

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF NOV 27 – DEC 3

- Monday** - Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday** - Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11
- Wednesday** - Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday** - Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
- Friday** - Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33
- Saturday** - Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36
- Sunday** - **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37



PRAY FOR: Harold Haydel, Rev. Patrick O'Brien, Lucy Michel, Dale Hebert, Robert Brescher, Garland and Judy P. Vincent, Maysen Smith, Gayle Breffelh, Mary Blum, Russ Todd, Penny Bergeron, Barbara Toups Miller, Kathy Folse, Rhea Barker, Florence Trahan, Melinda Fabre, Sylvia Chauvin, Keri Niette, Sandra Ellender, Steven Vowell, Pinky Boudreaux, Janice & Mark Windham, Stanley Cantrelle, Craig Louviere, Ralph Deroche, Tracy Scott, Mark Boudreaux, Carolyn Garrett, Laura Champagne, Lucille Hymel, Evelyn Ruckstuhl, Ken Watkins, Michael A. Thibodaux, Tommy Molaison, Tony James, Bernice Pontiff, Linda Favret, Ira Bergeron, Jeanne Wurzlou, Mary Talbot, Casey Domangue, Ana Lefevre, Jennifer Dinger, Donna Dinger, Patricia Beacom, Ben Leary, Patty Haydel, Clyde Buquet, Jenny Fanguy and for all prayer shawl recipients.

**SANCTUARY LIGHTS
Church**

In Loving Memory of Ellen Monteiro donated by Krewe of Nix Sisters.
In Loving Memory of Joel P., David & Hedy Bergeron donated by Rev. C. Paul, Carroll & Carol Bergeron.

Chapel

In Loving Memory of Ernest, Betty & Sadi Mabile donated by Mark, Tobi & Rhea' Mabile.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for the least ones, you did for me."

Matthew 25:31-46

Our image of Jesus as a carpenter who cared for people in need and the necessities of life does not fit our image of Christ as King. The problem is that our image of kingship is not very positive. Kings were often tyrannical and self serving. And we often forget that at our Baptism we are all anointed priest, prophet and king. So what is the true function of a king? It is to see that all of his subjects, everyone entrusted to his care, is treated equally and shares equally in the benefits and resources of the kingdom. That is the message Christ the King taught and demonstrated to us. We share in Christ's kingship. Whatever we do for the least in His kingdom, we do for Him. He depends on us to do it. As we celebrate Thanksgiving this week, we should be grateful to live in a country that allows us to be kingly like Jesus - to do all we can for those who are the least in His Kingdom: the unborn, the elderly, the homeless, the sick, the dying, and the imprisoned.

Sunday – November 19

Envelopes (261).....	\$10,135.50
Loose	2,150.00
	\$12,285.50
 CCHD.....	 \$ 2,334.61

Flowers on the Altar this weekend were donated by Robert & Marie Alsbrook.

PARISH NEWS

Advent reflection booklets can be found near the tables at the doors of the Cathedral. Anyone interested is welcome to pick up a copy.

GIVING TREE

Legion Park Christmas Project



As a Bread or Stones Congregation, the Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales is partnering with St. Matthew's Episcopal Church to help alleviate the poverty of children in Louisiana. Our focus has been Legion Park School. At this time, our volunteers have been providing tutoring and materials to help the children learn to read.

As we usually do a Giving Tree every Christmas - this year we have decided to try to provide every child with a new set of clothes. The tree will go up the weekend after Thanksgiving and will be up for only three weeks. Each angel will have whether the child is a boy or girl, the grade, shoe size and clothes size of the child. We ask that you purchase one or two sets of clothes, (like shirts and pants) for the child, and if possible, a pair of shoes. You are also welcome to put underwear and socks along with it, as well as activity books, colors, markers, or whatever you would like to put.

We ask that you wrap the gift and firmly secure the angel to the gift. **Deliveries should be made to the rectory beginning Monday, December 11th thru Thursday, December 14th, between the hours of 8:00am-3:00pm.**

It is our understanding that there are 315 children who attend Legion Park School. 100% of those children are living at the poverty level. They live a few blocks down the street from where we worship. With all we have been blessed with - can we accept the challenge to provide every child with a gift?

The St. Francis de Sales Children's Mass Choir and School

Choir will be singing Christmas carols in front of the Houma Courthouse as part of the Houma Downtown Christmas Festival on Saturday, December 2nd. They will be onstage 11:40 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and would love for parishioners to come out and support them!

WHY WE CONFESS

This Advent, the diocese will be releasing a second study series on our Catholic Faith. The new study, entitled 'Why We Confess | Rediscover Mercy', is focused on deepening our understanding of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This study is a 3-part video series which includes a practical guide on making a good confession, as well 10 Q&A sessions with Dr. Brant Pitre and Fr. Mark Toups. This study will be available online for all parishioners. Learn more and sign up on our diocesan website at hdiocese.org/WhyWeConfess. Here are the upcoming dates/times of the sessions at St. Francis in the Youth Center:

Sun Dec 3 – 10:15 a.m.	Wed, Dec 13- 10:00 a.m.
Wed, Dec 6 – 10:00 a.m.	Sun, Dec 17 – 10:15 a.m.
Sun, Dec 10 – 10:15 a.m.	Wed, Dec 20 – 10:00 a.m.

ADORATION CHAPEL

Please prayerfully consider visiting the Adoration Chapel and spending time with Our Eucharistic Lord as we prepare for Christmas. Today we need to pray more than ever, for ourselves, our families, our country and for peace in the world. Signup sheets are available on the table near the chapel.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Friday, December 8th - Holy Day of Obligation
Mass times: 5:30 p.m. Vigil, 6:30 a.m., 12:05 & 5:30 p.m.

