

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 19-25

- Monday** - Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22
Saint John Eudes
- Tuesday** - Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30
Saints Bernard of Clairvaux
- Wednesday** - Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16
Saint Pius X
- Thursday** - Jgs 11:29-39a; Mt 22:1-14
Queenship of Mary
- Friday** - Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40
Saint Rose of Lima
- Saturday** - Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51
Saint Bartholomew
- Sunday** - Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30
Saint Louis of France
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



AFTERTHOUGHTS

“I have come to set the earth on fire.” Has following Jesus – the Word of God – ever given you cause to shatter peace, to cause division, to speak out until the status quo is disrupted?

PRAY FOR: Mona Escobar, Ray Duthu, 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, Gabrielle Hernandez, Scott Stoufflet, Curtis Briggs, and for all prayer shawl recipients.
Please pray for the repose of the souls of all who have died, especially C. John Arceneaux.

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 19 – Fr. Eric Leyble
- Aug 20 – Fr. Evelio Buenafior, Jr.
- Aug 21 – Fr. Charles Perkins
- Aug 22 – Fr. Henry Sebastian
- Aug 23 – Deceased Priests of the Diocese
- Aug 24 – Fr. Romeo “Billy” Velasco
- Aug 25 – Fr. Simon Peter Engurait



SANCTUARY LIGHTS
Church

In Loving Memory of Joel, David & Hedi Bergeron donated by Fr. C. Paul, Carol & Carroll Bergeron.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers on the Altar were donated in loving memory of The Hazlip and Dagate Families by Dr. John Dagate

GOSPEL COMMENTARY

“I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!”

Starting fires and setting relatives against each other seems like rather harsh words from the mouth of Jesus who consistently lived and taught what God told Moses to tell the Chosen People - to love God with our whole heart, mind, soul and strength; and to love our neighbors as ourselves. If we read the words of Jesus in the bright light of his life and teachings, we will understand that he does not intend or desire for families and others be divided. But Jesus was aware that if we chose to follow and imitate him by *loving people and using things* to demonstrate that love we would be rejected and abused by family and others who cling to cultural attitudes of selfishness that *loves things and uses people*. The blaze Jesus wished had already started is the fire of love that burns away self-centeredness and makes way for love of others. That blaze flickers in our world but Jesus expects us to make that fire much brighter by loving our neighbor as ourselves. Imagine a world on fire with such love. Imagine us as the source of that fire.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday – August 11

Envelopes (245).....	\$ 9,425.50
Loose	\$ 2,411.68
Total	\$11,837.18

PARISH NEWS

THE TIE-IN – ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, Jesus said to his disciples: “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it be accomplished!” **Your gift to the Society to assist those suffering in poverty will help set the earth on fire with God's love.**

ANNA'S ALLIES - AUGUST 21, 2019
“She never left the temple, but worshipped night and day with fasting and prayer.”

Luke 2:37

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, August 21st, in the Cathedral. We will be offering the rosary for the sick and dying of the parish and 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!



HELP NEEDED

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:



MINISTERS SCHEDULE
Weekend of August 24-25, 2019

- Commentators**
- 4:00 PM Carlise Jukes
 - 7:00 AM Rebecca Vowell
 - 9:00 AM Lawrence Breaux
 - 11:00 AM Tommy Tabor
 - 5:30 PM Charles Sevin

- Lectors**
- 4:00 PM Lawrence Robinson
 - 7:00 AM Jody Duet
 - 9:00 AM Tommy Chauvin
 - 11:00 AM Earl Eues
 - 5:30 PM Bubba Watkins

- Ministers of the Eucharist**
- 4:00 PM Mary Ann Rodrigue, Anita Pearson, Judith Archila, Bernita Guidry, **Volunteer, Volunteer**
 - 7:00 AM Cathy Duet, Paul Labat, Dolly Duplantis, Tammy Blanchard
 - 9:00 AM Nellie Chemin, Dale Norred, Holly Champagne, Madeline Picou, **Volunteer, Volunteer**
 - 11:00 AM Craig Bella, Norman Simon, Bill Blanchard, Ellen Blanchard, **Volunteer, Volunteer**
 - 5:30 PM Curtis Briggs, Jenny Briggs, Sallie Preston, Gina Danos, **Volunteer, Volunteer**

