

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK  
OF JULY 13-19, 2020



- Monday - IS 1:10-17; MT 10:34-11:1  
**Sts Henry II and Esdras**
- Tuesday - IS 7:1-9; MT 11:20-24  
**St. Camillus de Lellis**
- Wednesday - IS 10:5-7, 13B-16; MT 11:25-27  
**Sts. Bonaventure and Pompilio Pirotti**
- Thursday - IS 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; MT 11:28-30  
**St. Mary Magdalen Postel**
- Friday - IS 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; MT 12:1-8  
**Sts. Alexius, Marcellina, and Leo IV**
- Saturday - MI 2:1-5; MT 12:14-21  
**Sts. Bruno and Aemilianus**
- Sunday - WIS 12:13, 16-19; ROM 8:26-27;  
MT 13:24-43 OR 13:24-30  
**St. Symmachus**  
The SIXTEENTH Sunday in Ordinary Time

**AFTERTHOUGHTS**

*Jesus sows his Word throughout the whole of our lives.  
What kind of soil are you?*

**PRAY FOR:** Ray Duthu, Linda Lee, Shirley Walsh, J.A. Foret, Jason Chaisson, Christina Sparks, Ursula M. Breaux, Barbara Touns Miller, Susan Laperouse, 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, Buddy Marcello, Roy Reeves, 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

*“Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and be converted, and I heal them.”* Jesus is quoting to the people a passage from Isaiah [6:10] in which God is lamenting the hardness of the hearts of the people, despite all the good He has done for them. Jesus had healed the sick and the lame; restored sight to the blind and hearing to the deaf; raised the dead; and taught them by word and example to love God and to love their neighbor as themselves. They marveled at the wonders he had done, but they wondered about that love your neighbor thing. They were intrigued when Jesus did things for people who were complete strangers to him without seeking or accepting a reward from them. But they did not seem to grasp that he expected them to do for others, neighbors and enemies alike, what he had done for them, and to use all that God had given to them for themselves and for others. The people in the time of Jesus were apparently no different than the people in the time of Isaiah. Are we any different today? We are supposed to be. The Good News compels us to get to know and imitate Jesus.



**SANCTUARY LIGHTS**

Church

*In Loving Memory of Ernest Robichaux*

by Ida Robichaux.

Chapel

*In Loving Memory of Ernest, Bety, and Sadi Mabile*

by Mark, Tobi, and Rhea Mabile.

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Sunday – July 5, 2020

Envelopes (131).....	\$ 10,372.00
Loose .....	\$ 663.33
Total .....	\$ 11,035.33

Online Giving – June - Weekly Giving. . \$ 4,113.00

**QUARTERLY GIVING – APRIL-JUNE 2020**

Cathedral Renovation	\$10,274.79
Convent Renovation	\$ 6,393.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 856.00
Holy Land	\$ 956.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 711.49
Education to Ministry	\$ 628.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 734.00
Catholic Communication	\$ 770.00
Holy Father – Peter’s Pence	\$ 1193.00
St. Vincent de Paul (Online)	\$ 130.00

**MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

“Ask and you shall receive - Seek and you shall find - knock and the door will be opened...” An invitation to all to spend time with our Eucharistic Lord in Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel. One hour a week will change a life! Contact Donna Lapeyre at 985-872-6987 for more information.

**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://hdiocese.org/coronavirus>

**DIOCESAN OUTREACH LINE**

In response to the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux has made the following provision for anyone who has been hurt or sexually abused by anyone who works for the church. The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux has set up an Outreach Line for all victims/survivors of sexual abuse.

In continuing our commitment to support and healing, we invite and encourage people who have been hurt or sexually abused recently or in the past by clergy, religious or other employees of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, to call our outreach line. The Outreach Line operates from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily Monday through Friday. A trained mental health professional responds to the line. The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux Outreach Line telephone numbers are (985) 873-0026.

