

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

OF OCTOBER 26,- NOVEMBER 01, 2020

- Monday - ISAIAH EPH 4:32-5:8, LK 13:10-17  
**St. Benedict**
- Tuesday - ISAIAH EPH 5:21-33, LK 13:18-21  
**St. Bruno**
- Wednesday - PHILIPPIANS EPH 2:19-22, LK 6:12-16  
**St. Mark, Pope**
- Thursday - PHILIPPIANS EPH 6:10-20, LK 13:31-35  
**St. Pelagia**
- Friday - MATTHEW PHIL 1:1-11, LK 14:1-6  
**St. Abraham**
- Saturday - IGNATIUS PHIL 1:18B-26, LK 14:1, 7-11  
**St. Paulinus**
- Sunday - MATTHEW RV 7:2-4, 9-14, 1 JN 3:1-3, MT 5:1-12A  
**St. John XXIII**

AFTERTHOUGHTS

Jesus makes a startling theological point in today's Gospel: We most authentically witness to our love of God – whom we cannot see – by loving of neighbor – whom we can. How's that working out for you?

**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, Linda Lee, JAForet, 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

*"The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."*

Pope Benedict XVI tells the great story of the man who went to Rabbi Shamai and asked if he could recite all of the law and the prophets of Israel while standing on one foot. Rabbi Shamai said it was impossible. So the man went to Rabbi Hillel and asked him the same question. Rabbi Hillel lifted one foot and said, "What you do not want others to do to you, do not do to them." Then he put his foot down. Jesus reflects Hillel in the Golden Rule [Matthew 7:12] and reminds his questioners and us of *Deuteronomy 6:5* and *Leviticus 19:18*. Both Hillel and Jesus knew that their questioners were looking for a way out, a way around the law, a loophole. But there is none. In fact, Jesus ups the ante. He commands us to love our enemies. And just before he goes out to be brutally tortured and crucified, he says, "Love one another as I have loved you." When we see Jesus face to face, what will we have to say to Him about how well we have done?

St. Margaret

On October 11, 2020 we reached out to our parishioners to be of assistance, with St. Margaret Catholic School in Lake Charles, LA in their recovery effort from Hurricane Laura. St. Margaret is a school very similar to our own. Damages were indeed overwhelming for their parish school. With your generosity, we were able to collect \$ 7,173.00 to assist in support of rebuilding. THANK you for your generous support.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The beautiful Altar flowers were donated In memory of Harry Chemin, by Nelly Chemin & Children.

SANCTUARY LIGHT



Church  
In Loving Memory of Dr. William Walsh by Shirley Walsh.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT  
Sunday – October 18, 2020

Envelopes (96).....	\$ 5,610.00
Loose .....	\$ 552.00
Total .....	\$ 6,162.00

PARISH NEWS

THE TIE-IN – ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In this Sunday's Gospel we find the truth that loving God isn't merely a matter of fervor in our hearts, but that it must be expressed in doing good for the sake of others.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to show that we indeed love our neighbors by assisting families, providing food and assist with utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

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



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 II:

The steps to sainthood in the Catholic Church are Servant of God, Venerable, Blessed and Saint.

When a bishop's petition has been accepted by the Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of the Saints concerning a Servant of God, the Congregation recommends to the Pope that he make a proclamation of that person's heroic virtue. Once that proclamation is issued, the person then receives the title of Venerable. A Venerable does not have a feast day, and no churches may be built in his or her honor. The Church also does not make any decree on that person's presence in heaven. Prayer cards may be printed up encouraging the faithful to seek the intercession of the Venerable and to pray for a miracle through that intercession. If a miracle does occur through the intercession of the Venerable, then that person takes the next step and is beatified, given the title "Blessed." Beatification is a statement by the Church that it is "worthy of belief" that that person is in heaven. A Blessed is given a feast day, though not for the universal Church. Blessed's feast days are normally celebrated in their home diocese, or other locations that were associated with the person.

*From there, the final step on the road to Sainthood is canonization.*

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

**Music - Cathedral Choir** - This group includes song leaders (cantors), organists, instrumentalists and choir members. Choir Leader is Leslie Van Osedale.