- Altar Servers**
- 4:00 PM Caroline Louviere, Joshua Louviere, Abigail Gremillion
 - 7:00 AM Delsin Blanchard, Benjamin Bourgeois, Aubree Seeley
 - 9:00 AM Jordon Champagne, Grace Champagne, Claire Klingman
 - 11:00 AM Caroline LeRay, Ellen LeRay, Gracelyn Ramirez
 - 5:30 PM Lucia Pizzolata, Aida Pizzolata, Emilie Joller



CATHOLIC KORNER



Last week we learned about parts of the Church Building. This week we talk about **Spirit** – we hear the word, but what is it? Our **Spirit** produces ideas. Our Spirit produces love. Our **Spirit** is in the image of God's, however, our spirit mingles with matter – our body. Our **spirit** cannot become anything else nor lose its identity, but can experience changes in relation to other beings (gain knowledge, transfer love, etc.). **Spirit** knows and loves and animates our body. Our **Spirit** is the element in us by which we know and love, by which therefore we decide. Frank Sheed, *Theology for Beginners*

Find out more next week when we talk about Parts of the Mass.

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

SAINTS

19-Aug - Saint Sarah
Laughter, Music

Sarah was the wife of Abraham. They lived as nomads in the desert of Canaan. Sarah was sad that she could not have children with Abraham. Abraham was favored by God and was told that Sarah would have a son, although she was now ninety years old and Abraham was a hundred. Sarah laughed at this news, for she could not believe it. When her son was born, she named him Isaac, which means laughter in Hebrew. Sarah died at the age of 127 and Abraham buried her at Hebron. The story of Sarah and Abraham is found in the book of Genesis.

20-Aug - Saint Bernard
Beekeepers, Candlemakers

He is considered a Doctor of the Church thanks to his writings and sermons, which greatly influenced Europe during the 12th century. Benedict XVI says of St. Bernard, “He was also remembered as a Doctor of Mariology, not because he wrote extensively on Our Lady, but because he understood her essential role in the Church, presenting her as the perfect model of the monastic life and of every other form of the Christian life.”

23-Aug - Saint Rose
Against Vanity, Embroiderers, Florist, Gardeners

In spite of objections and ridicule by her parents and friends, Saint Rose embraced the practice of mortification. Her parents refused to allow her to enter a convent and out of obedience she continued her life of penance and solitude at home as a member of the Third Order of Saint Dominic. Her love of God was so apparent that the city turned out for her funeral when she died at age 31.

25-Aug - Saint Genesius
Actors, Attorneys, Converts, Dancers, Musicians, Printers, Clowns, Comedians,

Saint Genesius was great at transcribing courtroom speeches and testimony. He was preparing for Baptism when he was called upon to transcribe the mandate to persecute Christians. He threw his wax tablet down before the judge and resigned. He fled the area, but eventually was beheaded for this act.



**WORLD DAY
OF PRAYER
FOR THE
CARE OF CREATION
– SEPT 1, 2019**

In 2015 Pope Francis declared September 1 of every year to be the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. He established this observance to “offer individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live.” This year September 1 falls on a Sunday, and this affords us a good opportunity to draw attention to “the moral imperative of assessing the impact of our every action and personal decision on the world around us” (Pope Francis, *Laudato Si* #208). Therefore, Bishop Fabre has given permission on the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time this year to use at Masses on the weekend of August 31-September 1 special prayers and readings that differ from those prescribed for that weekend and which are more pertinent to the issue of care for creation.

LIGHT OF LOVE

We often have ideas of religious life... either kneeling in a convent or out in the streets assisting the poor. While both of these scenes are essential to the life as a sister, Light of Love takes a deeper look into understanding the call... the “why” of religious life. By interviewing five sisters from five orders across the United States, the film places viewers face to face in intimate conversations with these amazing women. What does it mean to be called? What are the struggles of religious life? How have you seen God move through your ministry? These questions and others are addressed throughout the film.

The film itself is very simple: 60 minutes designed for viewers to quiet their surroundings and enter into convent, the food pantry, the hospital, and the chapel. Light of Love gives viewers a look into the lives, suffering, and joys of religious life captured in a way like never before.

To sign up go to: go to our church website, <http://www.stfrancisdesaleshouma.org/>, click on FORMED, click on Register Now, 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.

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!