**Open Wide Our Hearts:  
The Enduring Call to Love .... continued**

The African American Experience (continued)

“We acknowledge with gratitude the religious orders whose charism embodied evangelizing and caring for those who were marginalized and unwelcomed. We recall the bold witness of the Divine Word Missionaries, the Oblate Sisters of Providence, Sisters of the Holy Family, the Josephites, the Franciscan Handmaids of Mary, and the Blessed Sacrament Sisters. Likewise, countless individuals — Daniel Rudd, Thomas Wyatt Turner, Sr. Thea Bowman, and Dr. Lena Edwards to name a few — worked tirelessly against the prevailing current of racism to share the Catholic faith with persons of African descent. Still, to understand how racism works today, we must recognize that generations of African Americans were disadvantaged by slavery, wage theft, “Jim Crow” laws, and by the systematic denial of access to numerous wealth-building opportunities reserved for others. This has left many African Americans without hope, discouraged, disheartened, and feeling unloved. While it is true that some individuals and families have thrived, significant numbers of African Americans are born into economic and social disparity. The poverty experienced by many of these communities has its roots in racist policies that continue to impede the ability of people to find affordable housing, meaningful work, adequate education, and social mobility. The generational effects of slavery, segregation, and the systemic use of violence — including the lynching of more than 4,000 black men, women, and children across 800 different counties throughout the United States between 1877 and 1950 — are realities that must be fully recognized and addressed in any process that hopes to combat racism.

**The Hispanic Experience** “Of course, experiencing racism is not limited to African or Native Americans. Many different groups of people have encountered “in varying degrees the evil of discrimination, racial prejudice, and oppression that endangers the very fabric of American society.” Some of the same patterns of prejudice and discrimination have been repeated. At this time, we would be remiss not to highlight the experience of Hispanics in our country. Since the Mexican-American War, Hispanics from various countries have experienced discrimination in housing, employment, healthcare, and education. Hispanics have been referred to by countless derogatory names, have encountered negative assumptions made about them because of their ethnicity, have suffered discrimination in applying for college, for housing, and in registering to vote. Despite their sizable share of the U.S. workforce and their numerous contributions to U.S. economy in many different fields and industries, the large income gap between Hispanic and European Americans points to the persistence of certain discriminatory practices in employment and pay. In the not too distant past, Hispanics encountered signs in restaurants and shops that read, “No Mexicans or Blacks Allowed.” Moreover, there have been over 550 documented cases of Hispanics being lynched, and experts estimate that the number could actually be twice as large.

“Hispanics are the major target of immigration raids and mass deportation. In the past, U.S. citizens of Hispanic descent caught up in these raids have been deported. Today, many Hispanics are often assumed to be in this country illegally. These attitudes of cultural superiority, indifference, and racism need to be confronted; they are unworthy of any follower of Christ. 25 After all, a large part of our nation consists of immigrants and their descendants. We must also remember that many people of Hispanic heritage come from families that were in this land long before the borders changed.”

... to be continued.

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).

## PARISH NEWS

### THE TIE-IN – ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In today's Gospel, we hear the story of the sower and we know that "some seed fell on rich soil, and produce fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirty fold."

This week by putting a gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that together they will produce fruit a hundred fold.

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>

### 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.



### THE WILD GOOSE WITH FR. DAVE PIVONKA 15 Episodes

The Wild Goose is a work of the Holy Spirit, which is awakening in the hearts of all those participating God's love and transforming power. This is a love that has been revealed to us by Jesus Christ and that leads us to our heavenly Father. As you walk through this series, pray for the Spirit to breathe life into your heart.



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## CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: CALL TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY, AND PARTICIPATION

### Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux

Today's readings remind us of the possibilities that can happen as God's gifts are used well. Abundance and fruitfulness are possible. Good things are possible. We can work together toward the common good. We can work together toward ending hunger and injustice.

Isaiah says that the rain and snow will not return to God until they have watered the earth and made it fertile and fruitful. The parable of Jesus affirms that a 30 or 60 or 100 fold increase is possible. To use the image of the second reading, there is a purpose to the groaning and struggling of life. It all leads to something good.

We live in a world that has abundant resources. The world can provide food and shelter for everyone. However, some people are very rich and some are very poor. Some people share in the abundance and some people have almost nothing. Some people live on a dollar a day and some people have millions of dollars to spend. Some people eat very well and some have trouble eating once a day. Some people have electricity and some have none. Some people have two or more homes. Some people are homeless.

In a world of great possibilities, a just distribution of God's gifts is the challenge. God invites us to a responsible sharing of the abundance and a renewal of structures that will give everyone a just opportunity to share in the riches of the world. We can share the abundance or we can hoard the abundance. We have a choice.

