

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER 21- SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

Monday - 1 CORINTHIANS EPH 4:1-7, 11-13; MT 9:9-13
St. Joseph
Tuesday - 1CORINTHIANS PRV 21:1-6, 10-13, LK 8:19-21
St. Egidio
Wednesday - 1CORINTHIANS PRV 30:5-9; LK 9:1-6
St. Zenon
Thursday - 1CORINTHIANS ECCL 1:2-11, LK 9:7-9
St. Gregory
Friday - 1CORINTHIANS ECCL 3:1-11, LK 9:18-22
St. Rosalia
Saturday - 1CORINTHIANS ECCL 11:9—12:8, LK 9:43B-45
St. Mother Theresa
Sunday - 1CORINTHIANS EZ 18:25-28; PHIL 2:1-11 OR 2:1-5, MT 21:28-32
St. Zachary

AFTERTHOUGHTS

Have you ever grumbled against God's goodness or been envious of it?

PRAY FOR: Ray Duthu, Linda Lee, Shirley Walsh, J.A. Foret, Jason Chaisson, Christina Sparks, Ursula M. Breaux, Barbara Toups Miller, Susan Laperouse, Deacon Lee Crochet, Selma Ferjani, Dee Belanger, Holden Sawyer, Lynn Paul Lirette, Sherman Brown, Mary Lee Boudreaux, Airman Wesley Speyrer, Nancy Rivere, Chelsea Ford, Gary Benoit, Judy Porche, Vincent Trabona, Alicia Headrick, Scott Stoufflet, Curtis Briggs, Patty LeJune, Margaret Gaudet, Tracy LeBlanc, Kristen Watkins, Alex Schexnayder, Robert Cazayoux, Linda Musson, Rosabelle Prosperie, Kayla Dudek Breaux, Percy Lee, Linda LeClair, Sadie Talbot, (open heart surgery), Barbara Gaidry, Wayne Duplantis, Joy Blanchard, Marie Williams, Roy Reeves, Brenner Winston Babin (cancer), Allen Trahan, Christian Olden, Melanie Ougel, Monica Guidroz, Mark Voisin, Sybil Trahan, Bonnie Esponge, and for all prayer shawl recipients. **We also pray for all those who have recently died especially Mrs. Ellen Hagen Bunch.**

Daily Prayers for Priests:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of the priesthood. We particularly thank you for the priests here in the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux. We ask that you draw them ever closer to the Sacred Heart of Your Son Jesus. May they experience the depth of communion with you that you long for. Grant them stillness Lord, that they might perceive your presence. Heighten their spiritual senses that they might see and hear you ever more clearly and feel you ever more deeply. Remind them of their call. Remind them of all that you have promised them and they promised you on the sacred day of their ordination. We ask for miracles of renewal in their priestly vocation, Lord. Renew them in your love and strengthen their resolve to love and serve you. Strengthen their priestly fraternity, Lord, and strengthen the bond between the priests and the Laity, that together Lord, we all might be ONE as you are One. **In Jesus Name we pray, Amen.**

ALTER FLOWERS

The beautiful Altar flowers were donated by Robert & Beverly Cazayoux.

GOSPEL COMMENTARY

“So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage.”

A TV commercial depicts a mom who makes a peanut butter sandwich for two little boys with the last two pieces of bread. She tells one boy that he can cut the sandwich in half and he gets excited. After he cuts the sandwich she says that the other boy will get to choose which half he wants. Our attitude about what is just is often influenced by the impact such justice will have on us. It is probably natural to side with the workers who started first and complained that the workers who started last received the same wages. But justice is not about how much we have in comparison to others, but about what we do with what we have regardless of what others do or fail to do with what they have. God made us stewards and caretakers of all that we are, all that we have and all that we ever will be. He also made us stewards of justice of things over which we have control. Happily, we are not responsible for what God has given to others, except to give them a good example of how to act justly by imitating Jesus.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday – September 20, 2020

