

**SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK
OF AUG 5-11, 2019**

- Monday** - Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21
– **Dedication of Saint Mary Major Basilica**
- Tuesday** - Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36
– **Transfiguration of the Lord**
- Wednesday** - Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Mt 15:21-28
– **Saint Cajetan**
- Thursday** - Nm 20:1-13; Mt 16:13-23
– **Saint Dominic**
- Friday** - Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28
– **Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross**
- Saturday** - 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26
– **Saint Lawrence**
- Sunday** - Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12; Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40
– **Saint Clare of Assisi**
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



AFTERTHOUGHTS

The rich man in today's parable wants to build bigger barns and store up treasure for himself. He does nothing to alleviate the needs of others with his prosperity. Do we follow his example? Or have we realized that "things" are not as important as the future we are building with the ones we love as well as the ones who need us?

PRAY FOR: Mona Escobar, Ray Duthu, Beryl Toups Odom, Linda Lee, J.A. Foret, Jason Chaisson, Christina Sparks, Edrith Boudreaux, Dale Boudreaux, Ursula M. Breaux, Ray Marcello, Barbara Toups Miller, Susan Laperouse, Melinda Fabre, Sheryl Leaber, Evelyn Ruckstuhl, Deacon Lee Crochet, Selma Ferjani, Dee Belanger, Holden Sawyer, Lynn Paul Lirette, Sherman Brown, Mary Lee Boudreaux, Airman Wesley Speyrer, Nancy Rivere, Claudette Dugas, Aaron Robichaux, Chelsea Ford, Denna Sanders, Gary Benoit, Sonny Lovell, Judy Porche, Faye Platt, Vincent Trabona, Alicia Headrick, and for all prayer shawl recipients.
Please pray for the repose of the souls of all who have died, especially Jane Loretta Bergeron.

Daily Prayers for Priests:
Lord Jesus, hear our prayer for the Bishop, Priests, Deacons, Sisters, Lay Ministers, and Seminarians in the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux. We praise you for giving their ministry to the Church. In these days, renew them with the gifts of Your Spirit. You once opened the Holy Scriptures to your Disciples when you walked on this earth. Now renew your ordained and chosen ones with the truth and in their lives, the death and resurrection they celebrate around your altar. Give them enthusiasm for the Gospel, zeal for the salvation of all people, courage in leadership and humility in service. Give them your love for one another and for all power of your word. In Eucharist you gave your disciples renewed life and hope. Nourish your consecrated ones with your own Body and Blood. Help them to imitate their brothers and sisters in you. For you love them Lord Jesus and we love and pray for them in your Holy Name, especially (name). Amen.

- Aug 5 – Fr. Joseph Chacko
- Aug 6 – Fr. Peter Tai Le
- Aug 7 – Fr. Duc Minh Bui
- Aug 8 – Fr. Paul Birdsall
- Aug 9 – Fr. Van Constant
- Aug 10 – Fr. Ronilo Villamor
- Aug 11 – Fr. Wilmer Todd

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Church
In Loving Memory of Conrad Jr. & Beverly Picou donated by Family.

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

ALTAR FLOWERS
In loving memory of Robert Acosta by His Family.

GOSPEL COMMENTARY
"Take care to guard against all greed."
Greed is a very insidious and seductive emotion. It is at the root of all sin. It was a factor in the sin of the first man and woman in the Garden. They were not content to be grateful for all God had given them. They wanted to be God. George Carlin had a comedy routine about stuff. He said that we get stuff and then we need to get a house to put our stuff. Then we get more stuff, so we need a bigger house. We go on vacation and take some of our stuff. But we buy stuff we don't need and come home with more stuff. Our lives are filled with stuff. And we get very attached to our stuff. Our attachment to our stuff stems from our erroneous belief that we are the source of all of our stuff and that we acquired it out of our own effort and ingenuity. When we acknowledge God as the source of all that we are and all that we have and all that we ever will be, we can enjoy the stuff we have and share it with others without being obsessed about getting and keeping more stuff than we really need to enjoy life.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT
Sunday – July 28

Envelopes (233).....	\$ 8,906.00
Loose	\$ 2,254.00
Total	\$11,160.00
July Online Giving	\$ 1,415.00
July Building Improvement Fund	\$ 5,184.44

PARISH NEWS

FOOD FOR THE SPIRIT – WE NEED YOU!
– AUGUST 10, 2019

This ministry delivers meals to about 80 homebound of our parish. Distribution is scheduled for the second Saturday of each month. 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.

