

**SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK
OF APRIL 12-18, 2021**

- Monday** - HEBREWS Acts 4:23-31, Jn 3:1-8
St. Benedict
- Tuesday** - HEBREWS Acts 4:32-37, Jn 3:7b-15
St. Bruno
- Wednesday** - HEBREWS Acts 5:17-26, Jn 3:16-21
St. Charles Borromeo
- Thursday** - HEBREWS Acts 5:27-33, Jn 3:31-36
St. Pelagia
- Friday** - MATTHEW Acts 5:34-42, Jn 6:1-15
St. Agatha
- Saturday** - IGNATIUS Acts 6:1-7, Jn 6:16-21
St. Paul
- Sunday** - MATTHEW Acts 3:13-15, 17-19,
1 Jn 2:1-5a, Lk 24:35-48
St. John XXIII

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday – April 5, 2021

Envelopes (145).....	\$ 9,633.00
Checks (45).....	\$ 5,133.00
Loose.....	\$ 2,748.00
Total.....	\$ 17,514.00

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

On behalf of our Catholic sisters and brothers living in the Holy Land, thank you for your generosity in supporting the Pontifical Good Friday Collection as encouraged by Pope Francis. Through our \$2,517.00 donation, we join Catholics around the world standing in solidarity with the our Church in the land where Jesus walked. Being an instrument of peace in a troubled land, your gift will make a difference in the lives of those caught up in war, violence, and instability. Shalom.

BAGS OF HOPE

Through our Lenten Almsgiving project, St. Francis supplied 969 Bags of Hope along with \$3,298.00 to relieve the chronic hunger of 55 food insecure elementary students here in Houma.

"When I was hungry, YOU gave me food."

Come, inherit my Father's kingdom."

– Jesus (Mt 25)

AFTERTHOUGHTS

Is there anything that keeps you locked inside for fear?



PRAY FOR: Christina Sparks, Barbara Toups,, Sherman Brown, Airman Wesley Speyrer, Nancy Rivere, Judy Porche, Patty

LeJune, Margaret Gaudet, Robert Cazayoux, Linda Musson, Rosabelle Prosperie, Kayla Dudek Breaux, Percy Lee, Sadie Talbot, (open heart surgery), Wayne Duplantis, Joy Blanchard, Marie Williams, Roy Reeves, Brenner Winston Babin (cancer), Christian Olden, Melanie Ougel, Monica Guidroz, Lisa Collins Melancon, Linda Lee, J A Foret, Jason Chaisson, Alana Smith Breaux, Karen Breaux, Kellie Corte, Selma Ferjani, Olivia Niette, Lee Ann D. Leray, Carolyn Thibodeaux, Gerry Fanguy, Michelle Haydel Capello, Don Chauvin, Eric Lapeyre, Phillip Chauvin Jr., Aimee Bourgeois, Nathan Bourgeois, Lorraine Robichaux Kleinpeter, Denna Sanders 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.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**Divine Mercy Event begins 2PM,
Sunday, April 11, 2021**

Including:

- Reconciliation**
- Liturgy of the Word**
- Exposition and Adoration**
- Divine Mercy Chaplet**
- Intercessions**
- Benediction**

EASTER DECOR

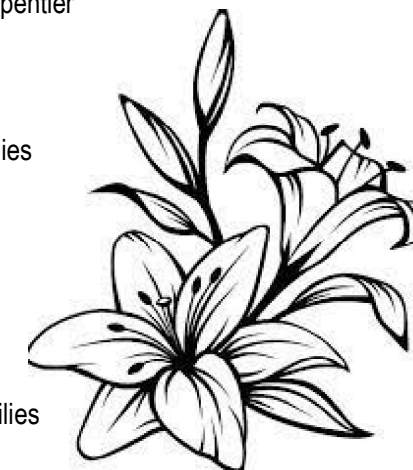
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- Carla Exnicious
- Jody Waggenpack
- Milton & Norma Louviere
- Daria & Scott Hebert
- Theresa Oubre

- Burton Whitfield & Family
- M/M Davis Trahan
- Mark Voisin
- Manuel & Donna Lasala
- Lawrence Robinson
- Desire' Heatherly
- Cindy Hitt
- Louis Miranda
- Jim & Mary Anne' Goodwin
- John Dagate & Janice Dagate
- Ken & Linda Smart
- Patrick & Elizabeth Cooper
- Donna Lapeyre
- Colleen & Dixon Lewis
- Mrs. Shirley Walsh
- Dr & Mrs Robert Cazayoux