Envelopes (182)..... \$ 9,220.00
Loose \$ 535.00
Total \$ 9,755.00

PARISH NEWS

PRAY THE 54-DAY MIRACLE NOVENA
- AUGUST 15 THROUGH OCTOBER 7, 2020

Pray one rosary each day from August 15-September 10, 2020 asking the Lord for the intention of peace and blessings around the November election. Then from September 11 – October 7 pray the rosary each day thanking the Lord in faith, believing the favor has already been granted. For more information, visit www.queenofpeacemedia.com

DAY OF PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

St. Francis de Sales will host a day of prayer for our country on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 beginning at 9:00am and closing with Benediction at 4:45pm. The rosary will be prayed each hour with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm. Visitors are welcome all during the day but we will need at least two adorers before the Blessed Sacrament all day. Please call the rectory office (876-6904) if you can commit to sign up for an hour! Our country and our leaders need our prayers!

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS – (RCIA)

It's not too late to join!

St. Francis de Sales began RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) sessions on September 1, 2020. If you - or someone you know - is interested in becoming Catholic these sessions are for you!

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process, a journey of faith, designed for adults who study the scriptures as well as the teachings of the Catholic Church. The sessions are designed to enable the participants to build community within the group and to introduce them to a deep and abiding faith in Christ, whereby they are consciously and freely initiated into the Catholic Christian community. This faith journey is for adults who

1. have been Baptized in another faith tradition,
2. have 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 discussion sessions and begin with a period of Inquiry – a time where you are free to inquire about the Catholic faith and have your questions answered. You are also welcome to bring your spouse or a friend to the sessions! For more information or to register, contact Cathy in the Cathedral office – 985-876-6904.

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship
(cont.)

“The Virtue of Prudence. The Church also encourages Catholics to develop the virtue of prudence, which enables us “to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1806). Prudence shapes and informs our ability to deliberate over available alternatives, to determine what is most fitting to a specific context, and to act. Prudence must be accompanied by courage which calls us to act. As Catholics seek to advance the common good, we must carefully discern which public policies are morally sound. A good end does not justify an immoral means. At times Catholics may choose different ways to respond to social problems, but we cannot differ on our obligation to protect human life and dignity and help build through moral means a more just and peaceful world.

“Doing Good and Avoiding Evil. There are some things we must never do, as individuals or as a society, because they are always incompatible with love of God and neighbor. These intrinsically evil acts must always be rejected and never supported. A preeminent example is the intentional taking of human life through abortion. It is always morally wrong to destroy innocent human beings. A legal system that allows the right to life to be violated on the grounds of choice is fundamentally flawed. Similarly, direct threats to the dignity of human life such as euthanasia, human cloning, and destructive research on human embryos are also intrinsically evil and must be opposed. Other assaults on human life and dignity, such as genocide, torture, racism, and the targeting of noncombatants in acts of terror or war, can never be justified. Disrespect for any human life diminishes respect for all human life.

“Doing Good and Avoiding Evil. As Catholics we are not single-issue voters. A candidate’s position on a single issue is not sufficient to guarantee a voter’s support. Yet a candidate’s position on a single issue that involves an intrinsic evil, such as support for legal abortion or the promotion of racism, may legitimately lead a voter to disqualify a candidate from receiving support. Opposition to intrinsically evil acts also prompts us to recognize our positive duty to contribute to the common good and act in solidarity with those in need. Both opposing evil *and* doing good are essential. As Pope John Paul II said, ‘the fact that only the negative commandments oblige always and under all circumstances does not mean that in the moral life prohibitions are more important than the obligation to do good indicated by the positive commandment’ (*Encyclical Veritatis Splendor*, no. 52).”

(to be continued ...)

CATHOLIC KORNER

Last week we learned about the gift of Piety. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, knowledge, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord. They are properly termed “gifts of the Holy Spirit” because the Holy Spirit bestows them. This week we will talk about **The Gift of Fear of the Lord**. The seventh gift of the Holy Spirit, fear of the Lord, may be the most misunderstood of all the gifts of the Holy Spirit. This is because most people associate the word “fear” with being frightened or afraid. Thus, they think we are supposed to be afraid of or frightened by God. That’s not what the gift of the Holy Spirit is about.

