

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

- Monday - 1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30
Blessed John Francis Burté & Companions
Tuesday - 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37
Saint Gregory the Great
Wednesday - Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44
Saint Rose of Viterbo
Thursday - Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11
Saint Teresa of Calcutta
Friday - Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39
Blessed Claudio Granzotto
Saturday - Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5
Blessed Frédéric Ozanam
Sunday - Wis 9:13-18b; Phlm 9-10:12-17; Lk 14:25-33
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



AFTERTHOUGHTS

Jesus says that when we chose the virtue of humility for ourselves then God will exalt us. How have we exalted God by reaching out to those who have been humbled by the situations and circumstances of their lives: a child born into the cycle of poverty; a family displaced by natural disaster or civil strife; an elderly person incapacitated by failing health?

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, Aaron Robichaux, Chelsea Ford, Denna Sanders, Gary Benoit, Sonny Lovell, Judy Porche, Faye Platt, Vincent Trabona, Alicia Headrick, Gabrielle Hernandez, Scott Stoufflet, Curtis Briggs, Jane Chauvin, Sadie Talbot, Patty LeJune, Margaret Gaudet, Tracy LeBlanc, Kristen Watkins, and for all prayer shawl recipients.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all who have died, especially Emil Joller.

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.

- Sep 02 - Fr. André Melancon
Sep 03 - Fr. Joseph Pilola
Sep 04 - Fr. Alex Gaudet
Sep 05 - Fr. Aurelio Luzon, Jr.
Sep 06 - Fr. Scott Dugas
Sep 07 - Fr. James Van Thien
Sep 08 - Fr. Glynn LeCompte



SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Chapel
In Loving Memory of Bernard F. Breaux, Jr. on the anniversary of his death by Louise.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In loving memory of Benjamin P. Leary on the 1st Anniversary of his return to our Heavenly Father by Greg and Terri Schwab Family.

GOSPEL COMMENTARY

“Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

History is full of people who rose to power by use of fortune, corruption or force, or who used corruption to achieve a fortune to gain power. Many, if not all, exalted themselves by building monuments to themselves. Most who proclaimed their own greatness came to a brutal or humiliating end and their monuments were defaced or destroyed by those they oppressed. In contrast, there are many who believe in Jesus and try to imitate him who have done great things without desire for recognition, riches or fame, some in total anonymity, simply because it is the right thing to do. Some of those Christians have been acknowledged as Saints of the Church, but they did not do what they did to be declared a Saint. Who do we choose who to emulate; those who exalted themselves; or those who were later exalted because they did not seek recognition, riches or fame for themselves, but rather the good of others.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday - August 25

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Envelopes (234) \$11,986.00, Loose \$2,453.18, Total \$14,439.18, Aug Online Giving \$1,996.00, Aug Building Improvement Fund \$2,231.44.

PARISH NEWS

LABOR DAY - SEPTEMBER 2, 2019
The Church Office will be closed in observance of Labor Day Monday, September 2, 2019.

On this day, the United States recognizes the value of labor to the country, we, the Roman Catholic Church, cherish the sanctity of human labor. Pope Saint John Paul II reflects this concept when he says, "Man is made to be in the visible universe an image and likeness of God himself, and he is placed in it in order to subdue the earth. From the beginning therefore he is called to work".



God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the worker. Make a place in our hearts for compassion to the men and women who labor tirelessly for basic needs. Ensure a place for the men and women who are struggling to find work. Grant us your wisdom to greet and care for those who are unable to work due to illness or circumstances that prevent their participation. Be with the children who are not able to run and play, but instead must put in a hard day's work to help their family afford to eat, to live. Be with us all, Christ Jesus, as we go about the busyness of our work. Hold us accountable not only for our actions, but most importantly to each of our neighbors. May we continue to work together to bring about your reign! We ask this in your holy name, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

SACRIFICE IS THE KEY TO REPARATION

Evil must be overcome with good. Greater evil must be overcome with greater good. The extraordinary evils of the world today must be overcome with the extraordinary good of perpetual adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Your sacrifice in spending one hour each week in the middle of the night will repair evils of the world and open up the floodgates of God's merciful love upon all mankind. This is why our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II in calling for "unceasing adoration" asks us to be ready to sacrifice that we may "make reparations for the evils of the world".

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

HELP NEEDED

FOOD BAGS

Looking for ways to serve? What about feeding the hungry? We are looking for volunteers to put together bag lunches for needy persons coming to the Church for food. Volunteers would purchase items, such as, bottled water, Vienna sausages, crackers, fruit cup, and cookies and make 10-15 food bags every few months (give or take as needed). If you are interested, please email rvoewll@htdiocese.org or call the church office 985-876-6904 to put your name in the rotation.

