

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

OF OCTOBER 5,- OCTOBER 11, 2020

- Monday - 1 CORINTHIANS GAL 1:6-12; LK 10:25-37  
St. Benedict
- Tuesday - 1 CORINTHIANS GAL 1:13-24, LK 10:38-42  
St. Bruno
- Wednesday- 1 CORINTHIANS GAL 2:1-2, 7-14; LK 11:1-4  
St. Mark, Pope
- Thursday - 1 CORINTHIANS GAL 3:1-5; LK 11:5-13  
St. Pelagia
- Friday - 1 CORINTHIANS GAL 3:7-14, LK 11:15-26  
St. Abraham
- Saturday - 1 CORINTHIANS GAL 3:22-29, LK 11:27-28  
St. Paulinus
- Sunday - 1 CORINTHIANS IS 25:6-10A;  
PHIL 4:12-14, 19-20; MT 22:1-14 OR 22:1-10  
St. John XXIII

AFTERTHOUGHTS

Aware of how violence begets violence, the vineyard owner responds to violence with vulnerable love. Have you ever chosen that path?



**PRAY FOR:** Christina Sparks, Barbara Toups., Sherman Brown, Mary Lee Boudreaux, Airman Wesley Speyrer, Nancy Rivere, Judy Porche, Patty LeJune, Margaret Gaudet, 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 Sponge, Jack Butler, Lisa Collins Melancon, and for all prayer shawl recipients. We also pray for all those who have recently died, especially Katherine "Katie" Bourque.

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.

GOSPEL COMMENTARY

*"The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."*

A wise employer who paid above average wages and provided very good benefits would tell all of his new hires, and remind his existing employees, "If you do your job you get to keep it." He treated his employees like family and they learned they could come to him with problems and concerns, and he would help if he was able. "Say what you mean and do what you say" was another of his many expressions. He expected his employees to do their job and be honest with him, with each other and with the customers, and to treat each other as family. This wise employer knew that Jesus was teaching the chief priest and elders of his day, and us today, that God our Father and the Creator of His Kingdom "on earth as it is in heaven" has given each of us a vast array of talents, abilities and gifts that He expects us to use for our own benefit and to share with others. If we fail or refuse to do, so He will take his Kingdom from us and give it to "people that will produce its fruits."

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday – September 28, 2020

Envelopes (165).....	\$ 9,030.00
Loose .....	\$ 476.00
Total .....	\$ 9,506.00

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](http://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!

ADULT CONFIRMATION SESSION – FALL 2020

The Adult Confirmation Course has begun! 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.

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship (cont.)

It is important for all citizens to see beyond party politics, to analyze campaign rhetoric critically, and to choose their political leaders according to principle, not party affiliation or mere self-interest' (USCCB, *Living the Gospel of Life*, no. 33). The following themes of Catholic social teaching provide a moral framework for decisions in public life.

**"The Right to Life and the Dignity of the Human Person.**

Human life is sacred. Direct attacks on innocent human beings are never morally acceptable. Within our society, life is under direct attack from abortion, euthanasia, human cloning, and destruction of human embryos for research. These intrinsic evils must always be opposed. This teaching also compels us as Catholics to oppose genocide, torture, unjust war, and the use of the death penalty, as well as to pursue peace and help overcome poverty, racism, and other conditions that demean human life.

**"Call to Family, Community, and Participation.** The family, based on marriage between a man and a woman, is the fundamental unit of society. This sanctuary for the creation and nurturing of children must not be redefined, undermined, or neglected. Supporting families should be a priority for economic and social policies. How our society is organized – in economics and politics, in law and public policy – affects the well-being of individuals and of society. Every person and association has a right and a duty to participate in shaping society to promote the well-being of individuals and the common good.

**"Rights and Responsibilities.** Every human being has a right to life, the fundamental right that makes all other rights possible. Each of us has a right to religious freedom, which enables us to live and act in accord with our God-given dignity, as well as a right to access to those things required for human decency – food and shelter, education and employment, health care and housing. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities – to one another, to our families, and to the larger society.

**"Option for the Poor and Vulnerable.** While the common good embraces all, those who are in greatest need deserve preferential concern. A moral test for society is how we treat the weakest among us – the unborn, those dealing with disabilities or terminal illness, the poor and marginalized." *(to be continued ...)*

SAINTS

- 04-Oct - St Francis Assisi - animals, ecologist, environment, families, merchants, peace, zoos
- 05-Oct - St Maria Faustina - lymphedema, heart conditions, milroy's disease
- 09-Oct - St Dennis - headaches, hydrophobia, rabies, strife, possessed people

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

**Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary** - These ladies work in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus serving many of the same charitable endeavors. Contact Ida Robichaux at 872-0637.

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>

CATHOLIC KORNER

**Life in Christ: Explanations of Catholic Practice and Devotions:** This week we will learn about **Anointing of the Sick:** Jesus spent much of His time healing the sick and infirm. He has a special place in His heart for those who suffer. As such, He instituted the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.



It used to be thought that this sacrament was only for those near death. That is not the case. In fact, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 1514 says this: The Anointing of the Sick "is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived."

The Anointing of the Sick is not a sacrament that one can only receive once. Again, from the Catechism, paragraph 1515: "If a sick person who received this anointing recovers his health, he can in the case of another grave illness receive this sacrament again. If during the same illness the person's condition becomes more serious, the sacrament may be repeated. It is fitting to receive the Anointing of the Sick just prior to a serious operation. The same holds for the elderly whose frailty becomes more pronounced."

Only a priest can administer the Anointing of the Sick. So the next time you or someone you love is seriously ill, call a priest and allow the graces of the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick to bring the healing touch of Jesus.

