

God proclaims peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. — Acts 10:36

Pastor

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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.

From Our Pastor:

POPE BENEDICT ON THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

It's been a whirlwind these last few weeks. Schools call it "Winter Break," but I didn't see much winter or time for breaking. I love celebrating the Advent and Christmas seasons; they're filled with so much hope and dwelling in the great joy of the Incarnation. I must admit, I also yearn for the stability of Ordinary Time, which starts up again this Monday. In Ordinary Time, I will continue to explore Pope Benedict's *Verbum Domini* as well as go through the sacrament of the Eucharist during my homilies. So this weekend I will leave with you parts of Pope Benedict's homily from 2013 on the Baptism of the Lord. What is interesting is that the pope every year always baptizes some children in honor of the celebration. Anyway, here is the Holy Father.

"Dear brothers and sisters, what happens in the baptism that I shall shortly be administering to your children? Exactly this: they will be deeply united with Jesus for ever, immersed in the mystery of his power, of his might, namely, in the mystery of his death which is a source of life so as to share in his resurrection, to be reborn to new life. This is the miracle that is repeated today, also for your children: in receiving baptism they are reborn as children of God who share in the filial relationship that Jesus has with the Father, in other words who can address God, calling him with full confidence and trust: "Abba, Father". The heavens are also opened above your children and God says: these are my children, children in whom I am well pleased. Inserted into this relationship and liberated from original sin, they become living members of the one body that is the Church and are enabled to live their vocation to holiness in fullness, so as to be able to inherit eternal life, obtained for us by Jesus' Resurrection.

"Dear parents, in asking for Baptism for your children you express and witness to your faith, to the joy of being Christian and of belonging to the Church. It is the joy that comes from knowing you have received a great gift from God, faith itself, a gift which not one of us has been able to deserve but which was freely given to us and to which we responded with our 'yes'. It is the joy of recognizing that we are children of God, of discovering that we have been entrusted to his hands, of feeling welcomed in a loving embrace in the same way that a mother holds and embraces her child. This joy, which guides every Christian's journey, is based on a personal relationship with Jesus, a relationship that directs the whole of human existence.

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Reserving the parish hall

Any Holy Family parishioner desiring to use our parish hall for a function may request permission to do so. To reserve the hall, call our office, at which time information will be given concerning responsibilities and insurance cost (mandated by the archdiocese). In order to prevent schedule conflicts, *parish organizations must also call to reserve the date and time for any event other than a routinely scheduled meeting.* If a reservation is not made in advance, your event will not be permitted to be held. Thanks for your cooperation.

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"Indeed it is he who is the meaning of our life, the One on whom it is worth keeping our eyes fixed so as to be illuminated by his Truth and to be able to live to the full. The journey of faith that begins for these infants today is therefore based on a certainty, on the experience that there is nothing greater than knowing Christ and communicating friendship with him to others; only in this friendship is the enormous potential of the human condition truly revealed and we can experience what is beautiful and sets us free (cf. Homily at Holy Mass for the Inauguration of the Pontificate, 24 April 2005). Whoever has had this experience is not prepared to give up his faith for anything in the world.

"Dear godparents, it is your important duty to sustain and help the parents in their educational task, supporting them in the transmission of the truths of the faith and in their witness to the Gospel values and bringing up these children in an ever deeper friendship with the Lord. May you always be able to offer them your good example, through the practice of the Christian virtues. It is not easy to express what one believes in openly and without compromises. This is especially true in the context in which we live, in the face of a society that all too often considers those who live by faith in Jesus as out of fashion and out of time.

On the crest of this mentality, Christians too can risk seeing the relationship with Jesus as restrictive, something that humiliates one's fulfillment; "God is constantly regarded as a limitation placed on our freedom, that must be set aside if man is ever to be completely himself" (*Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives*).

"But this is not how it is! This vision shows that it has not understood the relationship with God at all, for as we gradually proceed on our journey of faith, we realize that Jesus exercises on us the liberating action of God's love which brings us out of our selfishness, our withdrawal into ourselves, to lead us to a full life in communion with God and open to others.

"'God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him' (1 Jn 4:16). These words from the First Letter of John express with remarkable clarity the heart of the Christian faith: the Christian image of God and the resulting image of mankind and its destiny" (Encyclical *Deus Caritas Est*, n. 1).

