

**SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK
OF OCTOBER 12,- OCTOBER 18, 2020**

- Monday** – ISAIAH GAL 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; LK 11:29-32
St. Benedict
- Tuesday** – ISAIAH GAL 5:1-6, LK 11:37-41
St. Bruno
- Wednesday** – PHILIPPIANS GAL 5:18-25; LK 11:42-46
St. Mark, Pope
- Thursday** – PHILIPPIANS EPH 1:1-10; LK 11:47-54
St. Pelagia
- Friday** – MATTHEW EPH 1:11-14, LK 12:1-7
St. Abraham
- Saturday** – IGNATIUS EPH 1:15-23, LK 12:8-12
St. Paulinus
- Sunday** – MATTHEW IS 45:1, 4-6; 1 THES 1:1-5B; MT 22:15-21
St. John XXIII

GOSPEL COMMENTARY

“Jesus again spoke to the chief priest and elders of the people in parables . . .”

Jesus told many parables. They were stories, not necessarily based on fact, but that communicated an important truth. Jesus used parables to get the attention of the people and to make them think. Jesus even used parables to teach truth to the “chief priest and elders of the people.” And apparently, they listened to him. He tells them about a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. The servants that were sent to the “invited guest” are mistreated and killed. The king fills the feast with people ordinarily thought unworthy. God invites us to a great feast - the wonderful world he has created for us. Unfortunately we can create our own small world filled with our own self-centered interest and ignore the opportunity to share with others in God’s world and the joy of growing in our relationship with God. The chief priest understood that Jesus was challenging them to be better. Do we understand he is challenging us as well?

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT
Sunday – October 04, 2020**

Envelopes (143).....	\$ 13,142.00
Loose	\$ 387.00
Total	\$ 13,529.00

AFTERTHOUGHTS

Have you properly dressed yourself for the wedding feast of the Lamb? That is to say: have you clothed yourself in compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience ... and above all, in love?



PRAY FOR: Christina Sparks, Barbara Toups., Sherman Brown, Mary Lee Boudreaux, Airman Wesley Speyrer, Nancy Rivere, Judy Porche, Patty LeJune, Margaret Gaudet, Robert Cazayoux, Linda Musson, Rosabelle Prosperie, Kayla Dudek Breaux, Percy Lee, Linda LeClair, Sadie Talbot, (open heart surgery),

Barbara Gaidry, Wayne Duplantis, Joy Blanchard, Marie Williams, Roy Reeves, Brenner Winston Babin (cancer), Christian Olden, Melanie Ougel, Monica Guidroz, Mark Voisin, Sybil Trahan, Bonnie Esponge, Lisa Collins Melancon, and for all prayer shawl recipients. We also pray for all those who have recently died especially Jack Butler

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.

PARISH NEWS

DAY OF PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

St. Francis de Sales will host a day of prayer for our country on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 beginning at 9:00am and closing with Benediction at 4:45pm. The rosary will be prayed each hour with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm. Visitors are welcome all during the day but we will need at least two adorers before the Blessed Sacrament all day. Please call the rectory office (876-6904) if you can commit to sign up for an hour! Our country and our leaders need our prayers!

ADULT CONFIRMATION SESSION – FALL 2020

The Adult Confirmation Course has begun! 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. Confirmation will be held Dec 6 and/or Dec 13. For more information, or to register, please contact Cathy in the Cathedral office at 985-876-6904 or Jody & Cathy Duet at 985-209-3617.

THE TIE-IN – ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In today’s Gospel we hear Jesus say: “Many are invited, but few are chosen.” To give thanks for all that God has given to you, have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

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>

SAINTS



- 13-Oct – **St Edward** – difficult marriages, kings, separated spouses
- 15-Oct – **St Teresa of Avila**– illness, headaches, parent protector, need of grace, religious order life
- 16-Oct – **St Gerard** – childbirth, children, expectant mothers, motherhood, unborn, pro-life
- 16-Oct – **St Margaret** – polio, death of parents
- 18-Oct – **St Luke** – artist, bookbinders, brewers, butchers, doctors, glass makers, goldsmiths painters

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.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Lectors - This ministry consists of men and women who proclaim the Word at Mass, which includes the first and second readings. The schedules can be arranged to suit your preference of Mass time. Contact Tommy Chauvin at 860-4155 or the rectory office at 876-6904 for more information.