In the gospel parable today the image of the sower is that of one who generously, almost recklessly scatters seeds everywhere. Grace is abundant. The goodness of God is abundant. God's word is abundant. The possibilities for the world and its people are numerous and wonderful. The challenge is to share this abundance responsibly and lovingly. Some close their eyes or ears or hearts and do not respond to the word. Choked by wealth and anxiety, we can close ourselves to the reality of the poor and marginalized of our world. Shocked by the structures and institutions of our world, we can feel paralyzed. The world today reminds us that something more is possible.

## 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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## SAINTS

### 12-Jul St Jason (converts)

Jason was born in Cyprus. He was one of those hosting St. Paul during his second missionary mission to Salonika. The tumult created by Paul's message spilled over to Jason's house where Paul continued his preaching. Jason became Bishop of Tarsus in Cilicia. He traveled to Corfu where he preached successfully. However, the long arm of Roman law caught up with him and he was tossed in prison along with Sospater. That's where he died a martyr.

### 12-Jul St Veronica (laundry workers, photographers)

Saint Veronica Giuliani was one of the rare saints who had received the stigmata (on Good Friday). Whenever the wounds were opened, Fr. Salvatori recorded that "they emitted so delicious a fragrance throughout the whole of the convent that this alone was sufficient to inform the nuns whenever the stigmata had been renewed."

The saint's body remained incorrupt for many years until it was destroyed in a flood. Her bones are now kept in a composite figure of the saint, the skull of which is covered with wax. Her heart, though, is still incorrupt, and is kept in a separate reliquary.

### 14-Jul St Camillus (illness, sickness, hospitals, hospital workers, nurses)

St. Camillus de Lellis was born in Italy. He fought for the Venetians against the Turks, was addicted to gambling, and by 1574 was penniless in Naples. He became a Capuchin novice, but was unable to be professed because of a diseased leg he contracted while fighting the Turks. He devoted himself to caring for the sick, and became director of St. Giacomo Hospital in Rome. He received permission from his confessor (St. Philip Neri) to be ordained and decided, with two companions, to found his own congregation, the Ministers of the Sick (the Camellians), dedicated to the care of the sick. They ministered to the sick of Holy Ghost Hospital in Rome, enlarged their facilities in 1585, founded a new house in Naples in 1588, and attended the plague-stricken aboard ships in Rome's harbor and in Rome. In 1591, the Congregation was made into an order to serve the sick by Pope Gregory XIV, and in 1591 and 1605, Camillus sent members of his order to minister to wounded troops in Hungary and Croatia, the first field medical unit.

## MINISTERS SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF JULY 18-19, 2020

### Commentators

4:00 PM Tommy Chauvin  
7:00 AM Jody Duet  
9:00 AM Mona Prejean  
11:00 AM David Haddad  
5:30 PM Ginny Hamilton

### Lectors

4:00 PM Brenda Tanner  
7:00 AM Rebecca Vowell  
9:00 AM Scott Hebert  
11:00 AM Wendy LeBouef  
5:30 PM Carla Peeler

### Ministers of the Eucharist

4:00 PM Jude Fanguy, Yvonne Fanguy, Robert Strada  
7:00 AM Richard Guidry, Mark Spence, Cathy Duet  
9:00 AM Tammy Blanchard, Dale Norred, Nellie Chemin  
11:00 AM Madeline Picou, Michelle Hoychick, Holly Champagne  
5:30 PM Curtis Briggs, Jenny Briggs, Kim Sanvi



## CATHOLIC KORNER

Last week we learned **The First Precept** is you shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor.



This week we discuss **The Second Precept**. **The Second Precept** is you shall confess your sins at least once a year. "The Second Precept ensures preparation for the Eucharist by the reception of the sacrament of reconciliation, which continues Baptism's work of conversion and forgiveness" (CCC 2042). Many Catholics have stopped going to confession. If we do not go to confession, we are missing out on the graces available of the sacrament. Our regular confession helps us form our conscience, fight against evil tendencies, let ourselves be healed by Christ, and progress in the life of the Spirit. By receiving this sacrament regularly we are spurred to be merciful as He is merciful. God's grace and mercy await!! *A Minute in the Church* by Gus Lloyd

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

**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!**