

November 24
2019



HOLY FAMILY

Catholic Church ♦ Franklinton, LA

Solemnity of
Our Lord
Jesus Christ
King of the
Universe

All things were created through him and for him. — Colossians 1:16

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Weekend Masses
Saturday Vigil: 5 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am, 11 am,
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

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

Marriages
Contact Fr Kyle at least six months
prior to anticipated date.

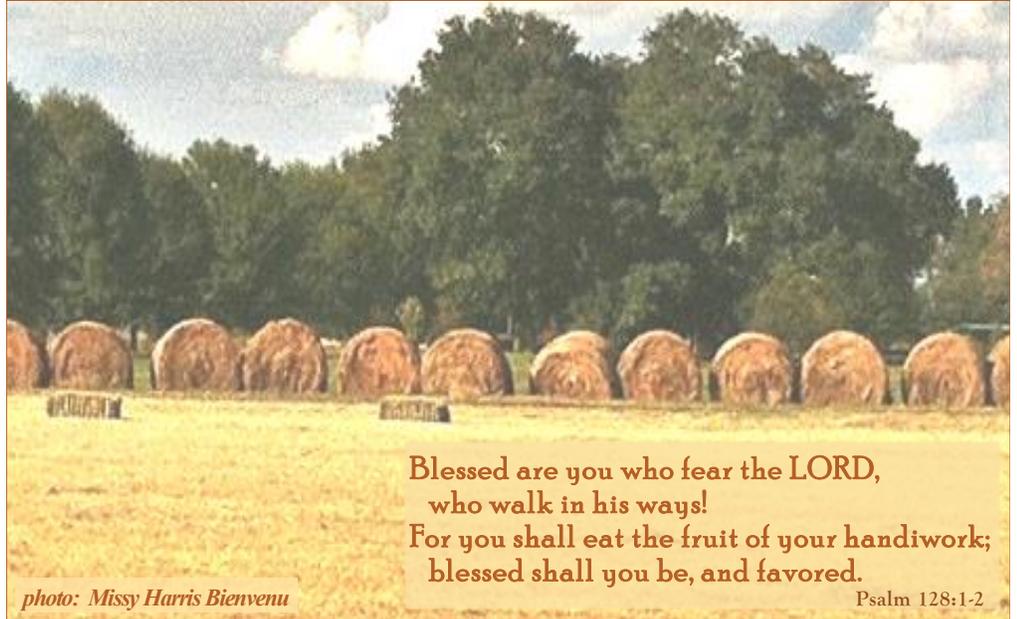
Baptisms
Contact Fr Kyle when you are ready
to have your child baptized.

Charitable Outreach
Friends of St Francis
985-201-5882

Religious Education
Renée Herbert: 985-630-1121

Youth Ministry
Eddie Boudreaux: 985-630-9997

Bulletin Deadline
Tuesday, noon.



Blessed are you who fear the LORD,
who walk in his ways!
For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;
blessed shall you be, and favored.

photo: Missy Harris Bienvenu

Psalm 128:1-2

From Our Pastor:

"IN ALL THINGS GIVE THANKS..."

As Christians, we usually take this secular national holiday to grow in gratitude, to remind ourselves of all God has given us and be thankful. It's natural for us to look at the good things and give thanks. Family. Friends. Health. The success of LSU and the Saints. Our Christian faith. We can even go deeper to be thankful for smaller things like literacy or the ability to see, or the fact that we have a Popeye's in town. Gratitude naturally gets connected with all the positive things that happen in life.

St Teresa of Avila, a Discalced Carmelite nun from the 1600s who is also a Doctor of the Church, gives us a different view of what to be grateful for. "In all things discern the providence and wisdom of God, and in all things give Him thanks," she says. Notice she doesn't say in just the good things, or the things that we like, but, rather, in **all** things.

Yes, she is saying give thanks to God even for the bad things in our lives, the things we wish weren't there, or that we want to run away from, or just the things that annoy us. Often we ask God, "Why?" with regard to those things, because we know, in His providence, He allowed them to happen, and we cannot see how [insert difficult thing] is helpful. So we demand an answer, before we trust the greatness, constancy, and gratuitousness of His will. By allowing these evil things to



Please note these schedule changes (this week only)
Wednesday, Nov 27: Mass at 9 am (not 5 pm)
Thursday, Nov 28 (Thanksgiving Day): Mass at 9 am.



<< From Our Pastor, continued from front page <<

occur God isn't out to get us; He's out to give us something, usually an increase of faith and trust in Him.

I will end with a personal story. In 2012, I severely injured my ankle playing basketball. I was in a wheelchair for two months, on crutches for another two months, and used a cane for another year. The first two months were really hard. I couldn't fully take care of myself. The mobility I was used to my whole life was taken away. It severely limited my interactions outside the seminary because I couldn't walk or drive. There were times of loneliness I'd never known because I felt isolated from the rest of my classmates, friends, and just society in general. When I brought this to prayer, I began to realize God wanted me to slow down, to learn again to be comfortable by myself and with Him. I can say now without a doubt that I am grateful for having dislocated my ankle. It was during that time that I learned how to pray when alone. It was a moment for me to lose my autonomy and trust God and my classmates to get me where I needed to go.