MINISTERS SCHEDULE
WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 7-8, 2019
Commentators

- 4:00 PM Anne Bates
7:00 AM Jerry Dover
9:00 AM Jerome Zeringue
11:00 AM School Mass
5:30 PM Charles Sevin

Lectors

- 4:00 PM Lawrence Robinson
7:00 AM Denise Dover
9:00 AM James Watkins
11:00 AM School Mass
5:30 PM Christa Duplantis Prather

Ministers of the Eucharist

- 4:00 PM Jude Fanguy, Yvonne Fanguy, Mary Ann Rodrigue, Anita Pearson, Judith Archila, Robert Strada, John Breaux, C.J.Stoufflet, Kay Stoufflet, Dolly Duplantis, Carla Exnicious
7:00 AM Dale Norred, Nellie Chemin, Holly Champagne, Darlene Pellegrin, Madeline Picou, Tammy Blanchard
11:00 AM Kelli Cazayoux, Craig Bella, Norman Simon, Rene Rhodes, Julie Rhodes, Mary Anne Goodwin
5:30 PM JennyBriggs, Curtis Briggs, Gina Danos, Abigail Lirette, Sallie Preston, Kim Sanvi

Altar Servers

- 4:00 PM Gabrielle Hebert, Avene Ryals, Brady Hazelton
7:00 AM John Breaux, C.J.Stoufflet
9:00 AM Elise Ledet, Delsin Blanchard, Emma Bennett
11:00 AM School Mass
5:30 PM Matthew King, Madeline Sonnier, Alexander Hernandez



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

MUSIC - YOUTH CHOIR

Raise your voices! Children/Youth who are ages 7 through high school are invited to join the Youth Choir. If you are interested in signing up, contact Heidi Cehan at 985-258-1046 or the church office 985-876-6904. Please come and help us make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

CATHOLIC KORNER

Last week we learned that the parts of the Mass are Introductory Rites, Collect, Liturgy of the Word, Creed, Canon of the Mass, Epiclesis, Consecration, Anamnesis, Doxology, Communion Rite, Rite of Peace, Fraction, Communion, and Concluding Rites.

This week we talk about Part of the Mass: Introductory Rites. The Mass begins with the entrance chant or song. Once the celebrant bows or kisses the altar, we make the sign of the cross and he extends a greeting to everyone. The penitential act is the Kyrie. This litany recalls God's merciful actions throughout history. The Gloria follows (except during Lent). The Gloria is when everyone joins the heavenly choirs to offer praise and adoration to God. Last in the Introductory Rites is an opening prayer called the Collect. This part of the Mass is to help us establish communion and dispose ourselves properly to listen to the word of God and celebrate the Eucharist worthily.

- 1. Entrance Procession and song
2. Sign of the Cross and Greeting
3. Penitential Rite
4. Kyrie (Lord, have mercy)
5. Gloria - omitted during Lent
6. Opening Prayer



Find out more next week when we talk about the first Part of the Mass: Collect.

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

SAINTS

1-Sep St Joshua (reading, literature, intelligence professionals) Joshua was one of the 12 spies Moses sent to Canaan. He had great faith and trust in God and was exempt from the condemnation of that generation to death in the wilderness. He led the Israelites into the promised land.

3-Sep St Gregory (plague, educators, students, popes, singers) St. Gregory is one of the four great Doctors of the Latin Church. He saw himself as "servant of the servants of God". He maintained a humble attitude as a servant and pastor of souls until he died.

SEPTEMBER 2019 MASS INTENTIONS
In Memory/In Honor

Table with 3 columns: Date, Name, Intention. Includes Benjamin Leary, Sister Rosario O'Connell, Ralph Deroche, Fr. Roland Timber, Bernard F. Breaux, III, Marty Gaspard, C.G. Keplinger, Belinda Rodriguez.

September 7, 2019 Sat 4:00pm Bernard F. Breaux, Jr.

September 8, 2019 Sun 7:00am Addielee & Hazel Domangue

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EXCITING NEWS!

Although the renovations to the Cathedral have been postponed, individual parishioners have come forward and offered to fund the restoration of our Stations of the Cross. We have secured the services of Godfrey Studio of Ecclesiastical Art. The lead artist on this project (Belinda Godfrey) is, herself, a third-generation ecclesiastical restorationist. In order that the work can begin on Monday, the stations along with 4 statues have been removed from St. Francis. So don't be alarmed when you see empty pedestals or miss the stations ... rather, share our excitement!

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

This day was established in 2015 by Pope Francis 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.

A Prayer for Our Earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love, and peace. Amen.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TRAINING - Mark Your Calendar – SEP 19, 2019!!

It is the policy of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux that Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are re-trained at five-year intervals, which means that all ministers, across the diocese, whether they are just beginning or are continuing service, must be renewed for the period from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2024. Therefore, training will be held here at St. Francis de Sales on Thursday, September 19, 2019, from 5:45 PM - 9:00 PM in the Youth Center. All those who distribute Holy Communion at Mass, (on the schedule or substitute), in the nursing home, to the homebound, or the hospital are required to attend. Information on all ministers will be updated at that time. A light dinner will be served.