Fear of the Lord is a sense of awe and wonder in regard to God. It gives us a greater realization that God is all-powerful. This gift gives a desire to not offend God, not because of our fear of punishment, but because of our great love for him.

Unfortunately, this gift seems to be sorely lacking in the world today. As Catholics, we must always pray for the gift of fear of the Lord, especially in regard to the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. We should be dumbstruck with awe and wonder every time we go to Mass. *A Minute In The Church by Gus Lloyd*

Find out more next week when we talk about the Explanations of Catholic Practice and Devotions: Introduction.

SAINTS

- 21-Sep - St Matthew - accountants, bankers, guards, security guards, security forces, stock brokers
- 23-Sep - St Matthew - civil defense volunteers, stress relief
- 26-Sep - St Cosmas - blindness, barbers, chemical industry, doctors, pharmacists, physicians, surgeons
- 26-Sep - St Damian - blindness, barbers, chemical industry, doctors, pharmacists, physicians, surgeons
- 27-Sep- St Vincent de Paul - charities, horses, hospital workers, hospitals, lost articles, prisoners, spiritual help, volunteers

September 2020 Mass Intentions

Jesus' Alberto Ramos Martir	September 2,2020	Daily 5:30pm
Jesus' Alberto Ramos Martir	September 3,2020	Daily 5:30pm
Jesus' Alberto Ramos Martir	September 4,2020	Daily 12:05 pm
Kenneth Watkins	September 4, 2020	Daily 12:05am
Jesus' Alberto Ramos Martir	September 5,2020	Sat. 4pm
Jesus' Alberto Ramos Martir	September 6,2020	Sun 11am
Leslie Van Osdale	September 6, 2020	Sun 9am
William P. Walsh	September 6, 2020	Sun 9am
Ray Marcello, Sr.	September 6, 2020	Sun 11am
Terryellen LeBlanc	September 6,2020	Sun 9am
Jesus' Alberto Ramos Martir	September 7,2020	Daily 5:30pm
Jesus' Alberto Ramos Martir	September 8,2020	Daily 5:30pm
Jesus' Alberto Ramos Martir	September 9,2020	Daily 5:30pm
Jesus' Alberto Ramos Martir	September 10,2020	Daily 5:30pm
Barbara Cipolla	September 11, 2020	Daily 12:05am
Belinda Rodriguez	September 11, 2020	Daily 12:05am
Kenneth Watkins	September 11, 2020	Daily 12:05am
Terryellen LeBlanc	September 13,2020	Sun 9am
John H. Blanchard	September 15, 2020	Daily 5:30pm
Kenneth Watkins	September 18, 2020	Daily 12:05am
Joseph Haddad, Jr.	September 19, 2020	Sat. 4pm
Margaret Larke	September 19, 2020	Sat. 4pm
Robert C Baisden	September 19, 2020	Sat. 4pm
C.G. Keplinger	September 19, 2020	Sat. 4pm
Norman Bergeron	September 20, 2020	Sun 9am
Jason Adam Dupont	September 20, 2020	Sun 9am
Ada Ortego	September 20, 2020	Sun 9am
Terryellen LeBlanc	September 20,2020	Sun 9am
John & Marie Laffitte	September 23, 2020	Daily 5:30pm
Kenneth Watkins	September 25, 2020	Daily 12:05am
Robert C Baisden	September 26, 2020	Sat. 4pm
Oron "Buck" Stutzman	September 26, 2020	Sat. 4pm
Gabrielle Hebert	September 26, 2020	Daily 8:30am
Ian Haydel	September 26, 2020	Daily 8:30am
Megan Hitt	September 26, 2020	Daily 8:30am
TJ Cantrelle	September 26, 2020	Daily 8:30am
Terryellen LeBlanc	September 27,2020	Sun 9am
Jason Adam Dupont	September 27, 2020	Sun 9am

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



Knights of Columbus Council 1317 - An organization of Catholic men involved in charitable works within the community.

This group supports numerous activities in various areas of social ministry. Contact Grand Knight Lou Hebert at 647-3778 for more information.

