity of life and a gentleness of spirit. Wealth, control, and domination are not the central values of Jesus Christ.

In a world that is choking on greenhouse gases, warming the whole planet, killing the life of the oceans, and consuming all kinds of resources, we are invited to respect our planet and cherish the gifts we have been given by living simply and responsibly. In a world filled with the weapons of war and spending on the ways of violence, the scriptures speak of a savior who banishes the horse, the chariot and the warrior's bow. The scriptures certainly challenge our world, which invests so many resources into fighting wars and procuring weapons for war.

In a world where the international trade system and the world economy seem to disadvantage those who have little, we are reminded that “if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.” A focus on wealth and money will certainly “kill” the spirit and freedom of God. The gospel reminds us that this counter-cultural message is a message of liberation and life. As we let go of all the craziness of our culture, we will find “rest” and finally really be alive. Then, justice and peace can truly take over.

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 11-12, 2020

Commentators

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| 4:00 PM | Becky Boudloche |
| 7:00 AM | Jerry Dover |
| 9:00 AM | Ernie Perry |
| 11:00 AM | Earl Eues |
| 5:30 PM | Ann Bates |

Lectors

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| 4:00 PM | Lawrence Robinson |
| 7:00 AM | Denise Dover |
| 9:00 AM | Jerome Zeringue |
| 11:00 AM | Jenni McNabb |
| 5:30 PM | Bubba Watkins |

Ministers of the Eucharist

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| 4:00 PM | Judith Archila, Carl Soudelier, Mary Ann Rodrigue |
| 7:00 AM | John Breaux, Gail LeCompte, Paul Labat |
| 9:00 AM | Michael Boudreaux, Murke Trahan, Kathy Lovell |
| 11:00 AM | Rene Rhodes, Julie Rhodes, Michael D'Angelo |
| 5:30 PM | Randy Bethancourt, Adrienne Bethancourt, Mike Amico |



SAINTS

6-Jul **St Maria Goretti**
(poverty, children, youth, poor, rape)

Once Maria's father died, her mother struggled to feed her children. While her mother, brothers and sisters worked in the fields Maria watched her younger sister and kept house. While she did this a man grabbed her and tried to rape her. She fought him and screamed “No! It is a sin! God does not want it!” He stabbed her many times. Her younger sister awoke and cried. Her family came and took her to the doctor, but her wounds were too great. Maria forgave her attacker. The man eventually repented and converted, but spent 30 years in prison. Upon release, he begged Maria's mother for forgiveness, which she did.

8-Jul **St Kilian**
(rheumatism, gout)

According to Irish sources, Kilian was born to noble parents in approximately the year 640 in Ireland. In the summer of 686 Kilian and companions, travelled through Gaul to Rome to receive missionary faculties from the pope. St. Kilian and companions remained in Würzburg and converted Duke Gozbert with a large part of his subjects to Christianity. Kilian told the Duke that he was in violation of sacred scripture by being married to his brother's widow, Geilana. When Geilana, whom Kilian had failed to convert to Christianity, heard of Kilian's words against her marriage, she was so angry that, in the absence of the duke, she had her soldiers sent to the main square of Würzburg, where Kilian and his colleagues were preaching, and had him beheaded, along with two of his companions.

11-Jul **St Benedict**
(kidney disease, poisoning, school children)

St. Benedict is believed to have been born around 480, as the son to a Roman noble of Norcia and the twin to his sister, Scholastica. It was in Monte Cassino he founded the monastery that became the roots of the Church's monastic system. Instead of founding small separate communities, he gathered his disciples into one whole community. His own sister, Saint Scholastica, settled nearby to live a religious life. Benedict was an innovator. No one had ever set up communities like his before or directed them with a rule. What is part of history to us now was a bold, risky step into the future.

Benedict had the holiness and the ability to take this step. His beliefs and instructions on religious life were collected in what is now known as the Rule of Saint Benedict — still directing religious life after 15 centuries.