

**SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK**

**OF NOVEMBER 23,- NOVEMBER 29, 2020**

- Monday** - ISAIAH Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5, LK 21:1-4  
**St. Benedict**
- Tuesday** - ISAIAH RV 14:14-19, LK 21:5-11  
**St. Bruno**
- Wednesday** - PHILIPPIANS RV 15:1-4, LK 21:12-19  
**St. Charles Borromeo**
- Thursday** - PHILIPPIANS Sir 50:22-24, 1 Cor 1:3-9, Lk 17:11-19  
**St. Pelagia**
- Friday** - MATTHEW RV 20:1-4, 11—21:2, LK 21:29-33  
**St. Abraham**
- Saturday** - IGNATIUS RV 22:1-7, LK 21:34-36  
**St. Paulinus**
- Sunday** - MATTHEW IS 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7, 1 COR 1:3-9, MK 13:33-37  
**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 Sponge, 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 Beryl Theriot

**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.*



**OFFICE CLOSED – THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS**

The Church Office will be closed  
**Wednesday, November 25-Friday, November 27, 2020**  
for the Thanksgiving Holidays.

*Thank you, Father, for having created us and given us to each other in the human family. Thank you for being with us in all our joys and sorrows, for your comfort in our sadness, your companionship in our loneliness. Thank you for yesterday, today, tomorrow and for the whole of our lives. Thank you for family and friends, for health and for grace. May we live this and every day conscious of all that has been given to us. Amen.*

**Legion Park  
Christmas Project 2020**

As a Bread or Stones Congregation, St. Francis de Sales Cathedral will once again pair up with St. Matthews Episcopal Church to help make the season bright for the children at Legion Park School!

In the midst of the struggles of this Covid-19 Pandemic, the children are in even greater need of support, yet still have hopes of a Christmas bright!! And as we struggle in our own trials of this lockdown, knowing that we are lifting the spirits of a child at Christmas will enhance our own experience of the Christmas season.

Due to Covid, many students opted for homeschooling, therefore we will have approximately 100 fewer children this year. Also, to make it a little easier we are not supplying clothing for the children this year, only toys, games and educational material!

We are asking that the bags be returned no later than the weekend of December 12 & 13. You can return bags back to the vestibule of the church at any Mass you attend, or bring directly to the rectory. A gift list is included with each bag to help with suggestions. If you would like to help please contact the rectory.

Ms. Sharri McGuire, Principal, and her staff, appreciate that our parishes continue to support the school, as they struggle to comply with Covid protocol while continuing their incredible progress in the education of these children.

No doubt our St. Francis de Sales parish community will accept and meet the challenge to provide every child with a gift.



**CATHOLIC KORNER**

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

**This week we will learn about Conscience:**

Moral theologians often refer to the "primacy of conscience." The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 1776-1802) speaks at no small length about conscience.

What exactly is conscience? The Catechism (CCC 1778) says this: "Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act that he is going to perform, is in the process of performing, or has already completed. In all he says and does, man is obliged to follow faithfully what he knows to be just and right"

In paragraph 1782, the Catechism says, "Man has the right to act in conscience and in freedom so as personally to make moral decisions. 'He must not be forced to act contrary to his conscience.

Nor must he be prevented from acting according to his conscience, especially in religious matters." And in paragraph 1790, this: "A human being must always obey the certain judgment of his con- science."

Does this mean one's conscience is always right? Well, no. Our conscience must be "well-formed." The Catechism (CCC 1783) says, "A well-formed conscience is upright and truthful."

The Catechism (CCC 1785) tells us how that works. "In the formation of conscience the Word of God is the light for our path, we must assimilate it in faith and prayer and put it into practice. We must also examine our conscience before the Lord's Cross. We are assisted by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, aided by the witness or advice of others and guided by the authoritative teaching of the Church." In other words, we must let Scripture and the teachings of Holy Mother Church form and guide our consciences.

*A Minute In The Church by Gus Lloyd*

**MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS**

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** - This ministry provides shawls/throws free of charge to people who are ill or troubled and who are in need of prayers. Ministers crochet, knit, quilt, or sew shawls while praying for recipients. The shawls are then blessed by one of our priests. A request for prayers for the recipients is made to the Cathedral congregation and appears in our weekly bulletin. The children of the Cathedral school also pray for recipients. For more info, contact Cindy Matherne at CMatherne2@comcast.net or 852-1334.

