

**SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK
OF NOVEMBER 02,- NOVEMBER 08, 2020**

- Monday** - ISAIAH WIS 3:1-9, ROM 6:3-9, JN 6:37-40
St. Benedict
- Tuesday** - ISAIAH PHIL 2:5-11, LK 14:15-24
St. Bruno
- Wednesday** - PHILIPPIANS PHIL 2:12-18, LK 14:25-33
St. Charles Borromeo
- Thursday** - PHILIPPIANS PHIL 3:3-8A, LK 15:1-10
St. Pelagia
- Friday** - MATTHEW PHIL 3:17—4:1, LK 16:1-8
St. Abraham
- Saturday** - IGNATIUS PHIL 4:10-19, LK 16:9-15
St. Paulinus
- Sunday** - MATTHEW WIS 6:12-16, 1 THES 4:13-18
OR 4:13-14, MT 25:1-13 – St. John XXIII

AFTERTHOUGHTS

All the Saints are the great company of God's people in every age and generation whose life we still share in. Blessed are we who follow their example.

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 Ugel, Monica Guidroz, Mark Voisin, Sybil Trahan, Bonnie Esponge, Lisa Collins Melancon, Linda Lee, JA Foret, Jason Chaisson, Donna Lapeyre, Alana Smith Breaux, Karen Breaux, 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

“He began to teach them, saying: . . .”

The Mount of the Beatitudes is at the northwest side of the Sea of Galilee. A small chapel surrounded by a wide balcony provides a panoramic view of the Sea and adjoining hill that slopes down to the water like the end zone of a football stadium. The prevailing winds carry sound up the hill without aid of electronic speakers. People gathered on the slopes to listen to a carpenter whose Life was a Reflection of his Words and a Testament that such Truth and Wisdom is from God. Patriarch Elias Chacour of the Melkite Catholic in the northwest of Israel and southwest of Syria speaks Aramaic, the language Jesus spoke. He says the Beatitudes were NOT Passive, but a Challenge by Jesus to the people who gathered, and to us, to “Get up and do something” to: Identify with the Poor; Mourn the Dead and Help their Survivors; Be Polite and Cooperative; Feed the Hungry; Be Merciful; Have a Pure Heart; Make Peace by Confronting Evil; and Endure Persecution for what Right. When we do all that we will truly be BLESSED.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The beautiful Altar flowers were donated by the Alter Society, In memory of Deceased Altar Society members.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

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

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT
Sunday – October 25, 2020**

Envelopes (162).....	\$ 9424.00
Loose	\$ 761.01
Total	\$ 10,185.01

PARISH NEWS

THE TIE-IN – ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In the Gospel today, we hear the good news that when we keep our focus on God and serve one another, God exalts us! As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, please say a special prayer for the poor who have no one to pray for them. 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>



**ELECTION DAY
DAY OF PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY**

St. Francis de Sales will again host a day of prayer for our country on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, 2020, beginning at 11:00am and ending at 3:30pm. A rosary will be prayed at the top of each hour, with the Divine Mercy Chaplet prayed at 3:00pm, followed immediately by Benediction. Visitors are welcome all during the day but we will need at least two adorers before the Blessed Sacrament all day. Please stop by for a visit to pray for this most important election! Our country and our leaders need our prayers!

**MINISTERS SCHEDULE
WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 7 & NOVEMBER 8, 2020
No Ministers Schedule to report at this time.**

SAINTS



- 3-Nov - St Hubert -**
archers, dogs, hunters, forest workers, mathematicians, opticians,
- 3-Nov- St Martin de Porres -**
african-americans, barbers, social justice, hair stylist, poor, public education, racial harmony, television
- 4-Nov- St Charles -**
abdominal pain, colic, intestinal disorders, ulcers, bishops, catechists, catechumens, seminarians, spiritual leaders
- 5-Nov- St Zachary -**
peace, coming of messiah

CATHOLIC KORNER

Life in Christ:

**Explanations of Catholic Practice and Devotions:
This week we will learn about Canonization III:**

The final step on the road to Sainthood in the Catholic Church is canonization. In order to be beatified and receive the title “Blessed, one miracle has to be attributed to the intercession of that person. If a second miracle occurs through the intercession of the Blessed, that paves the way for canonization.



When someone is canonized, the Church is making a declaration that that person is in heaven. The saint is given a feast day which may be celebrated anywhere, though may not necessarily be an obligatory feast day for the universal Church. Churches may be built in his or her honor and all the faithful may celebrate and honor the saint.

