

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 22-28, 2021

Monday	- HEBREWS Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62, Jn 8:1-11 St. Benedict
Tuesday	- HEBREWS Nm 21:4-9, Jn 8:21-30 St. Bruno
Wednesday	- HEBREWS Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95, Jn 8:31-42 St. Charles Borromeo
Thursday	- HEBREWS Is 7:10-14; 8:10, Lk 1:26-38 St. Pelagia
Friday	- MATTHEW Jer 20:10-13, Jn 10:31-42 St. Agatha
Saturday	- IGNATIUS Ez 37:21-28, Jn 11:45-56 St. Paul
Sunday	- MATTHEW Mk 11:1-10, Is 50:4-7, Phil 2:6-11, Mk 14:1—15:47 St. John XXIII

AFTERTHOUGHTS

How about you ...
would you like to see Jesus?

PRAY FOR: Christina Sparks, Barbara Toups., Sherman Brown, Airman Wesley Speyrer, Nancy Rivere, Judy Porche, Patty LeJune, Margaret Gaudet, Robert Cazayoux, Linda Musson, Rosabelle Prosperie, Kayla Dudek Breaux, Percy Lee, Sadie Talbot, (open heart surgery), Wayne Duplant, Joy Blanchard, Marie Williams, Roy Reeves, Brenner Winston Babin (cancer), Christian Olden, Melanie Ougel, Monica Guidroz, Lisa Collins Melancon, Linda Lee, J A Foret, Jason Chaisson, Alana Smith Breaux, Karen Breaux, Kellie Corte, Selma Ferjani, Olivia Niette, Lee Ann D. Leray, Carolyn Thibodeaux, Gerry Fanguy, Michelle Haydel Capello, Don Chauvin, Eric Lapeyre, Phillip Chauvin Jr., Aimee Bourgeois, Nathan Bourgeois, Lorraine Robichaux Kleinpeter, Denna Sanders and for all prayer shawl recipients.

We also pray for all those who have recently died Barry Breaux

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 might be ONE as you are One. In Jesus Name we pray, Amen.

OFFICE CLOSED FOR EASTER
The Cathedral Office will be CLOSED on
Good Friday, April 2nd, and Easter Monday, April 5th.



LENTEN DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:
Monday through Friday – 12:05pm and 5:30pm
Way of the Cross – Following 5:30pm Mass on Fridays

LENTEN DATES:

March 24 @ 6pm – The Light is On / Confessions
Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7 pm/ Adoration
Following in Youth Center until 12 Midnight
Celebration of the Lord's Passion @ 3 pm
Good Friday – Way of the Cross @ 6pm
Good Friday – Easter Vigil @ 8pm
Holy Saturday – 7 am, 9 am, 11 am, & 5:30 pm

The Mass of the Lord's Last Supper



With great excitement we are happy to announce that we will be celebrating the Mass of the Lord's Last Supper on Thursday, April 1st beginning at 7:00PM, with adoration in the Youth Center to follow. If you can spend one hour with our Lord in adoration, please call the rectory office at 876-6904 to sign up so we may be sure that there will be adorers until midnight. The hours will be 8-9PM, 9-10PM, 10-11PM and 11-Midnight. Thank you!

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR – MARCH 19, 20 & 21, 2021

- Public viewing March 19, 20 & 21, 2021 from 8:00am until 6:00pm
- Goodie bags filled with cookies and other items will be available.
- Our proceeds support Seminarians of our diocese and other charitable work.

CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Holy Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 10:30 AM at the Cathedral. It is one of the most beautiful liturgies which the faithful may experience in the liturgical year. At the Chrism Mass, in addition to priests reaffirming their ordination promises, the Bishop will bless the oils to be used in the administration of the sacraments this year. While we cannot open the Mass to the general public this year, it will be livestreamed. You can watch the livestream at 10:30 AM on the following platforms: Our Diocesan YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/c/htdioceseLA>

Our Diocesan Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/htdiocese>
Our Diocesan Website: <https://htdiocese.org/chrism-mass>

The Mass will be available for viewing on these platforms after the Mass as well.

