

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF
OCTOBER 19,- OCTOBER 25, 2020

- Monday - ISAIAH EPH 2:1-10 LK 12:13-21
St. Benedict
- Tuesday - ISAIAH EPH 2:12-22, LK 12:35-38
St. Bruno
- Wednesday - PHILIPPIANS EPH 3:2-12; LK 12:39-48
St. Mark, Pope
- Thursday - PHILIPPIANS EPH 3:14-21; LK 12:49-53
St. Pelagia
- Friday - MATTHEW Eph 4:1-6, LK 12:54-59
St. Abraham
- Saturday - IGNATIUS EPH 4:7-16, LK 13:1-9
St. Paulinus
- Sunday - MATTHEW EX 22:20-26;
1 THES 1:5C-10 MT 22:34-40
St. John XXIII



AFTERTHOUGHTS

"Give to God what is God's"
- inform your conscience!
"Give to Caesar what is Caesar's"
- exercise your right to vote!



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 Sponge, Lisa Collins Melancon, Linda Lee, J A Foret, Jason Chaisson, Donna Lapeyre, and for all prayer shawl recipients.

We also pray for all those who have recently 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

"Whose image is this and whose inscription?"
They replied, "Caesar's".

The image or name of emperors and kings was often embossed on the coins minted during their reign, both out of vanity (some even proclaimed themselves gods) and as a demonstration of dominance. During the life of Jesus the coins of the Roman Empire bore the image of Caesar. People living under Roman rule, either by choice or conquest, depended on Caesar for protection and commerce. Jesus recognizes the trap the Pharisees laid for him. They understood his response: To the extent that you depend on Caesar as the source of your life and existence, then "repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar." But, if you recognize and accept that you are made in the image and likeness of God; and acknowledge God as the source of all that you are, all that you have, and all that you ever will be, then "repay to God what belongs to God." Who is our God? Whom do we recognize as the source of all that we are? How do we repay to Him?

ALTER FLOWERS

*The beautiful Alter flowers were donated
by Family in memory of Megan Hitt.*

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday - October 12, 2020

Envelopes (155).....	\$ 13,479.00
Loose	\$ 466.00
Total	\$ 13,945.00

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.

SAINTS



28-Oct - St Jude -

*desperate situations, forgotten causes, hospitals,
hospital workers, impossible causes, lost causes*

CATHOLIC KORNER

Life in Christ: Explanations of Catholic Practice and Devotions:

This week we will learn about Canonization I:

What does it take to become a saint? A cause for canonization begins in a diocese, usually the diocese in which the person lived or died. In many cases, a group will petition the local bishop to open an investigation into the virtues of the person. Once the bishop agrees to open the investigation and begin the process, the person becomes known as "Servant of God."



This process normally begins five years or more after the person's death. The Pope has the authority to waive this rule, as was the case with Mother Theresa and Pope John Paul II.

A guild is then formed, tasked with doing a thorough investigation of the candidate's life, their writings, speeches and sermons. A detailed biography is written, and if there are living individuals who knew the person, they are interviewed.

From there the bishop presents the information gathered about the Servant of God to a Vatican office called the Congregation for the Causes of the Saints. The Congregation then assigns a postulator to the cause, whose job is to continue gathering more information about the Servant of God.

A Minute In The Church by Gus Lloyd

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

Matthew 25

Matthew 25 - The coordinators and team members of Matthew 25 develop plans for giving primary assistance and follow-up care to disaster victims, serving our parish and the greater community in the event of a hurricane, explosion, fire, or flood. This team also promotes disaster preparedness for parishioners, as being prepared is a key element in its success. Call the rectory office for more information at 876-6904.

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://hdiocese.org/coronavirus>

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

THE TIE-IN – ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In the Gospel today Jesus says: "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." When God is the center of our lives there is no problem with giving others their due.

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you are helping your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless and frightened to know that they belong to God.

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>

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
- Monday – Candy Archila – Home: 985-868-1792 – jarchila@bellsouth.net
- 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



COMMUNITY NEWS

“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

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!

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.

Family Corner / Bible Challenge starts this Sunday!