Canonization is always at the discretion of and approved by the Pope. In fact, the Pope has the authority to canonize people outside the nonnal process through what is called “equipollent canonization.” The most recent three Popes- John Paul II, Benedict XVI and Francis - have canonized more saints than all of their predecessors. Let us thank God for all of these holy men and women and pray that we may imitate their holiness and seek their intercession.

A Minute In The Church by Gus Lloyd

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>

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 - Young Adult Music Ministry - A group of adult musicians who play for the 5:30PM Mass and various events. Contact Karl Haydel at 381-3574 for more information.

November 2020 Mass Intentions

All USA service men & women	November 1, 2020	Sun 11am
Barry Songy	November 1, 2020	Sun 9am
Isabelle St. Pierre Callahan	November 1, 2020	Sun 11am
Isabelle St. Pierre Callahan	November 1, 2020	Sun 5:30pm
John Bolduc	November 1, 2020	Sun 11am
Howard “Buck” Oubre	November 6,2020	Friday 12:05pm
Howard “Buck” Oubre	November 7,2020	Sat 8:30am
Jason Adam Dupont	November 8, 2020	Sun 9am
John Bolduc	November 8, 2020	Sun 11am
Betty Lovell	November 9,2020	Daily 5:30pm
Therese & Buck Oubre	November 13,2020	Friday 12:05pm
Msgr. John Newfield	November 15,2020	Sun 11am
Barry Songy	November 15, 2020	Sun 9am
John Bolduc	November 15, 2020	Sun 11am
Ivy Smith	November 15,2020	Sun 11am
Mr. Addie Lee & Mrs. Hazel Domangue	November 20, 2020	Daily 12:05am
Bradley Cinnater	November 22, 2020	Sun 11am
Dr. Victor Tedesco	November 22, 2020	Sun 11am
Herbert Louviere	November 22, 2020	Sun 11am
Howard Oubre	November 22, 2020	Sun 11am
Barry Songy Sr	November 22, 2020	Sun 11am
John Bolduc	November 22, 2020	Sun 11am
Lucas Marcello	November 22, 2020	Sun 11am
Terry LeBlanc	November 22, 2020	Sun 11am
Sister Rosario O’Connell	November 26,2020	Daily 5:30pm
Jason Adam Dupont	November 26, 2020	Daily 5:30pm
Isabelle St. Pierre Callahan	November 26, 2020	Daily 5:30pm
Barry Songy	November 29, 2020	Sun 9am
John Bolduc	November 29, 2020	Sun 11am

Weekly Contribution Envelopes

Weekly contribution envelopes will be available for pick up after all Masses on the weekends of November 14th and November 21st, 2020. Envelopes are labeled with the recipient's name and envelope number and will be in alphabetical order. Volunteers will be available to assist you in finding your set of envelopes if assistance is needed. You can also stop by the office before or after those weekends to pick up your set. Questions - call the rectory at 876-6904.

Workbook for Lectors

The Workbook for Lectors for Year B - 2021 are in the sacristy, located in the area directly behind altar for pick-up. Every lector has a book with his or her name on the label. Couples have one book with both names on the label. All books are in alphabetical order for easy access. Please be sure to pick up your copy when you attend Mass. The new workbooks take effect the first week of Advent, November 29th. If you do not see a book with your name on it, please contact the rectory at 876-6904.

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

Please vote YES on Amendment #1 which states: "Do you support an amendment declaring that, to protect human life, a right to abortion and the funding of abortion shall not be found in the Louisiana Constitution?" (Vote Yes)

The immediate impact of this amendment is to make sure that Louisiana's current pro-life laws passed by our legislators cannot be undermined by state judges. These laws reflect the will of our citizens and include basic protections such as informed consent, parental consent, ultrasound laws, and laws to protect unborn babies at the 4th month of pregnancy and beyond. In recent years, law firms based in New York representing businesses that sell abortion have petitioned state courts to "discover" a right to abortion in the state constitution. Judges have declared a right to abortion in 13 other states, allowing abortion in some states through all 9 months. Without Amendment #1, it could happen in Louisiana. This amendment will ensure that Louisiana judges cannot establish a right to abortion or the tax-funding of abortion in the Louisiana Constitution.

Amendment #1 does not ban any form of abortion. The question of whether abortion is legal or not, and in what cases, depends on federal and state law, not the Louisiana Constitution. Because of this, Amendment #1 is silent on issues of "exceptions" such as rape and incest. Also, Louisiana law already differentiates between abortion and a physician acting to save the life of the mother. Your vote on this amendment is simply about keeping policy decisions in the democratic process through legislators, not judges. (For more information go to LoveLifeVoteYes.com)



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!

ADVENT

The Two-fold Character of Advent

"Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation" (Universal

Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar #39, hereafter Universal Norms).

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>



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.

**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.

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

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.