



SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF APR 15 – 21

- Monday - Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
- Tuesday - Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wednesday - Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25
- Holy Thursday - Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
- Good Friday - Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn18:1—19:42
- Holy Saturday - Gn 1:1—2:2; Lk 24:1-12
- Easter Sunday - Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Lk 24:13-35

PRAY FOR: Mona Escobar, Ray Duthu, Beryl Toups Odom, Linda Lee, J.A. Foret, Jason Chaisson, Christina Sparks, Loraine Stone, Edrith Boudreaux, Dale Boudreaux, Ursula M. Breaux, Ray Marcel, Barbara Toups Miller, Ralph Deroche, Cathy Clement, and for all prayer shawl recipients. **Please pray for the repose of the souls of all have died, especially James ‘Steve’ LeBlanc.**

If you have someone to add or remove from the prayer list, please call the church office at 985-876-6904 or email rvowell@htdiocese.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

Church

In Loving Memory of Nancy Robicheaux donated by Aaron Robicheaux and Family

Chapel

In Loving Memory of Michael Ray Guidry by Family and Friends

GOSEPL COMMENTARY

“Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will”

In the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus teaches us that prayer is not so much about *what we say to God*, but about *what we are willing to hear from God*. When we are in true communion with God to discern his will for us He may ask us to do something difficult or unpleasant; something we have not done before; something that may antagonize our family and friends; something involving financial or physical risk. God understands if our first answer is “No!” But, if we are good stewards of our prayer life, growing constantly in our communion with God to discern his will for us, we must ultimately say “Yes Lord!” Only a fool would want to accept the cup that Jesus knew was in front of him. Jesus was no fool. But Jesus was in full communion with the Father, so he was willing to accept the cup, to do His Father’s will, not his own will. What are we willing to hear from God? Whatever our initial response, what will be our final answer?

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday – April 7

Envelopes (264).....	\$15,192.00
Loose	\$ 4,039.15
Total	\$19,531.15

PARISH NEWS

The Church Office will close for the Chrism Mass on April 18th at 10:15am and reopen after lunch at 1pm.

BAPTISM - The Cathedral of St. Francis welcomes our newest member, **William Woodley**.



LENTEN SCHEDULE – THIS WEEK

- Monday and Tuesday – 12:05 & 5:30 p.m.
- Wednesday – 7:20a.m. 10a.m.(Nursing Home), and 12:05p.m.
- Holy Thursday – 10:30a.m. Chrism Mass
- 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 @ 6pm
- Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil @ 8pm
- Easter Sunday – 7 am, 9 am, 11 am, & 5:30 pm

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS AVAILABLE:

- Monday thru Wednesday 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon
- Monday and Tuesday 5:00 to 5:25 p.m.

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

April 19th we will have the GOOD FRIDAY - HOLY LAND COLLECTION. This is a Pontifical Collection for the support of pastoral, charitable, educational and social works of the Church in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest, and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous. To give online or for more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

April 21st we will have the EDUCATION TO MINISTRY COLLECTION. This collection is used locally for education of seminarians, education of permanent deacons, and recruiting of candidates for religious life.

CHRISM MASS – THIS WEEK - APRIL 18, 2019

The Chrism Mass is one of the most beautiful liturgies which the faithful may experience in the liturgical year. At the Chrism Mass, in addition to priests reaffirming their ordination promises, the Bishop will bless the oils to be used in the administration of the sacraments this year. All the faithful of our Diocese will have the opportunity to participate in this very inspiring liturgy on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 10:30 AM at the Cathedral in Houma. Please make every effort to participate with your brothers and sisters in this Mass.

ANNA'S ALLIES

"She never left the temple, but worshipped night and day with fasting and prayer."