We encourage all Catholics of our diocese to watch the livestream presentation.



RELIGION ED

Just a friendly reminder that all information for religion has been mailed out for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion.
Any questions should be directed to Jane Lirette 985-856-5488

MINISTERS SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF MARCH 27-28, 2021

Commentators
4:00 PM David Haddad
7:00 AM John Breaux
9:00 AM Ernie Perry
11:00 AM Thomas Tabor
5:30 PM Anne Bates

Lectors
4:00 PM Jude Fanguy
7:00 AM Evelyn Ruckstuhl
9:00 AM Thomas Chauvin
11:00 AM Louis Watkins
5:30 PM Melanie Shipp

Ministers of the Eucharist
4:00 PM Yvonne Fanguy, Carl Soudelier, Richard Guidry
7:00 AM Carla Exnicious, Paul Labat, Gail LeCompte
9:00 AM Michael Amico, Tammy Blanchard, Dale Norred
11:00 AM Rene Rhodes, Julie Rhodes, Norman Simon
5:30 PM Cathy Duet, Jody Duet, Gia Holecamp



CATHOLIC KORNER

Life in Christ:

Explanations of Catholic Practice and Devotions:
This week we will learn about Liturgy of Reading Scripture:

Scripture is an integral part of the Mass. In fact, Scripture

It used to be thought that Catholics were not allowed to read Scripture. That myth arose from the fact that Bibles used to be chained up in Catholic churches. That's because before the printing press, Bibles had to be copied by hand and were very rare and valuable. The Church was simply protecting God's word, as it has from the beginning.



Rest assured that the Church encourages the faithful to read Scripture. In fact, the Catechism of the Catholic Church takes it up a level as it says in paragraph 133: "The Church forcefully and specifically exhorts all the Christian faithful... to learn 'the surpassing knowledge of Jesus Christ,' by frequent reading of the divine Scriptures. 'Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.'"

There are so many ways to read Scripture. Some people start at Genesis 1:1 and read through to the end of Revelation. Others use what is jokingly called "Bible roulette," where they randomly open to a page of Scripture and start reading.

Perhaps the best way to read Scripture daily is to follow the readings of the Church. Over the course of three years, you'll read from every book in the Bible by following the liturgical cycle. However, you choose to do it, you can never go wrong getting more and more familiar with God's written word!

The Church by Gus Lloyd

SAINTS



22-Mar — St. Catherine
23-Mar — St. Abraham
24-Mar — St. Gabriel
25-Mar — St. Dismas
26-Mar — St. Ludger
27-Mar — St. John

Mass INTENTIONS

MARCH 2021

Lloyd & Gladys Amedee	March 1, 2021	Daily	12:05 pm
Trey Marak	March 5, 2021	Fri	12:05pm
Lloyd & Gladys Amedee	March 5, 2021	Daily	5:30pm
Ricky Breaux	March 6, 2021	Sat	4pm
Ellen Monteiro	March 7, 2021	Sun	9am
Barry Songy	March 7, 2021	Sun	9am
Jimmy Cox	March 7, 2021	Sun	9am
Jimmy Cox	March 14, 2021	Sun	9am
Jason Adam Dupont	March 14, 2021	Sun	9am
Ellen Monteiro	March 14, 2021	Sun	9am
Ian Turner	March 14, 2021	Sun	9am
Earl Eschete Class of 63	March 14, 2021	Sun	7am
Bart Guidry	March 14, 2021	Sun	9am
Catherine Mahler	March 14, 2021	Sun	11am
Wilbur Koster	March 14, 2021	Sun	9am
CG Keplinger	March 19, 2021	Fri	12:05pm
Kerragen Ledet	March 23, 2021	Daily	5:30pm
Barry Songy	March 21, 2021	Sun	9am
John Ourso	March 21, 2021	Sun	11am
Ellen Monteiro	March 21, 2021	Sun	9am
Deanne Vice Lampton	March 21, 2021	Sun	11am
Rev. Roberto Malgesini	March 21, 2021	Sun	11am
John & Marie Laffitte	March 21, 2021	Sun	11am
Billie Perry Mott	March 21, 2021	Sun	11am
Jimmy Cox	March 21, 2021	Sun	9am
Earl Eschete Class of 63	March 21, 2021	Sun	7am
Gloria Marcello	March 25, 2021	Daily	5:30pm
Oron (Buck) Stutzman	March 26, 2021	Fri	12:05pm
Catherine Mahler	March 28, 2021	Sun	11am
Barry Songy	March 28, 2021	Sun	9am
Lucille Bertinot	March 28, 2021	Sun	11am
Ellen Monteiro	March 28, 2021	Sun	9am
Jason Adam Dupont	March 28, 2021	Sun	9am
Addie Lee "T Boy" Domangue	March 31, 2021	Daily	5:30pm

