

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF DEC 24 - 30

- Monday** - 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16; Lk 1:67-79
- Tuesday** - **THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**
(Holy Day of Obligation)
Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18
- Wednesday** - Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
- Thursday** - 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Friday** - 1 Jn 1:5 - 2:2; Mt 2:13-18
- Saturday** - 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
- Sunday** - **HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:41-52



PRAY FOR: Jenny Fanguy, David Porter, Taylor Riché, Susan Laperouse, Holden Sawyer, Jason Chiasson, Edrith Boudreaux, J.A. Foret, Penny Simmons, Linda Lee, Alaina Maiorana, Cassandra Rios, Charles Spence, Isabella Cole, Kathy Savoie, Ken Pitre, Christina Sparks, Peter Cantrelle, Betty Olivier, Ursula M. Breaux, Pam Jarveaux Ford, Beryl Touns Odom, Wilbert Duplantis, Harold Lapeyre, Russ Todd, Donald Picou, Kathie Folse, Ethan LeBoeuf, Ralph Deroche, Dianne Deroche, Barbara Touns Miller, Reggie Redmond, Edward Ougel Sr., Deacon Doug Authement, Sylvia Chauvin, Delaney Walsh, Jo Ann Landry, Lee Dugas, Patty Lejeune, Michael Guidry, Christian Olden, Aiden Robichaux, Claire Belanger, Delores Deroche, Yvonne Fanguy and for all prayer shawl recipients.

Pray for the repose of the soul of Jace Prejean.

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Church

In Loving Memory of **Ray Daigle**
donated by his Family.

In Loving Memory of **Robert & Eula Lee Russo**
donated by their Children.

In Loving Memory of **O'Neal & Valerie Bascle, Carley Walker & Keri Niette**
donated by Debbie Borel.

In Loving Memory of **Eugene Folse**
donated by Lorraine and Family.

Chapel

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

In Loving Memory of **Russell Melancon**
donated by Jean & Pepe LeBoeuf & Bessie.

In Loving Memory of **Bernard F. "Biff" Breaux, III**
donated by Nana Louise.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. Luke 1:39-45

When Mary, a teenager, was several months pregnant with a child conceived by a mysterious intervention by God, she made the difficult eighty mile journey south from Nazareth to Bethany to be with her elderly cousin Elizabeth, who was also pregnant. She would have made the difficult trip on foot, probably barefoot. Sandals were expensive and usually kept for special occasions. Mary's trip to be with her cousin was not just a social visit with an older cousin. They both believed their child would fulfill the prophesy of Isaiah that the God of Abraham would send a herald to proclaim the arrival of the Son of Man, who would be the Savior of the world. At the time, they could not have known everything we now know from the Gospels. But they had faith. They accepted the roles that they believed God had called them to. And their faith is a challenge to us to believe that the son of Mary is God Incarnate and our Savior and Lord. Let us celebrate His birth with great joy because Jesus is the Reason for the Season.

Sunday – December 16

Envelopes (270).....	\$12,251.00
Loose	2,761.23
	<u>\$15,012.23</u>

PARISH NEWS



CHRISTMAS EVE - Monday, Dec. 24th
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. & Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY - Tuesday, Dec. 25th
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY - Tuesday, January 1st
5:30 p.m. Vigil, 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

The Cathedral Office will be closed Dec 24th, 25th & 26th and Dec 31st - Jan 1st for the Christmas Season.

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION
BENEFITS CATHOLIC CHARITIES
December 24th & 25th**

The annual Christmas Collection will be dedicated to the charitable works of the diocese, principally through the support of our Diocesan Social Services Office, and its programs; St. Lucy Day Care Center, Parish Social Ministry, the Assisi Bridge House, the Literacy Program, the Food Banks within the diocese as well as other related programs. Here at the Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales our quota to help meet demand is \$19,865. Please be generous in your support of our diocesan charities.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES**

The Christmas Season is meant to be a time of joy. Oftentimes, due to a crisis, families experience just the opposite. The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Francis de Sales weekly distributes funds for rental and utility payment emergencies. Additionally, at Christmas, it distributes food vouchers that allow families to have a Christmas meal. Under certain conditions, it assists the needy to acquire other items that might be needed from the St. Francis de Paul Thrift Store. Funds are limited to persons in the geographical boundaries of the parish with parishioners being favored. On months having five Sundays, there is a bucket collection to help St. Vincent de Paul Society maintain this charitable work of mercy to the neediest in our parish.

The next bucket collection is the weekend of December 28th – 30th. Please be generous so that we can continue to help those in need. For more information about how you may individually assist or if you would like to join the St. Vincent de Paul Society, please contact Murke Trahan at 985.217.0593. Thank you for your generosity in advance.

