

**SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK  
OF DECEMBER 7,- DECEMBER 13, 2020**

- Monday** – ISAIAH IS 35:1-10 , LK 5:17-26  
**St. Benedict**
- Tuesday** – ISAIAH GN 3:9-15, 20 , EPH 1:3-6, 11-12 ,  
LK 1:26-38  
**St. Bruno**
- Wednesday** – PHILIPPIANS Is 40:25-31 , Mt 11:28-30  
**St. Charles Borromeo**
- Thursday** – PHILIPPIANS IS 41:13-20 , MT 11:11-15  
**St. Pelagia**
- Friday** – MATTHEW IS 48:17-19 , MT 11:16-19  
**St. Abraham**
- Saturday** – IGNATIUS ZEC 2:14-17 , LK 1:26-38  
**St. Paulinus**
- Sunday** – MATTHEW IS 61:1-2A, 10-11 ,  
1 THES 5:16-24 , JN 1:6-8, 19-28  
**St. John XXIII**



**AFTERTHOUGHTS**

When Isaiah and John the Baptist prophesied and preached, “home” was what the people’s hope. What do you hope for this Advent?

**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, JA 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 December 5<sup>th</sup> and December 6<sup>th</sup>, 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.



**BAPTISM SEMINAR - TEAM UP!!  
Can you help?**

**“Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments.” CCC 1213**

Baptism - the basis of the **whole Christian life!** Such an important aspect of our faith life - and a wonderful opportunity to evangelize and educate first time parents! We are looking to add a team to our Baptism Seminar Schedule - and are in need of an additional person to join a team! Seminars are offered on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM in the convent. With the team rotation you would be required to host a seminar perhaps three (3) times a year. Please prayerfully consider joining our Baptism team in reaching out to parents and godparents to enhance their understanding of Baptism - and hopefully to expand their faith life into one that is active and abundantly fruitful! For more info or to sign up please email: [cbutler@hdiocese.org](mailto:cbutler@hdiocese.org)



**CATHOLIC KORNER**

**Life in Christ:**

**Explanations of Catholic Practice and Devotions: This week we will learn about Daily Mass:**

Most Christian churches only have services once or twice a week. The Catholic Church offers Mass every day. (Not all parishes can do this, depending on the availability of a priest. Also, there is no Mass offered on Good Friday.) There are some minor differences between a daily Mass and a Sunday Mass.

First, daily Mass tends to be shorter. A couple of reasons are that there are fewer readings and usually less singing at daily Mass. A typical daily Mass will have one reading (either from the Old Testament or New Testament) as opposed to two readings at Sunday Mass. And the Responsorial Psalm may be spoken instead of sung.

At daily Mass, the Gloria is omitted. (Glory to God in the high- est. ...) Also omitted is the recitation of the Nicene Creed. And, depending on who is saying Mass, the homily may be shorter than a Sunday Mass. In fact, some priests may omit the homily completely at daily Mass. Finally, at a daily Mass, you may not have an offertory or a presentation of the gifts.

Isn't it amazing to think that at any given time on any given day, there is a Mass being offered somewhere on the planet? The Catholic Church truly fulfills the prophecy from Malachi 1:10-11, which speaks of a pure sacrifice being offered “from the rising of the sun, even to its setting.”

*A Minute In The Church by Gus Lloyd*

**MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS**

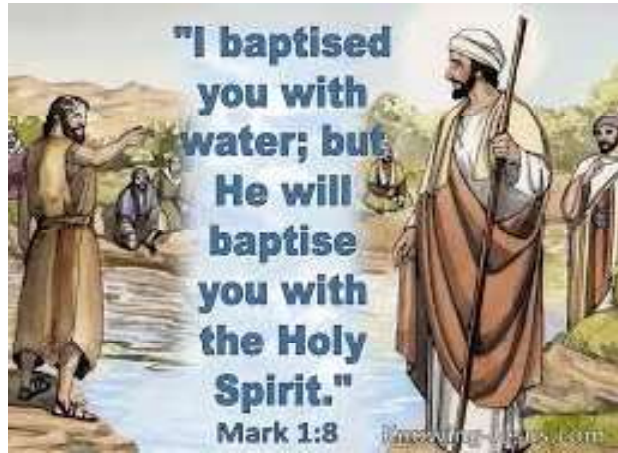
**Right to Life** - An ecumenical organization in Terrebonne and Lafourche Parishes dedicated to protecting the rights of the unborn.



