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these books, all 45, in the liturgy. The Synod of Rome in 382, sixty years after Constantine legalized Christianity in the Roman Empire, the first list of the books of the Christian Scriptures was published. That is over 300 years of use and discernment through the Holy Spirit. The Old Testament had 45 books, the whole of the Greek translation, and 28 New Testament books, which had been discerned over for just as long.

The Church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and after years of discernment, chose which books she saw as the inspired Word of God. She didn't officially speak to the canon until the 1550's because all understood it the same way, until Martin Luther questioned the 1500 year tradition guided by the Holy Spirit. He chose to follow the Jewish canon of 91 AD, which had rejected those 7 books and chapters of Daniel and Esther. That's why Catholic bibles and Protestant bibles, like the King James Version, have a different number of books.

So when you're looking for a bible to read and pray with, look for one of these translations: Douay-Rheims, New American Bible (NAB), or Revised Standard Version-Catholic Edition (RSV-CE). The NAB is the English translation used for the reading at Mass. With those two introductory elements behind us, it's time to delve into Pope Benedict's letter.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

<u>Mon 2/18</u>	Genesis 4:1-15, 25
Ordinary Time	Psalms 50:1, 8, 16-17, 20-21
Weekday	Mark 8:11-13
<u>Tues 2/19</u>	Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10
Ordinary Time	Psalms 29:1-4, 9-10
Weekday	Mark 8:14-21
<u>Wed 2/20</u>	Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22
Ordinary Time	Psalms 116:12-15, 18-19
Weekday	Mark 8:22-26
<u>Thurs 2/21</u>	Genesis 9:1-13
Peter Damian	Psalms 102:16-23, 29
Bishop, Doctor of the Church	Mark 8:27-33
<u>Fri 2/22</u>	1 Peter 5:1-4
Feast of the	Psalms 23:1-6
Chair of Peter	Matthew 16:13-19
<u>Sat 2/23</u>	Hebrews 11:1-7
Polycarp	Psalms 145:2-5, 10-11
Bishop, Martyr	Mark 9:2-13

**Website**  
www.holyfamilyfranklinton.org

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
First Friday of every month  
9:30 am - 4:30 pm (Benediction)

**Charitable Outreach**  
Friends of St Francis  
(985) 515-2944

**Religious Education**  
Renée Herbert: 985-630-1121

**Youth Ministry**  
Eddie Boudreaux: 985-630-9997

**Bulletin Deadline**  
Tuesday, noon.

**Please pray for:**  
Lauren Authement, Harry Boquet Jr, Beverly Creel, Paula Davis, Jerry Dick, Ann Estave, Bonnie Evans, Ed Hannan, Darlene Hartman, Tra-Lynn Hartman, James Jambon, Pat Lachney, Henry and Tina Lirette, Jean Lugo, Cheryl Morse, Roy Lee Marshall, Samantha Moss, Richard Newman, Tina Nunenmacher, Jules Owen, Jessica Patridge, Jeffrey Reed, Matthew Schrider, Tommy Seal, Nick Tullier, Donel Tullios, Lori Voss, Watson Family, Christian Wood, Genevieve Zeringue, Sid Zeringue  
*Names stay on the list for three months. To add or keep someone on the list, call our office, 839-4040, or email holyfamilychurchfranklinton@yahoo.com.*

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Sixth  
Sunday in  
Ordinary  
Time

# HOLY FAMILY

Catholic Church ♦ Franklinton, LA

February 17  
2019

*The LORD watches over the way of the just. — Psalm 1:6*

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**Weekend Masses**  
Saturday Vigil: 5 pm  
Sunday: 8:30 am, 11 am,  
and 3 pm (en español)

**Weekday Masses**  
*no Mass on Monday*  
Tuesday, Wednesday: 5 pm  
Thursday, Friday: 9 am

**Confessions**  
Saturday 3:30 - 4:15 pm  
and by appointment

**Marriages**  
Contact Fr Kyle at least six months before your anticipated date.

**Baptisms**  
Contact Fr Kyle when you are ready to have your child baptized.

**From our Pastor: THE WORD OF GOD - Part 3: CANONICITY**

Just as we see the books of Scripture as the inspired Word of God, so too do we see the process of canonicity. The Holy Spirit guides the Church in her discernment of the works that could have made up the Scriptures. It was a process that happened organically and without manipulation by force.

The Church didn't make an official proclamation on the 73 books we call the Bible until 1563 with the Council of Trent, in response to claims made by Martin Luther and others in the Protestant Reformation. That isn't to say the Church hadn't thought about it till then; the contrary is true. The Scriptures have been used at Mass since the very beginning. Proclaiming words inspired by the Holy Spirit were an important part of what was chosen to be read during Mass.

To understand the dispute between the Church and Martin Luther we have to go back to the time of Jesus. By the early Church (35 AD-90 AD), the Jews had roughly codified Scriptures that were read and proclaimed in the synagogues. There were two schools by the time of Jesus, one from Palestine and the other from Alexandria, in North Africa, where there was a large Jewish population. The Jews from Alexandria had translated the Hebrew texts, favored by the Palestinian school, into Greek around 250 BC. Hundreds of years had honed the Jewish Scriptures to the books we now know. These would've been what Jesus read growing up, what Peter heard in the Temple, what Paul studied as a Pharisee.