*A Minute In The Church by Gus Lloyd*

OCTOBER 2020 MASS INTENTIONS

Ira Bergeron	October 2, 2020	Friday 12:05pm
Howard "Buck" Oubre	October 2, 2020	Friday 12:05pm
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Howard "Buck" Oubre	October 3, 2020	Sat 8:30am
Rev. Patrick O'Brien	October 3, 2020	Sat. 4pm
Howard "Buck" Oubre	October 4, 2020	Sun 11am
Deceased Members of Houma Fire Dept	October 4, 2020	Sun 11am
Houma Fire Dept	October 4, 2020	Sun 11am
Barry Songy	October 4, 2020	Sun 9am
Jason Adam Dupont	October 11, 2020	Sun 9am
Deceased Members of Houma Fire Dept	October 11, 2020	Sun 11am
Barry Songy	October 11, 2020	Sun 9am
Deceased Members of Houma Fire Dept	October 18, 2020	Sun 11am
Salome Matherne	October 18, 2020	Sun 11am
Rev. Roland Timbre	October 19, 2020	Daily 5:30pm
Bishop Joseph Latino	October 21, 2020	Daily 5:30pm
Margaret "Irma" Marcello	October 24, 2020	Sat. 4pm
Sonny Lovell	October 24, 2020	Sat. 4pm
Jason Adam Dupont	October 25, 2020	Sun 9am
Barry Songy	October 25, 2020	Sun 9am
Deceased Members of Houma Fire Dept	October 25, 2020	Sun 11am
Houma Fire Dept	October 25, 2020	Sun 11am
Joshua Griffin	October 26, 2020	Daily 5:30pm
George Bourgeois Sr	October 28, 2020	Daily 5:30pm
Howard "Buck" Oubre	October 30, 2020	Friday 12:05pm

## THE TIE-IN – ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The good news of this Gospel is that all we need to do is let God tend us and bring us to produce good fruit. All we need do is be faithful; God will take care of the rest. **Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to those who feel left out and abandoned.**

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).

**Did you know that you can give online?**

**St. Francis de sales - ParishSOFT On-Line Giving**

**Look for this button on our church website.**

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

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Adoration Chapel remains open for adorers. We are still practicing 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](mailto:donnalapeyre@yahoo.com)

Monday – Candy Archila – Home: 985-868-1792 – [jarchila@bellsouth.net](mailto:jarchila@bellsouth.net)

Tuesday – Therese Oubre – Home: 985-226-2252 - Mobile: 225-329-6757 –

[tsoubre@att.net](mailto:tsoubre@att.net)

Wednesday – Melanie Babin: 985-709-3754 - [mbabin1@comcast.net](mailto:mbabin1@comcast.net)

Thursday – Melva Fournier – Home: 985-873-7593 – Mobile: 985-226-7800 -

[melfour816@gmail.com](mailto:melfour816@gmail.com)

Friday – Ana Vice – Mobile: 985-852-8110 – [abvice1@gmail.com](mailto:abvice1@gmail.com)

Saturday – Sue LeBlanc – Home: 985-879-2866 – Mobile: 985-688-9044 -

[leblancsss@yahoo.com](mailto:leblancsss@yahoo.com)

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### “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](http://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!**



### 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.



### ST. LUKE MASS

The annual St. Luke 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 and all parishes in our diocese. 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.

### Catholic Social Teaching: The Common Good

**Unfortunately, politics in our country often can be a contest of powerful interests, partisan attacks, sound bites, and media hype. The Church calls for a different kind of political engagement: one shaped by the moral convictions of well-formed consciences and focused on the dignity of every human being, the pursuit of the common good, and the protection of the weak and the vulnerable.** – *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States, 14*

The story of “the vineyard and the tenants” reminds us that “all is gift.” As human beings we have been generously gifted. As the human race, we have been given a “great vineyard.” We are called to respect creation as wonderful gift. We are called to care for it well and to share its fruits generously. We are called to respect life which is God’s gift. We are called to welcome one another, especially the poor, the immigrant, the “stranger.”

In other words, we have a responsibility to treat people and all of creation as gifts – things to be treated well and things to be shared. Jesus tells us a story to get his bearers to realize how they have not responsibly used the gifts they have been given. They have not given “back to the creator” for what they have received materially and spiritually. “The giver (the owner-God) is disappointed.”

We might ask: How do we make use of the gifts of our world – our environment, our natural resources, our talents and skills, our cultural resources, our advanced technology, etc.? Have we greedily held on to them as our private property and individual security blanket or have we used them with respect and shared them with God and others? Has our economic system been taken over by greed rather than the common good?

We might ask: What makes for responsible consumption, the appropriate possession of private property, and an ethical sharing of wealth and resources? How must we share our gifts with one another? What is the fruitfulness that God is looking for? How is the abuse of our gifts destroying our environment?

## 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>

Are you bearing fruit



### MINISTERS SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 10 & 11, 2020

#### Commentators

4:00 PM Becky Boudloche  
7:00 AM Denise Dover  
9:00 AM Mona Prejean  
11:00 AM Ernie Perry  
5:30 PM Charles Sevin

#### Lectors

4:00 PM Lawrence Robinson  
7:00 AM Jerry Dover  
9:00 AM Jerome Zeringue  
11:00 AM Madeline Picou  
5:30 PM Bubba Watkins

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

4:00 PM Robert Strada, Jude Fanguy, Yvonne Fanguy  
7:00 AM C.J. Stoufflet, Kay Stoufflet, John Breaux  
9:00 AM Dale Norred, Jody Duet, Cathy Duet  
11:00 AM Michael D'Angelo, Michelle Hoychick, Jane Lirette  
5:30 PM Randy Bethancourt, Adrienne Bethancourt, Gia Holekamp



### 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