

**SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 6 – 12**

Monday - Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29  
 Tuesday - Acts 7:51—8:1a; Jn 6:30-35  
 Wednesday - Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40  
 Thursday - Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51  
 Friday - Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59  
 Saturday - Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69  
 Sunday - Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**



**AFTERTHOUGHTS**

Someday, some place, the question may be posed to you just as it was posed to Peter. Perhaps is already has. Most likely it will come to you in unexpected ways. **“Do you love me?”**

**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, Cheryl Leaber, and for all prayer shawl recipients. **Please pray for the repose of the souls of all who have died, especially Gil Anthony Hebert.**

**SANCTUARY LIGHTS**

Church  
 In Loving Memory of Michael Ray Guidry  
 by Family and Friends

**GOSEPL COMMENTARY**

**“Children, have you caught anything to eat.”**



After Thomas proclaimed “My Lord and my God” in the upper room in Jerusalem, Jesus appeared to Thomas and six other disciples on the shore of the Sea of Tiberias [Galilee]. Jesus called them Children. In light of their actions in the Garden of Gethsemane, at

the House of Caiaphas, and their absence at the foot of the cross, Jesus might have called them something else. But Jesus was not berating them. Neither should we. The disciples heard Jesus and saw miraculous things. They also saw people brutally beaten and crucified by the Romans, and lived under the domination of Jewish leaders. When Jesus was arrested they were fearful. Despite all they had heard and seen, their faith was childlike - not strong and mature. When Jesus calls the disciples Children He is saying “I love you like a parent, despite your faults and failings.” He was also saying, “You have much to learn.” If we hear Jesus call us Children do we realize He is saying “I love you very much, but you have much learn”? How will we respond?

**MAY 2019 MASS INTENTIONS**

*In Memory / In Honor*

May 4, 2019  
 4:00 PM  
 Michael McGee

May 5, 2019  
 9:00 AM  
 Robert & Eula Lee Russo



May 5, 2019  
 11:00 AM  
 Geri Powell Bonvillain  
 Jean Keplinger

May 9, 2019  
 5:30 PM  
 Jose Reyna, Jr.

May 10, 2019  
 12:05 PM  
 Rose Scurto

May 11, 2019  
 4:00 PM  
 Agnes Grice  
 Betty Blanchard Livings  
 Carley Walker  
 E.J. Meaux  
 Valerie Bascle  
 May 12, 2019

7:00 AM  
 Geraldine Reyna  
 Mable Martin Rhodes  
 Folse Family  
 Leonard Family

May 12, 2019  
 9:00 AM  
 Robert & Eula Lee Russo  
 Shirley Walsh  
 Caroline Marak  
 Rose Scurto  
 May Walsh  
 Merle Lewis

May 12, 2019  
 11:00 AM  
 Geri Powell Bonvillain

May 15, 2019  
 5:30 PM  
 Robert & Eula Lee Russo

May 17, 2019  
 12:05 PM  
 Molly Morak

May 18, 2019  
 4:00 PM  
 Lloyd Edward Lind  
 Valerie Bascle

May 19, 2019  
 9:00 AM  
 Eugene Folse

May 19, 2019  
 11:00 AM  
 Geri Powell Bonvillain  
 C.G. Keplinger

May 24, 2019  
 12:05 PM  
 Lloyd Edward Lind

May 26, 2019  
 11:00 AM  
 Oron “Buck” Stutzman  
 Geri Powell Bonvillain

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Sunday – April 28

Envelopes (231).....	\$ 9,391.00
Loose .....	\$ 2,035.29
Total .....	\$11,426.29
April Online Giving .....	\$ 1,465.00
April Building Improvement Fund .....	\$ 2,732.96

Thank you for your generous support of last week’s Catholic Home Missions Appeal. If you missed the appeal, it’s not too late to give! Just visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections) and click on the “How to Give” link on the left.

