



# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ August 30, 2020

*As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied.* – Psalm 63:6

### **Pastor**

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### **Weekend Masses**

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

*Masses streamed on Facebook page*

### **Weekday Masses**

Tues/Wed: 5 pm  
Thurs/Fri/1st Sat: 9 am

*Masses streamed on Facebook page*

### **Confessions**

Saturday 3-4 pm (*drive-by*)  
and by appointment

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

First Friday of each month,  
9:30 am-4:30 pm

### **Marriages**

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

### **Baptisms**

Contact Fr Kyle: 985-839-4040

### **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**

### **FAITH AND REASON**

#### **REFLECTIONS ON POPE BENEDICT'S *VERBUM DOMINI***

Pope Benedict continues to foster the Catholic both/and position in the next paragraph. What he is hitting at is a core part of the philosophical underpinnings of all of Catholic theology, and indeed all of Catholic thought, the idea of faith and reason. To be Catholic isn't to emphasize one over the other but to embrace them both. Pope St. John Paul II explains it this way, "Faith asks that its object be understood with the help of reason; and at the summit of its searching reason acknowledges that it cannot do without what faith presents."<sup>1</sup> Reason helps us to understand what we believe; faith helps us understand what we cannot come to through reason.

This concept most certainly applies to the way we approach Scripture. Benedict actually quotes John Paul on this. "The danger inherent in seeking to derive the truth of sacred Scripture from the use of one method alone, ignoring the need for a more comprehensive exegesis which enables the exegete, together with the whole Church, to arrive at the full sense of the texts. Those who devote themselves to the study of sacred Scripture should always remember that the various hermeneutical approaches have their own philosophical underpinnings, which need to be carefully evaluated before they are applied to the sacred texts."<sup>2</sup> In other words, whatever approach we use, we should know where it comes from and what philosophical baggage is connected to it. We want to be faithful to the word of God as such, while also exercising the reason given to us by God.

Pope Benedict goes on to describe what happens when faith and reason are separated. "On the one hand, it calls for a faith which, by maintaining a proper relationship with right reason, never degenerates into fideism, which in the case of Scripture would end up in fundamentalism" (*VD*, 36). Before I continue, I feel a few definitions are in or-

**Eucharistic  
Adoration  
this Friday,  
September 4**

**9:30 am - 4:30 pm**

**Sign up for an hour or  
stop in when you can.**

*Jesus has so much  
to tell you.*



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## From Our Pastor, from front page

der. First, *fideism* is basically the philosophical understanding that one can only arrive at philosophical and religious truths by faith. *Fide* in Latin, means *faith*. A fideist then denies the use of reason at all in matters of faith. When applied to the Scriptures, a fideist is a fundamentalist, *i.e.*, the Scriptures are to be understood literally; there is no leeway, no application of reason to better understand it; it says what it says, and therefore, one should believe it as such. The fundamentalist sees the Scriptures as the divine word of God, but also holds that we do not have the ability to understand it (except maybe by the charismatic action of the Spirit). This, of course, can lead to all sorts of difficulty, and really disallows the reader of Scripture from ever really knowing God's voice. He no longer has nuance, or can speak in different ways. He's said what He's said, and that's it. Although various Catholics have fallen into this understanding, most famously Tertullian in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century, and Blaise Pascal in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, it is far from the unity of faith and reason we hold dear.

"On the other hand, it calls for a reason which, in its investigation of the historical elements present in the Bible, is marked by openness and does not reject *a priori* anything beyond its own terms of reference," such as "the secularized hermeneutic of sacred Scripture [which] is the product of reason's attempt structurally to exclude any possibility that God might enter into our lives and speak to us in human terms. In applying methods of historical analysis, no criteria should be adapted which would rule out in advance God's self-disclosure in human history" (VD, 36). [Another quick definition: *a priori* means *before the fact*.] Reason, when disassociated from faith, turns Scripture into merely an ancient text to be studied and not the inspired word of God that speaks to all people in all times. In other words, we can't and shouldn't separate faith from reason; this only leads to a false and harmful interpretation of Scripture.

Now that he has exposed those things to avoid, after setting up basic principles, as we move on Pope Benedict will begin to outline a true Catholic praxis of exegesis.