STAY INFORMED

Please visit the Church website for 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>

CATHOLIC KORNER



Life in Christ: Explanations of Catholic Practice and Devotions: This week we will learn about **Anointing of the Sick II:** If you or someone you love is very ill, there are special graces available through the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The Catechism of the Catholic Church quotes the Council of Trent and says, “This sacred anointing of the sick was instituted by Christ our Lord as a true and proper sacrament of the New Testament. It is alluded to indeed by Mark, but is recommended to the faithful and promulgated by James the apostle and brother of the Lord.”

In paragraph 1510, it quotes James 5:14-15. “Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders [presbyters] of the Church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the

Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.”

The Catechism lists the effects of the sacrament:

A particular gift of the Holy Spirit, which includes the forgiveness of sins.

Union with the passion of Christ, where one’s suffering “becomes a participation in the saving work of Jesus.”

An ecclesial grace, where the whole communion of saints “intercedes for the benefit of the sick person.

And a preparation for the final journey. The Catechism says, “This last anointing fortifies the end of our earthly life like a solid rampart for the final struggles before entering the Father’s house.”

The Anointing of the Sick does not guarantee physical healing; rather, it fills the sick person with the graces that God will use to heal them in every way He sees fit.

A Minute In The Church by Gus Lloyd

OCTOBER 2020 MASS INTENTIONS

Ira Bergeron	October 2, 2020	Friday 12:05pm
Howard “Buck” Oubre	October 2,2020	Friday 12:05pm
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Howard “Buck” Oubre	October 3,2020	Sat 8:30am
Rev. Patrick O’Brien	October 3, 2020	Sat. 4pm
Howard “Buck” Oubre	October 4,2020	Sun 11am
Deceased Members of Houma Fire Dept	October 4,2020	Sun 11am
Houma Fire Dept	October 4,2020	Sun 11am
Barry Songy	October 4, 2020	Sun 9am
Jason Adam Dupont	October 11, 2020	Sun 9am
Deceased Members of Houma Fire Dept	October 11,2020	Sun 11am
Barry Songy	October 11,2020	Sun 9am
Deceased Members of Houma Fire Dept	October 18,2020	Sun 11am
Salome Matherne	October 18,2020	Sun 11am
Rev. Roland Timbre	October 19, 2020	Daily 5:30pm
Bishop Joseph Latino	October 21,2020	Daily 5:30pm
Margaret “Irma” Marcello	October 24,2020	Sat. 4pm
Sonny Lovell	October 24,2020	Sat. 4pm
Jason Adam Dupont	October 25, 2020	Sun 9am
Barry Songy	October 25,2020	Sun 9am
Deceased Members of Houma Fire Dept	October 25,2020	Sun 11am
Houma Fire Dept	October 25,2020	Sun 11am
Joshua Griffin	October 26,2020	Daily 5:30pm
George Bourgeois Sr	October 28,2020	Daily 5:30pm
Howard “Buck” Oubre	October 30,2020	Friday 12:05pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Adoration Chapel remains open for adorers. We are still practicing 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 - donnalapeyre@yahoo.com
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 Tuesday – Therese Oubre – Home: 985-226-2252 - Mobile: 225-329-6757 – tsoubre@att.net
 Wednesday – Melanie Babin: 985-709-3754 - mbabin1@comcast.net
 Thursday – Melva Fournier – Home: 985-873-7593 – Mobile: 985-226-7800 - melfour816@gmail.com
 Friday – Ana Vice – Mobile: 985-852-8110 – abvice1@gmail.com
 Saturday – Sue LeBlanc – Home: 985-879-2866 – Mobile: 985-688-9044 - leblancsss@yahoo.com

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This Sunday, October 11th, will mark the 150th Anniversary of the day our school opened. For a couple of years now, we have been planning to celebrate this milestone with great fanfare and festivity.

However, we are still in the grasp of 2020's global pandemic and are greatly restricted in both the size and scope of what we would have liked to do. Perhaps at some other point in the coming year, we will be able to have our cake and eat it, too! Together!! In the same place!!!

