

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF MAR 25 – 31

Monday	- Is. 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday	- Dn 3:25, 34-43, Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday	- Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday	- Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
Friday	- Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday	- Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday	- Jos 5:5-9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



PRAY FOR: Danny Smith, Melinda Fabre, Mona Escobar, Mark Voisin, Ray Duthu, Beryl Traps Odum, Linda Lee, J.A. Foret, Jason Chaisson, Christina Sparks, and for all prayer shawl recipients.

If you have someone to add or remove from the prayer list, please call the church office at 985-876-6904 or email rvowell@hdiocese.org. After 6 weeks the individual will be removed from the list, but please call or email to keep them on the list.

SANCTUARY LIGHTS
Chapel

In Loving Memory of Nancy Robicheaux and Judy LeBoeuf by Aaron Robicheaux

GOSPEL COMMENTARY

"But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!"

Jesus was asked if the Galileans were sinners because they were slaughtered by Roman soldiers as they sacrificed in the temple. Jesus knew people believed a violent or tragic death was a sign of God's punishment for a sinful life. He mentions the incident of the people killed by the collapse of the Tower of Siloam and asks if they were greater sinners than others who lived in Jerusalem? Jesus then tells the parable of the landowner who ordered his gardener to cut down a non-producing fig tree. The gardener pleads to give it another chance. Jesus is teaching the people, and us, that the manner of our death is not necessarily an indication of the good or evil we have done in our life, and our failure to be all God created us to be does not need to be permanent. We can always choose to use all of God's gifts to us to the best of our ability. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy we should reflect on the God who created us and who does not condemn us, we condemn ourselves. But our Merciful God wants to forgive us, if we ask.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT
Sunday – March 17

Envelopes (238).....	\$ 9,333.30
Loose	\$ 2,252.50
Total	\$11,585.80

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES
- BUCKETS

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Francis de Sales distributes funds for rental and utility payment emergencies weekly. 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 next weekend, March 30 and 31. 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 - Choose the St. Vincent de Paul fund.

Look for this button on our church website.

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

St. Francis de Sales - ParishSOFT On-Line Giving

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

PARISH NEWS

BAPTISM

The Cathedral of St. Francis welcomes our newest member, **Melanie Watkins**

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

The Sacrament of Penance will be offered at all parishes on the evening of April 10, 2019, at 6 PM.

LENTEN DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday thru Friday 12:05 & 5:30 p.m.
(Rosary before the 5:30pm mass M-F)

Way of Cross following 5:30 p.m. Mass on Fridays



INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS AVAILABLE:
Monday thru Friday 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon
Monday thru Thursday 5:00 to 5:25 p.m.
Saturday 3:00 to 3:50 p.m.

LENTEN DATES:

April 10 @ 6pm – The Light is On / Confessions
Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7 pm
Good Friday – Celebration of the Lord's Passion @ 3 pm
Good Friday – Way of the Cross @ 8pm
Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil @ 8pm
Easter Sunday – 7 am, 9 am, 11 am, & 5:30 pm

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR

Special thanks to the Society of St. Joseph here at the Cathedral for their lovely St. Joseph Altar – what a beautiful devotion so lovingly observed and celebrated. Our many visitors were so grateful for all of our volunteers who shared their time, talent, and treasure to express our faith in the Husband of Mary.

LENTEN BOILED SHRIMP DINNER
St. Francis de Sales School's Co-Op Club
- Friday, March 29, 2019

The dinner will consist of a serving of boiled shrimp, potatoes, corn and dip.
Dinners are \$12 each and may be picked up by the convent driveway from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM on that day. Tickets are available at the school office.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES - ETHICAL TRADE SALE

Catholic Charities will be hosting an Ethical Trade Sale here at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral after all Masses the weekend of May 18th and 19th. Your purchase of these items employs artisans and farmers in marginalized communities around the world! We will need help with set up and sales after each Mass. If you can help after the Mass you attend, please contact Cathy in the rectory office at 876-6904.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE.....Bread or Stones - BOOKS!!

If you are looking to make a different kind of donation this year for Lent - the Legion Park Library is in need of books! The librarian suggested 2nd & Charles or Bent Pages as great places to buy these books cheaply. She also sent a list of needed titles for 3rd grade level or below:

Junie B. Jones	Curious George
Disney Books	Princess Books
Dr. Seuss Books	Super Hero Books
Diary of a Wimpy Kid	

These books can be dropped off at the school - or the rectory! If you truly want to "feed the hungry, clothe the naked and free the oppressed" - the librarian welcomes you to read to the children! Monday, Wednesday, and Friday are good days - at any time except 10 until 11 AM and lunchtime.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE.....LECTORS/COMMENTATORS

We are called to proclaim the Word! We are called to evangelize! A great way to do that is to serve as a lector or commentator at Mass! Training is provided - as well as an annual workbook for lectors, which helps with interpretation of the readings and pronunciation of the words. Please contact the rectory (985-876-6904) if you are interested in joining this holy and necessary ministry!