**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 – OCT 17-DEC 12, 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, with Confirmation on Sunday, December 15, 2019. 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

Are you interested in training to be a future leader to minister here in St. Francis de Sales Parish? The diocese is offering an exciting new opportunity for both Adult and Youth formation! Please see the video detailing this a NEW training initiative offered by the Office of Parish Support entitled “Missionary Disciple Formation” at <https://htdiocese.org/missionary-disciple-formation-saturday-workshops>

The dates of trainings are as follows:

You will need to follow one of the tracks and attend each of the trainings in the track.

Track A:

- September 7, from 9-3
- October 19, from 9-3
- November 9, from 9-3
- January 11, from 9-3
- February 1, from 9-3
- May 2, from 9-3

Track B:

- September 21, from 9-3
- October 26, from 9-3
- November 16, from 9-3
- January 25, from 9-3
- February 8, from 9-3
- May 16, from 9-3

Trainings will be hosted at the Pastoral Center and facilitated by the Office of Parish Support staff. If you are interested in attending please contact the Cathedral Office at rvowell@htdiocese.org or 985-876-6904 to register.

**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 the church office by September 6, 2019 to register. All registered anniversary couples will receive an inscribed diocesan certificate in their own church parish during their scheduled parish celebration.

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 31, 2019. To donate, please mail to: Catholic Foundation, P.O. Box 505, Schriever, LA 70395

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 \$64,444.80, with \$56,721.93 paid thus far from 161 pledges. We have achieved 75.82% of our pledged goal. **The remaining to reach our goal is \$20,555.20.** 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.

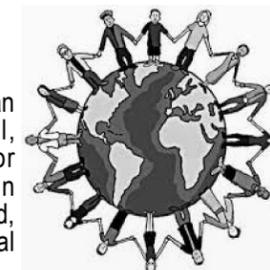
RETREAT CENTER

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

- September 12** – Evening of Prayer Welcoming the God Within, Part I – Sr. Rochelle Perrier, MSC
- September 24** – Prayer Concert – Lorraine Hess
- September 26** – Evening of Prayer Welcoming the God Within, Part II – Sr. Rochelle Perrier, MSC
- October 8** – Becoming a Woman of Faith, Mary, Teach Us Wisdom and Love – Noel Delery
- October 17** – Day of Prayer, Poetry and Prayer: A Living Flame – Sr. Beth Fitzpatrick, O Carm
- October 18-20** – Men’s Retreat – Jesus Christ Wants to Be With Us! – Rev. Richard Buhler, SJ

To Sign up – 504-267-9604 or neworleansretreats.org

Global Solidarity



We are all part of one human family—whatever our national, racial, religious, economic or ideological differences. In an increasingly interconnected world, loving our neighbors has global dimensions.

Jesus tells us to love our neighbor, even though they may be different from us. That means those neighbors who live next door and those who live on the other side of the planet. Jesus reminds us that we are all part of God’s great family.

Good religion is about being on fire and about liberation. It is about putting people on fire about life and love and service. It is about setting people free. Religious faith should be something that is exciting and energizing. It involves risks and sometimes even causes tension and division. The message that Jeremiah proclaims is supported by some and attacked by others. His own person is attacked by some and yet saved by others. Some people throw him into the cistern, others get him out. This message causes division. The message of Jesus also causes division. Not all are able to accept it – even within the same family.

Religion must not be an empty ritual. Our religion thus calls us to get into action – to speak up for justice, to serve the poor and all who are in need, to be aware of the struggles of the world, to relax in a deep trust in God, to set people free, to proclaim justice for all, and to be on fire with faith, hope, and love.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

THE VALUE OF SACRIFICE

Sacrifice is the language of love!

A father and a mother make many sacrifices to feed, clothe, and shelter their family. Without sacrifice, there is no love. The spirit of sacrifice is the spirit of Christianity. Jesus sacrificed everything for love of you and your salvation. Are you willing to make this sacrifice for love of Him, that our parish may give Him the glory of having perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament?

St. Francis’ Adoration Chapel current hours are 7am-6pm daily. All are welcome to come by and spend a few minutes with our Lord.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Journey of Hope - This ministry has been formed to walk with those on the journey of grief who have experienced the loss of a loved one through death. A series of letters and pamphlets are mailed to the spouse or nearest family member for a period of one year. These mailings aid in identifying the stages of grief and provide the recipients with information and materials to assist in their grief process. Call the rectory office for more info at 985-876-6904.