STAY INFORMED

Please visit the Church website for posts, updates, and news. <https://stfrancisdesaleshouma.org/>

Please visit the Church Facebook page for posts, news, and videos. <https://www.facebook.com/Cathedral-of-St-Francis-DeSales-Church-Houma-121704657888318/>

Please visit the Diocese website for the latest news, stories from Bayou Catholic, prayers, videos, etc. <https://hdiocese.org/coronavirus>

ADULT CONFIRMATION SESSION – FALL 2020

The Adult Confirmation Course is gearing up to begin October 1, 2020! This course is offered to those who are at least 18 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 (7) sessions, each 1-1/2 hours on Thursday evenings in the Convent, beginning at 6:30pm. Confirmation will be held Dec 6 and/or Dec 13. For more information, or to register, please contact Cathy in the Cathedral office at 985-876-6904 or Jody & Cathy Duet at 985-209-3617.

THE TIE-IN – ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

On **September 27**, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who knew that "God had sent him to bring good news to the poor." Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue his work and mission in our parish.

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 (caller id will not display the number).

St. Francis de sales - ParishSOFT On-Line Giving

Did you know that you can give online?

Look for this button on our church website.

<http://www.stfrancisdesaleshouma.org/on-line-giving.html>

The Catholic Social Teachings remind us that we are called to be intentional, sensitive and aware of our neighbors' needs.

Catholic Charities, in partnership with your pastors, parish social ministry outreach teams, Matthew 25 ministries, the Knights of Columbus and others, is organizing a relief supply drive for Hurricane Laura victims. The following locations will accept supplies at times and places indicated below.

Please spread the word.



Parish/Area	Where-Drop off point	When - date/time for drop off
St Charles Church	Church Foyer or Office or MFLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mass times Monday-Thursday 8am-12 & 1-4 Friday 8am-noon
OLOTI- Grand Isle	Parish Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday-Friday 8am-5pm
OLPS Golden Meadow	LaSalette Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday-Friday 6am-7pm
Annunziata- Houma	Church Parish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday- Friday, 8:30am to 6pm
Christ the Redeemer Church - Thibodaux	Church lobby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday – Friday 7:30am to 4pm Saturdays 8:00am to 5pm Sundays 7am to 4pm
St Hilary- Raceland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monetary donations – Office Supplies-Vestibule of Church 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mon-Thurs. – 8-12 and 1-4 Friday – 8 – 12 Or before all Masses
St Gregory - Houma	Collection Bin outside administration office carport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday thru- Thursday 8 am-2:30
Holy Cross – Morgan City	Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday-Friday 8-12, & 1-3pm
St Joseph - Chauvin	Church entrance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any time
OLPS -Chackbay	Inside Church or Rectory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any time
Sacred Heart - Montegut	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rectory Church on weekend 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30-3pm Weekend Masses Monday-Thursday 8am-3pm Friday 8am-noon
St Anthony -Bayou Black	Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday-Thursday 8am-3pm Friday 8am-noon
St Louis – Bayou Blue	Parish hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday-Sunday 8am-7pm
Maria Immacolata- Houma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gathering Center on weekdays In Church on weekends 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday-Friday 8am-5:30pm And weekends
St Bernadette-Houma	Pat O'Brien center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday September 4th 2020 3pm – 8pm
St Lawrence- Kraemer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Church Foyer Monetary Donations & Gift Cards Church Office or Mail Slot 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mon-Fri: 8am-6pm
Our Lady of the Rosary, Larose	Church Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mon-Fri: 8am-12pm & 1pm-4pm
Good Samaritan Food Bank of Thibodaux	Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tue & Thu: 8am-12pm
Catholic Community Center, Galliano	Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mon: 10am-4pm, Wed: 10am-2pm, Fri: 10am-12pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Adoration Chapel remains open for adorers. We are still practicing new safety measures, so please wear a mask in the Adoration Chapel.

St. Francis' Adoration Chapel current hours are 7am-6pm daily (Key fobs allow 24 hours access). All are welcome to come by and spend a few minutes with our Lord.