**STAY INFORMED**

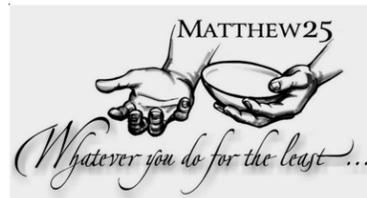
Please visit the Church website for posts, updates, and news. <https://stfrancisdesaleshouma.org/>

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
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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
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



**GOSPEL COMMENTARY**

**“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for the least ones, you did for me.”**

Our image of Jesus as a carpenter who cared for people in need and the necessities of life does not fit our image of Christ as King. The problem is that our image of kingship is not very positive. Kings were often tyrannical and self serving. And we often forget that at our Baptism we are all anointed *priest, prophet and king*. So what is the true function of a king? It is to see that all of his subjects, everyone entrusted to his care, is treated equally and shares equally in the benefits and resources of the kingdom. That is the message Christ the King taught and demonstrated to us. We share in Christ's kingship. Whatever we *do for the least* in His kingdom, we do for Him. He depends on us to do it. As we celebrate Thanksgiving this week, we should be grateful to live in a country that allows us to be kingly like Jesus - to do all we can for those who are *the least* in His Kingdom: the unborn, the elderly, the homeless, the sick, the dying, and the imprisoned.

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

**Church**

**In Loving Memory of Joel Bergeron and David & Heddy Bergeron, Donated by Rev. Paul Bergeron and Carol & Carroll Bergeron.**

**Sunday – November 15, 2020**

Envelopes (132).....	\$ 6,900.00
Loose .....	\$ 733.00
Total .....	\$ 7,633.00

**PARISH NEWS**

**THE TIE-IN – ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

Today as we celebrate Christ the King, we hear Jesus say: "...whatever you did for one of the least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

**Knowing that we find the face of Christ in the poor, this month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to serve families, providing food, help 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?  
Look for this button on our church website.

**St. Francis de sales - ParishSOFT On-Line Giving**

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

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES – BUCKETS**

The Christmas Season is meant to be a time of joy. Oftentimes, due to a crisis, families experience just the opposite. The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Francis de Sales weekly distributes funds for rental, food, and utility payment emergencies. Additionally, at Christmas, it distributes food vouchers that allow families to have a Christmas meal. Under certain conditions, it assists the needy to acquire other items that might be needed from the St. Francis de Paul Thrift Store. Funds are limited to persons in the geographical boundaries of the parish with parishioners being favored. On months having five Sundays, there is a bucket collection to help St. Vincent de Paul Society maintain this charitable work of mercy to the neediest in our parish.

**The next bucket collection is the weekend of November 28 and 29.** Please be generous so that we can continue to help those in need. For more information about how you may individually assist or if you would like to join the St. Vincent de Paul Society, please contact Murke Trahan at 985.217.0593. Thank you for your generosity in advance. You can also donate online.

**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 29<sup>th</sup>. 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](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**



**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>

**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 28-29, 2020**

**Commentators**

- 4:00 PM Brenda Tanner
- 7:00 AM Jude Fanguy
- 9:00 AM Scott Hebert
- 11:00 AM Jenni McNabb
- 5:30 PM Ann Bates

**Lectors**

- 4:00 PM Lawrence Robinson
- 7:00 AM Jody Duet
- 9:00 AM Melanie Shipp
- 11:00 AM Ernie Perry
- 5:30 PM Bubba Watkins

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

- 4:00 PM Robert Strada, Judith Archila, Mary Rodrigue
- 7:00 AM Cathy Duet, Ellen Blanchard, Bill Blanchard
- 9:00 AM Dale Norrad, Nelly Chemin, Murke Trahan
- 11:00 AM Rene Rhodes, Julie Rhodes, Carol Domangue
- 5:30 PM Gia Holecamp, Jenny Briggs, Curtis Briggs



**SAINTS**

- 26-Nov – St John Berchman  
*altar servers, eucharistic ministers*
- 28-Nov – St Catherine Laboure  
*miraculous medal*



**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.