

**SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 28 – FEB 3**

- Monday** - Heb 9:15, 24-28; Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday** - Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday** - Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday** - Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25
- Friday** - Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday** - Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40
- Sunday** - **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Lk 4:21-30



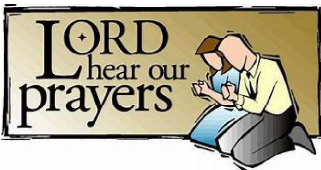
**PARISH NEWS**



**2019 Annual Bishop's Appeal**

St. Francis parish is committed to being a Partner in Hope with our Diocese. Parishioners will be receiving information on the Annual Bishop's Appeal and how the funds from the Appeal are used to support ministries in the Diocese including Seminarian Education, Priests Retirement, Youth Formation and Religious Education, and Catholic Education through our Catholic Schools Office and sharing funds with parishes that surpass their goal. We ask that you reflect on God's great generosity, and respond with generous giving of our own. We encourage you to watch the Annual Bishop's Appeal Video at home this week on our Diocese social media page and online at [www.htDiocese.org/bishopsappeal](http://www.htDiocese.org/bishopsappeal).

Please be on watch for your materials and how you can learn about your prayers and gifts help us live the Lord's mission as a Partner in Hope with the Annual Bishop's Appeal. If you would like more information about the 2019 Appeal, please contact the Annual Bishop's Appeal Office at 985-850-3116 or email [aponson@htdiocese.org](mailto:aponson@htdiocese.org).



**PRAY FOR:** Jenny Fanguy, David Porter, Taylor Riché, Susan Laperouse, Holden Sawyer, Jason Chiasson, Edrith Boudreaux, J.A. Foret, Penny Simmons, Linda Lee, Alaina Maiorana, Cassandra Rios, Charles Spence, Isabella Cole, Kathy Savoie, Ken Pitre, Christina Sparks, Peter Cantrelle, Betty Olivier, Ursula M. Breaux, Pam Jarveaux Ford, Beryl Toups Odom, Wilbert Duplantis, Harold Lapeyre, Russ Todd, Donald Picou, Kathie Folse, Ethan LeBoeuf, Ralph Deroche, Dianne Deroche, Barbara Toups Miller, Reggie Redmond, Edward Ougel Sr., Deacon Doug Authement, Sylvia Chauvin, Delaney Walsh, Jo Ann Landry, Lee Dugas, Patty Lejeune, Christian Olden, Aiden Robichaux, Delores Deroche, Yvonne Fanguy, Brooklyn Verdin, Ronnie Picou, Fr. Paul Bergeron, Tim Long and for all prayer shawl recipients.

**GOSPEL COMMENTARY**

*"I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus."*

**Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21**

Many scholarly treatises have been speculated about the identity of "Theophilus" the person to whom St. Luke addresses his Gospel. The Greek name means "Friend of God." Was Theophilus a friend of St. Luke, a powerful government official, or a pagan seeking to know more about Jesus? Was St. Luke addressing his record of the life and teachings of Jesus to every person who seeks to be a friend of God? Is it possible that St. Luke was cleverly saying "God is a Friend of all of us?" Or was Theophilus all of the above? Does it really matter. Whoever Theophilus was to St. Luke, we are all friends of God and God is our Friend. It was our Friend God who gave Isaiah the Word that a messiah would come to save us. It was that Word of our Friend God that Jesus read in the synagogue in his home town of Nazareth and announced that the Word had been fulfilled in their midst. The people of Nazareth rejected the Word of our Friend God; they rejected Jesus. Do we accept the Word of our Friend God? Do we accept Jesus as our Savior and Lord; as the Messiah? Do we believe the Word became Flesh and dwelt amongst us?

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**Sunday – January 20**

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| Envelopes (237)..... | \$ 7,148    |
| Loose .....          | \$ 2,154.56 |
| Total .....          | \$11,417.56 |

**HOSPITAL VISITS**

We would like to inform our parishioners if you are entering the hospital or have a loved one currently in the hospital and you would like one of our priests to visit, you can contact the church office or Father Sovi Devasia who is the Catholic Chaplain at the hospital whom you can call for emergencies at 688-6393. Just tell the staff at the hospital that you would like to meet with Father Sovi. When you register at the hospital, tell them that you are Catholic and your parish is St. Francis de Sales so your name can be placed on the directory; otherwise, the Chaplain or Parish Priest have no way of knowing that you are in the hospital.

## 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.

## FOOD FOR THE SPIRIT MINISTRY

Cooks and prepares meals every second Saturday of the month for the homebound, clergy and those in need. If you have the name and number of anyone who may benefit from these services or you would like to help please contact Roxane Haydel 876-5709.



## FACEBOOK

"Like" us on Facebook at the Cathedral of St. Francis DeSales Church – Houma to keep up with the latest happenings at the Cathedral.

## MINISTERS SCHEDULE Weekend of February 2-3

### Commentators

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| 4:00 PM  | Carlise Jukes |
| 7:00 AM  | Ida Robichaux |
| 9:00 AM  | Scott Hebert  |
| 11:00 AM | Wendy LeBouef |
| 5:30 PM  | Carla Peeler  |



### Lectors

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| 4:00 PM  | Lawrence Robinson |
| 7:00 AM  | Evelyn Ruckstuhl  |
| 9:00 AM  | Melanie Shipp     |
| 11:00 AM | Jenni McNabb      |
| 5:30 PM  | Ginny Hamilton    |

### Ministers of the Eucharist

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| 4:00 PM  | Melva Fournier, Carl & Deborah Soudelier, Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer              |
| 7:00 AM  | John Breaux, C.J. & Kay Stoufflet, Paul Labat, Volunteer, Volunteer                    |
| 9:00 AM  | Dale Norred, Holly Champagne, Michael Boudreaux, Tammy Blanchard, Volunteer, Volunteer |
| 11:00 AM | Rene & Julie Rhodes, Carol Domangue, Norman Simon, Dianna Olivier, Volunteer           |
| 5:30 PM  | Jody Duet, Randy Bethancourt, Gina Danos, Cathy Duet, Volunteer, Volunteer             |

### Altar Servers

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| 4:00 PM  | Marley Johnson, Misha Johnson, Elise Ledet          |
| 7:00 AM  | John Breaux, C.J. Stoufflet                         |
| 9:00 AM  | Madison Henry, Chloe Pitre, Anne Morgan Simmons     |
| 11:00 AM | Ethan Prejean, Dylan Reed, Josie Schwab             |
| 5:30 PM  | Sadie Viator, Madeline Sonnier, Alexander Hernandez |

## CATHOLIC KORNER



### What is Mass?

Mass is the holiest thing we have here on earth.

### Why?

The Mass we celebrate today is exactly the same sacrifice that Jesus Christ offered on the Cross at Calvary.

The Mass is broken up into four main parts

1. Introductory Rites
2. The Liturgy of the Word
3. The Liturgy of the Eucharist
4. Concluding Rites.

The word Mass comes from the Latin word Missa. The word Missa comes from the word mission, the root of the English word mission. Our participation in the Mass and receiving of Holy Communion brings us grace.

**What is grace? Find out more next week!**

***Do you have a particular question you want answered?  
Send in your questions to [rvowell@htdiocese.org](mailto:rvowell@htdiocese.org) to have answered here!***