

# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ September 6, 2020

*Owe no debt to anyone, except to love one another.* – Romans 13:8

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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**

## **SCRIPTURE AND THEOLOGY: LISTEN TO THE FATHERS REFLECTIONS ON POPE BENEDICT'S *VERBUM DOMINI***

If we pull back for a moment, we can see that the Holy Father is spending a lot of ink on how we respond to the historical-critical method. It has dominated Scripture scholarship for 200 years and most of Catholic Scripture scholarship for at least 70-80 years. It has loomed large throughout the entirety of his adult life. He saw it as a scholar priest in Germany. He saw it as a bishop's consultant at the Second Vatican Council. He saw it as a bishop. He saw it as Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, which deals with all things theological in the Vatican, and he saw it as Pope. He knows its dangers, and he knows the good it can provide.

Since the time of René Descartes, a 17<sup>th</sup> century mathematician and philosopher who asserted that to get at the truth one had to start over and destruct the knowledge of the past, scholars in most disciplines have followed suit, attempting to reinvent the wheel over and over again, because the previous generation's wheel just didn't roll right. This fascination with the new-found made its way into Scripture scholarship as well. For many, there was a general disdain for the past and only the current scholars could be trusted. It assumed all prior Scripture scholarship to be unnecessary, false, or irrelevant, a prideful assumption indeed.

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**The Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
is available this Wednesday, Sept 9  
4:00-4:45 pm and 5:45-6:30 pm

Confession is also available  
every Saturday, 3-4pm



Fr Kyle will help you  
if it's been awhile  
and you're not sure  
what to do.

**Altar & Rosary Society**  
**welcomes you**

Our Altar & Rosary Society welcomes new members of any age, anytime! This group prays for our parish family, and provides vessels, vestments, plants and flowers, and other things of beauty for our church. The next meeting is this Tuesday 9/8 at 10 am.

## From Our Pastor, from front page

As Pope Benedict points out, however, there is a wealth that can be gained in studying the works of the Fathers of the Church and giants of the Church like St. Thomas Aquinas. Yes, they lacked “the philological [the study of words] and historical resources at the disposal of modern exegesis,” but the “Church Fathers present a theology that still has great value today because at its heart is the study of sacred Scripture as a whole. Indeed, the Fathers are primarily and essentially ‘commentators on sacred Scripture.’ Their example can ‘teach modern exegetes a truly religious approach to sacred Scripture, and likewise an interpretation that is constantly attuned to the criterion of communion with the experience of the Church, which journeys through history under the guidance of the Holy Spirit’” (VD, 37).

In fact, the Fathers recognized the importance of the literal sense of Scripture, which is what historical-criticism studies. St. Thomas Aquinas goes so far as to say, “all senses of Scripture are based on the literal sense.”<sup>1</sup> If you remember, when we first dove into the topic of historical-criticism five weeks ago, I spoke of the senses of Scripture when talking about Fr. Richard Simon, the grandfather of historical-criticism. Fr. Simon, and those who followed after him, both in Catholic and Protestant circles, found themselves separating the literal sense from the spiritual sense, which led to the division of faith and reason, we talked about last week.

“It is necessary to remember that in patristic and medieval times every form of exegesis, including the literal form, was carried out on the basis of faith, without there necessarily being a distinction between the *literal sense* and the *spiritual sense*... In a word, while acknowledging the validity and necessity, as well as the limits, of the historical-critical method, we learn from the Fathers that exegesis “is truly faithful to the intention of the biblical texts when it goes not only to the heart of their formulation to find the reality of faith there expressed, but also seeks to link this reality to the experience of faith in our present world” (VD, 37). Again, we want to have a properly catholic (*i.e.* universal) outlook on the way we look at Scripture. Yes, the literal sense is important, but it only truly has import because there is a spiritual sense to be gleaned. The power of Scripture is that it wasn’t just for one time, or one audience, like a political cartoon, which only has power in the context it is written, after which it is just a reflection of a bygone time. Scripture is for all times and all peoples. It isn’t an inside joke, it is a catholic (*i.e.* universal) book. It impacted the Romans of AD 120, the Irish of AD 500, the Germans of AD 900, the Aztecs of AD 1600, the Franklintonians of AD 2020.

<sup>1</sup>St. Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae*, I, q.1, art. 10, 11.

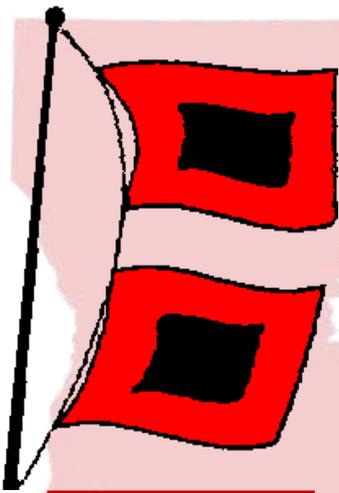


### **Need some Good News? Know someone who does?**

God has stepped into our world, even into our very lives! This is good news, in fact it's [The Good News!](#) If you're an adult who's not yet confirmed, or you'd like to learn more about your faith, or you know someone who does,, please contact our RCIA director, **Eddie Boudreaux, 985-630-9997**, or call our office. No commitment required; this is simply the start of an op-en, friendly conversation, which may—or may not—lead to one becoming Catholic.

### **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).



ENVELOPES ARE AT CHURCH ENTRANCE. MAKE CHECKS TO HOLY FAMILY WITH MEMO "HURRICANE"

**They will know we are Christians by our love**

Washington Parish government is collecting supplies for the people of Lake Charles. Bring items to Holy Family **by 6 pm on Wednesday** and they'll pick it up.