MEMORY OF:

- Mr/Mrs. Donald Exnicious, Dolly E. Porche, Mr & Mrs Abel Exnicious, Marion & Whitney Exnicious, Mr/Mrs Levy Charpentier
- Guy Waggenpack
- Louviere & Trahan Family
- Leslie VanOsdale
- Howard "Buck" Oubre, Kerragen Ledet, & Deceased members of Oubre & Smith Families
- Ruby Whitfield
- Brett & Marshall Trahan
- Jessie & Elaine Voisin
- Johnson & Lasala Families
- Jerome Robinson
- Andrew Verdin Sr.
- Megan Hitt
- Louis & Rita Miranda - Darlene Rigaud
- Goodwin, Simoneaud, Segier & Duplantis Families
- Hazlip & Dagate Families
- Howard & Ruby Duplantis
- Caroline Aimee Cooper
- Pierre Andre Lapeyre
- William P. Walsh - Mr/Mrs F. Dixon Lewis Jr.
- Dr. William P. Walsh- Mr/Mrs Sam J. Scurto - Mr/Mrs William V. Walsh
- Mr/Mrs James M. Cazayoux - Mr/Mrs Lloyd E. Lind



CATHOLIC KORNER

Life in Christ:

Explanations of Catholic Practice and Devotions:

This week we will learn about Liturgy of Retreats:

Have you ever been on a retreat? Think of a retreat as a time to get away for reflection and renewal. Retreats can run from a few hours to many weeks or even months.



Spiritual retreats are as ancient as the practice of religion. We see many instances in the Scriptures where Jesus went off to a deserted place to pray. He knew the importance of getting away from all the busyness of life to "recharge His batteries." In fact, His first retreat that we see in the Scriptures is the forty days He spent in the desert before beginning His public ministry. (Matthew 4:1-11)

Nowadays there is a retreat for just about every group- young, old, married, single, divorced, widowed, spiritually directed retreats, silent retreats, retreats for discernment of vocations -you name it! Just as it is important to take a vacation from work now and again, it is also very important to make a spiritual retreat. A retreat can help us to cut through the clutter of everyday life and really listen to God speak to us. We hear him in the stories and voices of others, or in the silence.

If retreats were good enough for Jesus, why wouldn't they be good enough for us?

The Church by Gus Lloyd

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>

PARISH NEWS

THE TIE-IN – ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!"

During Mass we turn to each other and say "Peace be with you!" As you put your gift into the St. Vincent de Paul box you say "Peace be with you!" to those who are poor and hungry.

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?

St. Francis de sales - ParishSOFT On-Line Giving

Look for this button on our church website.

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

APRIL Is Child Abuse Prevention Month



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month!

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Take some time this month to learn how protective factors and adverse childhood experiences impact families and communities.

Visit:

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/preventing/preventionmonth>

MAY CROWNING AT ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CATHEDRAL

Saturday, May 1, 2021
Houma, Louisiana



8:00 am: Rosary inside the cathedral
8:30 am: Holy Mass
9:00 am: May Crowning in the Our Lady of Lourdes Prayer Garden.

After the May Crowning the regular Rosary will be prayed in the Our Lady of Lourdes Prayer Garden.

Our Lady of Lourdes Prayer Garden at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral

HEALING MASS WITH FR MANNY



A healing mass with Fr. Manny Fernandez will be held Sunday April 25th at 3:00pm at St. Eloi Church, Theriot. Fr. Manny is a well known and Holy Priest who has been blessed with the gift of healing, physical, emotional and spiritual. Fr. Manny is a native of the Philippines. Many years ago he was pronounced dead and put into the hospital morgue. **HE CAME BACK TO LIFE!** Since that time he has been given the gift of healing which he so graciously shares with everyone.

Confessions will begin at 2:00pm. All are encouraged to go to confession before being blessed. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a healing sacrament and will place you in a state of grace in order for healing to take place.

Crossroads Pregnancy Resource Center cordially invites you to the 3rd Annual Respect Life Event with Guest Speaker, Ryan Bomberger!

When: Tuesday, April 13th, 2021
Place: St. Joseph Co-Cathedral
Time: 6:30PM-8:00PM

This event is FREE and open to the public. Register for this event at www.FriendsOfCrossroadsPRC.org

WHY help Crossroads?