Luke 2:37

A new ministry, Anna's Allies, is forming here at St. Francis de Sales - one that prays the rosary for the sick and dying of the parish or any other prayer intention you bring with you! The group began as a group of Vandebilt Catholic High School alumni came together to pray for a classmate who was in need of prayer. Over the months as we prayed, others joined us in prayer - asking us to pray for their loved ones who were also in need of prayer. As a result, the group has decided to continue meeting and praying, as there is such a great need for prayer, especially for the sick and dying. Anna's Allies will meet at 11:00 AM on the third Wednesday of each month; thus our next rosary will be held on Wednesday, April 17th, in the Cathedral. We will also be offering our prayers for those on the prayer list in our bulletin. This ministry is open to all, men and women! If you are interested in praying with us - simply come and join us in the Cathedral!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - APRIL 28, 2019

The Divine Mercy Sunday celebration at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral will begin at 2:00 P.M. Join in Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Most Holy Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Confessions will be available. The celebration concludes with the Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and the veneration of a first class relic of St. Faustina.

LORD, TEACH ME TO PRAY

Are you hungering for a deeper prayer life?

Who isn't hungering for deeper? For meaning? For clarification? Who doesn't want self-knowledge? Or insight into God's will for us?

All the great saints and theologians tell us how important prayer is to our faith life! Every book we read - points us to prayer! Yet, we seem to struggle when it comes to prayer - in spiritual depth and time!

St. Francis de Sales Cathedral will again be offering Part I of Lord Teach Me To Pray, a three-part Ignatian prayer series, with Part I focusing on the Christian Virtues. Each week of scriptural prayer encourages focus on one virtue in particular, which enables us to really address that one virtue within us, and helps us (hopefully) to get in the habit of this type of Ignatian prayer each day.

Beginning Wednesday, May 8th, the series will be offered for women only, beginning at 6:30 PM in the convent. Led by two trained facilitators the group will meet for 1-1/2 hours once a week for 12 weeks of prayer, brief prayer sharing and instruction. The sessions will end on July 31st. In the event a session is missed, the materials are given to the participant so she does not miss out on any of the scriptural prayer or virtues. Call the rectory office to register, or for more information visit our website stfrancisdesaleshouma.org. There is no registration fee, all materials supplied.

YOUTH NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WHO RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION ON SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019.

Abigail Grace Anderson
Cole Layne Anderson
Caleb Joseph Angeron
Reid Michael Arcement
Bentley Anthony Avara
Hunter Reed Babin
Gavin Glaise Bennett
Noah James Benoit
Ali Claire Bergeron
Camille Claire Bergeron
Isabella Claire Berry
Lucy Camille Bice
Lorelei Elizabeth Blanchard
Mia Katherine Bourg
Elyse Lauren Bourgeois
Katherine Therese Bourgeois
Aubrey Anne Braud
Jean Beau Burton
Isabella Kate Byles
Hadley Frances Carreras
Chloe Ann Champagne
Emma Katherine Dagate
Kate Elyse Dantin
Cohen Michael Domangue
Brayden Paul Duplantis
Mason Hai Duplantis
Roan Patrick Ellender
Alea Rosalie Eschete
Matthew William Fanguy

Addison Mary Francis
Harrison Joseph Franz
Danni Lynn Gardner
Mollie Grace Gaudet
Sophia Bella Gaudet
Brandon Kyle Gawlik
Ellie Lynne Girard
Raul Ricardo Gonzalez Mendez
Gisele Marie Griffin
Ethan William Guidry
Hunter James Guidry
Layla Claire Guidry
Preston Luke Hazleton
Wyatt David Hebert
Collin Michael Henry
Hannah Rose Hessel
Lauren Elizabeth Kelley
Layne Joseph Lapeyrouse
Elizabeth Carol Larke
James Henry Skowronski Larkell
Grant Michael Lecompte
Brayden Michael Ledet
Dakota Evans Ledet
August "Auggie" James Luke
Brayden Michael Lyons
Cayden James Lyons
Adele Virginia Marmande
Ella Shane Olsen
Channing Luke Parfait

Logan James Pellegrin
Riley Grace Pellegrin
Olivia Katherine Prejean
Julia Ann Rau
Stella Ryan Richard
Ryder Steven Sechrest
Sydney Rose Sissac
Paxton Joseph Smith
Avery Quinn Songy
Kyle Kenneth Stine IV
Luke Stephen Stipelcovich
Christian Blake Tabor
Taylyne Oliveah' Vendetto
Kohen Michael Westerman
Brennan Michael Wininger



