



# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ October 11, 2020

*Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for you are with me. - Psalm 23:4*

**Mission Statement:** Stirred by the Holy Spirit, the mission of Holy Family Parish is to evangelize our community with the transforming power of Christ through love and compassion for God and neighbor.

#### **Pastor**

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#### **Mass Schedule**

Saturday Vigil: 5 pm  
Sunday: 8:30 am, 11 am, 3 pm (español)  
Tues/Wed: 5 pm  
Thurs/Fri/first Sat: 9 am

#### **Confessions**

Saturday 3-4 pm, 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**

Fr Kyle: 985-839-4040

#### **Bulletin Deadline**

Tuesday, noon.

## **From Our Pastor**

### **CAIN AND ABEL: DEATH AND HUMAN DIGNITY**

#### **REFLECTIONS FROM ST JOHN PAUL II'S *EVANGELIUM VITAE* FOR PRO-LIFE MONTH**

Last week, we saw where our understanding of the Gospel of life comes from. "After all, life on earth is not an 'ultimate' but a 'penultimate' reality; even so, it remains a sacred reality entrusted to us, to be preserved with a sense of responsibility and brought to perfection in love and in the gift of ourselves to God and to our brothers and sisters" (*EV*, 2). Knowing our goal is heaven while at the same time respecting the gift of life here on earth, we live out the Gospel of life in charity. This charity takes work. It calls us to reject the selfishness and pride that comes with the original sin we inherited.

To better understand our call, it is good to understand our enemy, death. "God did not make death, and he does not delight in the death of the living. For he has created all things that they might exist... God created man for incorruption, and made him in the image of his own eternity, but through the devil's envy death entered the world, and those who belong to his party experience it" (Wisdom 1:13-14; 2:23-24). I think because we know God is all powerful, we can attribute to God death. God does not desire death for anyone. He allows it as the natural consequence due to sin, as he continues to allow us to exercise free will. To choose to love, as we spoke of above, God has risked the possibility that we choose not to.

"The Gospel of life, proclaimed in the beginning when man was created in the image of God for a destiny of full and perfect life, is contradicted by the painful experience of death which enters the world and casts its shadow of meaninglessness over man's entire existence. Death came into the world as a result of the devil's envy and the sin of our first parents. And death entered it in a violent way, through the killing of Abel by his brother Cain: 'And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel, and killed him' (Genesis 4:8). This first murder is presented with singular eloquence in a page of the Book of Genesis which has universal significance: it is a page rewritten daily, with inerasable and degrading frequency,

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**ABORTION DOES NOT END THE LIFE OF A POTENTIAL HUMAN BEING.  
IT ENDS THE LIFE OF AN ACTUAL HUMAN BEING WITH GREAT POTENTIAL.**

Bryan Kemper, founder and president, Stand True Ministries

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in the book of human history" (EV, 7).

I'm sure you remember the story. Cain and Abel both make an offering to God. God prefers Abel's offering to Cain's (and doesn't give a reason why). Cain, envious of his brother, kills and buries him. God notices, as "the voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground" (Genesis 4:10). God gives Cain a chance to confess but Cain selfishly answers, "Am I my brother's keeper?" God who, remember, despises death, chooses mercy on Cain, marking him and condemning him to the wilderness. "In the account of Abel's murder by his brother Cain, Scripture reveals the presence of anger and envy in man, consequences of original sin, from the beginning of human history. Man has become the enemy of his fellow man."<sup>1</sup>

"Brother kills brother. Like the first fratricide, every murder is a violation of the 'spiritual' kinship uniting mankind in one great family, in which all share the same fundamental good: equal personal dignity. Not infrequently the kinship 'of flesh and blood' is also violated, for example when threats to life arise within the relationship between parents and children, such as happens in abortion, or when, in the wider context of family or kinship, euthanasia is encouraged or practiced" (EV, 8). The horror of such actions against life should be obvious, however Cain, the first murderer, wasn't horrified by his action.

Instead of remorse, he lied to God. "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" "Cain tries to cover up his crime with a lie. This was and still is the case, when all kinds of ideologies try to justify and disguise the most atrocious crimes against human beings... Cain does not wish to think about his brother and refuses to accept the responsibility which every person has towards others. We cannot but think of today's tendency for people to refuse to accept responsibility for their brothers and sisters. Symptoms of this trend include the lack of solidarity towards society's weakest members such as the elderly, the infirm, immigrants, children, and the indifference frequently found in relations between the world's peoples when basic values such as survival, freedom, and peace are involved" (EV, 8). We have seen just how little human life has been valued by so many in war, in genocide, in abortion, in mass murder, the refusal to accept responsibility for the other. Indeed, that responsibility is exactly what we are called to in justice toward our brothers and sisters, because of their inherent dignity being made in the image of God. "Whoever attacks human life, in some way attacks God" (EV, 9).

We can see what happens to Cain. His life is permanently changed by his act. He is cursed to live in a wasteland, the wilderness, rather than the pastoral comfort of his farm. "Murderous violence profoundly changes man's environment... uncertainty and restlessness will follow him forever" (EV, 9). In the snuffing out of a life, the murderer sees his own life radically diminished by his act. God sees this and is merciful to Cain, putting the mark on his forehead to protect him from others with murderous intent. "Not even a murderer loses his personal dignity, and God himself pledges to guarantee this. And it is precisely here that the paradoxical mystery of the merciful justice of God is shown forth" (EV, 9). Murder touches all: the victim, the victim's family and community, as well as the murderer himself.

The Gospel of life seeks to elevate the dignity and therefore the life of every single person. No one deserves to be murdered, from the womb to the jail to the tomb. It's those most vulnerable, those whose dignity is harder to perceive because of their state in life, who need to have their dignity protected.