Sunday – Donna Lapeyre – Home: 225-937-1861 - donnalapeyre@yahoo.com
 Monday – Candy Archila – Home: 985-868-1792 – jarchila@bellsouth.net
 Tuesday – Therese Oubre – Home: 985-226-2252 - Mobile: 225-329-6757 – tsoubre@att.net
 Wednesday–Melanie – Mobile: 985-709-3754 - mbabin1@comcast.net
 Thursday– Melva Fournier – Home: 985-873-7593 – Mobile:985-226-7800-melfour816@gmail.com
 Friday – Ana Vice – Mobile: 985-852-8110 – abvice1@gmail.com
 Saturday – Sue LeBlanc – Home: 985-879-2866 – Mobile: 985-688-9044 - leblancsss@yahoo.com
General Information: Paul Maclean – Mobile: 985-856-5345 – macleanland@bellsouth.net



COMMUNITY NEWS

Houma Life Chain

The annual Houma Life Chain will be held on Respect Life Sunday, October 4th, 2020 from 2-3 P.M. (rain or shine). Those participating will line up along the median of Tunnel Boulevard in Houma and stand prayerfully, silently holding Life Chain signs. Pick up signs at Mr. Ronnie's Donuts. Join with other pro-life Christians to make a statement to our community that "ABORTION KILLS CHILDREN"



WHAT'S THE LOVE LIFE AMENDMENT?

In Louisiana, we love babies and their mothers. Sadly, 13 other states have protected abortion in their state constitutions. By passing the Love Life Amendment, we will protect life by making sure there is no right to abortion or the funding of abortion in the Louisiana Constitution.

WHEN IS THE VOTE?

The Love Life Amendment will be on the ballot on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, the same day as the Presidential election. Vote YES on 11/3/2020!

LEARN MORE & TAKE ACTION

• Visit LoveLifeVoteYes.com • Text LOVELIFE to 77222 • Follow Us @LoveLifeVoteYes • Call 1.866.463.5433

Diocesan Marriage Anniversary

Liturgy of the Word for couples celebrating 25, 40, 50 and 60+ years of the sacrament of Holy Matrimony

The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux is inviting all couples married in the Catholic church who are celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th (and beyond) anniversary during 2020 to one of two Diocesan Liturgies of the Word, which will be celebrated Sunday, November 8, 2020 or Sunday November 22, 2020 respectively at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral, both at 3:00 PM. The celebration will not be a Mass, but a Liturgy of the Word. If you wish to participate in this program, contact your church parish before September 18, 2020 to register. All registered anniversary couples will receive an inscribed diocesan certificate in their own church parish during their scheduled parish celebration.

Looking forward to celebrating with our anniversary couples!

BLUE MASS

Bishop Shelton Fabre will preside at the annual Blue Mass, for police, fire fighters, emergency responders and members of the military. The Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 11:00 AM at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral, Thibodaux. September 29th is the feast of the archangels, one of whom, St. Michael, is the patron saint of community protectors. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic this year the Mass will be open only to members of the protection agencies and family members of the deceased of those agencies who will be memorialized.

RED MASS

The annual Red Mass, for legal professionals and their staffs, will be celebrated on Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 12:00 PM at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral, Thibodaux. Bishop Shelton Fabre will be the presider and the homilist will be Thomas J. Rodi, Archbishop of Mobile, AL. Prior to his seminary studies, Archbishop Rodi earned a Juris Doctor from Tulane University in 1974 and was admitted to the Louisiana State Bar Association in the same year. He was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of New Orleans in 1978, Bishop of Biloxi in 2001 and appointed the fourth Archbishop of Mobile, AL in 2008. He also earned a Licentiate in Canon Law from the Catholic University of America and a Master of Divinity degree from Notre Dame Seminary. The Mass is open to legal professionals, their staffs, their families and to the public. Social distancing guidelines are to be observed.

WHITE MASS

The annual White Mass, for medical and mental health professionals, is being celebrated on (October 10-11, 2020 or October 17-18, 2020) at all Masses in our parish. All parishes in our diocese are celebrating this Mass either on the weekend of October 10-11 or October 17-18 this year. The Mass will include a prayerful recognition of those in the medical and mental health professions as well as a blessing over them. We ask that medical professionals wear a distinctive uniform to Mass, and if mental health professionals have something distinctive to wear that represents their profession that they do so as well.