CATHOLIC KORNER



Last week we learned The Church Building is a place where prayer happens. It is a temple where sacrifice is offered. One who knows about sacrifice is Mary, our Blessed Mother. August 15, 2019 we celebrate the assumption of our Blessed Mother into heaven.

The **Solemnity of the Assumption** celebrates the Blessed Mother's entrance into heavenly glory. The Catechism explains that Mary "was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven, where she already shares in the glory of her Son's Resurrection, anticipating the resurrection of all members of his Body" (CCC, 974).

Mary's **Assumption** into heaven reminds us that life on earth is a pilgrimage to our ultimate destination. We can see how, throughout her life, the Blessed Mother continually chose to go deeper into her relationship with God. She modeled how to value and respect His precious gift of human life, from the moment of conception to its natural end. In the Annunciation, through her "yes," Mary witnessed to the undeniable humanity of unborn children as she conceived and carried the Christ child in her womb. After the Annunciation, having learned that her cousin Elizabeth was with child, she went in haste to her aid. Our Blessed Mother shows us how we can prepare for our own transition from this life to the next.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.
(Word of Life, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

Find out more next week when we talk about the parts of the church building.

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

MASS INTENTIONS
In Memory/In Honor

August 1, 2019 Sun 5:30pm A.J. Dagate	August 11, 2019 Sun 7am Kathie D. Folse	August 20, 2019 Tue. 5:30pm Clinton Klepinger
August 3, 2019 Daily 8:30am William V. Walsh	August 11, 2019 Sun 9am Marty Gaspard	August 25, 2019 Sun 5:30pm Ira Bergeron
August 3, 2019 Sat. 4pm Theresa Caballero Edith de Generes	August 15, 2019 Sun 5:30pm Robert & Eula Lee Russo	August 26, 2019 Mon. 5:30pm Oron "Buck" Stutzman
August 4, 2019 Sun 7am Ocelia Martin Claude Talbot	August 17, 2019 Sat. 4pm Wayne Cancienne Keri Lynn Niette	August 31, 2019 Daily 8:30am William V. Walsh Benjamin P. Leary
August 4, 2019 Sun 11am Robert Acosta	August 18, 2019 Sun 9am Odelia Meaux	August 31, 2019 Sat. 4pm Benjamin P. Leary

August 7, 2019
Daily 5:30pm
Dr. & Mrs. William Walsh
(65th Wedding Anniversary)



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

BREAD OR STONES CAMPAIGN CONGREGATION

This group works in collaboration with other faith communities to alleviate childhood poverty in the state of Louisiana. Our primary focus is on a local elementary school, Legion Park Elementary, supplying needs such as books for the library, a school food bank, school supplies for teachers and students, hygiene and cleaning products, and clothing and gifts for the children at Christmas. Bring your gifts to the table!

Please pray for these children, their families, the teachers, and staff at Legion Park and look for opportunities to help! Call the rectory office for more info and how you can help at 985-876-6904.

SAINTS

4-Aug Saint Vianney

On Aug. 4, 1859, Fr. John Vianney gave up his soul to God. He had been parish priest of Ars for 41 years. In 1925, he received the highest honor of the Church by being canonized and placed in the index of the Saints. Today over 500,000 people visit every year this simple farming town where they come to see the incorrupt body of one of the greatest saints in the history of the Church. The life of St. John Vianney is the story of a humble and holy man who barely succeeded in becoming a priest, but who converted thousands of sinners.