*J. Hyle*

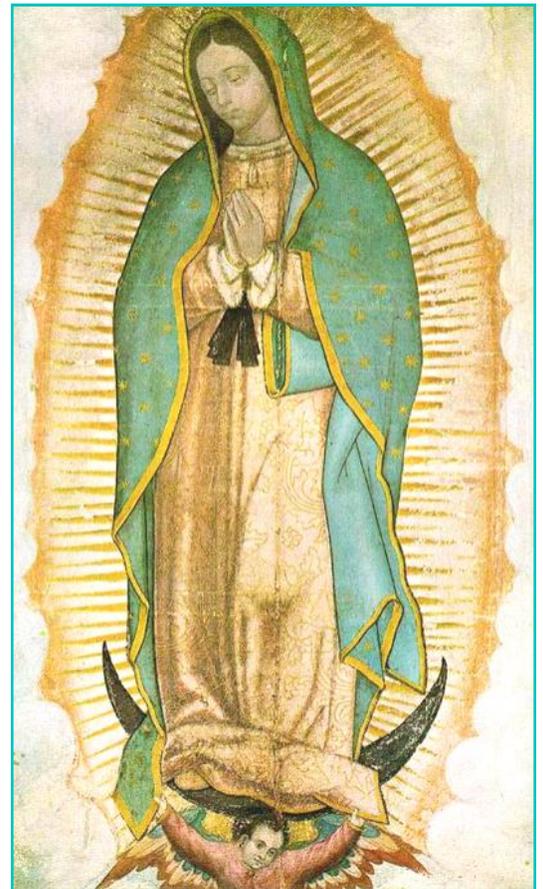
- 1 Pope John Paul II, *Fides et Ratio*, 42.
- 2 *Ibid.*, 55.

### **Holy Family Parishioners: you are invited to participate in the First Saturday Devotion**

Celebrating Saturday as the day of Mary has long been a devotion in the Church, dating back at least to the 700's, when Roman Christians would process to the Church of St Mary Major to honor the Blessed Virgin. We chose First Saturdays because Our Lady of Fatima encouraged Sister Lucia (the only one of the three visionary children of Fatima to live a long life) to pray a five Saturday devotion in reparation for sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Many people throughout the world mock, ridicule, and attack the dignity of the Blessed Virgin, so she asks her children to offer up prayer in reparation for those sins. In particular, she asks for four actions: (1) go to Confession, (2) receive Holy Communion, (3) recite the Rosary, and (4) meditate 15 minutes on one of the mysteries of the Rosary.

The Rosary will be offered before Mass at 8:30 am. You are welcome to participate in the Rosary and Mass even if you don't want to enter into this devotion. If you are interested, a pamphlet will be available, to help guide you in fulfilling this devotion.

More details on the Five First Saturdays Devotion can be found at <http://www.themostholynosary.com/appendix2.htm>. For more information about Holy Family's monthly event, call Mirtha Martin, 225-931-5077.



## Go, and announce the Gospel

We've all heard it: "Preach the Gospel at all times; if necessary, use words." It's been attributed, properly or not, to St Francis of Assisi. And we get it: actions do speak louder than words. But this precept can become a pretext. When Catholic Christians take cover behind it to avoid *speaking* about their faith, they overlook that, though a life well-lived does witness powerfully, there will come moments that beg for *spoken* witness. As St Paul says: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. But how can they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how can they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone to preach? And how can people preach unless they are sent?... Thus, faith comes from what is heard" (Romans 10:13-17). I may live in a way that creates curiosity and even opens someone's heart to the Gospel—necessary and good!—but if I shy away from actually sharing the Gospel and inviting him or her into relationship with Christ and his Church, I neglect what my Baptism sent me to do: *preach* the Gospel. Our RCIA program will begin shortly; this is a comfortable place for one who wishes to explore the Catholic faith without pressure, or for a baptized Catholic who still needs the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Invite your friend to call our office soon: **985-839-4040**.



Back-to-school is a financially stressful time for many of our neighbors.

Please continue your amazingly generous support of the **Help Center**, which enables us to help these struggling families.

Thank you.

*There is more joy in heaven over a converted sinner than over a righteous person standing firm...  
A farmer has greater love for land which bears fruitfully after he has cleared it of thorns,  
than for land which never had thorns but which never yielded a fruitful harvest.*

St Gregory the Great, Gregory I (540-604), Pope 590-604  
Doctor of the Church - feast day September 3

## The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)



is available every Saturday,  
3 - 4 pm  
and on Wednesday, Sept 9  
4:00-4:45 pm / 5:45-6:30 pm

Fr Kyle will help you if it's  
been awhile and you can't  
remember what to do.

## **Pivotal Players: 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 journey begins at 6 pm on Thurs 9/17. This study series, at the cost of \$25 for your materials, covers two "semesters" — Fall 2020 and Spring 2021. So we can begin on schedule, please contact Sid Zeringue, 985-515-0806, by Tues 9/8. To preview some of this outstanding program, visit [www.pivotalplayers.com](http://www.pivotalplayers.com).