- Crossroads is a non-profit Christian organization started in 2003 by Bishop Oscar Solis, and parishioners of St. Joseph Co-Cathedral.
- Crossroads promotes the sanctity of life by providing caring services to pregnant women and men in crisis in the five parish Bayou Region.
- Crossroads staff provides education, guidance, and spiritual support especially to those considering abortion or other alternatives in a spirit of compassion, love, and grace.

Thank you for supporting our life-affirming mission!

BAPTISM SEMINAR – MAY 4, 2021

The next Baptism Seminar will be held May 4th at 6:30pm in the convent. These seminars are held on a monthly basis. First time parents and godparents are required to attend this seminar, which emphasizes the symbols of Baptism, the rite of Baptism, and the importance of faith in the life of both parents and godparents. Contact the rectory office at 876-6904 to sign up for the seminar or schedule a baptism.

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 - 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

ASSISTANCE

Catholic Charities can assist those with rent and/or utilities if the family was 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

- 11 Apr — St. Leo the Great
12 Apr — St. Sabbas
13 Apr — St. Hermenegild, Martyr
14 Apr — St. Justin, Martyr
15 Apr — St. Basilissa & Anastasia
16 Apr — St. Benedict Joseph Labre
17 Apr — Pope St. Anicetus, Martyr



MINISTERS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND OF APRIL 17-18, 2021

Commentators

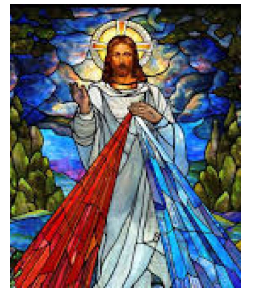
4:00 PM Jude Fanguy
7:00 AM Jody Duet
9:00 AM Jerome Zeringue
11:00 AM Madeline Picou
5:30 PM Ginny Hamilton

Lectors

4:00 PM Yvonne Fanguy
7:00 AM John Breau
9:00 AM James Watkins
11:00 AM Ernie Perry
5:30 PM Charles Sevin

Ministers of the Eucharist

4:00 PM Donna Lapeyre, Holly Champagne, Anita Pearson
7:00 AM Gail LeCompte, Cathy Duet, Richard Guidry
9:00 AM Ellen Blanchard, Nellie Chemin, Dale Norred
11:00 AM Julie Rhodes, Rene Rhodes, Norman Simon
5:30 PM Jane Lirette, Adrienne Bethancourt, Randy Bethancourt



Mass INTENTIONS

APRIL 2021

Jimmy Cox	April 2, 2021	Fri 12:05
The Triumph of Immaculate Heart of Mary	April 4, 2021	Sun 9am
Barry Songy	April 4, 2021	Sun 9am
Jimmy Cox	April 4, 2021	Sun 9am
Jason Adam Dupont	April 4, 2021	Sun 9am
Virgie C Bergeron	April 4, 2021	Sun 9am
Norman Bergeron	April 4, 2021	Sun 9am
Jimmy Cox	April 11, 2021	Sun 9am
Amy Kaye Landry	April 11, 2021	Sun 11am
Catherine Mahler	April 11, 2021	Sun 11am
Wilbur Koster	April 11, 2021	Sun 9am
Earl Eschete Class of 63	April 11, 2021	Sun 7am
Jason Adam Dupont	April 11, 2021	Sun 9am
Katherine Bourgeois	April 13, 2021	Daily 530pm
Nat (Sonny) Maestri	April 14, 2021	Daily 530pm
Barry Songy	April 19, 2021	Daily 530pm
CG Keplinger	April 18, 2021	Sun 9am
Sylvia Chauvin (Honor of)	April 18, 2021	Sun 9am
Raymond Saadi	April 18, 2021	Sun 11am
John Ourso	April 18, 2021	Sun 11am
Deanne Vice Lampton	April 18, 2021	Sun 11am
Earl Eschete Class of 63	April 18, 2021	Sun 7am
Jimmy Cox	April 18, 2021	Sun 9am
Nat (Sonny) Maestri	April 20, 2021	Daily 530pm
Barry Songy	April 25, 2021	Sun 9am
Dixon Lewis	April 25, 2021	Sun 9am
Catherine Mahler	April 25, 2021	Sun 11am
Oron (Buck) Stutzman	April 26, 2021	Daily 530pm