Come join us in the Youth Center Sunday, December 10th after the 11 a.m. Mass for Santa, Singing and Snacks! Don't forget to bring your camera!

WINTER CONCERT

Les Amis de la Chanson will hold its Winter Concert on December 10th at 7 p.m. in the Cathedral. Please join us for an evening of entertainment and inspiration to open the Christmas season.

YOUTH NEWS

FUNDRAISER

The youth attending the March for Life Pilgrimage in Washington, DC in January 2018 will have a cake & sweets fundraiser this weekend, November 25th & November 26th, after all Masses. If you have any questions about the pilgrimage or fundraiser, please contact Gina Danos at (985) 688-9696 or StFrancisHoumaYouthMinistry@gmail.com.

SCHOOL NEWS

#GIVECATHOLIC

To celebrate our unique Catholic heritage, the #GIVECATHOLIC Giving Day was created to rally the Catholic community on #GivingTuesday, a global day celebrating generosity. #GIVECATHOLIC is a call to share of our blessings with our Catholic parishes, schools, and ministries.

WHEN: #GivingTuesday, November 28, 2017

Advanced giving runs November 10 through 26.

HOW: Visit iGiveCatholic.org, select our diocese under "Browse Arch/Dioceses," and search for: St. Francis de Sales Cathedral School

WHY: To raise funds to purchase a set of 10 iPads for each grade level.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SON RISE CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL

Recently, Son Rise Christian Music Festival was postponed due to hurricane Nate. Son Rise Christian Music Festival is now scheduled for Saturday, December 2 as an indoor event at Houma Terrebonne Civic Center from 12 noon - 8pm.

Door opens at 11am, music starts at 12 noon. Entrance is free. Come expecting a full day of joyful praise and worship with six local Christian bands, Christian artists, dancers, children crafts, silent auction, Christian craft vendors and great food.

This event will raise money and awareness for two charities; World of Hope Foundation and Terrebonne Children Advocacy. Help us bring our communities closer, to bond in faith, share God's love, ignite and renew hope through Christ, OUR LORD. For additional information go to: www.SonRiseMusicFest.net

Bread or Stones Campaign for Children Faith in Action Gathering One Church, One Family:

No Foster Family Serves Alone; No Foster Child Ages Out Alone

The Bread or Stones Campaign, a program of the Louisiana Interchurch Conference (LIC), is an ecumenical Christian collaboration of churches and concerned individuals working together to improve the lives of children in Louisiana.

All area churches are asked to join us for a Faith in Action gathering at Living Word Church located at 1916 Highway 311, Schriever, LA. The gathering will take place from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm on Wednesday November 29th. Sandwiches, drinks and dessert will be available before and during the meeting.

Church members and leaders will discuss how our churches can support local foster families and children aging out of foster care (foster care is no longer available to children after age 18 when they are on their own).

Come voice your concerns and collaborate with others for the good of our children. All are welcome! For more information about the Bread or Stones Campaign visit: www.breadorstones.com or call Rob Gorman at Catholic Charities at 876-0490.

The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux is a member of the LIC and Catholic Charities is the founder of the Bread or Stones Campaign.

MADE FOR MORE

Visions of the Promised Land

With Christopher West

Music by Mike Mangione

Friday, December 1, 2017 at 6:00 PM

Christ the Redeemer Church 720 Talbot Avenue Thibodaux

Made for More is an inspired blend of live music, art, and presentation that taps the deepest desires of the human heart revealing their ultimate purpose and goal. Join Christopher West and Mike Mangione as they offer a vision of the Gospel like you've never heard through the lens of Saint John Paul II's Theology of the Body.

This event is open to everyone, ages 16 and up. General Admission Seating. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at Christ the Redeemer Office. For more information contact the Parish Office at 447-2013.

MINISTERS SCHEDULE Weekend of December 2-3

Commentators

4:00 PM Jude Fanguy
7:00 AM Denise Dover
9:00 AM Becky Boudloche
11:00 AM Earl Eues
5:30 PM Charles Sevin

Lectors

4:00 PM Yvonne Fanguy
7:00 AM Jerry Dover
9:00 AM Scott Hebert
11:00 AM Jenni McNabb
5:30 PM Bubba Watkins

Ministers of the Eucharist

4:00 PM Brenda Tanner, Melva Fournier, Carl & Deborah Soudelier, Volunteer, Volunteer
7:00 AM John Breaux, C.J. Kay Stoufflet, Mark Spence
9:00 AM Mary Ellender, Carolyn Dubois, Tammy Blanchard, Madeline Picou, Volunteer, Volunteer
11:00 AM Rene & Julie Rhodes, Megan Rhodes, Jude Laperouse, Dianna Olivier
5:30 PM Randy Bethancourt, Bill Curth, Curtis & Jenny Briggs, Volunteer, Volunteer

Altar Servers

4:00 PM Caroline Louviere, Joshua Louviere, Evan Besson
7:00 AM John Breaux, C.J. Stoufflet
9:00 AM Alice Kelley, Delsin Blanchard, Evan Adams
11:00 AM Chloe Hoychick, Lily Gros, Lucia Pizzolato
5:30 PM Caleb, Connor & Corey Hebert



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA AND DÉCOR

Deadline for donation/s is Monday, December 18, 2017.

We will publish the names of all our donors in a special bulletin insert after the New Year.

Please make check payable to "Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales."



You can mail this form with your check to the Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales, P.O. Box 4014, Houma, LA 70361 OR drop it in our weekend collections.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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Donated In Memory of:

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