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://htdiocese.org/coronavirus>

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday – March 14, 2021

Envelopes (173).....	\$ 7,222.00
Checks (47)	\$ 2,565.00
Loose	\$ 1,013.36
Total	\$ 10,800.36

2nd COLLECTION: CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Envelopes (56)	\$ 1,253.00
Checks (3)	\$ 45.00
Loose	\$ 813.00
Total	\$ 2,111.00

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for helping Jesus in disguise. Your contributions make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information on how to give.

St. Francis de Sales Cathedral Financial Report

Parish Income:

February, 2021 YTD as of 2-28-21

Weekly Sunday Collection	51,658.13	417,016.47
Other Ordinary Income	3,268.76	35,726.55
Religious Ed Income	0.00	2,825.00
Special Parish Building Fund	2,816.00	36,831.19
Income from Grants	0.00	4,659.60
Interest Income	1,179.74	9,290.47
Other Extraordinary Income	1,545.50	40,904.57
Total Parish Income	60,468.13	547,253.85

Parish Expenses:

February, 2021 YTD as of 2-28-21

Ordinary Parish Expenses	24,655.19	208,584.43
Religious Ed Expense	4,011.20	34,839.27
Social Ministry Expense	0.00	(557.39)
Other Extraordinary Expenses	653.75	9,352.21
Cathedral/Assessment	19,536.00	182,582.00
Insurance/Pension Expense	20,652.00	170,379.00
Parish Expense	69,508.14	605,179.52
Major Repairs/Renovations	0.00	19,069.50*
Total Parish Expenses	69,508.14	624,249.02

Net Income/(Loss) (9,040.01) (76,995.17)

Year to Date as of February 28, 2021

Parish Savings Account with Central Finance Balance \$1,117,964.24
The savings account balance fluctuates because parish expenditures are automatically drafted. Subsequent deposits are made by the parish to replenish the amounts withdrawn, provided funds are available.

Altar Society

The Altar Society of the Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales gratefully acknowledges the dues/donations received during the membership drive. Through this generosity, the Altar Society will continue its works in our parish. Membership envelopes are available on the tables at the doors of the Cathedral. Dues/donations are \$10/year.

The Altar Society will have a meeting on Tuesday, March 9 at 10:30 A.M. in the Convent. All members active and inactive are invited to attend.



PARISH NEWS

THE TIE-IN – ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me." When we help the poor, we are truly followers of Jesus, servant of the poor.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them Easter hope and joy.

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).

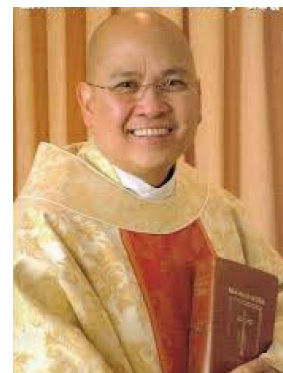
Did you know that you can give online?