Bishop Frank (of Bridgeport, Connecticut) invites your family to participate in his diocesan Bible Challenge. For 6 weeks, on Sunday your family receives an email with a chosen passage and reflection questions. Then on Wednesday, you receive another email with a quiz about the passage as well as general Catholic knowledge. Families can join at any time and all reflections and quizzes are archived online for easy access. And it's FREE!

<https://familybiblechallenge.org>

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES MASS FOR AFRICAN-AMERICAN CATHOLICS

Bishop Shelton Fabre will preside over the annual St. Martin de Porres Mass for African-American Catholics on Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 7:00 PM at St. Luke Church, Thibodaux. This culturally African-American

Mass is open to all. St. Martin de Porres, a Dominican brother, is known for his dedicated service to the poor in Lima, Peru, his openness to people of all races and his mystical experiences of prayer. The son of a woman of either African or South American Indian heritage, St. Martin is the patron of Catholics of African heritage and the secondary patron of the Province of New Orleans. November is observed in the Catholic Church as African-American Catholic Heritage Month.

AMERICAN INDIAN MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Bishop Shelton Fabre will preside over the annual American Indian Mass of Thanksgiving on Friday, November 20, 2020 at 6:30 PM at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Pointe-aux-Chenes. This culturally American Indian Mass is open to all. By an annual presidential proclamation, November is observed in the United States as National Native American Heritage Month. According to the President of the United States, "This November and every month, we celebrate the culture and heritage of these remarkable Americans who deeply enrich the quality and character of our Nation." As our nation celebrates the national heritage of American Indians, we in our diocese celebrate their Catholic heritage, and in this month of thanksgiving offer our gratitude to God.



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.

THE WEEKEND OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:



TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call- to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions.

Thank you for your generosity.

Catholic Social Teaching: Solidarity

Demands involving the distribution of wealth, concern for the poor and human rights cannot be suppressed under the guise of creating a consensus on paper or a transient peace for a contented minority. The dignity of the human person and the common good rank higher than the comfort of those who refuse to renounce their privileges. When these values are threatened, a prophetic voice must be raised.

– Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, 218

The scriptures today remind us that God and the spirit of God ultimately transcend all other times. From the perspective of faith, Isaiah is not afraid of saying that even the great Persian king Cyrus is really an instrument of God. God will use Cyrus as his instrument in order to "break the yoke" of the Babylonians and enable his chosen people to return to their homes.

The Gospel of St. Matthew puts the Pharisees and Herodians up against Paul and Cyrus. The Pharisees and to a lesser extent the Herodians were looked upon as the leaders of the people, both political and religious. The two groups (parties), although on the opposite ends of the political spectrum, both saw Jesus and his teaching as a threat to their authority. The Pharisees and Herodians try to engage Jesus in some sort of political game – much like the political games that are played out today in political discourse and in the media. Jesus refuses to play. He keeps his perspective much broader.

The words of Jesus in the passage from St. Matthew are the key to the message today. "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar/and to God what belongs to God." "What belongs to God? We may ask.

As we deal with the complex financial problems of the wealthy nations of the world, we must continue a commitment to seek policies that support the common good of all. As we deal with the problems of our financial markets, we don't want to forget the people of the less developed world who have been living in poverty and oppressed by debt.

As we continue to observe human rights violations in various places in the world, we must speak up in opposition. We must speak up for those who are left out and have no power. We hear again the call of Jesus not to forget the things of God a God who calls for liberation and justice for all.

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>

MINISTERS SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 24 & 25, 2020

Commentators

- 4:00 PM Jude Fanguy
7:00 AM Jody Duet
9:00 AM Jerome Zeringue
11:00 AM Wendy LeBouef
5:30 PM Bubba Watkins

Lectors

- 4:00 PM Yvonne Fanguy
7:00 AM John Breau
9:00 AM James Watkins
11:00 AM Ernie Perry
5:30 PM Carla Peeler

Ministers of the Eucharist

- 4:00 PM Robert Strada, Judith Archila, Donna Lapeyre
7:00 AM Cathy Duet, Bill Blanchard, Ellen Blanchard
9:00 AM Dales Norred, Tammy Blanchard
11:00 AM Norman Simon, James Goodwin, Mary Ann Goodwin
5:30 PM Kelli Cazayoux, Patricia Whipple, Mike Amico