All are welcome to join in praying the Rosary every Friday morning at 8:30 in the church.

**Please pray for:**

Adam Authement; Janet Bourgeois; Jim Bradle; Chris Buquoi; Patrick Campo; Beverly Carriles; Johnson Chouest; Flo, Jean, Tommie Clemons; Beverly Creel; Carol d'Aquin; Briley Davis; Paula Davis; Michele Estave; Christopher Finklea; Frank Gen-nusa; June Gonsoulin Georgusis; Theresa Gomez; Wayne, Miriam Gonsoulin; Christie Griffith, Hamilton Family; Guy Horton; Judd Keaton; Meaghan Knight; René LaBorde; Dylan Latore; Henry, Tina Lirette; Harry Lopez; Jean Lugo; L.J. Marie; Helen, Kalob Morel; Mickey Power; L. Roberts; Dannell Rome; Sylvia Scott; Cathy Shreve; Richard Sonier; Jan Sroga; Tufts Family; Nick Tullier; Jane Varnado; Ernestine Westmoreland, Joshua Yates.

Names stay on the list for three months. To add or retain someone, call 839-4040 or email [holyfamilyfranklinton@arch-no.org](mailto:holyfamilyfranklinton@arch-no.org).

**This week's Scripture readings**

<u>Mon 8/31</u> Ordinary Time Weekday	1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Psalm 119:97-102 Luke 4:16-30
<u>Tues 9/1</u> Ordinary Time Weekday	1 Corinthians 2:10-16 Psalm 145:8-14 Luke 4:31-37
<u>Wed 9/2</u> Ordinary Time Weekday	1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Psalm 33:12-15,20-21 Luke 4:38-44
<u>Thurs 9/3</u> Gregory the Great Pope, Doctor of the Church	2 Corinthians 4:1-2,5-7 Psalm 24:1-6 Luke 22:24-30
<u>Fri 9/4</u> Ordinary Time Weekday	1 Corinthians 4:1-5 Psalm 37:3-6,27-28,39-40 Luke 5:33-39
<u>Sat 9/5</u> Ordinary Time Weekday	I Corinthians 4:6-15 Psalm 145:17-21 Luke 6:1-5
<u>Sun 9/6</u> 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Ezekiel 33:7-9 Psalm 95:1-2,6-9 Romans 13:8-10 Matthew 18:15-20

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn  
August 30- September 5  
in memory of **Boos and Olivier families**  
by request of Jerry and Linda Boos



**Mass Intentions**

8/29	5 pm	†Harold Carriles †Susan Corkern †Toni Carriles Hedrick †Doug LeBlanc †Shirley LeBlanc George Varnado
8/30	8:30 am	†Elise Angelette Don Knight †Jim Rogers †Brandi Sander †Souls in Purgatory
8/30	11 am	Our Parishioners
8/30	3 pm	Briley Davis
9/1	5 pm	†Susan Corkern
9/2	5 pm	†Susan Corkern
9/3	9 am	†Lucrecia Z. LeBlanc
9/4	9 am	†Brandi Sander
9/5	9 am	†Minna Kahrs

**Upcoming events**

9/2	Y-Prep 7 pm
9/4	Rosary 8:30 am
9/4	Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 am-4:30 pm
9/4	Benediction 4:30 pm
9/5	1st Saturday: Rosary 8:30, Mass 9 am
9/7	Labor Day - church office closed
9/8	Altar and Rosary Society 10 am
9/9	Confessions 4-4:45 and 5:45-6:30 pm
9/9	Y-Prep 6 pm
9/10	Friends of St Francis 9:30 am

The current calendar is downloadable at [www.holyfamilyfranklinton.org/parish-calendar](http://www.holyfamilyfranklinton.org/parish-calendar), dated the 1st of the month. Printed copies are on the shelf in the back of the church and in the office hallway.

**St Joseph Abbey Gift Shop is open**

The monks of St Joseph Abbey have reopened the Abbey Gift Shop! New hours: Mon-Sat, 9-11 am and 12-3 pm. The new hours allow time to sanitize the facility. Some items can be ordered online for curbside pickup or to be shipped. Visit [www.stjosephabbey.com/gift-shop](http://www.stjosephabbey.com/gift-shop).



Rose window in the Abbey church.

**Stewardship Report**

regular collection \$ 3,654.00  
building fund \$ 200.00

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[holyfamilyfranklinton.org/donate](http://holyfamilyfranklinton.org/donate)