**MINISTERS SCHEDULE**

Weekend of May 11-12, 2019

**Commentators**

4:00 PM Mike Trahan  
 7:00 AM Ida Robichaux  
 9:00 AM Mona Prejean  
 11:00 AM Madeline Picou  
 5:30 PM Carla Peeler

**Lectors**

4:00 PM Tommy Chauvin  
 7:00 AM Evelyn Ruckstuhl  
 9:00 AM James Watkins  
 11:00 AM David Haddad  
 5:30 PM Ginny Hamilton

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

4:00 PM Melva Fournier, Carl Soudelier, Bernita Guidry, Volunteer, Volunteer  
 7:00 AM John Breaux, C.J. Stoufflet, Kay Stoufflet, Mark Spence  
 9:00 AM Colleen Lewis, Murke Trahan, Michael Boudreaux, Tammy Blanchard, Volunteer, Volunteer  
 11:00 AM Rene Rhodes, Julie Rhodes, Carol Domangue, Michael D’Angelo, Dianna Olivier, Volunteer  
 5:30 PM Adam Saal, Kelli Cazayoux, Randy Bethancourt, Mike Amico, Volunteer, Volunteer

**Altar Servers**

4:00 PM Alice Kelley, Scott Kelley, Will Seibert  
 7:00 AM John Breaux, C.J. Stoufflet  
 9:00 AM Elise Ledet, Delsin Blanchard, Gabrielle Hebert  
 11:00 AM Kade Twiner, Alex Reddoch, Dylan Reed  
 5:30 PM Alexander Amico, Isabella Amico, Olivia Amico



**MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS**



**Parish Champion – Dynamic Catholic**

Did you know that St. Francis has a Parish Champion? What is a Parish Champion? Someone who shares resources with you on behalf of the Cathedral and Dynamic Catholic, but also shares new resources with our church from Dynamic Catholic. Dynamic Catholic sends the Parish Champion resources monthly to share - sometimes it is CDs and sometimes books (even audio ones too). Be on the lookout for free CDs and books – sometimes those resources are shared with different groups, such as the Welcoming Committee but other times you will see the Parish Champion handing them out after Mass or left at the back of church. Your Parish Champion is Rebecca Vowell. If you are interested in helping with this ministry to provide even more books/resources or learning more – you can always email ([rvowell@htdiocese.org](mailto:rvowell@htdiocese.org)) or call the church office.

Dynamic Catholic’s mission is “To re-energize the Catholic Church in America by developing world-class resources that inspire people to rediscover the genius of Catholicism.” “Dynamic Catholic isn’t just a website. It’s a community, a movement, a group of people much like yourself who are trying to make sense of life and live the best life they can.”

You can check out Dynamic Catholic’s website for free (you pay shipping) resources, sign up for email Daily Reflections, or get tickets to events: <https://dynamiccatholic.com/>.

Look for their daily reflection on our church website as well: <https://www.stfrancisdesaleshouma.org/more-ministries>

**“Jesus wants to be invited into your life. He wants to be your friend. He wants to encourage you, guide you, listen to you, and love you.”**

*Blessed (Dynamic Catholic First Communion Experience)*

**CATHOLIC KORNER**

Last week we learned that the message of mercy is that God loves us — all of us —no matter how great our sins. There are things that help us to remember God’s love and mercy, things like, a Crucifix, Holy Rosary, Brown Scapular, Miraculous Medal, St Benedict Medal, Holy Water, Blessed Oil, Blessed Salt, Statues – these are all referred to as a Sacramentals. Sacramentals are “holy things or actions of which the church makes use to obtain for us from God, through her intercession, spiritual and temporal favors.” The main difference between a Sacrament and Sacramental is a Sacrament produces sanctifying grace, Sacramentals do not. Sacramentals don’t take the place of a Sacrament, but can help us by bringing us closer to God. Some additional types of Sacramentals are blessings by priests and bishops, exorcisms, the sign of the cross, and prayers. Remember that the physical objects (rosary, medals, candles, scapulars, images, etc.) are blessed, which makes them a Sacramental and should be treated with reverence and devotion.

Find out more next week when we talk about Spiritual Works of Mercy.

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!

## PARISH NEWS

### 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.*

### 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).

### 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 Priesthood ordination this year.

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.

### ALTAR SOCIETY

The Altar Society of the Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales gratefully acknowledges the donations received during the 2019 membership drive. Through this generosity, the Altar Society will continue its works in our parish.

The dues/donation is \$10 per year. Donation envelopes are available on the tables at the doors of the Cathedral. These may be returned in the Sunday collection.

The next meeting of the Altar Society is on **Wednesday, May 8 at 1:30 P.M.** in the meeting room of the Youth Center. All members, active and inactive, are invited to attend the meeting.