Items especially needed: **\*no clothing\*** — ready-to-eat items in pouches or **pull-top** cans; diapers, baby wipes, powdered formula; paper products, disposable plates, cups, utensils; toiletries, adult diapers, first-aid items; bug spray; mops, buckets, brooms, sponges, bleach, bleach wipes; contractor trash bags, tarps, rakes, work gloves; hand sanitizer, gloves, masks.

Thank you for your assistance, and let us keep all who are recovering from Hurricane Laura in our prayers.

**Online giving couldn't be easier**

Have you wished for a safe, secure, and simple online way to tithe to Holy Family?

Our website provides you with the easiest electronic giving program out there. It allows a user to set up one-time or recurring giving, as well as differentiation between various funds. Users can also find clear instructions for changing preferences and accessing their records at any time. Even cancellation is a straightforward process.

To check it out, visit [holymfamilyfranklinton.org](http://holymfamilyfranklinton.org) > [Donate](#).

**Tomorrow is Labor Day—what does our Church reveal to us about God's intentions for human work?**

Below are some paragraphs (numbered for your reference) from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

**2426** The development of economic activity and growth in production are meant to provide for the needs of human beings. Economic life... is ordered first of all to the service of persons, of the whole man, and of the entire human community. Economic activity, conducted according to its own proper methods, is to be exercised within the limits of the moral order, in keeping with social justice so as to correspond to God's plan for man.

**2427** Human work proceeds directly from persons created in the image of God and called to prolong the work of creation by subduing the earth, both with and for one another (cf. Genesis 1:28). Hence work is a duty: "If anyone will not work, let him not eat" (2 Thessalonians 3:10). Work honors the Creator's gifts and the talents received from him. It can also be redemptive. By enduring the hardship of work (Genesis 3:14-19) in union with Jesus, the carpenter of Nazareth and the one crucified on Calvary, man collaborates in a certain fashion with the Son of God in his redemptive work. He shows himself to be a disciple of Christ by carrying the cross, daily, in the work he is called to accomplish. Work can be a means of sanctification and a way of animating earthly realities with the Spirit of Christ.

**2428** In work, the person exercises and fulfills in part the potential inscribed in his nature. The primordial value of labor stems from man himself, its author and its beneficiary. Work is for man, not man for work. Everyone should be able to draw from work the means of providing for his life and that of his family, and of serving the human community.

**2429** Everyone has the right of economic initiative; everyone should make legitimate use of his talents to contribute to the abundance that will benefit all and to harvest the just fruits of his labor. He should seek to observe regulations issued by legitimate authority for the sake of the common good.

**2459** Man is himself the author, center, and goal of all economic and social life... [The] goods created by God for everyone should in fact reach everyone in accordance with justice and with the help of charity.

**2461** True economic development is concerned with... the whole man, with increasing each person's ability to respond to his vocation and hence to God's call.



**Please pray for:**

Adam Authement; Janet Bourgeois; Jim Bradle; Donna Bruney; 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 Gennusa; 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; Christine Townsend; 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 9/7</u> Ordinary Time Weekday	1 Corinthians 5:1-8 Psalm 5:5-7,12 Luke 6:6-11
<u>Tues 9/8</u> Nativity of Mary	Romans 8:28-30 Psalm 13:6 Matthew 1:18-23
<u>Wed 9/9</u> Peter Claver Priest	1 Corinthians 7:25-31 Psalm 45:11-12,14-17 Luke 6:20-26
<u>Thurs 9/10</u> Ordinary Time Weekday	1 Corinthians 8:1-7,11-13 Psalm 139:1-3,13-14,23-24 Luke 6:27-38
<u>Fri 9/11</u> Ordinary Time Weekday	1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-27 Psalm 84:3-6,8-12 Luke 6:39-42
<u>Sat 9/12</u> Ordinary Time Weekday	I Corinthians 10:14-22 Psalm 116:12-13,17-18 Luke 6:43-49
<u>Sun 9/13</u> 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sirach 27:30—28:7 Psalm 103:1-4,9-12 Romans 14:7-9 Matthew 18:21-35

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn  
September 6 - 12  
in memory of **Andy Gutierrez**  
by request of Patsy Evans



**Mass Intentions**

9/5	5 pm	†Harold Carriles †Susan Corkern †Toni Carriles Hedrick †Shirley LeBlanc Christine Townsend George Varnado †Souls in Purgatory
9/6	8:30 am	Our Parishioners
9/6	11 am	Mary Ann Carlisle †Jerry Cancienne †Alida and Frank Gennusa, Sr. †Jimmy Richoux †Torry Richoux †Linda Gennusa Schomburg
9/6	3 pm	Nick Tullier
9/8	5 pm	†Jim Rogers
9/9	5 pm	†Susan Corkern
9/10	9 am	†Roland Becnel
9/11	9 am	†Carolyn Boudreaux

**Upcoming events**

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
9/9*	Friends of St Francis 9:30 am
9/10	Knights of Columbus 7 pm
9/11	Rosary 8:30 am
9/12	Confessions 3-4 pm
9/13	CCD 9:45 am
9/16	Y-Prep 6 pm

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.



For so many of our neighbors, back-to-school is a financially stressful time. Please keep up your *amazing*, generous support of the **Help Center**. It enables us to assist these struggling families. Thank you.

**Stewardship Report**

regular collection \$ 2,550.00  
building fund \$ 125.00

Thank you for your sacrificial giving.

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