"The water which will sign these children in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit will immerse them in that 'fount' of life which is God himself and will make them his own true sons. And the seed of the theological virtues, faith, hope and charity, sown by God, seeds planted in their hearts today through the power of the Holy Spirit,

Missionary disciples

The Baptism of the Lord was the beginning of Jesus' three years of ministry, during which He proclaimed the Good News, healed the blind, the sick, and the lame, initiating the proclamation of the Kingdom of God. By virtue of our Baptism, having joined the Body of Christ, we are called to proclaim the Gospel. As St Paul says: "I can't help but speak of Christ and him crucified." Let us do this first with our actions in witness and then with words in proclamation. This evangelistic action includes inviting those interested to become Catholic. Invite them to Sunday Mass. Introduce them to other Catholic friends, or even to Fr Kyle. If they'd like to learn more about our faith, call or have them call our office: 839-4040.

must always be nourished by the word of God and by the sacraments so that these Christian virtues may grow and attain full maturity, until they make each one of them a true witness of the Lord. "As we invoke upon these little ones the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, let us entrust them to the protection of the Blessed Virgin; may she always preserve them with her motherly presence and accompany them at every moment of their lives. Amen."

Fr. Kyle

MEN: YOUR MISSION, SHOULD YOU CHOOSE TO ACCEPT IT: PERSONAL HOLINESS

But it's impossible to be holy today, right? In a world filled with fallen heroes, comfort, and compromise, Saints can seem like they belong in the past. Still, Jesus looks upon you and calls you to holiness. Attend the First Annual Archdiocesan Men's Conference, and rediscover that you were made for more than what the world offers.

Holiness is not only possible—it's *your mission*.

Date/Time: March 7, 2020, 8 am-2:30 pm

Place: St Catherine of Siena Parish,
Bonnabel Blvd at Metairie Rd

Registration: \$45 (Students: \$20)

REGISTER NOW!

<https://www.neworleanscatholic.com>



Married in 1995? This is for you!

The Archdiocese of New Orleans' Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebration will take place on Sunday 3/22, 3 pm, in St Joseph Church, New Orleans.

Since this celebration is a prayer service, not a Mass, your Sunday Mass attendance obligation will need to be met elsewhere. Participants must register through their parish by Mon 2/2. Please call our office to register: 839-4040. *Congratulations!*

An array of ways to connect with Holy Family

We try our best to make sure all our parishioners are informed of events and schedule changes. To do this, we employ a variety of means in addition to our weekly bulletin and monthly calendar (printed copies of which are always available in the church). Below is a list of points of contact that you may find helpful:

Holy Family's office: 985-839-4040. Someone is there to assist you from 8 am-4:30 pm on Monday through Thursday, and 8 am-1 pm on Friday.

Holy Family's website: Our website connects you to our own bulletin, calendar, schedule, and contact info. We're set up to receive a daily feed from the Archdiocese of New Orleans, covering news and events from across our region and in the worldwide Church. Visit www.holyfamilyfranklinton.org.

Holy Family's MyParish app: In addition to sending out messages, the app is brimming with resources for living your Catholic life (daily Scripture readings, links to video and written meditations and reflections, kids' videos, guides to Confession, prayers, and more) as well as linking you to our own bulletin, calendar, schedule, and contact info. To download, text the word **app** to the number **88202** and follow the steps in the reply text you receive. If you don't text, go to your app store and search for **MyParish**.

Holy Family's Facebook page: This functions somewhat like a bulletin board. Parishioners and parish staff can post here. Use the Search window and type in Holy Family Catholic Church. Several search results will appear. Choose the one in Franklinton, Louisiana (Franklinton, North Carolina also has a Holy Family!). Once you land on our page, if you decide to become a member of the Facebook group, click on the **+Join Group** button. Then just answer a question or two; your request is typically approved within a day.

2019 Mass book is open

Please mail, email, or bring your Mass intention list to the office (addresses on front cover). Even if you've submitted a list in previous years, you must submit a new list for 2020. Please be aware: *each individual Mass intention is a \$5 offering*. Please, no phone calls for more than three intentions. Thank you.

College-bound seniors, check this out

Each year, the Knights of Columbus award their Catholic Youth Leadership Scholarship to an outstanding Catholic boy and girl. You can access the application at: www.louisianakc.org>CYLA (*and carefully follow instructions!*). The app is due **by 1/25** to Mr Sid Zeringue. Call him, 985-839-5146, if you have questions.



Our Help Center needs our help

The Help Center Food Bank is in ongoing need of food and monetary donations; let's step up together! You may place cash or a check in our weekend collection; your check must be made out to **Help Center** or **HCOG**. A gift of cash should be in a marked envelope. Most needed food items are **peanut butter** and **tuna**; however, all donations are appreciated. Help your family form a habit of bringing one item per family member, every time you come to Holy Family for Mass or other activities. Let's shower our neighbors with generosity! *Thank you. Your kindness changes lives.*

Pilgrimage to Canada, May 13-18

Canada is filled with beautiful Catholic pilgrimage sites. Deacon Carlos Ramirez, and possibly Fr Kyle, will lead a pilgrimage



there, May 13-18. The group will visit such places as the Basilica of Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré (pictured), the Cathedral of Notre-Dame de Québec, and St Joseph's Oratory, home of St André Bessette and one of the largest churches in the world. It should prove to be a trip of great beauty and prayer. The overall cost, including flight, lodging, and meals (except lunches), is \$2,000. Interested? See Fr Kyle **ASAP!**

State Sen. Beth Mizell - Town Hall Meeting

Wed 1/29, 9:45 am, Hillcrest Baptist Church

Focus: of Louisiana's 64 parishes, ours ranks 61st for lifespan and 59th for health outcomes. This meeting is to develop a prioritized list of issues hindering us from being a healthier community. To attend, register at <https://franklintonforum.eventbrite.com> by Mon 1/27.