### 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)*

### MOTHER'S DAY CORSAGES

The local chapter of Right to Life will be offering Mother's Day corsages after all the Sunday morning Masses on May 12th. The donation is \$5.00 with all proceeds supporting the local Right to Life Chapter in their efforts to stop abortion.

### LORD, TEACH ME TO PRAY

#### 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.

## YOUTH NEWS

### YOUTH MINISTRY FUNDRAISER - THIS WEEKEND



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).

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - JUNE 24-28, 2019

Mark your calendars - VBS will be June 24-28, 2019 from 9am-noon. Registration is open until June 10, 2019. The cost is \$25, which includes the cost of a t-shirt. VBS is open to children ages 4 through 6th grade. Look for the green registration form at the back of Church.



### 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).

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### 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 \$51,167.80, with \$37,867.37 paid thus far from 143 pledges. We have achieved 60.20% 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.

### LIFT ADULT CATHOLIC CONFERENCE - SEPT 27-29, 2019

Friday, Sept. 27-Sunday, Sept. 29, 2019. The conference begins at 6pm on Friday, September 27 and ends on Sunday, September 29 at noon. Anyone and everyone 18 years old and up are invited. It will be held at the Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center. For individual or group registration and more information visit: <https://www.lift316.com/adult-conference-details> (Early registration and group discounts available)

### FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY - MAY 7, 2019

Food for the Journey is a monthly lunchtime speaker series featuring presenters from throughout the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux. It is designed to help us live out our Catholic faith in our daily lives. This program is held on the first Tuesday of each month at Ellendale Country Club, 3319 Highway 311, Schriever, LA. \$15 per meal (includes meal, drink & tip). The next date is May 7, 2019.

RSVP by calling 985-850-3178 or email [FoodForTheJourney@htdiocese.org](mailto:FoodForTheJourney@htdiocese.org). Be prepared to give us your name, phone number and the names of each person in your party.

### CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING - Rights and Responsibilities

As human beings, we have the right to live and grow in peace. Because we have that right, we have the responsibility to make sure others enjoy the same opportunity too.

The first reading tells the story of the members of the early church who are persecuted for their belief. They count the disgrace as a blessing. They are filled with courage. On fire with the presence of Christ, they "must obey God rather than human beings."

In the second reading, John has an amazing vision. In the vision everything comes into perspective. John has a vision of the presence of Christ, the one who was slain, worshiped by all creatures of the universe.

The gospel story is also a story about experiencing the presence of Christ. The seven disciples fish all night and catch nothing. Someone on the shore tells them to try again. They catch an abundance of fish. They share a meal on the shore. They realize that it is "the Lord."

As Christians we believe that the presence of Christ is still with us today, especially in the lives of those who are in need or feel left out, especially in the struggle for peace and justice in our world.

All of the scriptures today seem to depict the presence of Christ in a vision of abundance - an abundance of food, of fish, of rejoicing, of creation, of courage and belief in the midst of opposition, of the spirit of God, of amazing things. The risen life which we share in Christ helps us to see the abundance of God's Spirit that is present in the whole world and to share that abundance.

### SEMINARIAN ENDOWMENT GRANT

The Catholic Foundation has received a \$50,000 Challenge Seminarian Endowment Grant from Catholic Extension. Catholic Extension has agreed to match dollar for dollar up to \$50,000 to our seminarian endowment for all donations by December 31st of 2019. To donate, please mail to: Catholic Foundation, P.O. Box 505, Schriever, LA 70395 (checks made payable to 'Catholic Foundation of South Louisiana'). Pledge cards are at the church exits as well.

### PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND - Sept 9-18, 2019

Join Rev. Edmund Akordor, Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Norco, LA, for a 10 Day pilgrimage to the Holy Land "Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus" September 9-18, 2019. For more information, please visit <http://www.nativitypilgrimage.com/sacredheart-norco/>

## HELP NEEDED

### FOOD FOR THE SPIRIT - WE NEED YOU - MAY 11, 2019

This ministry delivers meals to homebound of our parish. Distribution is scheduled for the second Saturday of each month (next date is May 11). 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).

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES - ETHICAL TRADE SALE - MAY 18-19, 2019

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### 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.