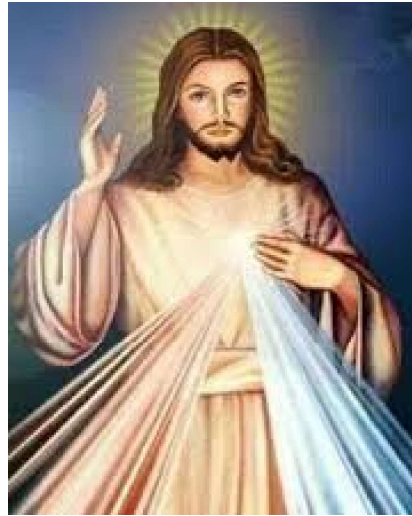


**HELP NEEDED**

**CATHOLIC KORNER**



**SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF APR 29 – MAY 5**

- Monday - Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8
  - Tuesday - Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15
  - Wednesday - Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
  - Thursday - Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
  - Friday - 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14
  - Saturday - Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21
  - Sunday - Acts 5:27-32; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19
- Third Sunday of Easter**

**AFTERTHOUGHTS**

You believe in the Christ you have never seen. How well have you learned to love and serve the images of Christ – *the women, men & children* – you see each day?



**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, Susan Laperouse, Jacques Champagne, Melinda Fabre, and for all prayer shawl recipients. **Please pray for the repose of the souls of all who have died, especially Brent Bourg.**

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](mailto: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 Monique Simon LeBlanc*  
donated by her loving family.

**GOSEPL COMMENTARY**

**“Blessed are those who have not seen and believed.”**

John tells us that the disciples who abandoned Jesus when He was arrested and taken to the cross [John was one of them] were still locked in a room a week after they had seen Him risen from the dead and had appeared to them in that same room. Jesus had good reason to be disappointed with them. But He says to them, “Peace be with you!” He knew it was difficult for them to believe, even though they had seen. And He knew how difficult it would be for us who had not seen, to believe. That is why, at our Baptism, our parents, or we ourselves if we are old enough, promise that our faith will *constantly grow stronger in our hearts* and we are challenged to *bring that faith unstained into heaven*. We renewed our Baptismal Promises on Easter Sunday. What have we done to make our faith *grow stronger in our hearts*? What are we doing? What will we do in the future? Are we being good stewards to *bring that faith unstained into heaven*?



**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**Sunday – April 21**

Envelopes (288).....	\$11,891.00
Loose .....	\$ 3,635.00
Total .....	\$15,526.00

**PARISH NEWS**

**BAPTISM - St. Francis welcomes our newest members, Leo Beyer and Miles Bui.**

**FIRST COMMUNION – Congratulations to Emelina Beyer for receiving the Sacrament of First Communion!**

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND**

**This weekend we will have a second collection – Catholic Home Missions Appeal. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal helps dioceses overcome obstacles of geography, poverty, and limited resources, and fosters solidarity to help others experience the presence of the risen Lord. These funded dioceses are located across the United States, including the Deep South, Appalachia, and the Rocky Mountains, as well as in US territories in the Caribbean and Pacific. Find more information at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).**

**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.



**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.

**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. They also need assistance on Wednesdays, Mass is celebrated at 10:00am, volunteers arrive a little earlier to determine hall scheduling. If you are interested, please contact Cathy at the church office – 985-876-6904.

**FOOD FOR THE SPIRIT – WE NEED YOU!**

This ministry delivers meals to homebound of our parish. Distribution is scheduled for the second Saturday of each month **(Next date is May 11<sup>th</sup>)**. A meal plan is emailed to all volunteers prior to the upcoming weekend and participants volunteer to cook one of various dishes, or bring bread, dessert, etc. The group meets and prepares the go-plates, adding various prayer cards or small gifts to deliver along with the meals in a nicely decorated bag!

Each volunteer then takes 2 or 3 meals to deliver to the various homes of those who are homebound or in need of food. Can you spare a couple of hours each month? Please consider helping – we are in need of volunteers, especially to help deliver the food. Contact Roxane Haydel at 985-381-3573 or [roxane.haydel@gmail.com](mailto:roxane.haydel@gmail.com).