Prayer of St. John Vianney
I love You, O my God, and my only desire is to love You until the last breath of my life. I love You, O my infinitely lovable God, and I would rather die loving You, than live without loving You. I love You, Lord and the only grace I ask is to love You eternally. My God, if my tongue cannot say in every moment that I love You, I want my heart to repeat it to You as often as I draw breath.

8-Aug Saint Dominic

Dominic's ideal, and that of his Order, was to organically link a life with God, study, and prayer in all forms, with a ministry of salvation to people by the word of God.

9-Aug Saint Edith Stein

Saint Edith Stein grew up Jewish, rejected God, but eventually converted to Catholicism. She lost her life, along with her converted sister, at Auschwitz. Pope John Paul II said of Edith Stein, "who, as a Catholic during Nazi persecution, remained faithful to the crucified Lord Jesus Christ and, as a Jew, to her people in loving faithfulness."

10-Aug Saint Lawrence

St. Lawrence was one among the seven deacons who served the Roman church. When St. Lawrence was asked for the treasures of the Church he brought forward the poor, among whom he had divided the treasure, in place of alms; also that when Pope Sixtus II was led away to his death he comforted Lawrence, who wished to share his martyrdom, by saying that he would follow him in three days. St. Lawrence was burned to death on a gridiron.

11-Aug Saint Clare of Assisi

Her order became known as the Poor Clares. Wearing no shoes, fasting often, perpetually abstaining from meat and sleeping on the hard wood floors the sisters radically embraced a life of poverty and penance. Their embrace of poverty was only equaled by their embrace of prayer. Taking a vow of silence they rarely spoke except to sing God's praises in the psalms and in prayer.

11-Aug Saint Philomena

Saint Philomena was only 13 years old when she was martyred, determined to remain pure for our Lord Jesus Christ. She is the Patroness of the Children of Mary. Her mission today is to draw us to the Immaculate Heart of Mary through imitation of her heroic virtues of purity, obedience and humility.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
Thursday, August 15, 2019
– is a Holy Day of Obligation.
Mass times: 8:30AM, 12:05PM & 5:30PM



THE TIE-IN – ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – In the gospel, Jesus tells the parable about the rich man who selfishly stored all his grain and goods only to die and not enjoy his abundance anyway. What we struggle all our lives to learn is that life does not consist of possessions nor our perceived security, but of being possessed by God. **This week, as you give your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you are realizing that in giving you indeed receive.**

In the month of July, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 19 families, providing \$103.00 for food, \$343.00 for utilities and \$1,500.00 for rent. Thank you!

CHURCH CLEANING DAY – THANK YOU!



Thank you Mom's Club and all who came and helped clean the church Friday, July 26, 2019. We appreciate the hard work – great job!

LORD, TEACH ME TO PRAY II

Are you hungering for a deeper prayer life?

St. Francis de Sales Cathedral will be offering Part II of Lord Teach Me To Pray, a three-part Ignatian prayer series. Women who have completed Part I are invited to join with us as we delve into Part II, My 19th Annotation which consists of the entirety of the well-known "Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius". The title of this part of the series refers to the 19th note that St. Ignatius wrote in his notebook. In this note he wrote that a person taken up with "public affairs or suitable business" and unable to withdraw from the world for prayer may experience the prayer of the Spiritual Exercises in his daily life. Part II is conducted in a small group experience with two trained facilitators. The group will meet once a week for prayer and faith sharing and will receive material on the Spiritual Exercises and Scriptures to use for their private prayer. This series is literally life-changing!

Beginning Wednesday, September 18th, the series will be offered for women only who have completed Part I, beginning at 6:30 PM in the convent. Call the rectory office to register; all materials supplied.

