

**SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK
OF NOVEMBER 30,- DECEMBER 6, 2020**

- Monday** - ISAIAH ROM 10:9-18, MT 4:18-22
St. Benedict
- Tuesday** - ISAIAH IS 11:1-10, LK 10:21-24
St. Bruno
- Wednesday** - PHILIPPIANS IS 25:6-10A, MT 15:29-37
St. Charles Borromeo
- Thursday** - PHILIPPIANS IS 26:1-6, MT 7:21, 24-27
St. Pelagia
- Friday** - MATTHEW IS 29:17-24, MT 9:27-31
St. Abraham
- Saturday** - IGNATIUS IS 30:19-21, 23-26,
MT 9:35-10:1, 5A, 6-8
St. Paulinus
- Sunday** - MATTHEW IS 40:1-5, 9-11, 2 PT 3:8-14,
MK 1:1-8 - St. John XXIII



AFTERTHOUGHTS

Waiting — this thing we do so poorly — could be the thing that saves us. What are you waiting for this Advent?

PRAY FOR: Christina Sparks, Barbara Touns., 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, Selma Ferjani 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.

Weekly Contribution Envelopes

Weekly contribution envelopes will be available for pick up after all Masses on the weekends of November 21st and November 28th, 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.

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.

GOSPEL COMMENTARY

"Be watchful! Be alert!"

Practically every child in the United States can complete the jingle that begins with "You better watch out, you better not pout. . . ." Somebody is coming to town and he is going to have that dreaded "list." Signs of his coming are everywhere. There is great anticipation of the night when he will bring to people around the world the toys, clothing and other material things they most desire. His very popularity surrounds an event that was one of the most important things to happen for the salvation of mankind - the birth of a Jewish child, Jesus, son of Mary and her husband, Joseph, a carpenter from the small hamlet of Nazareth in Galilee. Over the next four weeks we have an opportunity to read and reflect and pray for a greater insight into the true meaning of the Nativity of the child, Jesus. Push aside the hype and the hoopla and prepare a true gift for Jesus - a heart that is more like His and a life that imitates Him in how we treat others. Be watchful and be alert to every opportunity to be like Jesus.

THANK YOU – RIGHT TO LIFE

Terrebonne-Lafourche Right to Life would like to thank St. Francis for your generous donations last weekend for the Right to Life calendars. Your gifts are greatly appreciated!



CATHOLIC KORNER

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

Devotions:

**This week we will learn about
Contemplative Prayer:**

There are three major forms of prayer in Christian tradition - vocal prayer, meditation and contemplative prayer. Perhaps the most difficult in our media saturated culture is contemplative prayer. At its core, contemplative prayer is spending alone time with God. More than just talking, contemplative prayer is listening to God speak to us, away from the distractions and hustle and bustle of life.

Many people have the false notion that contemplative prayer can only be practiced by cloistered nuns or monks or saintly mystics. Actually, we all need to engage in contemplative prayer. Like everything, it is simply a matter of priorities.

In its beautiful section on contemplative prayer, the Catechism of the Catholic Church in paragraph 2710 puts it this way: "One does not undertake contemplative prayer only when one has the time: one makes time for the Lord, with the firm determination not to give up, no matter what trials and dryness one may encounter."

The Catechism quotes Jesus from Matthew 26:40 and says that, "We must be willing to 'keep watch with [him] one hour.'" (CCC 2719) It also says that "contemplative prayer is silence." (CCC 2717) Silence can be a rare commodity in today's world. Why not take five or ten minutes of your day to find some solace in silence and contemplate God's love and mercy for you?

A Minute In The Church by Gus

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>

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

RCIA - The Rite of Christian Initiation provides a welcoming and informative atmosphere for individuals interested in becoming Catholic, and for those who may have been baptized but never catechized in the faith or received any other sacraments. This process of spiritual enlightenment enables the participants to grow in faith and in knowledge of the Catholic Church. Session generally begin in the fall and end after Easter! Contact the rectory office at 876-6904 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
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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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday – November 22, 2020

Envelopes (132).....	\$ 8,238.00
Loose	\$ 431.00
Total	\$ 8,669.00



PARISH NEWS

THE TIE-IN – ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

As we begin Advent, we are called to “Be watchful! Be alert” as we stand in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives.

Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God’s love this Christmas.

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>

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.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Thanks for your participation! Thank you for answering your baptismal call to witness for mission on World Mission Sunday! Our parish offered \$1,002.00 to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for the missionary work of the Church—a real blessing for the Missions! Please continue to pray for missionaries, and for the people to whom they bring the “Good News” of Jesus. May God bless you for your generous missionary spirit!

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



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 DECEMBER 05-06, 2020

Commentators

- 4:00 PM Brenda Tanner
- 7:00 AM Jody Duet
- 9:00 AM James Watkins
- 11:00 AM Wendy LeBouef
- 5:30 PM Bubba Watkins

Lectors

- 4:00 PM Becky Boudloche
- 7:00 AM John Breaux
- 9:00 AM Tommy Chauvin
- 11:00 AM Madeline Picou
- 5:30 PM Charles Sevin

Ministers of the Eucharist

- 4:00 PM Anita Pearson, Carl Soudelier, Robert Strada
- 7:00 AM Cathy Duet, Kay Stoufflet, C.J. Stoufflet
- 9:00 AM Yvonne Fanguy, Jude Fanguy, Dale Norrad
- 11:00 AM Carol Domangue, Julie Rhodes, Rene Rhodes
- 5:30 PM Adrienne Bethancourt, Randy Bethancourt, Gia Holecamp

“Be watchful! Be alert!”



SAINTS

- 30-Nov – St Andrew**
anglers, singers, unmarried women, women wanting to become mothers, against sore throats, gout
- 03-Dec – St Francis Xavier**
missionaries, navigators, african, black, parish missions, plague
- 04-Dec – St Barbara**
fires, storms, architects, artillery, construction workers, firefighters, stone masons
- 06-Dec – St Nicholas**
against imprisonment, against robbers, archers, brides, captives, children, fishermen, grooms, judges, merchants, pharmacist, poor

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.