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

## 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](mailto:donnalapeyre@yahoo.com)

Monday – Candy Archila – Home: 985-868-1792 – [jarchila@bellsouth.net](mailto:jarchila@bellsouth.net)

Tuesday – Therese Oubre – Home: 985-226-2252 - Mobile: 225-329-6757 – [tsoubre@att.net](mailto:tsoubre@att.net)

Wednesday – Melanie Babin: 985-709-3754 - [mbabin1@comcast.net](mailto:mbabin1@comcast.net)

Thursday – Melva Fournier – Home: 985-873-7593 – Mobile: 985-226-7800 - [melfour816@gmail.com](mailto:melfour816@gmail.com)

Friday – Ana Vice – Mobile: 985-852-8110 – [abvice1@gmail.com](mailto:abvice1@gmail.com)

Saturday – Sue LeBlanc – Home: 985-879-2866 – Mobile: 985-688-9044 - [leblancsss@yahoo.com](mailto: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](http://LoveLifeVoteYes.com) • Text [LOVELIFE](tel:77222) to 77222 • Follow Us @[LoveLifeVoteYes](https://twitter.com/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!*

## MEMORIAL MASS:

St. Francis de Sales Cathedral invites you and your family to our annual Memorial Mass on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at the 5:30 PM Mass. At this Eucharistic Celebration, we will remember by name our departed brothers and sisters who have passed from this life in the past year in the hope of the resurrection. Please join with us in this beautiful remembrance of life and love, as we pray for them and their families.

## THE WEEK AFTER WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:

**THANK YOU** for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. Our parish raised \$727.00. You may stay connected year-round to the Pope's missions, continuing the commitment of World Mission Sunday, by visiting [MISSIO.org](http://MISSIO.org).

## 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.

## 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>



## 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.

## 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.

## Catholic Social Teaching:

### Option for the Poor

In teaching us charity, the Gospel instructs us in the preferential respect due to the poor and the special situation they have in society: the more fortunate should renounce some of their rights so as to place their goods more generously at the service of others.

*-Pope Paul VI, Call to Action, 23*

In the gospel today, Jesus affirms that both love of God and love of neighbor are essential to our life as Christians and as human beings.

The first reading presents challenging examples, which makes this love very concrete.

Exodus gives very clear instructions.

- Aliens, widows and orphans are not to be oppressed.
- Interest is not to be demanded from the poor, to whom money is lent. Love is not just an emotion.

It moves us to care for those who are most in need.

It calls us to consider the needs of people and not just our personal economic security.

It calls us to be in solidarity with those in need and to see things for the perspective of the other.

It calls us to learn from one another and to be transformed.

It calls us to focus on the common good and not just our personal gain.

Love leads to action.

We are reminded of Catholic Social Teaching's demand for a preferential love for the poor.

We must ask ourselves: who are the aliens, widows and orphans today? Are they being oppressed in any way?

How can we as individuals and a society show them a love that is made concrete? What are the structures in our society and our government that will promote such justice? How can we learn and grow together "serve the living God?"

— Education for Justice Lectionary Reflections Fr. John Bucki, S.J.

## MINISTERS SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 31 & NOVEMBER 1, 2020

### Commentators

4:00 PM Becky Boudloche  
7:00 AM Jerry Dover  
9:00 AM Mona Prejean  
11:00 AM Earl Eues  
5:30 PM Charles Sevin

### Lectors

4:00 PM Lawrence Robinson  
7:00 AM Denise Dover  
9:00 AM Tommy Chauvin  
11:00 AM Madeline Picou  
5:30 PM Ginny Hamilton

### Ministers of the Eucharist

4:00 PM Carl Soudelier, Anita Pearson, Mary Ann Rodrigue  
7:00 AM Paul Labat, Carla Exnicious, Gail LeCompte  
9:00 AM Cathy Duet, Jody Duet, Tammy Blanchard  
11:00 AM Michael D'Angelo, Michelle Hoychick, Jane Lirette  
5:30 PM Randy Bethancourt, Adrienne Bethancourt, Gia Holekamp