LOUISIANA BISHOPS SUPPORT THE LOVE LIFE AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION

On the Ballot November 3rd The Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops strongly supports the Love Life Amendment, which would successfully amend the Louisiana constitution and thereby continue to strengthen our commitment to end abortion in our state. Citizens of our state will have the opportunity to affirmatively state that they "Love Life" on November 3—the same day as the United States presidential election—by favoring this amendment. As Catholics, we are called to ensure that life is indeed valued and that the dignity of all is upheld. This is the foundational principle of our social teaching and must be intentionally considered in all that we do. Passage of the Love Life Amendment would have a dual effect. Primarily, it will ensure that the state of Louisiana cannot establish a right to abortion at present or if Roe v. Wade is overturned in the future. Secondly, it will prohibit the funding of abortion through taxpayer dollars within our constitution. Without such an amendment, the invalidation of the many anti-abortion laws we have all advocated so strongly for in Louisiana remains a possibility. The Louisiana Conference of Catholic bishops therefore enthusiastically supports the Love Life Amendment, and encourages all to approach this initiative with a formed conscience and a commitment to defend the sanctity of human life and uphold the dignity of all people.*

ASSISTANCE

Catholic Charities can assist those with rent and/or utilities if they have been affected by COVID shutdowns, loss of hours at work, or suffered some sort of injury or other illness that has prevented them from going to their places of employment and has set them back financially. If you or someone you know needs assistance you can access the online application here:

<https://www.htdiocese.org/individual-and-family-assistance>

The Lord Catholic Social Teaching: Call to Family, Community, and Participation

We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable

When we hear the words, "seek the Lord," the first image that might come to mind is to go out and actually search....to look for the Lord as we would for a missing child. As we finish the passage, we realize that Isiah is not telling us to "look around" but rather "look within."

The Prophet is calling us to conversion. A life altering change that will help us to be more aware of the presence of the Lord in our life. One of the keys to this conversion is the idea that it is possible. The Lord will allow us to come close to him. He will empower us to change those things in our lives that would separate us from him.

God's ways, however, are far from our ways, as we hear in today's first reading. And today's readings should caution us against the temptation to resent God's lavish mercy.

In today's Psalm, we should rejoice that God has compassion on all whom He has created. This should console us, too, especially if we have loved ones who remain far from the vineyard.

In the midst of our complex contemporary world, the gospel invited us to be free enough to see things in a new way and from other viewpoints. We are called to learn from diversity and others. This is especially important if we are to put the social teaching of the gospel into practice and not just get trapped by the viewpoint of our culture or a limited ideology. This is especially important if we are to see all people with love and understanding.

Our task is to continue laboring in His vineyard. As Paul says in today's Epistle, let us conduct ourselves worthily, struggling to bring all men and women to the praise of His name.

MINISTERS SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 26-27, 2020

Commentators

4:00 PM Brenda Tanner
 7:00 AM John Breaux
 9:00 AM Melanie Shipp
 11:00 AM Emie Perry
 5:30 PM Ann Bates

Lectors

4:00 PM Lawrence Robinson
 7:00 AM Jody Duet
 9:00 AM James Watkins
 11:00 AM Jenni McNabb
 5:30 PM Bubba Watkins

Ministers of the Eucharist

4:00 PM Robert Strada, Judith Archila
 7:00 AM Bill Blanchard, Ellen Blanchard, Carla Exnicious
 9:00 AM Jude Fanguy, Yvonne Fanguy, Dale Norred
 11:00 AM Rene Rhodes, Julie Rhodes, Carol Domangue
 5:30 PM Jenny Briggs, Curtis Briggs, Gina Danos



Pastoral Thoughts

As we enter into another election cycle, Catholics throughout the United States share an important opportunity to shape a nation ever more faithful to the mind and heart of Jesus Christ ... particularly as we experience his presence in the lessons of Scripture and the values embodied in Catholic Social Teaching. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has issued a 44-page document entitled: Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States. Through a series of excerpts over the coming weeks, I hope to provide you with a summary of the Bishops' call.

Fr. Jay