COME, LORD JESUS

The fruit of the Come, Lord Jesus Bible Study has been abundant! Community, friendships, and most importantly, knowledge of Jesus and a greater understanding of the scriptures are just some of the benefits! At this time, we do have openings in one of our groups who meet on Tuesday evenings at 6:45pm. If you are interested in joining this group or forming your own group, please contact the rectory office @ 985-876-6904!

COME, LORD JESUS - ANNIVERSARY MASS

Join us on Saturday, August 10th, 2019 at 10:00 AM in the Cathedral for our annual Come, Lord Jesus Anniversary Mass! Fr. Conley Bertrand will be the celebrant of the Mass as we celebrate yet another year of weekly scripture studies! All Houma-Thibodaux area churches involved with Come, Lord Jesus will be joining us, as well as members from surrounding locations. All are invited, whether you are a member or not! A luncheon will be held in Youth Center following the Mass!

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS
- (RCIA) – AUGUST 27, 2019**

We are gearing up to begin RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)! Sessions will begin August 27, 2019. If you - or someone you know - is interested in becoming Catholic - or would like to know more about the Catholic faith before making that decision, these sessions are for you!

RCIA is a process, a journey of faith, designed for adults who, after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, consciously and freely are initiated into the Catholic Christian community. This faith journey is for adults who

1. Has been Baptized in another faith tradition,
2. Has been Baptized Catholic but have not celebrated First Communion or Confirmation, and have never received religious instruction in the Catholic faith,
3. Or have never been Baptized in any faith.

These sessions are round table and begin with a period of Inquiry – a time where you are free to inquire about the Catholic Faith and have your questions answered. For more information or to register, contact Cathy in the Cathedral office – 985-876-6904 or cbutler@htdiocese.org.

ADULT CONFIRMATION – OCTOBER 2019

The Adult Confirmation Course is set to begin on this fall in October. This course is offered to those who are at least 20 years of age and have received the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, and Holy Communion, but have not yet received the sacrament of Confirmation. There will be seven sessions. For more information, or to register, please contact Cathy in the Cathedral office – 985-876-6904 or cbutler@htdiocese.org.

YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH FORMATION & CONFIRMATION

We're just getting started moving ahead with Bishop Fabre's vision for Youth Formation! Please pray in order to help our youth become missionary disciples by praying for guidance, wisdom, and God's call. Upcoming trainings will be available in the fall. Please call or email if you are interested in assisting with Youth Formation (9th-12th Grade) & Confirmation Program (Jane – 985-856-5488, LiretteBunch@yahoo.com or Gina 985-688-9696, StFrancisHoumaYouthMinistry@gmail.com)

**FOR ADULT VOLUNTEERS
- LIFT ADULT CATHOLIC CONFERENCE
– SEPT 27-29, 2019**

The conference begins at 6pm on Friday, September 27 and ends on Sunday, September 29 at noon at the Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center. Anyone and everyone 18 years old and up are invited. Schedule will be similar to Steubenville Youth Conference. For individual or group registration and more information visit: <https://www.lift316.com/adult-conference-details>

COMMUNITY NEWS

25TH, 40TH, 50TH, 60TH (AND BEYOND) ANNIVERSARY PRAYER SERVICE

The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux is inviting all couples married in the Catholic church who are celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th (and beyond) anniversary during 2019 to the Diocesan Prayer Service will be held Sunday, October 20, 2019 at St. Francis Cathedral at 2:00pm. There will be NO diocesan mass celebration. If you wish to participate in this program, contact your church parish before August 23, 2019 to register. All registered anniversary couples will receive an inscribed diocesan certificate in their own church parish during their scheduled parish celebration.



**[MARRIED] –
AUGUST 17, 2019, 9am-5pm**

[MARRIED] is a one-day conference that seeks to help couples have marriages that don't just survive but thrive. Presented by Paul and Gretchen George, the talks will center around the following themes: Marriage is beautiful, designed to be a picture of God's love to the world... Marriage can be messy and difficult at times. Through it all, marriage is worth it... worth every couple's investment of their time, energy, and resources. When couples embrace the beauty and the mess, marriages become what they are meant to be. Don't miss out on this opportunity to enrich your marriage! This will be fun and engaging. Join us!

