

**SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF
NOVEMBER 09,- NOVEMBER 15, 2020**

- Monday** - ISAIAH EZ 47:1-2, 8-9, 12,
1 COR 3:9C-11, 16-17, JN 2:13-22
St. Benedict
- Tuesday** - ISAIAH TI 2:1-8, 11-14, Lk 17:7-10
St. Bruno
- Wednesday** - PHILIPPIANS TI 3:1-7, Lk 17:11-19
St. Charles Borromeo
- Thursday** - PHILIPPIANS PHMN 7-20, LK 17:20-25
St. Pelagia
- Friday** - MATTHEW 2 JN 4-9, LK 17:26-37
St. Abraham
- Saturday** - IGNATIUS 3 JN 5-8, LK 18:1-8
St. Paulinus
- Sunday** - MATTHEW PRV 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31,
1 THES 5:1-6, MT 25:14-30
St. John XXIII

AFTERTHOUGHTS

Upon hearing this parable in our own day and age, we may quickly wonder why the wise virgins didn't share their oil. But in the time of Jesus, "oil" was a symbol of "good works." Do you have enough good works to light the way for the Lord when he comes?

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, J A 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

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The parable of the five wise virgins who brought extra oil and the five unwise who did not seems to suggest that Jesus was a Boy Scout and was well aware of their motto, "Be Prepared." It is more likely that the Boy Scouts were aware of that parable, and others, and based their motto on the teaching of Jesus. People who live in areas prone to hurricanes, earthquakes, tornados, blizzards and other climate or geology related events know the value of being prepared. Jesus clearly meant that being prepared involved more than having an extra vile of oil for a lamp or the right supplies and equipment in the event of an emergency. He intended that we should live our life always prepared to grow in the understanding and use of all the talents, abilities and gifts God has given to each of us, to the best of our ability, for ourselves and for others. That is truly "being prepared," especially the part about using all that God has given us *for others*.

ALTAR FLOWERS

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

SANCTUARY LIGHT

Church

In Loving Memory of Ernest, Betty, & Sadi Mabile by Mark, Tobi, & Rhea Mabile.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday – November 01, 2020

This week's collections will be posted on bulletin November 15, 2020 due to printing company being temporarily closed.

PARISH NEWS

THE TIE-IN – ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In today's Gospel Jesus challenges us to "stay awake" by taking time to seriously look at ourselves, the priorities of our lives, and how we are growing spiritually.

Ask yourself "What would Jesus Christ do?" and then put your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box so that those who are suffering will be able to celebrate Thanksgiving.

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?

Look for this button on our church website.

St. Francis de sales - ParishSOFT On-Line Giving

<http://www.stfrancisdesaleshouma.org/on-line-giving.html>

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.



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
- 15-Nov - St Albert -**
medical technicians, scientists, philosophers, schoolchildren, students

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Music - Youth Choir Music Ministry - Singers who are ages 7 years through high school may participate. Contact the Heidi Cehan at 258-1046.

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>

**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.

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
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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
Msr. 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

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



VETERANS DAY – NOVEMBER 11, 2020

Veteran's Day is a tribute to military veterans who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Originating in 1919 when President Woodrow Wilson marked a year since the end of the First World War. Not to be confused with Memorial Day, which honors those who died while in service, Veterans Day honors all military veterans, including the living. Thank you for your service!

PRAYER FOR OUR VETERANS

God of peace, we pray for those who have served our nation and have laid down their lives to protect and defend our freedom. We pray for those who have fought, whose spirits and bodies are scarred by war, whose nights are haunted by memories too painful for the light of day. We pray for those who serve us now, especially for those in harm's way. Shield them from danger and bring them home. Turn the hearts and minds of our leaders and our enemies to the work of justice and peace, we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COLLECTION – NOVEMBER 15, 2020 BAYOU CATHOLIC

A special collection will be held in all churches of the diocese the weekend of Nov. 14-15 for the Bayou Catholic Magazine. The Bayou Catholic is the official magazine for the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux. Your donation helps spread the Good News! Thank you for your support.

ANNA'S ALLIES - NOVEMBER 18, 2020

"She never left the temple, but worshipped night and day with fasting and prayer."

Luke 2:37

Anna's Allies will meet at 11:00 AM on the third Wednesday of each month. We will be offering the rosary for the sick and dying of the parish and those on the prayer list in our bulletin. This ministry is open to all, men and women! If you are interested in praying with us - simply come and join us in the Cathedral!

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>

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 from 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
No Ministers schedule to report at this time.

CATHOLIC KORNER

Life in Christ: Explanations of Catholic Practice and Devotions: This week we will learn about Confession:

Confession seems to be the lost sacrament. Many years ago there were typically long lines for Confession. Now it seems few want to avail themselves of the many graces of the sacrament. Some people stay away from Confession so long they forget how to do it. Here's a brief reminder.



First, preparation begins before ever getting in line for Confession. One must do an examination of conscience and reflect on one's sins. There are many great resources available to help with this. A great place to start is the Ten Commandments.

It used to be that confession was done through a screen in a confessional box. Nowadays most parishes offer confession either face to face with the priest or anonymously through a screen, whichever the penitent is most comfortable with.

Confession begins with the sign of the cross. Sometimes the priest will say a brief prayer for a good confession. The penitent then says, "Bless me Father, for I have sinned. My last confession was (time of last confession.)"

The penitent then confesses all of his/her sins. It is especially important to confess any and all mortal sins. Venial sins may be confessed as well. The priest listens, may give spiritual counsel, gives a penance, usually certain prayers or actions, and prays the prayer of absolution.

As for the penitent, the Catechism of the Catholic Church (paragraph 1450) says this: "Penance requires...the sinner to endure all things willingly, be contrite of heart, confess with the lips, and practice complete humility and fruitful satisfaction."

Finally, The Church says that "each of the faithful is bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year." If you haven't been to Confession for some time, make it a point to do so ASAP. You'll be amazed at God's mercy and healing!

A Minute In The Church by Gus Lloyd