For now, we invite you to join in celebrating our anniversary by helping others in need. When Hurricane Laura cut a wide swath through Western Louisiana, the Catholic Schools in Lake Charles were hard hit. When we reached out to see how we might be of assistance, their Diocese asked us to pair up with St. Margaret Catholic School in their recovery effort. St. Margaret – on Enterprise Boulevard – is a school very similar to our own. The principal said:

"Things are indeed overwhelming! Hurricane Laura caused a lot of damage." But adding insult to injury, "the mitigation company hired by our insurance carrier caused even more.

"They destroyed floors and ceiling tiles in classrooms with no apparent rhyme or reason. We were hoping to be teaching in temporary buildings by now, but some of our teachers have even lost all of their supplies. Tragically, the mitigation crew left the school unlocked. Looters entered the premises and stole thousands of dollars worth of technology and some money that was on hand.

"It's been devastating, but we are hopeful! Thank you again for reaching out to us."

So this weekend, in celebration of our 150th year we will have a special collection for St. Margaret Catholic School – **please help St. Margaret get back on her feet!**

COMMUNITY NEWS

Diocesan Marriage Anniversary

Liturgy of the Word for Couples Celebrating

25, 40, 50 and 60+ Years of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux is inviting all couples married in the Catholic church who are celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th (and beyond) anniversary during 2020 to one of two Diocesan Liturgies of the Word, which will be celebrated Sunday, November 8, 2020 or Sunday November 22, 2020 respectively at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral, both at 3:00 PM. The celebration will not be a Mass, but a Liturgy of the Word. If you wish to participate in this program, contact your church parish before September 18, 2020 to register. All registered anniversary couples will receive an inscribed diocesan certificate in their own church parish during their scheduled parish celebration.

Looking forward to celebrating with our anniversary couples!



Pass the Love Life Amendment to the Louisiana Constitution LoveLifeVoteYes.com

"ABORTION KILLS CHILDREN"

WHAT'S THE LOVE LIFE AMENDMENT?

In Louisiana, we love babies and their mothers. Sadly, 13 other states have protected abortion in their state constitutions. By passing the Love Life Amendment, we will protect life by making sure there is no right to abortion or the funding of abortion in the Louisiana Constitution.

WHEN IS THE VOTE?

The Love Life Amendment will be on the ballot on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, the same day as the Presidential election. Vote YES on 11/3/2020!

LEARN MORE & TAKE ACTION

- Visit LoveLifeVoteYes.com • Text LOVELIFE to 77222 • Follow Us @LoveLifeVoteYes • Call 1.866.463.5433



RED MASS

The annual Red Mass, for legal professionals and their staffs, will be celebrated on Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 12:00 PM at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral, Thibodaux. Bishop Shelton Fabre will be the presider and the homilist will be Thomas J. Rodi, Archbishop of Mobile, AL. Prior to his seminary studies, Archbishop Rodi earned a Juris Doctor from Tulane University in 1974 and was admitted to the Louisiana State Bar Association in the same year. He was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of New Orleans in 1978, Bishop of Biloxi in 2001 and appointed the fourth Archbishop of Mobile, AL in 2008. He also earned a Licentiate in Canon Law from the Catholic University of America and a Master of Divinity degree from Notre Dame Seminary. The Mass is open to legal professionals, their staffs, their families and to the public. Social distancing guidelines are to be observed.



ST. LUKE MASS

The annual St. Luke Mass, for medical and mental health professionals, is being celebrated on October 10-11, 2020 or October 17-18, 2020 at all Masses in our parish and all parishes in our diocese. The Mass will include a prayerful recognition of those in the medical and mental health professions as well as a blessing over them. We ask that medical professionals wear a distinctive uniform to Mass, and if mental health professionals have something distinctive to wear that represents their profession that they do so as well.

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 anti-abortion 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.

ASSISTANCE

Catholic Charities can assist those with rent and/or utilities if they have been affected by COVID shutdowns, loss of hours at work, or suffered some sort of injury or other illness that has prevented them from going to their places of employment and has set them back financially. If you or someone you know needs assistance you can access the online application here: <https://www.htdiocese.org/individual-and-family-assistance>

Catholic Social Teaching: Option for the Poor

There is the tendency to place ourselves and our ambitions at the center of our lives. This is very human, but it is not Christian. Pope Francis @Pontifex Sep 27

The vision of Isaiah is the vision of a God who wants good things for all people. In a world of poverty and injustice, Isaiah paints a vision of a God who provides for everyone generously. In a world of ethnic & racial division, Isaiah paints a vision of a God who destroys the veil/web that covers over and divides all people. In a world in which people are focused on money and the problems of the economy, Isaiah talks about discovering a God who saves us – a God with a liberating set of values. In a world, which continues to see so many tears and so much injustice, Isaiah paints the vision of a God who wants to wipe away those tears and bring us together in a new way.