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE.....EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Are you looking for an awesome ministry opportunity? Heritage Manor needs you! It takes about 30 minutes each Sunday and begins at 10:15am. You will be giving Catholic residents the Body of Christ! If you are interested please contact Murke Trahan at 985-217-0593.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE..BAPTISM SEMINAR - TEAM UP!!

"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! Therefore, we are looking to expand our Baptism program - as well as to add another team - which can be a husband and wife, or two friends! Seminars are held once a month with the teams rotating each month, so your team may serve as little as three times a year! Please prayerfully consider joining our 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!

THANK YOU/INVITATION

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Cardinal Gibbons #177 participated in a White Ribbon Campaign for awareness of Human Trafficking. Our Court received \$1,200 in donations while passing out White Ribbons after each mass the weekend of February 23-24, 2019. Monies donated went to Metanoia House, a shelter for victims of Human Trafficking here in Louisiana. We also passed out a short history of Human Trafficking in Louisiana and Metanoia House and handed out a Prayer for an End to Human Trafficking. I am so proud of Catholic Daughters and proud of our parishioners that stepped up in such a wonderful way! I thank you, the money raised helps with the continued mission of Metanoia House. Our prayers are with you all. - Kathleen Lirette, Regent, CDA, Court Cardinal Gibbons #177. Any woman over 18 years old interested in joining Catholic Daughters please contact Kathleen at 985-856-2379 or Pam Dugas, Vice-Regent, at 985-876-3522. Come join us, we have some wonderful community projects coming up!

BOX TOPS AND COMMUNITY COFFEE



St. Francis de Sales School is collecting Box Tops and Community Coffee proof of purchase labels. Please drop them in the box located in the vestibule, by the church office, mail them to the church office, or send them with your child to school. Look for these labels:

COMMUNITY NEWS

CONCERT

You are invited! Missionaries of the Poor and Father Ho Lung & Friends present **Rejoice My Soul** featuring 5 Jamaican Tenors. There will be several shows: Saturday, April 6, 2019 at 2pm and then again at 6pm at St. Anthony of Padua and on Sunday, April 7, 2019 at 2pm at St. Bernadette. For ticket information: www.missionariesofthepoor.org. Proceeds are in aid of the works of the missionaries of the poor among the homeless and destitute poor around the world. For more information: Roxanne 985-790-0603 or Naomi at 985-232-0210.

2019 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL – UPDATE!

The goal of the Cathedral of St. Francis is \$85,000. Thus far, the Cathedral of St. Francis has pledged \$33,784.80, with \$22,216 paid thus far from 98 pledges. We have achieved 39.75% of our pledged goal. You can give online at www.hdiocese.org/bishopsappeal, return your personalized commitment cards at Mass, or mail your commitment to the Diocese in the provided envelope. If you would like more information about the 2019 Appeal, please contact the Annual Bishop's Appeal Office at 985-850-3116 or email apponson@hdiocese.org.



DIOCESAN CHOIR

The Office of Worship is inviting choir members, vocalists and cantors from every parish in the diocese to participate in a diocesan choir for both the Chrism Mass and Priesthood ordination this year.

The **Chrism Mass** is on Holy Thursday morning, April 18, 2019 at 10:30 AM at the Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales, Houma. Music Rehearsals for the Chrism Mass are Thursdays, April 4 and 11, 2019 at 6:30 PM at the Cathedral.

The **Priesthood Ordination** is on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at 10:00 AM at the Cathedral. Music rehearsals for the Chrism Mass are Fridays, May 24 and 31, 2019 at 6:30 PM at the Cathedral.

It is necessary for choir members to make the rehearsals to participate.

CATHOLIC KORNER

Last week we learned that Anointing of the Sick heals us from sin and sometimes physical sickness. Who do you call to deliver this sacrament? Our Priests! Holy Orders can be administered only by a bishop. Those who are called to be priests are ordained through the Rite of Ordination. In celebrating this Rite, men receive a permanent spiritual mark, called a character, signifying that they represent Jesus' presence in the Church. The bishop lays his hands on the head of the candidate and says a prayer asking for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In one part of the rite, the candidate lies in front of the altar while the Litany of the Saints is sung or recited. In another part of the rite, a priest's hands are anointed with chrism. In the rite for a bishop, the new bishop's head is anointed.

There are three levels of participation in the Sacrament of Holy Orders: as bishop, as priest, and as deacon.