EASTER EGG HUNT – APRIL 28, 2019

The Easter Egg Hunt is following the 11am Mass, Sunday, April 28th. Children of St. Francis de Sales parish are invited to join us for an egg hunt on the CYO lot (behind the church cemetery). Bring your own basket and we will provide the fun. AGE CATEGORIES: Babies to 10 years. The Easter Bunny will be available for pictures so bring your camera!! Anyone interested in helping, please call Jane Lirette 856-5488.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MUSIC FESTIVAL – MAY 4, 2019

The St. Gregory School Music Festival will be held on Saturday, May 4th on the school grounds. Music, food, entertainment, a silent and live auction, as well as a 5-K walk/race, are just some of the day's events. The festivities will be from 10 a.m. - 11 p.m. Visit the St. Gregory Music festival Facebook page for more information (<https://www.facebook.com/events/143214793188275/>).

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS – APRIL 15, 2019

You are invited to the monthly meeting of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas on Monday, April 15, 2019 at 6pm at the K.C. Home. For more information please contact Kathleen - kathleenlirette@att.net

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 \$39,835.80, with \$28,568.85 paid thus far from 119 pledges. We have achieved 46.87% of our pledged goal. You can give online at www.htdiocese.org/bishopsappeal, return your personalized commitment cards at Mass, or mail your commitment to the Diocese in the provided envelope.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

- Sacredness and Dignity of the Human Person

When God created us, he made us in his image and likeness. That means that every human being has a special value and purpose. We need to care for each other so that we can be the people God calls us to be.

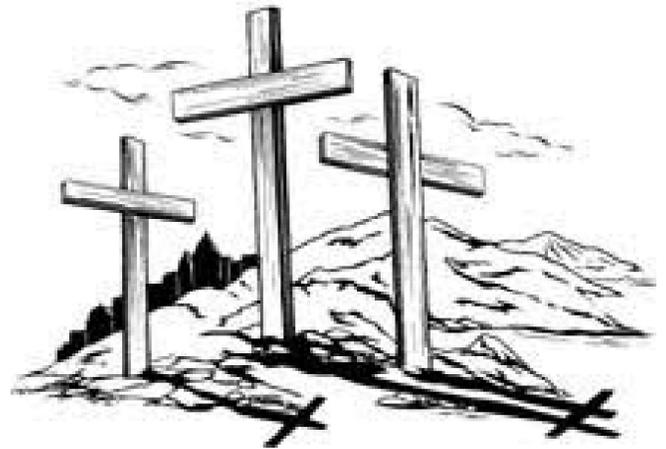
Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem is about "getting excited" about what God wants to do in the world, right now, today in our midst. Our entrance into Holy Week is an exciting renewal of our commitment to be involved in the challenges and struggles of our world. God is involved with the pain and suffering of our world. God is involved in our quest for justice and peace. God calls us to a new vision of life.

The story of the Passion is a story which continues today in our lives and the lives of the people all over the planet – in the lives of the poor, the refugees and immigrants, the people in prison, the single parents, the elderly, in those who are victims of racism.

Isaiah refers to both speaking and listening. The servant of God is both a person who can speak boldly with a well-trained tongue and a person whose ear and heart is opened for listening. If we are to heal the brokenness of our world, we all need the grace both to listen and to speak.

The whole passion story reminds us that the type of authority that Jesus has is different than that of a worldly power. Christ "emptied himself and became the servant of all."

We are called to connect Jesus' experience of suffering and struggling to our own experience today – an experience that includes life and death, injustice and courage, community and isolation, violence and peace. Our world suffers in the lives of those who are poor and victimized by injustice, violence and natural disaster. In the light of all this, we need the spirit of Christ who "humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross".



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

PRAYER SHAWL

The Prayer Shawl Ministry provides shawls/throws free of charge to people who are ill or troubled and who are in need of prayers. Uses for the shawls might include undergoing medical procedures, as a comfort after a loss, during bereavement, during an illness and/or recovery. Shawls are suitable for men, women, children, and babies.