St. Francis de sales - ParishSOFT On-Line Giving

Look for this button on our church website.

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

HEALING MASS WITH FR MANNY



A healing mass with Fr. Manny Fernandez will be held Sunday April 25th at 3:00pm at St. Eloi Church, Theriot. Fr. Manny is a well known and Holy Priest who has been blessed with the gift of healing, physical, emotional and spiritual. Fr. Manny is a native of the Philippines. Many years ago he was pronounced dead and put into the hospital morgue. **HE CAME BACK TO LIFE!** Since that time he has been given the gift of healing which he so graciously shares with everyone. Confessions will begin at 2:00pm. All are encouraged to go

to confession before being blessed. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a healing sacrament and will place you in a state of grace in order for healing to take place.

BAPTISM SEMINAR – APRIL 6, 2021

The next Baptism Seminar will be held March 2nd at 6:30pm in the convent. These seminars are held on a monthly basis. First time parents and godparents are required to attend this seminar, which emphasizes the symbols of Baptism, the rite of Baptism, and the importance of faith in the life of both parents and godparents. Contact the rectory office at 876-6904 to sign up for the seminar or schedule a baptism.

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION THIS LENT:

What does



look like?

Find out the First Sunday of Lent!

LENTEN MISSION: BAGS OF HOPE

These 54 students have been identified by a local foundation as being "food insecure." That is to say, apart from the FREE School Breakfast Program and the FREE School Lunch Program, they aren't sure when their next meal will be.

So each Friday, these 54 students from 2 schools receive "Bags of Hope" from their teachers – the hope being that they won't be too hungry, too long until the following Monday morning. When the students are at recess, their teachers slip these bags into their backpacks.

As you think about giving alms this Lent, we invite you to think about these 54 students in Houma: not in Haiti, not in Honduras, but Here, in HOUMA. You might chose to put the bags together yourselves. Or you might put in money from a snack you might have given up ... and then at the end of the season go and buy snacks ... Or bring the money you collected to church and have us buy snacks.

Together, let's give them a reason to have hope.

Snacks or filled bags can be returned to the tables in the Cathedral or brought to the Church Office.

Suggested snack items:

Microwavable mac-n-cheese, raviolis, or soups; granola bars, individual boxes of cereal, pop tarts, individual bags of cookies, chips, pringles, goldfish, pretzels, cheese crackers, fruit snacks, and messages of hope

"Bags of Hope" is "striving to defeat childhood hunger and empower our youth for success."

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
Monday	– Candy Archila – Home: 985-868-1792 – jarchila@bellsouth.net
Tuesday	– Therese Oubre – Mobile: 225-329-6757 – tsoubre@att.net
Wednesday	– Melanie Babin: 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

COMMUNITY NEWS

ASSISTANCE

Catholic Charities can assist those with rent and/or utilities if the family was 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>

2021 Annual Bishop's Appeal Being a Partner in Hope

Please know that Father Jay Baker is grateful for the response that St. Francis de Sales parish has shown to the 2021 Annual Bishop's Appeal. Thus far our parish has reached 132.55% of our parish appeal goal. The appeal is something that our parish supports and Father would like to see the support from our parishioners continue to grow. Your gifts are supporting our 11 seminarians, caring for our 17 retired priests, youth formation and religious education, and Catholic education. Vital ministries to our diocese that support each of us. On behalf of Bishop Fabre, St. Francis de Sales parish thanks all who have made their commitment and strongly encourages all of our parishioners to participate in such a worthy cause. If you have not yet made your commitment and would still like to do so, there is still time as you can return your commitment card in the offertory, or simply mail it to the diocese in the provided envelope, or you may also visit www.htdiocese.org/bishopsappeal to make your gift online. If you would like more information about the 2021 Appeal, please contact the Annual Bishop's Appeal Office at 985-850-3122 or email nbernard@htdiocese.org.