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

Today, we hear Jesus say to us, "...when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

With love for your neighbors who are poor, crippled, lame or blind, look around your house to see what furniture, household items, and clothing you no longer use...and give it to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

In the month of August, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 10 families, providing \$70.00 for food, \$300.00 for utilities, \$612.00 for rent, and \$70.00 for clothing at the St. Vincent de Paul Store. Thank you!

If you or someone you know needs assistance, please call 985-872-2520. After the beep, clearly state your name, phone number, address, and nature of the request. One of our volunteers will call you back to arrange an appointment interview.



BLUE MASS – SEPTEMBER 26, 2019

The annual "Blue Mass" will be celebrated on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. here at the Cathedral of St. Francis. Bishop Shelton Fabre will preside at this Mass at which we pray for our community protectors, including police, fire fighters, military personnel, and emergency responders. All are invited to attend.

SECOND COLLECTION - CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY THIS WEEKEND



The Catholic University of America is unique among universities in the United States – even among Catholic Universities. Established by Pope Leo XIII and the U.S. Bishops in 1887, it is the national university of the Catholic Church. In addition to alumni who live in our diocese, more than one third of the U.S. Bishops and 12,000 priests and religious are Catholic University alumni, including 5 of the 6 American Cardinal Archbishops. Through its 12 schools and 23 research centers located in the nation's capital, every year the University provides an education grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition to almost 7,000 students.

This weekend, we will be taking up the National Collection for the Catholic University. Your investment will enable the University to continue to support the Church and to advance its work of preparing the next generation of leadership, both religious and lay, of our Church and nation. Thank you for your generosity. You can learn more at collection.catholic.edu.

MATTHEW 25 DISASTER PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE – TRAINING – SEPT 11; SEPT 14

Catholic Charities is holding refresher training throughout our diocese for your Matthew 25 Disaster Preparedness & Response Team members. Please attend whichever meeting is most convenient for you.

St. Gregory KC Hall, Houma - Wednesday September 11th from 6:00-7:30 pm
St. Andrew Rel.Ed. Building, Amelia - Saturday September 14th from 9:00 am- 10:30am

New volunteers are especially welcome.
Please call your Parish office or Catholic Charities (985-876-0490)

CHOIR SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

Now preparing for Advent and Christmas ... rewarding and fun!! Call Leslie at 985-872-0573 or the Church Office at 985-876-6904 to sign up.

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!

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.

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

FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY – SEP 3, 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 September 3, 2019.

RSVP by the THURSDAY prior to the event to assure an accurate count by calling 985-850-3178 or email FoodForTheJourney@htdiocese.org. Be prepared to give us your name, phone number and the names of each person in your party.

GRIEF SUPPORT – BEGINS SEPTEMBER 4, 2019

If you or someone you know is experiencing grief because of the loss of a loved one, a 14-wk grief support group entitled "The Journey of Grief" will be held at St. Bernadette, 409 Funderburk Ave, Houma beginning Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 6:30pm. Facilitators are Deacon Glenn and Marilyn Porche. To register call 985-879-1506 or 985-872-2946.

VANDEBILT – TERRIER TAILGATE - RAFFLE TICKETS – SEPTEMBER 7-8, 2019



Vandebilt Catholic is selling tickets after the September 7/8, 2019 Masses for their "Terrier Tailgate" - \$25,000 Car Raffle. Tickets are \$10 per entry and the drawing will be held at the Terrier Tailgate on September 21, 2019 – 9:00 P.M. at the Houma – Terrebonne Civic Center. Proceeds from the raffle will be used to continue the upgrades to school safety and other facility needs. You can also purchase your tickets at the church office.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY OUTREACH MONTH - SEPTEMBER

How do we connect worship on Sunday to work on Monday? Bishop Fabre says "Our diocesan strategic Plans of Hope establishes September as the month for an annual diocesan-wide campaign to increase parishioners' awareness of parish social ministry and local outreach needs." The September issue of the Bayou Catholic talks about Catholic Social Teaching. These teachings help us to live out our faith as children of God destined for eternity. Please read the September Bayou Catholic.

You are invited – Free hamburger lunch – donations are greatly appreciated. All are welcome! September 18, 11am-1pm at Catholic Community Center, Galliano, 9018 East Avenue A.

MASS AND HEALING SERVICE – SEPTEMBER 19, 2019 - ST. ANDREW

6:30pm - Praying of the Holy Rosary; 7:00pm - Holy Mass and Services; Music by Teddy; St. Andrew Catholic Church, 833 Julia Street, Amelia, LA; 985-631-2333; 985-232-2229

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

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.

25TH, 40TH, 50TH, 60TH (AND BEYOND) ANNIVERSARY PRAYER SERVICE – OCTOBER 20, 2019

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.

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.

2019 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL – UPDATE!

The goal of the Cathedral of St. Francis is \$85,000. Our parish has pledged \$66,984.80, with \$60,141.78 paid thus far from 162 pledges. We have achieved 78.81% of our pledged goal. **The remaining to reach our goal is \$18,015.20.** 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.