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**Car radio not doing it for you?
 Crazy-early Christmas hype stressing you out?
 Tune in to Catholic Radio, WQNO 690 AM (or WPYR 1380 AM if you get Baton Rouge stations better) for an engaging mix of local and national Catholic programming.**

Shop 'til you drop, Dec 21-22, RIGHT HERE!

The Daughters of St Paul, who operate the Pauline Book and Media Center in Metairie, will be on our campus to offer beautiful Catholic art, music, and books for any age. You'll be able to pick up some nice things for your peeps (and don't neglect yourself)!

And speaking of Thanksgiving...

Eucharist / 'yook (ə) rəst / (noun): [based on Greek *eukharistos* 'grateful', *eukharistia* 'thanksgiving', 'gratitude']

Our word **Eucharist** means to **give thanks**. An especially fitting way to celebrate Thanksgiving Day (Nov 28) is to join your church family in the Eucharist here that morning. Mass on Thanksgiving Day is at **9 am**. Please bring the bread and wine you'll use for your Thanksgiving dinner to be blessed during Mass.

**You are cordially invited...
 Save the date!**

Sister Theresa invites you to her Holy Trinity Hermitage for an Open House/Day of Gratitude for God's Providence on Sat 12/7. Bring a lawn chair and an appetizer or dessert to share. The day will begin at noon, with praying the Liturgy of the Hours for Midday, and conclude at dusk with a bonfire and Advent Vespers. Sr Theresa's hermitage is located at 30226 Woodrow Magee Rd, Franklinton, and her phone number is 985-373-3241.



LET HEAVEN AND NATURE (AND CCD MUNCHKINS) SING!

Christmas play news:

If your child would like to be in the Christmas play on Dec 15, practices will be held on Wed 12/4 and 12/11, 4-4:45 pm, in the church. Final dress rehearsal is Sun 12/15 at 12:15. Contact Alanna Bernard for info, 985-515-7905.

'Tis the season...

Angel Tree Christmas gift tags will be available starting next weekend, outside at all Masses. Gift return deadline is **Dec 22**. *If you take a tag, it is of utmost importance that you return the gift by the deadline, wrapped and ready for giving, with tag attached so it can be correctly identified. Thanks for your help with this.*

Start an Advent wreath for your family

The Advent wreath is an old tradition that remains popular in Christian families. The devotion is usually incorporated during the family meal or family night prayers. It is rich in meaning and easy to implement, and can be either hand-made or purchased. There are resources at <http://www.usccb.org>; search "Advent wreath."



The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Pope Pius XI instituted this observance in 1925 to confront the increasing denial of Christ as King resulting from the rise of secularism. Also at the time, non-Christian dictatorships were rising in Europe, often attempting to assert authority over the Church. Many Christians (including Catholics) were being taken in by these leaders; many began to doubt the authority and even the existence of Jesus, as well as the power of the Church to continue his authority. In the establishment of this feast, Pope Pius wished to:

- ◇ remind the faithful that Jesus must reign in our hearts, minds, wills, and bodies, and help renew their strength and courage;
- ◇ teach leaders and nations that they are bound to give respect to Christ, and to acknowledge that the Church has the right to freedom, and immunity from the state; and
- ◇ demonstrate that true leadership is imitative of Jesus, whose kingship is marked by humility and self-gift. In the words of Saint Paul (letter to the Philippians, 2:8-11):

"Jesus humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven, on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess, to the glory of God the Father, that Jesus Christ is LORD."

Pivotal Players: a study of saints who shaped the life of the Church and of western civilization

Journey with Bishop Robert Barron to explore the lasting influence of Saints Francis, Thomas Aquinas, Catherine of Siena, and others, as well as other influential figures like Michelangelo and G.K. Chesterton. Our parish journey begins on Thurs 1/16/20. This study series, at the reasonable cost of \$25 for your materials, covers three "semesters" — Spring and Fall 2020, and Spring 2021. To see more of what this outstanding program offers, see www.pivotalplayers.com. The study group will be coordinated by Sid Zeringue: 839-5146 or sid_zeringue@yahoo.com. So we can order in time to begin on schedule, please register *before Fri 12/13*. Our office has registration/order forms.

Lector workbooks are here

Every year, Holy Family provides workbooks to help lectors prepare to proclaim the Word. More than a quick glance when you arrive for Mass, prayerful preparation ideally begins early in the week. This resource guides both your prayer and your study, which will make your ministry more effective and more Spirit-filled! Pick up your book in the office during regular hours. If you're interested in becoming a lector, see Fr Kyle after Mass.

Let Your Lights Shine!