**EASTER FLOWERS AND PLANTS DONATED IN LOVING MEMORY AND THROUGH THE GENEROSITY OF OUR FRIENDS**

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| <b>IN MEMORY OF</b>           | <b>BY</b>           |
| Carroll, Sr. & Jeanne Lirette | Carroll & Pam Dugas |
| Charles Boyne                 | Jeanne Wurzlów      |
| Herbert Wurzlów               | Jeanne Wurzlów      |
| Irving T. Schexnayder         | Anita Schexnayder   |
| James “Manny” Boyne           | Jeanne Wurzlów      |
| Jeanne Achee’ & Charles Bourg | Jeanne Wurzlów      |
| Julie Lawton                  | Jeanne Wurzlów      |
| Wilfred & Adenise Dugas       | Carroll & Pam Dugas |

Last week we learned that we have been calling our priests Father since the time of the Apostles! This week we discuss the **Divine Mercy** Devotion. The message and devotion to Jesus as **The Divine Mercy** is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God’s mercy.

The message of mercy is that God loves us — all of us — no matter how great our sins. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. It’s not enough for us to hang **The Divine Mercy** image in our homes, pray the Chaplet every day at three o’clock, and receive Holy Communion on the first Sunday after Easter. We also have to show mercy to our neighbors. Putting mercy into action is not an option of the **Divine Mercy** Devotion; it’s a requirement! Our Lord strongly speaks about this to Saint Faustina: I demand from you deeds of mercy which are to arise out of love for me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse yourself from it (Diary, 742).

**THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY**

**only takes about 5 minutes to pray – all you do is:**

1. **Begin with the Sign of the Cross, pray 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary and The Apostles Creed.**
2. **Then on the Our Father Beads pray the following: Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.**
3. **On the 10 Hail Mary Beads pray the following: For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.**



*(Repeat step 2 and 3 for all five decades).*

4. **Conclude with (three times): Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.**

**Jesus said later to Sister Faustina:**

**“Say unceasingly this chaplet that I have taught you. Anyone who says it will receive great Mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as the last hope. Even the most hardened sinner, if he recites this Chaplet even once, will receive grace from My Infinite Mercy. I want the whole world to know My Infinite Mercy. I want to give unimaginable graces to those who trust in My Mercy...”**

**“...When they say this Chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person not as the just judge but as the Merciful Savior”.**

For more information, visit EWTN’s site where all of this information came from: <https://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/mercy/backgr.htm>

Find out more next week when we talk about Sacramentals.

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!

## MAY IS THE MONTH OF THE BLESSED MOTHER

*"Since Mary is rightly to be regarded as the way by which we are led to Christ, the person who encounters Mary cannot help but encounter Christ likewise."* Blessed Pope Paul VI

### A few ways you can honor Mary this month:

1. Attend daily Mass
2. Pray the rosary daily
3. Pray a novena
4. Offer prayer throughout the day for Our Mother's intercession
5. Attend the May Crowning

### Novena Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

O Most Blessed Mother, heart of love, heart of mercy, ever listening, caring, consoling, hear our prayer. As your children, we implore your intercession with Jesus your Son. Receive with understanding and compassion the petitions we place before you today, especially...(special intention).

We are comforted in knowing your heart is ever open to those who ask for your prayer. We trust to your gentle care and intercession, those whom we love and who are sick or lonely or hurting. Help all of us, Holy Mother, to bear our burdens in this life until we may share eternal life and peace with God forever. Amen.

## MAY CROWNING OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

– SAT., MAY 4, 2019

8:00 AM – ROSARY

8:30 AM – MASS

9:00 AM – CROWNING OF THE BLESSED MOTHER IN OUR LADY OF LOURDES PRAYER GARDEN

9:15 AM – REFRESHMENTS IN THE YOUTH CENTER

- All the rich among the people shall supplicate thy face from age to age, and particularly at the end of the world; that is to say, the greatest Saints, the souls richest in graces and virtues, shall be the most assiduous in praying to our Blessed Lady, and in having her always present as their perfect model to imitate, and their powerful aid to give them succor.



I have said that this would come to pass particularly at the end of the world, and indeed presently, because the Most High with His holy Mother has to form for Himself great Saints...

These great souls, full of grace and zeal, shall be chosen to match themselves against the enemies of God, who shall rage on all sides; and they shall be singularly devout to our Blessed Lady, illuminated by her light, nourished by her milk, led by her spirit, supported by her arm, and sheltered under her protection, so that they shall fight with one hand and build with the other. With one hand they shall fight, overthrow, and crush the heretics with their heresies, the schismatics with their schisms, the idolaters with their idolatries, and the sinners with their impieties. With the other hand they shall build the temple of the true Solomon, and the mystical city of God; that is to say, the most holy Virgin, called by the holy Fathers the temple of Solomon and the city of God. By their words and their examples they shall bend the whole world to true devotion to Mary. This shall bring upon them many enemies; but it shall also bring many victories and much glory for God alone...