This vision is repeated in Jesus' story of the wedding feast. What God wants is a great wedding feast – a feast that is open to all. God is unhappy when folks don't accept the invitation. "The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests." The vision is expressed in what we call today the "option for the poor." The vision is made concrete whenever we work to include those on the outside – those without power – minorities, women, immigrants, refugees, the elderly, the sick, those who don't fit our expectations and priorities.

In our fast paced and busy world, the story of Jesus reminds us of what can prevent us from sharing in the vision of Jesus. We get too busy with other things. We miss the invitation. Instead of taking advantage of the feast, we end up going our own way to buy a farm or manage a business. We become preoccupied with money or possessions. We can get separated from the vision of Jesus; we can miss out on the great wedding feast. We can be distracted by the various ideologies of our culture.

The excerpt from Philippians reminds us that the vision of Jesus is a vision of freedom – freedom to have a lot or a little, a freedom to come to the banquet and to share the banquet – freedom to share "in the glorious riches of Jesus Christ." It is the very opposite of the spirit that leaves a large percentage of the children in the US in poverty. It is the opposite of the spirit of war and terrorism. It is the very opposite of the spirit that puts us in a world of radical economic inequality and injustice. It is the very opposite of so many of the 'ungodly' spirits around us.

MINISTERS SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 17 & 18, 2020 Commentators

- 4:00 PM Carlisle Jukes
 7:00 AM Evelyn Ruckstuhl
 9:00 AM Tommy Chauvin
 11:00 AM David Haddad
 5:30 PM Ann Bates

Lectors

- 4:00 PM Brenda Tanner
 7:00 AM John Breaux
 9:00 AM Melanie Shipp
 11:00 AM Jenni McNabb
 5:30 PM Charles Sevin

Ministers of the Eucharist

- 4:00 PM Carl Soudelier, Anita Pearson, Mary Ann Rodrigue
 7:00 AM Paul Labat, Richard Guidry, Gail LeCompte
 9:00 AM Murke Trahan, Tammy Blanchard
 11:00 AM Rene Rhodes, Julie Rhodes, Carol Domangue
 5:30 PM Jenny Briggs, Curtis Briggs, Gina Danos



Pastoral Thoughts

As we enter into another election cycle, Catholics throughout the United States share an important opportunity to shape a nation ever more faithful to the mind and heart of Jesus Christ ... particularly as we experience his presence in the lessons of Scripture and the values embodied in Catholic Social Teaching. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has issued a 44-page document entitled: *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States*. Through a series of excerpts over the coming weeks, I hope to provide you with a summary of the Bishops' call.

Fr. Jay

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship (cont.)

"Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers. The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Economic justice calls for decent work at fair, living wages, opportunities for legal status for immigrant workers, and the opportunity for all people to work together for the common good through their work, ownership, enterprise, investment, participation in unions, and other forms of economic activity.

"Solidarity. We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. Our Catholic commitment to solidarity requires that we pursue justice, eliminate racism, end human trafficking, protect human rights, seek peace, and avoid the use of force except as a necessary last resort.

"Caring for God's Creation. Care for the earth is a duty of our Catholic faith. We all are called to be careful stewards of God's creation and to ensure a safe and hospitable environment for vulnerable human beings now and in the future.

"In light of Catholic teaching, as bishops we [Bishops of the United States] vigorously repeat our call for a renewed politics that focuses on moral principles, the defense of life, the needs of the weak, and the pursuit of the common good. This kind of political participation reflects the social teaching of our Church and the best traditions of our nation."

As we enter into an election year, Catholics throughout the United States share an important opportunity to shape a nation ever more faithful to the mind and heart of Jesus Christ ... particularly as we experience his presence in the lessons of Scripture and the values embodied in Catholic Social Teaching. Together, may we embrace the challenge given to us by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States*.