A bishop receives the fullness of the Sacrament of Holy Orders. He is the head of the local church. The local area entrusted to him is called a diocese.

Priests serve the community in various ways. They may be called to serve in their diocese or as religious order priests. They preside at liturgies, preach, administer the sacraments, counsel people, serve as pastors, and teach.

Deacons assist the bishop and priests in the celebration of the Eucharist, assisting at and blessing marriages, proclaiming of the Gospel and preaching, and presiding over funerals in addition to other tasks.

Find out more next week about the Sacrament of Service of Communion and the Mission of the Faithful – Holy Matrimony.

Do you have a particular question you want answered? Send in your questions to rvowell@hdiocese.org to have answered here!

OPEN WIDE OUR HEARTS AGAINST RACISM:

A LISTENING SESSION

On October 14th, 2018 the U.S. Bishop's Committee on Racism led by Bishop Fabre, released a document titled, "Open Wide Our Hearts" addressing the problem of racism in America.

Having looked at what racism is, how to "Do Justice" and "Love Goodness" we now turn to seven steps the Bishops have laid out to help heal the wounds of racism and restore justice to our human hearts, seven steps that will require us to "Walk humbly with our God."

Acknowledging Sin: "Only from a place of humility can we look honestly at past failures, ask for forgiveness, and move toward healing and reconciliation."

Being Open to Encounter and New Relationships: "Only by forging authentic relationships can we truly see each other as Christ sees us. Love should then move us to take what we learn from our encounters and examine where society continues to fail our brothers and sisters, or where it perpetuates inequity, and seek to address those problems."

Resolve to Work for Justice: "To overcome discrimination, a community must interiorize the values that inspire just laws and live out, in day-to-day life, the conviction of the equal dignity of all."

Educate Ourselves: Organizing, "activities that foster community, dialogue, and reconciliation...will help open our minds and hearts more fully and continue the healing needed in our communities and our nation."

Work In Our Churches: "...all the faithful [should] endeavor to be missionary disciples carrying forth the message of fraternal charity and human dignity."

Changing Structures: "Racism can only end if we contend with the policies and institutional barriers that perpetuate and preserve the inequality—economic and social—that we still see all around us."

Conversion of All: "we must never limit our understanding of God's power to bring about the conversion of even those whose hearts appear completely frozen by the sin of racism. Our communities must never cease to invite and encourage them in love to abandon these sinful thoughts and destructive ways."

To help us better understand how injustice is manifested in our church today and how we can "Do justice, love goodness and walk humbly with our God," Bishop Fabre will hold a listening session for all people of the diocese titled, "Open Wide Our Hearts Against Racism: A Listening Session" will be held on March 28th in the Diocesan Pastoral Center on Highway 311 from 6:30 PM until 8:30 PM. Food will be provided. For more information please contact, Fr. Alex Gaudet at agaudet@hdiocese.org.

MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Weekend of March 30-31, 2019
Commentators

4:00 PM	Becky Boudloche
7:00 AM	Evelyn Ruckstul
9:00 AM	Lawrence Breaux
11:00 AM	School Mass
5:30 PM	Carla Peeler

Lectors

4:00 PM	Lawrence Robinson
7:00 AM	Mindy Scott
9:00 AM	Scott Hebert
11:00 AM	School Mass
5:30 PM	Bubba Watkins

Ministers of the Eucharist

4:00 PM	Melva Fournier, Carl Soudelier, Deborah Soudelier, Brenda Tanner, Volunteer, Volunteer
7:00 AM	Mark Spence, Gail LeCompte, Carla Exnicious, John Breaux
9:00 AM	Dale Norred, Holly Champagne, Michael Boudreaux, Madeline Picou, Volunteer, Volunteer
11:00 AM	Norman Simon, Dianna Olivier, Carol Domangue, Rene Rhodes, Julie Rhodes, Volunteer
5:30 PM	Tammy Blanchard, Gina Danos, Mike Amico, Randy Bethancourt, Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers

4:00 PM	Alice Kelley, Scott Kelley, Will Seibert
7:00 AM	Logan Arnold, Chloe Arnold, Heidi Hayes
9:00 AM	Jordan Champagne, Grace Champagne, Claire Klingman
11:00 AM	School Mass
5:30 PM	Connor Hebert, Corey Hebert, Delsin Blanchard

EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to donate to provide beautiful Easter flowers to adorn the Cathedral in memory of a loved one or just because, please provide the information below on the form below or find the form on our church website, email or fax the information to rvowell@hdiocese.org, 985-851-4204.

Thank you for helping us celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and for sharing with us your loved one/s represented by the flowers you have donated.

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