Excerpts from True Devotion to Mary by St. Louis De Montfort (Chapter 1)

## MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have Mass said in honor or in memory of someone please complete the purple form in the vestibule, contact the church office at 876-6904, or email [rvowell@htdiocese.org](mailto:rvowell@htdiocese.org). The first weekend of each month we will list all Mass intentions for that month in the bulletin. The usual stipend is \$3.00 per person per Mass. **Please call or email to have your loved one(s) added to the May list of Mass intentions by April 30, 2019.**



Please LORD, TEACH ME TO PRAY  
– May 8 thru July 31, 2019  
Are you hungering for a deeper prayer life?

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. 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](http://stfrancisdesaleshouma.org). There is no registration fee, all materials supplied.

Ignatian Prayer has been in existence for almost 500 years, and it is said by some that the Spiritual Exercises were given to St. Ignatius by the Blessed Mother herself. As such, the Exercises have an integrity that has been safeguarded throughout the centuries by Jesuits and non-Jesuits alike. The Exercises have shaped the spirituality of countless children of God including numerous saints, drawing them into, and guiding them into, a very deep intimate relationship with the Lord Jesus (with the entire Triune God).

# FORMED

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Our parish has invested in FORMED, so that each of us might grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ and in our desire to share our Faith with others, especially those closest to us.

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- Enjoy movies as a family that is both nourishing and entertaining;
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To sign up go to: go to our church website, <http://www.stfrancisdesaleshouma.org/>, click on FORMED, click on Register Now, and enter the requested information including email and password (that you will create).

FORMED also has an app for Apple or Android mobile devices! Go to the App Store or the Google Play store to download the FORMED App.

## NEW GUIDE BOOK COMING SOON

We will be re-doing the Guide Book soon. This book lists all of our parishioners. If you do not want your address or phone number published in the Guide Book, please contact the church office via phone (846-6904) or email ([rvowell@htdiocese.org](mailto:rvowell@htdiocese.org)).

## YOUTH NEWS

### EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter Egg Hunt is following the 11am Mass, Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. 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!!

## 2019 STEUBENVILLE ON THE BAYOU - JUNE 14-16, 2019

The Catholic Youth Conference "Belong" 1 John 3:1 will be held at the Houma Terrebonne Civic Center. 2019 Pricing - Early Bird Registration: \$155 (ends May 16th) – includes Friday dinner, Saturday lunch and dinner. Price per person: \$175 (after May 16th)

Priests are FREE as a sign of our appreciation for their willingness to hear confessions. Other religious willing to serve in a volunteer capacity at the conference may also attend for FREE! Questions? CALL 985-262-9064 OR EMAIL: [SteubenvilleOnTheBayou@gmail.com](mailto:SteubenvilleOnTheBayou@gmail.com)

## YOUTH MINISTRY FUNDRAISER

The youth attending Steubenville on the Bayou Youth Conference this summer will have a cake & sweets fundraiser next weekend (May 4th & 5th) after all the masses.

If you would like to sign up for the conference or have any questions about fundraiser, please contact Gina Danos at (985) 688-9696 or [StFrancisHoumaYouthMinistry@gmail.com](mailto:StFrancisHoumaYouthMinistry@gmail.com).

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### MUSIC FESTIVAL

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/>).

## 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 \$45,242.80, with \$33,565.85 paid thus far from 134 pledges. We have achieved 53.23% of our pledged goal. You can give online at [www.htdiocese.org/bishopsappeal](http://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

- Call to Family, Community and Participation

*Human beings are social by nature. We, like the early disciples, are called to come together as a community whether that community is our workplace or family.*

The experience of Resurrection results not simply in a good feeling but in the transformation or renewal of our life and action. Resurrection is not about some future day after we die. It is also about the world today – the world of things, people, creation, and beauty – the world that experiences sin and evil as well as justice and peace. If we believe in resurrection, then we should expect to see some signs of it.

As peoples experience injustice they can feel excluded. Our faith might in some way move into doubt as we find ourselves isolated and divided by injustice. We might find that it is hard to believe in a God of resurrection and new life, unless we are committed to a faith that works for justice in our society. Jesus says, "Do not be unbelieving, but believe."

## 2019 EARTH DAY

God made the heavens, the earth, and the seas—and our beautiful Louisiana wetlands. He calls us to care for creation. On this Earth Day Sunday we must act to save the wetlands and wildlife that are central to our culture and vital to our economy. To stay up to date about how you can support the coast visit: [www.mississippiriverdelta.org/faith](http://www.mississippiriverdelta.org/faith) and sign up for the monthly newsletter!