More information is available at St. Genevieve's Facebook page or www.discovertheartofliving.com/married.

R C I A WORKSHOP – SEPTEMBER 28, 2019 – 8am-2pm

RCIA is a formation in the whole Christian life...during which the disciples will be joined to Christ their teacher. The speaker will be Monsignor Michael Clay from Washington, DC. If you are interested in helping facilitate or assist in coordinating, please join us for this very important and informative workshop at the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux Pastoral Center. Contact Cathy at the Church Office at 985-876-6904 or cbutler@htdiocese.org to sign up.

2019 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL – UPDATE!

The goal of the Cathedral of St. Francis is \$85,000. Our parish has pledged \$63,894.80, with \$53,135.41 paid thus far from 158 pledges. We have achieved 75.17% of our pledged goal. **The remaining to reach our goal is \$21,105.20.** You can give online at <https://htdiocese.org/bishopsappeal>, return your personalized commitment cards at Mass, or mail your commitment to the Diocese in the provided envelope.

RETREAT CENTER

The Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center (5500 St. Mary St, Metairie, LA) has the following upcoming offerings:

- August 9-12** – Twelve-Step Spirituality and The Joy of Good Living – Rev. Len Kraus, SJ
 - August 13** – Day of Prayer – The Power of One – Sr. Judith Gomila, MSC
 - August 14-17** – Jesus is Interested in Me! – Rec. Richard Buhler
 - September 12** – Evening of Prayer Welcoming the God Within, Part I – Sr. Rochelle Perrier, MSC
 - September 24** – Prayer Concert – Lorraine Hess
- To Sign up – 504-267-9604 or neworleansretreats.org

NEW REGISTERED MEMBERS

Please extend a warm welcome to all of our newly registered members this past month – some have been with us a while and we thank you for *officially* registering and some are new and we thank you for being here! We hope you all feel like part of the family.



Please remember that from when we walk into Church and walk out we should radiate Jesus' love. Please turn around, smile, say hello, and introduce yourselves before or after Mass.

**Bridget Dupre
Jory and Cassie Guidry & Family
Taylor Champagne**

HELP NEEDED

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!

**MINISTERS SCHEDULE
Weekend of August 10-11, 2019**

Commentators

- 4:00 PM Mike Trahan
- 7:00 AM Rebecca Vowell
- 9:00 AM Lawrence Breaux
- 11:00 AM Wendy LeBouef
- 5:30 PM Ginny Hamilton

Lectors

- 4:00 PM Brenda Tanner
- 7:00 AM Evelyn Ruckstuhl
- 9:00 AM Jerome Zeringue
- 11:00 AM Jenni McNabb
- 5:30 PM Charles Sevin



Ministers of the Eucharist

- 4:00 PM Mary Ann Rodrigue, Judith Archila, Anita Pearson, Bernita Guidry, Volunteer, Volunteer
- 7:00 AM John Breaux, C.J. Stoufflet, Kay Stoufflet, Dolly Duplantis,
- 9:00 AM Nellie Chemin, Dale Norred, Holly Champagne, Madeline Picou, Volunteer, Volunteer
- 11:00 AM Craig Bella, Norman Simon, Glenn Landry, Tara Landry, Volunteer, Volunteer
- 5:30 PM Curtis Briggs, Jenny Briggs, Sallie Preston, Gina Danos, Tammy Blanchard, Volunteer

Altar Servers

- 4:00 PM Alice Kelley, Scott Kelley, Will Seibert
- 7:00 AM John Breaux, C.J. Stoufflet
- 9:00 AM Grace Magee, Julia Magee, Kate Magee
- 11:00 AM Remi LeBouef, Renea Le Bouef, Bailey Hebert
- 5:30 PM Delsin Blanchard, Emerson Paulk, Presley Nelleton