Fr Kyle would like for Holy Family to be beautifully lit for the Town of Franklinton Christmas Lighting Ceremony the weekend of Nov 30-Dec 1! If you can donate working Christmas lights, new or used, any color or size, please bring them to the church office. We'll put the lights up on Fri 11/29, 9:45 am. If you can help, contact Anne Marie Bettencourt, 985-515-4211.

Mass Intentions

Please submit Mass intentions at least 10 days in advance. Many dates are already full.

- 11/23 5 pm Special Intention
†Judy Jenkins
†Jimmy LeBlanc
†Shirley LeBlanc
†Larry McGuire
†Gail Richoux
George Varnado
†Souls in Purgatory
- 11/24 8:30 am Our Parishioners
- 11/24 11 am Harvey and Missy Bienvenu
Eddie and Sue Boudreaux
†Jerry Cancienne
Kreamer Family
†Tina Nunemacher
†Jimmy Richoux
†Torry Richoux
Richoux Family
†Donel Tullos
- 11/24 3 pm Aidan Ibarra
- 11/26 5 pm †Genevieve Zeringue
- 11/27 *9 am †Genevieve Zeringue
- 11/28 *9 am †Katie Westmoreland McCain
- 11/29 9 am †Brandi Sander

Want to make a financial gift to the Help Center? Place your check made out to Help Center, or cash in a marked envelope, in our regular collection. Thank you!

Stay connected, especially as the holiday season gets crankin'

Our calendar is enclosed in today's bulletin, and copies are always available on the bookshelf in church and on the table by the office door. You can also view it on the MyParish app, or download it at our website: www.holyfamilyfranklinton.org.

If it's been a while since you updated your contact information, please call our office: 985-839-4040.

Upcoming events

- 11/24 Comida después de la Misa en español 3 pm
- 11/28 Thanksgiving Day - Mass 9 am
- 11/29 Rosary 8:30 am
- 11/30 Confessions 3:30-4:15 pm
- 12/1 CCD 9:45 am
- 12/1 Rosary at the Prayer Garden 9:45 am
- 12/4 Christmas Play practice 4 pm
- 12/4 Y-Prep 6 pm
- 12/4 CYO 7 pm
- 12/5 RCIA 6 pm
- 12/6 Rosary 8:30 am
- 12/6 Adoration 9:30 am-4:30 pm, Benediction 4:30 pm

This week's special collection

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

For a description of the ministries supported by this collection, see enclosed flyer. Envelopes are available on the bookshelf.

Please pray for:

Baldassaro Family, Leo Baracco, Christine Bernard, Harvey Bienvenu, Linda Boos, Susan Corkern, Ann Cowart, Beverly Creel, Briley Davis, Paula Davis, Craig Estave, Douglas Ferrante, Diane Gill, Miriam Gonsoulin, Voncile Griffith, Charmaine Hebert, Katie and Renée Herbert, Louise Hotard, Camren Johnson, Fr Aelred Kavanaugh OSB, David Knight, Jan LaBorde, Larry Lambremont, Scott Lee, Henry and Tina Lirette, Denise Malbrough, Mary Melvin, Charlie, Jacob, Kalob, and Milton Morel, Carrie Pierre, Mickey Power, Ruby Price, Dannell Rome, Tommy Thiebaud, Nick Tullier, Cody Westmoreland (deployed-Afghanistan), Kayla Whitney, Joe Williams

Names stay on the list for three months. To add someone, call 839-4040, place a note in the collection, or email holyfamilyfranklinton@arch-no.org.

The Sanctuary Light will burn
November 24-30
in memory of
Brandi Sander
by request of Jan LaBorde



This week's Scripture readings

<u>Mon 11/25</u> <i>Catherine of Alexandria</i> <i>Virgin, Martyr</i>	Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20 Daniel 3:52-56 Luke 21:1-4
<u>Tues 11/26</u> <i>Ordinary Time</i> <i>Weekday</i>	Daniel 2:31-45 Daniel 3:57-61 Luke 21:5-11
<u>Wed 11/27</u> <i>Ordinary Time</i> <i>Weekday</i>	Daniel 5:1-6, 13-17, 23-28 Daniel 3:62-67 Luke 21:12-19
<u>Thurs 11/28</u> <i>Thanksgiving</i> <i>Day</i>	Sirach 50:22-24 Psalm 138:1-5 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Luke 17:11-19
<u>Fri 11/29</u> <i>Ordinary Time</i> <i>Weekday</i>	Daniel 7:2-14 Daniel 3:75-81 Luke 21:29-33
<u>Sat 11/30</u> <i>Andrew</i> <i>Apostle, Martyr</i>	Romans 10:9-18 Psalm 19:8-11 Matthew 4:18-22
<u>Sun 12/1</u> <i>First Sunday</i> <i>of Advent</i>	Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122:1-9 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 8:5-11

Stewardship Report

regular \$2,503.00
building \$ 125.00
Thank you for your sacrificial giving.