Shawls may be crocheted, knitted, or quilted and are made by one of our ministers who say special prayers while they are creating the shawl. A blessed medal of St. Francis de Sales is attached to each shawl and a holy card is included inside a hand-written card which offers a prayer for the recipients.

A request for prayers for recipients from the cathedral congregation appears in our weekly bulletin and the children of the cathedral school pray for each recipient. Each shawl is blessed by one of our priests.

Interested in Joining This Ministry? This ministry is open to every member of our church parish. Even if you cannot knit, crochet, or quilt, but are interested in learning one of these skills, perhaps one of our ministers can teach you. If you feel that you cannot contribute by making shawls, donations of yarn or money to purchase yarns or quilting materials is always welcome and greatly appreciated.

All parishioners can participate in this ministry by praying for the recipients.

If you would like a prayer shawl for a loved one, please contact Cindy Matherne at CMatherne2@comcast.net or 852-1334.

HELP NEEDED

CATHOLIC CHARITIES - ETHICAL TRADE SALE

Catholic Charities will be hosting an Ethical Trade Sale here at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral after the Saturday 4pm, Sunday 7am, 9am, and 11am Masses the weekend of May 18th and 19th. Your purchase of these items employs artisans and farmers in marginalized communities around the world! (*Please pay with cash or check*) 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.

MINISTERS SCHEDULE
Weekend of April 20-21, 2019

Commentators

- 8:00 PM
- 7:00 AM Rebecca Vowell
- 9:00 AM Scott Hebert
- 11:00 AM Earl Eues
- 5:30 PM Ginny Hamilton



Lectors

- 8:00 PM Mindy Scott, Bubba Watkins, Jerome Zeringue, Lawrence Robinson
- 7:00 AM Evelyn Ruckstuhl
- 9:00 AM James Watkins
- 11:00 AM Jenni McNabb
- 5:30 PM Charles Sevin

Ministers of the Eucharist

- 8:00 PM Rene Rhodes, Julie Rhodes, Jody Duet, Cathy Duet, Jude Fanguy
- 7:00 AM Mark Spence, C.J. Stoufflet, Kay Stoufflet, Paul Labat, John Breaux, Carla Exnicious
- 9:00 AM Dale Norred, Murke Trahan, Nellie Chemin, Holly Champagne, Michael Boudreaux, Volunteer
- 11:00 AM Clayton Lovell, Kathy Lovell, Craig Bella, Abigail Lirette, Norman Simon, Volunteer
- 5:30 PM Sallie Preston, Gina Danos, Mike Amico, Melanie Babin, Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers

- 8:00 PM Caleb Hebert, Connor Hebert, Corey Hebert, Logan Arnold, Chloe Arnold, Kade Twiner
- 7:00 AM John Breaux, C.J. Stoufflet
- 9:00 AM Jordan Champagne, Grace Champagne, Claire Klingman
- 11:00 AM Eli Hoychick, Chloe Hoychick, Tess Hoychick
- 5:30 PM Lucia Pizzolata, Aida Pizzolata, Emilie Joller

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.

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, and drop in the offering basket, send via email or fax the information to rvowell@htdiocese.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.



RETURN FORM BELOW

EASTER FLOWERS DONATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY & ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

DONATED IN MEMORY OF:

CATHOLIC KORNER



Last week we learned that sometimes things don't always follow God's original plan and don't turn out the way they should in marriage and sometimes an Annulment is needed. We all need renewal and hope in our lives and Easter reminds us of that.

Easter Time is the most important of all liturgical times. Easter is the celebration of the Lord's resurrection from the dead and concludes with Pentecost Sunday (his Ascension and sending of the Holy Spirit). There are 50 days of Easter from Easter Sunday to Pentecost.

The fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one "great Sunday." These are the days above all others in which the Alleluia is sung. The Sundays of this time of year are considered to be Sundays of Easter and are called, after Easter Sunday itself, the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Sundays of Easter.

Do you know why Easter changes each year? Easter is calculated as the first day of Spring. It is always the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox.

Find out more next week when we answer a parishioner-submitted question of why we call priests Father!

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