YOUTH NEWS

1st RECONCILIATION - 1st COMMUNION

Sacramental Information Packets for Sacramental Prep have been mailed out to candidates. If you have not received a packet and you feel your child is eligible, please call Mrs. Jane Lirette 856-5488. Any parishioner that has a child in 2nd grade preparing for First Communion and First Reconciliation must return a completed registration form, copy of baptism certificate, and \$30.00 fee, no later than Monday, January 7, 2019.

There will be a mandatory meeting January 23, 2019 in the Youth Center at 6:30 p.m. We expect one parent to attend, but sincerely hope that both will attend this meeting.

Junior High Faith Experience 2019
"Illuminate"
6th – 8th Grade
Saturday, January 12, 2019
ED White Catholic High School
Regular Registration Deadline January 2nd

If you would like to attend or chaperone, please contact Gina Danos at (985) 688-9696 or StFrancisHoumaYouthMinistry@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Francis de Sales Cathedral in Houma is currently seeking a full-time Administrative Assistant to:

- Provide all administrative/clerical support to the parish of St. Francis de Sales Cathedral and to the Pastor
- Work collaboratively with the Diocesan Finance Office on all bookkeeping/accounting services
- Record all sacramental records and maintain parish census
- Meet with parishioners to schedule all sacraments and other needs
- Liaison with parish staff and other diocesan offices
- Communicate regularly with parishioners by creating up-to-date and accurate information in the weekly parish bulletin as well as electronically on the parish website and social media outlets, when necessary.

The ideal candidate must possess excellent interpersonal and communication skills. Strong computer skills including MS Office software are required. Must possess strong organizational skills and be able to maintain confidentiality; work independently and as a team; and multi-task in a fast paced environment.

The candidate shall possess:

- Minimum education of high school or GED required;
 - Associate or Bachelor's degree preferred
 - 1-3 years of office experience preferred
 - Knowledge of Roman Catholic Church and its Teachings preferred
- The position will require a work schedule of 35 hours per week; Monday-Friday 8:00 am-4:00 pm with an hour break for lunch. Excellent benefits and generous paid time off included. Salary will commensurate with experience and education.

Applications for consideration, please submit a cover letter, including salary requirements, and a resume to hr@htdiocese.org. Please include St. Francis de Sales in subject line. Applications are now being accepted until December 31, 2018 or until position is filled.

The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate against applicants or employees by reason of race, color, religion*, sex, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, genetic information of any other basis prohibited by applicable law.

*The Diocese, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to require "practicing Catholic" to be a qualification for a position.

Catholic Charities is in dire need of volunteers to help prepare income tax returns for low income seniors, individuals and families. Only the simple tax forms are prepared & e-filed on IRS computer software – all other situations are referred to paid preparers. The income tax site is run on the second floor of the Terrebonne Main Library every Tuesday during tax season (February 5 – April 9) from 9am – 3pm. No prior tax experience is necessary – we will train you if needed. Please contact Jennifer Gaudet at 876-0490 if you can help out. Thank you!



RIGHT TO LIFE MARCH



Terrebonne Lafourche Right to Life will offer transportation to the annual Right to Life March in Baton Rouge, LA on Saturday, January 26, 2019 for a charge of \$10 per person. Time of departure is 7:30AM sharp from Vanderbilt Catholic High School, and return is scheduled for approximately 3:00PM. Reserved seating before December 31, 2018 is required. Please see the flyer attached for more details about the trip and how to register.

MINISTERS SCHEDULE
Weekend of December 29-30

Commentators

- 4:00 PM Carlise Jukes
- 7:00 AM Rebecca Vowell
- 9:00 AM Chad Luke
- 11:00 AM Wendy LeBouef
- 5:30 PM Carla Peeler



Lectors

- 4:00 PM Lawrence Robinson
- 7:00 AM Jody Duet
- 9:00 AM Lawrence Breaux
- 11:00 AM Mindy Scott
- 5:30 PM Charles Sevin

Ministers of the Eucharist

- 4:00 PM Anita Pearson, Judith Archila, Mary Anne Rodrigue, Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer
- 7:00 AM Cathy Duet, Tammy Blanchard, Mark Spence, Gail LeCompte
- 9:00 AM Nellie Chemin, Murke Trahan, Colleen Lewis, Michael D'Angelo, Volunteer, Volunteer
- 11:00 AM Craig Bella, Ed & Joni Huerstel, Gail Guilliot, Volunteer, Volunteer
- 5:30 PM Curtis & Jenny Briggs, Adam Saal, Sallie Preston, Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers

- 4:00 PM Will Seibert, William Deroche, Alice Kelley
- 7:00 AM Delsin Blanchard, Benjaimin Bourgeois, David Castillo
- 9:00 AM Madison Henry, Ethan Prejean, Anne Morgan Simmons
- 11:00 AM Chloe Hoychick, Tess Hoychick, Eli Hoychick
- 5:30 PM Sadie Viator, Madeline Sonnier, Alexander Hernandez



*Wishing you and yours
a Christ filled Christmas
and a blessed New Year!*

*From the Pastoral Team
and Parish Staff of
St. Francis de Sales Parish*