

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK  
OF AUGUST 3-9, 2020



- Monday - JER 28:1-17; MT 14:22-36  
St. Lydia
- Tuesday - JER 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; MT 14:22-36  
Sts. John Vianney, Justin and Crescenzio
- Wednesday - JER 31:1-7; MT 15: 21-28  
St. Oswald
- Thursday - DN 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 PT 1:16-19; MT 17:1-9  
Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord
- Friday - NA 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; MT 16:24-28  
Sts. Sixtus, Companions; Gaetano, Donatus, and Albert
- Saturday - HAB 1:12—2:4; MT 17:14-20  
Sts. Dominic and Ciriaco, Largo, and Smargdo
- Sunday - 1 KGS 19:9A, 11-13A; ROM 9:1-5; MT 14:22-33 Sts. Theresa Benedicta and Roman  
The NINETEENTH Sunday in Ordinary Time

AFTERTHOUGHTS

Overwhelmed by the needs of the people, the disciples tell Jesus to “dismiss” them. When Jesus saw the crowds “his heart was moved with pity for them.” How have you responded to the needs of others?

**Prayer Request**  
**PRAY FOR:** Ray Duthu, Linda Lee, Shirley Walsh, J.A. Foret, Jason Chaisson, Christina Sparks, Ursula M. Breaux, Barbara Toups 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, Gary Benoit, Sonny Lovell, Judy Porche, Vincent Trabona, Alicia Headrick, Scott Stoufflet, Curtis Briggs, 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, Marie Williams, Buddy Marcello, Roy Reeves, Brenner Winston Babin (cancer), Allen Trahan, 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.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday – July 26, 2020

Envelopes (135).....	\$9,134.00
Loose .....	\$ 470.02
Total .....	\$9,604.02

PARISH NEWS

ADULT CONFIRMATION SESSION

The Adult Confirmation Course is gearing up to begin in the fall of 2020! This course is offered to those who are at least 18 years of age and have received the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, and Holy Communion, but have not yet received the sacrament of Confirmation. There will be seven (7) sessions, each 1-1/2 hours on Thursday evenings in the Convent, beginning at 6:30pm. For more information, or to register, please contact Cathy in the Cathedral office at 985-876-6904.



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 KORNER

Last week we learned **The Fourth Precept** is you shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church. There are only two days each year where fasting is required – Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and abstinence from meat is observed Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays during Lent.



**The Fifth Precept** is you shall help to provide for the needs of the Church. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, “**The fifth precept** means the faithful are obliged to assist with the material needs of the Church, each according to his own ability.” (CCC 2043) Think of this precept in terms of family. If your parents or children or other family members are in a jam, you are going to help them. That is what family does – so it is with the family of faith. St. Paul addresses this in Galatians 6:9-10, Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all, but especially to those who belong to the family of the faith.” *A Minute in the Church by Gus Lloyd*

Find out more next week when we talk about the **The Gifts of the Holy Spirit.**

Do you have a particular question you want answered?

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

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - NURSING HOME MINISTRY

This ministry consists of lay people, 18 years of age and older, who either preside or assist at a Communion Service or assist at Mass. A Communion service is offered every Sunday at 10:30AM and a Mass is celebrated on Wednesday at 10:00AM at Heritage Manor Nursing Home. Volunteers are needed to assist with Holy Communion in the dining area as well as to bring Holy Communion to those who are unable to attend the Mass. There is also a Mass celebrated at the Suites at Sugar Mill Point on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 10:00AM. (Please check with the office for current services offered during this phase) Contact the rectory office at 985-876-6904 for information.

STAY INFORMED

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

Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love

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“It is the Lord who, by his grace, forgives and restores us to these relationships and heals the wounds between us. After all, the aim of salvation history is reconciliation and entering the heavenly Jerusalem, a communion of all peoples and all nations.

“To press forward without fear also means cooperating with God’s grace by taking direct and deliberate steps for change. It means opening doorways where once only walls stood. As bishops, we commit ourselves to the following actions with the hope that others, especially those in our spiritual care, will do likewise in their own lives and communities.

