

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

OF NOVEMBER 16,- NOVEMBER 22, 2020

- Monday** - ISAIAH RV 1:1-4; 2:1-5, LK 18:35-43
St. Benedict
- Tuesday** - ISAIAH RV 3:1-6, 14-22, LK 19:1-10
St. Bruno
- Wednesday**- PHILIPPIANS RV 4:1-11, Lk 19:11-28
St. Charles Borromeo
- Thursday** - PHILIPPIANS RV 5:1-10, LK 19:41-44
St. Pelagia
- Friday** - MATTHEW RV 10:8-11, LK 19:45-48
St. Abraham
- Saturday** - IGNATIUS RV 11:4-12, Lk 20:27-40
St. Paulinus
- Sunday** - MATTHEW EZ 34:11-12, 15-17,
1 COR 15:20-26, 28, MT 25:31-46
St. John XXIII

AFTERTHOUGHTS

“You have your ‘talents,’ your gifts: my Church and your conscience, my grace and your good sense. Trade with them till I come back.”
- Jesus

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 Espouge, Lisa Collins Melancon, Linda Lee, J A Foret, Jason Chaisson, Donna Lapeyre, Alana Smith Breaux, Karen Breaux, Kellie Corte, Sonny & Patty West, 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

“Well done my good and faithful servant. . . “



In golf a short put is called a *gimme*. In tennis, a high, lofting return near the net is called a *lob*. In baseball four balls will get you a *walk*. And in basketball a ball passed to a tall forward or center over the goal is called a *slam dunk*. For a writer

seeking to convey a message about the nature and consequences of being a good steward, today’s Gospel reading is a *gimme*, a *lob*, a *walk* and a *slam dunk*. We can learn that God created each of us with a vast array of talents, abilities and gifts, and free will to choose to accept and use them for ourselves and for others; or to reject them. What an awesome God! What an awesome gift! What an awesome responsibility! What an awesome reward for being a good steward! But the consequence for failing to be the good stewards God expects us to be is awesome. Take some time this week to reflect several times on the Gospel passage for today. How have we done with our stewardship? Can we do more?

SANCTUARY LIGHT

Church
*In Loving Memory of Howard Buck Oubre
by Mr. & Mrs. Carroll J Bergeron.*

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday – November 01, 2020	
Envelopes (137).....	\$ 7,456 .00
Loose	\$ 878.00
Total	\$ 8,334.00
Sunday – November 08, 2020	
Envelopes (213).....	\$ 11,171.00
Loose	\$ 620 .00
Total	\$ 11,791.00

PARISH NEWS

THE TIE-IN – ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The good news of today’s Gospel is the extravagance of what is being given us. All we need do is be faithful in “small matters.” The cost of fidelity has no comparison to the reward given.

When you give the furniture, household items and clothing you no longer use to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you are sharing God’s extravagant love.

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>



CATHOLIC KORNER

**Life in Christ:
Explanations of Catholic Practice and Devotions:**

This week we will learn about
Confession to a Priest:

The Church says that confessing serious sins to a priest in the Sacrament of Penance must be done “at least once a year.”

Need to confess my sins to a priest? Why can’t I just go directly to Jesus?” The answer is simple. In the Sacrament of Penance, we do go directly to Jesus!

You see, in the Sacrament of Penance (also called Confession or Reconciliation), the priest is acting “in persona Christi.” This Latin phrase means “in the person of Christ.” This means that Christ is truly present in the sacrament in the person of the priest. The priest is conformed in a special way to Christ through the sacrament of Holy Orders. Thus, only a priest can hear confessions and offer absolution.

Many parishes will have Penance services during Lent and Advent. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (paragraph 1482) says this: “Here, the personal confession of sins and individual absolution

are inserted into a liturgy of the word of God with readings and a homily, an examination of conscience conducted in common, and communal request for forgiveness, the Our Father and a thanksgiving in common.” Know that these Penance services do not offer general absolution. Individual confession is still required.

While general absolution can be administered in very rare cases, the Catechism (paragraph 1484) says, “Individual, integral confession and absolution remain the only ordinary way for the faithful to reconcile themselves with God and the Church, unless physical or moral impossibility excuses from this kind of confession. Personal confession is thus the form most expressive of reconciliation with God and with the Church.”

A Minute In The Church by Gus Lloyd

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Pastoral Council - This ministry is an elected group of parishioners who serve as an advisory council to assist the Pastor and parish staff in developing and promoting the mission of the parish. Members respond to the pastoral needs and cares of the parishioners. The Pastoral Council meets once a month.

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>

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
Jimmy Cox	November 15, 2020	Sun 11am
Ivy Smith	November 15,2020	Sun 11am
Patti & Lance Kirby	November 18,2020	Daily 5:30pm
William P Walsh	November 18,2020	Daily 5:30pm
William V & May Walsh	November 19,2020	Daily 5:30pm
CG Keplinger	November 19,2020	Daily 5:30pm
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
Oron (Buck) Stutzman	November 26, 2020	Daily 5:30pm
Barry Songy	November 29, 2020	Sun 9am
John Bolduc	November 29, 2020	Sun 11am
Jimmy Cox	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.

RIGHT TO LIFE CALENDARS - NOVEMBER 21-22, 2020

The calendars will be offered after all Masses the weekend of November 21-22. A donation is greatly appreciated. Proceeds support Terrebonne-Lafourche Right to Life in its efforts to stop abortion.



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

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT - COLLECTION - NOVEMBER 22, 2020

In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. You assist community leaders who work to expand access to affordable housing, health care, and education. The collection also supports the development of worker-owned businesses, and advocates for changes to structures that keep people in poverty. Twenty-five percent of funds collected remain in each diocese to support local anti-poverty projects. Facts about poverty and success stories from groups supported through the annual CCHD collection can be found by visiting: www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

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).

**Sunday, November 29, 2020
First Sunday of Advent**



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>

MINISTERS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 21
& NOVEMBER 22, 2020

No Ministers schedule to report at this time.

SAINTS

17-Nov- St Elizabeth of Hungary-
bakers, brides, charities, homeless, hospitals,
widows, toothaches

22-Nov – St Celcilia -
composers, music, musicians, poets, singers, martyrs

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.