**December 2020  
Mass Intentions**

Howard “Buck” Oubre	December 4,2020	Fri 12:05pm
Howard “Buck” Oubre	December 5,2020	Sat 8:30am
Andrew Martin	December 5,2020	Sat 4pm Vigil
Howard “Buck” Oubre	December 6, 2020	Sun 11am
John Bolduc	December 6, 2020	Sun 11am
Giles Padel	December 6, 2020	Sun 11am
Barry Songy	December 6, 2020	Sun 9am
Jimmy Cox	December 6, 2020	Sun 9am
Clark Dugas Sr	December 7, 2020	Daily 5:30pm
Edna Bajarsky	December 8, 2020	Daily 5:30pm
Ivy Smith Sr	December 12,2020	Daily 5:30pm
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Dazaine	December 13,2020	Sun 7am
Barry Songy	December 13,2020	Sun 9am
Jimmy Cox	December 13,2020	Sun 9am
John Bolduc	December 13,2020	Sun 11am
Isabelle St. Pierre Callahan	December 13,2020	Sun 11am
Shirley S Walsh	December 14,2020	Daily 5:30pm
Colleen W Walsh	December 14,2020	Daily 5:30pm
Kathleen W Martin	December 14,2020	Daily 5:30pm
May M Walsh	December 18,2020	Fri 12:05pm
James Lovell Jr	December 18,2020	Fri 12:05pm
CG Keplinger	December 19,2020	Sat 4pm Vigil
Bradley Cinnater	December 20, 2020	Sun 11am
Dr. Victor Tedesco	December 20, 2020	Sun 11am
Herbert Louviere	December 20, 2020	Sun 11am
Howard Oubre	December 20, 2020	Sun 11am
Barry Songy Sr	December 20, 2020	Sun 11am
John Bolduc	December 20, 2020	Sun 11am
Lucas Marcello	December 20, 2020	Sun 11am
Terry LeBlanc	December 20, 2020	Sun 11am
Jimmy Cox	December 20, 2020	Sun 9am
Mr.& Mrs. John Domangue	December 20, 2020	Sun 7am
Isabelle St. Pierre Callahan	December 24, 2020	Daily 5:30pm
Carol W Lee	December 24, 2020	Vigil Mass
Nicholas Martin	December 25, 2020	Fri 11am
Jason Adam Dupont	December 25, 2020	Christmas Mass
Virgie Bergeron	December 25, 2020	Fri 11am
Barry Songy	December 25, 2020	Christmas Mass
Norman Bergeron	December 25, 2020	Fri 11am
Isabelle St. Pierre Callahan	December 25, 2020	Christmas Mass
CG Keplinger & Oron (Buck) Stutzman	December 25, 2020	Fri 11am
Kerragen Ledet	December 26,2020	Christmas Mass
Oron (Buck) Stutzman	December 26,2020	Sat 8:30am
Jimmy Cox	December 27,2020	Sat 4pm
Isabelle St. Pierre Callahan	December 27,2020	Sun 9am
John Bolduc	December 27,2020	Sun 11am
Kent Martin	December 27,2020	Sun 11am
Beth & Buck Oubre Jr.	December 27,2020	Sun 9am
	December 30,2020	Daily 5:30pm





**GOSPEL COMMENTARY**

**“One mightier than I is coming after me.”**  
**Mark 1:1-8**

Christmas is the day we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Incarnate Word of God. It is a very special moment for all Christians. It is a time of giving. Have you finished your Christmas shopping yet? Have you even finished making your Christmas list? What gift have you prepared for Jesus? Is Jesus even on your Christmas list? Should he not be at the top of our list? In the first lines of Mark's Gospel we see that Jesus is at the top of John's list. He has prepared the way for Jesus. He recognized that "One mightier than I is coming after me." John's gift was his humble recognition of Jesus as the one who "will baptize you with water and the Holy Spirit." If we have no other gift for Jesus, we can humbly acknowledge God as the source of all that we are and have and spend time pondering how we use all that God has given us to the best of our ability in the year to come. Jesus would love such a gift.

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**Sunday – November 29, 2020**

Envelopes (124).....	\$ 7,413.00
Loose .....	\$ 1,042.00
Total .....	\$ 8,455.00

**PARISH NEWS**

**THE TIE-IN – ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

**Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate 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).

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

Did you know that you can give online?  
 Look for this button on our church website.  
<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 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).*



**Tuesday, December 8, 2020**

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation**

**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>

**MINISTERS SCHEDULE**

**WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 12-13, 2020**

**Commentators**

- 4:00 PM Jude Fanguy
- 7:00 AM Denise Dover
- 9:00 AM Mona Prejean
- 11:00 AM Earl Eues
- 5:30 PM Ginny Hamilton

**Lectors**

- 4:00 PM Yvonne Fanguy
- 7:00 AM Jerry Dover
- 9:00 AM Melanie Shipp
- 11:00 AM David Haddad
- 5:30 PM Ann Bates



**Ministers of the Eucharist**

- 4:00 PM Judith Archila, Robert Strada, Donna Lepeyre
- 7:00 AM Kay Stoufflet, C.J. Stoufflet, Carla Exnicious
- 9:00 AM Tammy Blanchard, Nelly Chemin, Michael Boudreaux
- 11:00 AM Mary Ann Goodwin, James Goodwin, Norman Simon
- 5:30 PM Mike Amico, Patricia Whipple, Kelli Cazayoux

**HOLY DAY MONDAY DECEMBER 7, 2020**

**Commentators**

- 5:30 PM Jude Fanguy

**Lectors**

- 5:30 PM Jerry Dover

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

- 5:30 PM Yvonne Fanguy, Cathy Duet, Jody Duet

**HOLY DAY TUESDAY DECEMBER 8, 2020**

**Commentators**

- 6:30 AM Evelyn Ruckstuhl
- 8:30 AM Erny Perry
- 12:05 AM Earl Eues
- 5:30 PM Anne Bates

**Lectors**

- 6:30 AM Jerome Zeringue
- 8:30 AM Rebecca Boudloche
- 12:05 AM David Haddad
- 5:30 PM Ginny Hamilton

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

- 6:30 AM Dolly Duplantis, Carla Exnicious, Richard Guidry
- 8:30 AM Dale Norrad, Holly Champagne, Gail Guillot
- 12:05 AM Mary Ann Goodwin, James Goodwin, Bernita Guidry
- 5:30 PM Kim Sanvi, Patricia Whipple, Tammy Blanchard



**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>

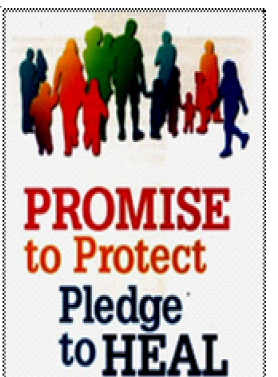
**SAINTS**



**13-Dec - St Lucia**  
 blindness, eyes, sore throats, authors, poor, stained glass workers, writers

**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.

**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>