**Acknowledging Sin** “Examining our sinfulness — individually, as the Christian community, and as a society — is a humbling experience. Only from a place of humility can we look honestly at past failures, ask for forgiveness, and move toward healing and reconciliation. This requires us to acknowledge sinful deeds and thoughts, and to ask for forgiveness. The truth is that the sons and daughters of the Catholic Church have been complicit in the evil of racism. In his Papal Bull *Dum Diversas* (1452), Nicholas V granted apostolic permission for the kings of Spain and Portugal to buy and sell Africans, setting the stage for the slave trade. Even though subsequent popes strongly renounced and rejected the international slave trade, much to our shame, many American religious leaders, including Catholic bishops, failed to formally oppose slavery; some even owned slaves.

“We also realize the ways that racism has permeated the life of the Church and persists to a degree even today. “For too long,” in the Church’s missions throughout the world, “the way to a fully indigenous clergy and religious was blocked by an attitude that was paternalistic and racist.” Not long ago, in many Catholic parishes, people of color were relegated to segregated seating, and required to receive the Holy Eucharist after white parishioners. All too often, leaders of the Church have remained silent about the horrific violence and other racial injustices perpetuated against African Americans and others.

“Therefore we, the Catholic bishops in the United States, acknowledge the many times when the Church has failed to live as Christ taught — to love our brothers and sisters. Acts of racism have been committed by leaders and members of the Catholic Church — by bishops, clergy, religious, and laity — and her institutions. We express deep sorrow and regret for them. We also acknowledge those instances when we have not done enough or stood by silently when grave acts of injustice were committed. We ask for forgiveness from all who have been harmed by these sins committed in the past or in the present.

**Being Open to Encounter and New Relationships** “To walk humbly with God” requires even more. We know that we do not have all the answers, but a missionary disciple is one who willingly meets every problem and every sinful attitude with the confidence that comes from a deep love of Jesus. As Pope Benedict XVI has said, “Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.” ... *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).

## THE TIE-IN – ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In the Gospel, Jesus says: "There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves," and taking the five loaves and two fish, he blest them and gave them to the disciples to feed the crowd.

Know that your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to help those living in poverty touches many lives just like the loaves and fishes.

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## COMING HOME

John is a hardworking man that has focused more on his career than his family. A devastating event leads him back to his hometown, he will come face to face with his choices and their impact on his family. This heartfelt story demonstrates the incredible power of prayer and how God's love can overcome all.

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## ANNUAL FRENCH MASS ON THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Please join us for the annual French Mass on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary which will be celebrated as a Vigil Mass on Friday, August 14, 2020 at 6:00 PM at St. Hilary Church in Mathews. Bishop Shelton Fabre will preside and deliver the homily, and recently ordained Rev. Daniel Duplantis, Associate Pastor at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Thibodaux, will be the principal celebrant at this Mass on the occasion of the patron feast of Catholics of French heritage. The hygienic guidelines related to the pandemic which are currently in place (including wearing face masks) for Sunday Masses in the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux will be observed. There will be no supper following the Mass.

## CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: CALL TO GLOBAL SOLIDARITY

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

If the international community is to be truly "united" against hunger, then poverty must be overcome through authentic human development, based on the idea of the person as a unity of body, soul and spirit. Today, though, there is a tendency to limit the vision of development to one that satisfies the material needs of the person, especially through access to technology; yet authentic development is not simply a function of what a person "has", it must also embrace higher values of fraternity, solidarity and the common good. – Benedict XVI, Message for World Food Day,

The scriptures today are about food and the sharing of food. Isaiah reminds us of the abundance of food – all as a gift from God. In the midst of their need, Jesus leads the disciples and the people in an unexpected and wonderful sharing of abundance. In this sharing, God is encountered. "Eucharist" is experienced. This spirit of abundance and sharing is a challenge to the greed, selfishness and profit seeking which dominate parts of our culture.

The spirit behind the gospel challenges us and challenges the worst parts of our "capitalistic way of doing things." The gospel of Jesus values the good of people over the value of capital. Food and water are more than just products to be bought and sold. The gospel is about more than just giving out food. Jesus does more than just "magically" create food. He calls a community into life. He calls the disciples into reflection and action on their situation in solidarity with everyone who is gathered. On behalf of the community, Jesus expresses gratitude and faith in God. He gets people to sit down and share. Food is passed from person to person. Everyone partakes of the abundance. Everyone has enough to eat. Instead of the hoarding of the leftovers, the people gather up what remains. Our gospel is a gospel of solidarity and empowerment. We are called to put this gospel into practice by creating a community of charity and justice for all.