The Temple was destroyed in 70 AD. Around 91 AD a group of rabbis joined together at the Council of Jamnia and declared 38 books to be inspired; these 38 having copies in the original Hebrew. There were 7 other books in the Greek translation, plus some chapters of Daniel and Esther, for which they had no Hebrew originals. They thought nothing Greek could be inspired by God.

As I said earlier, the early Church had already begun using the Greek translation of the Old Testament as Scriptures, as inspired by God. The Apostles and their spiritual descendants were given the Holy Spirit through Baptism and Confirmation, a gift our Jewish brothers did not have in 91 AD. It became regular practice to use

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## Upcoming events

- 2/19 Scripture Study 6 pm
- 2/20 Y-Prep 6 pm
- 2/20 CYO 7 pm
- 2/22 Rosary 8:30 am
- 2/23 Confessions 3:30-4:15 pm
- 2/24 Parish Breakfast 9:30 am
- 2/24 CCD 9:45 am
- 2/24 Una cena después de la Misa en español 3 pm
- 2/26 Pastoral Council 6 pm
- 2/27 Y-Prep 6 pm
- 2/27 CYO 7 pm
- 3/1 Rosary 8:30 am
- 3/1 Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 am-4:30 pm (closes with Benediction)
- 3/2 Confessions 3:30-4:15 pm



## New Coffee Social teammates needed

Our Coffee Social ladies would like to invite YOU to become a Coffee Social team member. Altar & Rosary membership is not required to become an approved purveyor of caffeine and refined sugar! You will plan, decorate, bake, serve—and collect compliments—along with others, and the commitment is once a year, in the month of your choice. Got a couple of friends you could enlist as your co-hostesses? Great idea! Call Jean Lugo, 985-205-4712.



## Mass Intentions

- 2/16 5 pm †Marilyn Galivan  
†Shirley LeBlanc  
†Normie Miller, DVM
- 2/17 8:30 am Our Parishioners
- 2/17 11 am †Alida and Frank Gennusa Sr  
†V. and V. Gennusa  
†Erole and Hilda Kremer  
†Jimmy Richoux  
†Torry Richoux
- 2/17 3 pm †Gregory Newman
- 2/19 5 pm Beverly Creel
- 2/20 5 pm †Normie Miller, DVM
- 2/21 9 am †Souls in Purgatory (JV)
- 2/22 9 am †Brandi Sander



Catholics and all people of good will are aghast and grieved at the developments of recent weeks with New York's and Virginia's new unrestricted access to abortion/infanticide up to the moment of the baby's emergence. In addition to our voices, we must stand with those responding to the needs of women in crisis. Catholic Charities is one such organization, and its scope of activity is not limited to this arena. It administers food, clothing, shelter, counseling, and other services to people in varied circumstances, regardless of faith. An envelope is enclosed; please be generous.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn  
February 17-23  
in memory of  
**Brandi Sander**  
by request of  
Patsy Evans



## Parish hall in use on Fridays in Lent

Just a friendly reminder that the Lenten Fish Fry events occupy our parish hall, including the kitchen, from 1-9 pm every Friday during Lent.

## Have you prayerfully considered liturgical ministry?

The Archdiocese will offer classes for *new* liturgical ministers this spring. A class for *new* Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be held at Most Holy Trinity, Covington, Sat 3/30, from 9am-1pm. A class for *new* lectors will take place at Our Lady of Lourdes, Slidell, Sat 4/13, 9 am-1pm. If you are interested in serving Holy Family as an usher, you may start immediately. Please prayerfully consider these ministries and call Judy Rabuffo, 985-515-4004. Deep thanks to all those who currently serve; your ministry is much appreciated.

 50th anniversary in 2019? Call our office 839-4040 by March 28

## Pray about your Lenten penance

Lent will be here before you know it. If you're not sure which penance you will practice, or which spiritual book you will read, talk to the Lord. Ask Him to show you what will help you draw closer to Him this Lent.

 Scripture Study meets this Tues 2/19 at 6 pm in the library

## 2019 Mass/sanctuary lamp book is open

Please mail, email, or bring your Mass or sanctuary lamp intention list to the office (see addresses in sidebar on first page). Lists of more than three intentions are best handled this way rather than in a phone call, please. Thank you.

*We hold our tongues in check because if they are undisciplined they empty the soul of the strength of grace, and weaken its healthful vigor.*

*St Peter Damian (1007-1073)  
Priest, Bishop, and Doctor of the Church  
Feast - February 21*

An Event with  
**SCOTT HAHN & MATTHEW LEONARD**

WISDOM for Our LENTEN JOURNEY  
THE HOLY FAMILY AND YOUR FAMILY

SATURDAY  
MARCH 30, 2019  
9AM-3:15PM  
CASTINE CENTER  
63350 Pelican Dr  
Mandeville, LA 70448

Join best-selling author Dr. Scott Hahn and Journey Through Scripture host Matthew Leonard this Lent for a presentation on the importance of cultivating a holy family.

**TICKETS ~~\$50~~ SPECIAL HOLY FAMILY PRICE \$30**  
Includes lunch catered by Benedict's Plantation.

**REGISTRATION AND INFO:**  
**Holy Family Church Office 985-839-4040**