Parish Lunch next Sun 1/19, 12 noon, in the hall. No charge, but donations gratefully accepted for your family's meal.

Mass Intentions

- 1/11 5 pm †Harold Carriles
†Toni Carriles Hedrick
†Shirley LeBlanc
Jean Lugo
- 1/12 8:30 am Our Parishioners
- 1/12 11 am David Benoit
†Jerry Cancienne
†Hilda and Erole Kreamer
Mary Ann Grace Lopez
†Jimmy Richoux
†Torry Richoux
George Varnado
- 1/12 3 pm Nick Tullier
- 1/14 5 pm †Carolyn Boudreaux
- 1/15 5 pm David Benoit
- 1/16 9 am Dan Lorenz
- 1/17 9 am †Brandi Sander

Volunteer opportunities

Our Religious Education program offers many opportunities to serve our parish family: Yard sale and Vacation Bible School planners, faith formation, group leaders, snacks, crafts, helpers, setup, decorating... If you'd like to be involved, call Renée Herbert, 985-630-1121, or Anne Marie Betten-court, 985-515-4211.

Stay connected to what's happening at Holy Family

Copies of the current month's calendar 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: www.holyfamilyfranklinton.org/bulletins (it's dated Jan 1).

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

Upcoming events

- 1/14 Altar & Rosary 10 am
1/14 Pastoral Council 6:30 pm
1/15 Y-Prep 6 pm
1/15 CYO 7 pm
1/16 RCIA 6 pm
1/16 Saints Study Group 6:30 pm
1/17 Rosary 8:30 am
1/18 Confessions 3:30-4:15 pm
1/19 CCD 9:45 am
1/19 Parish Lunch 12 pm
1/22 Y-Prep 6 pm
1/22 CYO 7 pm
1/23 RCIA 6 pm
1/24 Rosary 8:30 am

Please pray for:

Janet Baham, Christine Bernard, Harvey Bienvenu, Jim Bradle, Susan Corkern, Beverly Creel, Paula Davis, Craig Estave, F. Paul Gennusa, Voncile Griffith, Charmaine Hebert, Don Gerard Hedrick, Katie and Renée Herbert, Louise Hotard, Camren Johnson, Fr Aelred Kavanaugh OSB, David Knight, Jan LaBorde, Larry Lambremont, Henry and Tina Lirette, Don Lorenz, Frank and Jean Lugo, Cindy Marsh, Morel Family, Carrie Pierre, Mickey Power, Ryan Robinson, Rogers Family, Tommy Thiebaud, Al Triche, 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.

Loved one homebound or hospitalized?

Please let us know

As soon as a family member is admitted to a hospital or nursing home, or becomes homebound, please call our office to let Fr Kyle know. Notifying a patient's church is sometimes overlooked. Fr Kyle doesn't want anyone to be neglected, but he depends on you to tell him your loved one needs a visit.

The Sanctuary Light will burn

January 12-18 for

Jessie Andras

by request of

Thea Andras



This week's Scripture readings

- Mon 1/13** 1 Samuel 1:1-8
Hilary of Poitiers: Bishop, Doctor of the Church Psalm 116:12-19
Mark 1:14-20
- Tues 1/14** 1 Samuel 1:9-20
Ordinary Time 1 Samuel 2:1,4-8
Weekday Mark 1:21-28
- Wed 1/15** 1 Samuel 3:1-10,19-20
Ordinary Time Psalm 40:2,5,7-10
Weekday Mark 1:29-39
- Thurs 1/16** 1 Samuel 4:1-11
Ordinary Time Psalm 44:10-15,24-25
Weekday Mark 1:40-45
- Fri 1/17** 1 John 5:5-13
Anthony of Egypt Psalm 147:12-15
Abbot Luke 5:12-16
- Sat 1/18** 1 Samuel 9:1-4,17—10:1
Ordinary Time Psalm 21:2-7
Weekday Mark 2:13-17
- Sun 1/19** Isaiah 49:3,5-6
Second Psalm 40:2,4,7-10
Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Corinthians 1:1-3
John 1:29-34



Stewardship Report

regular collection \$ 4,102.00
building fund \$ 347.00

Thank you for your sacrificial giving.