## EUCHARISTIC 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.

Sunday	– Donna Lapeyre – Home: 225-937-1861 – <a href="mailto:donnalapeyre@yahoo.com">donnalapeyre@yahoo.com</a>	
Monday	– Candy Archila – Home: 985-868-1792 – <a href="mailto:jarchila@bellsouth.net">jarchila@bellsouth.net</a>	
Tuesday	– Therese Oubre – Home: 985-226-2252 – Mobile: 225-329-6757 – <a href="mailto:tsoubre@att.net">tsoubre@att.net</a>	
Wednesday	– Melanie – Mobile: 985-709-3754 – <a href="mailto:mbabin1@comcast.net">mbabin1@comcast.net</a>	
Thursday	– Melva Fournier – Home: 985-873-7593 – Mobile: 985-226-7800 – <a href="mailto:melfour816@gmail.com">melfour816@gmail.com</a>	
Friday	– Ana Vice – Mobile: 985-852-8110 – <a href="mailto:abvice1@gmail.com">abvice1@gmail.com</a>	
Saturday	– Sue LeBlanc – Home: 985-879-2866 – Mobile: 985-688-9044 – <a href="mailto:leblancsss@yahoo.com">leblancsss@yahoo.com</a>	

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## LOUISIANA BISHOPS SUPPORT THE LOVE LIFE AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION On the Ballot November 3rd

The Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops strongly supports the Love Life Amendment, which would successfully amend the Louisiana constitution and thereby continue to strengthen our commitment to end abortion in our state. Citizens of our state will have the opportunity to affirmatively state that they "Love Life" on November 3—the same day as the United States presidential election—by favoring this amendment.

As Catholics, we are called to ensure that life is indeed valued and that the dignity of all is upheld. This is the foundational principle of our social teaching and must be intentionally considered in all that we do.

Passage of the Love Life Amendment would have a dual effect. Primarily, it will ensure that the state of Louisiana cannot establish a right to abortion at present or if Roe v. Wade is overturned in the future. Secondly, it will prohibit the funding of abortion through taxpayer dollars within our constitution. Without such an amendment, the invalidation of the many antiabortion laws we have all advocated so strongly for in Louisiana remains a possibility.

The Louisiana Conference of Catholic bishops therefore enthusiastically supports the Love Life Amendment, and encourages all to approach this initiative with a formed conscience and a commitment to defend the sanctity of human life and uphold the dignity of all people.

## MINISTERS SCHEDULE

### WEEKEND OF AUGUST 8-9, 2020

#### Commentators

4:00 PM	Becky Boudloche
7:00 AM	Rebecca Vowell
9:00 AM	Jerome Zeringue
11:00 AM	Wendy LeBouef
5:30 PM	Carla Peeler

#### Lectors

4:00 PM	Brenda Tanner
7:00 AM	Evelyn Ruckstuhl
9:00 AM	James Watkins
11:00 AM	Jenni McNabb
5:30 PM	Ginny Hamilton

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

4:00 PM	Anita Pearson, Carl Soudelier, Donna Lapeyre
7:00 AM	Carla Exnicious, Mark Spence, Gail LeCompte
9:00 AM	Murke Trahan, Michael Boudreaux, Gail Guilliot
11:00 AM	Michael D'Angelo, Michelle Hoychick, Madeline Picou
5:30 PM	Curtis Briggs, Jenny Briggs, Kim Sanvi



## SAINTS

### 4-Aug St Vianney (confessors, priests)

Universally known as the "Cure of Ars," St. John Mary Vianney was ordained a priest in 1815. Three years later, he was made parish priest of Ars, a remote French hamlet, where his reputation as a confessor and director of souls made him known throughout the Christian world. His life was one of extreme mortification.



Accustomed to the most severe austerities, visited by swarms of penitents, and besieged by the devil, this great mystic manifested a steady patience. He was a wonderworker loved by the crowds, but he retained a childlike simplicity, and he remains to this day the living image of the priest after the heart of Christ.

He heard confessions of people from all over the world for sixteen hours each day. His life was filled with works of charity and love. It is recorded that even the staunchest of sinners were converted at his mere word. He died August 4, 1859, and was canonized May 31, 1925.

*"Jesus' presence in the Holy Eucharist is like the sun shining its bright rays of grace over our souls filling them with peace and joy, chasing away the dark clouds of sadness and loneliness that often try to come in our souls and in our lives."* - St. John Vianney \*