<sup>1</sup> *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2259.

*To. Kyle*



### **Next week's special collection**

The annual World Mission Sunday collection next weekend is a global effort by the entire Church to provide for the missionaries serving over 1,000 local churches in Oceania, Asia, Africa, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Through the work of these churches, and by their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love, mercy, hope, and peace. This invitation to generosity is an opportunity for us to develop a missionary heart—to reach beyond the security of our own small horizons to participate in prayer and sacrifice, in response to the pressing needs of those who minister far from home. Envelopes are on the bookshelf near the church door.



**Do you know a family who would benefit from receiving a Thanksgiving basket?**

The Friends of St Francis have begun planning their annual Thanksgiving food drive and compiling their list of families to be helped. They want to make sure that no one who needs assistance is left out. If you know of a family or an individual in need, please give their names to Linda Boos, 504-452-2194, or call our office, 985-839-4040.



I can do all things through CHRIST who strengthens me.

*Philippians 4:13*



**It is a dangerous thing to be satisfied with oneself.**

**St Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)**

**Virgin, Doctor of the Church**

mystic, writer, courageous reformer ~ feast day October 15



Offering envelopes for your All Souls intentions are available in the back of the church. They may be placed in a weekend collection or brought to our office throughout October. Loved ones whose names are listed on your envelope will be remembered at all of our Masses throughout the month of November.

**Mother-Daughter program**

10-14 year old young ladies and their moms are invited to attend the archdiocesan *Lady-In-Waiting* cycle awareness program, which enables girls to pinpoint their first cycle by observing their body's natural signs. The seminar will be presented **this Sat 10/17, 1-4 pm** via the Zoom web-conference platform. Cost of \$130 includes all materials; full scholarships are available. Moms may register at [www.cherryblossombuds.com/regist-lw-virtual](http://www.cherryblossombuds.com/regist-lw-virtual).

**Want to make a meaningful difference? The Help Center Food Bank needs volunteer help.**

Demand for services has grown exponentially due to the covid-related economic slowdown. The quarantine has also led to many longtime volunteers stepping down. The volunteers who remain are working very hard to cover the increased work and the shortage of staff.

**Can you help?**

The primary needs are for people to unload deliveries and pack the food boxes. Some teens work there; more teens are always welcome, and service hour forms will be attested to.

**When we need you:**

**Tuesdays, 11:30 am - 2:30 pm | Fridays, 7:30 - 11 am**

Any portion of these hours you can give is needed and much appreciated.

Interested in making a difference? Call or text Director Geary Molony: 504-231-1399.

**THANKS, Y'ALL!**

The Help Center has enough egg cartons for now; doesn't need any more, and doesn't have any space to store them. Thank you to everyone who brought them in.



**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, seasonal flowers and plants, and other things of beauty for our church. The next meeting is **Tues 10/13 at 10 am**. To learn more, call president **Joan Badeaux, 504-460-4561**.

**Please pray for:**

Billy Alsup; Adam Authement; Janet Bourgeois; Jim Bradle; Chris Buquoi; Johnson Chouest; Flo, Jean, Tommie Clemons; Beverly Creel; Carol d'Aquin; Andrew Darbonne (military-Iraq); Heidi David; Cory Davis; Paula Davis; Michele Estave; Maria Fenyas; Christopher Finklea; Theresa Gomez; Christie Griffith; Hamilton Family; Jennifer Hartman; Guy Horton; Meaghan Knight; Jan, René LaBorde; Dylan Latore; Eve LeBlanc; Henry, Tina Lirette; Jean Lugo; L.J. Marie; Cynthia Marsh; Dana Matherne; Mickey Power; Dannell Rome; Sylvia Scott; Richard Sonier; Jan Sroga; Christine Townsend; Tufts Family; Nick Tullier; Jane Varnado; 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 10/12</u> Ordinary Time Weekday	Galatians 4:22— 5:1 Psalm 113:1-7 Luke 11:29-32
<u>Tues 10/13</u> Ordinary Time Weekday	Galatians 5:1-6 Psalm 119:41-48 Luke 11:37-41
<u>Wed 10/14</u> Callistus I Pope, Martyr	Galatians 5:18-25 Psalm 1:1-6 Luke 11:42-46
<u>Thurs 10/15</u> Teresa of Avila Virgin, Doctor of the Church	Romans 8:22-27 Psalm 98:1-6 John 15:1-8
<u>Fri 10/16</u> Hedwig, Religious Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin	Ephesians 1:11-14 Psalm 33:1-5,12-13 Luke 12:1-7
<u>Sat 10/17</u> Ignatius of Antioch Bishop, Martyr	Philippians 3:17—4:1 Psalm 8:2-7 John 12:24-26
<u>Sun 10/18</u> 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Isaiah 45:1,4-6 Psalm 96:1-10 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 Matthew 22:15-21

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn  
October 11 - 17 in memory of  
**The Raymond G. Lipps Sr. Family**  
by anonymous request



**Mass Intentions**

10/10	5 pm	†Harold Carriles †Toni Carriles Hedrick †Shirley LeBlanc Jean Lugo
10/11	8:30 am	†Elise Angelette †Jozsef Fenyas †Gloria Gauthreaux †Allen Lee †Brandi Sander †Cora Truxillo
10/11	11 am	Our Parishioners
10/11	3 pm	Tanda Schilling
10/13	5 pm	†Doris Jowly
10/14	5 pm	†Susan Corkern
10/15	9 am	†Allen Walter
10/16	9 am	†A.L. and G.M. France

**CYO (youth group)**  
Wednesdays, 7 pm, in the hall  
just follow the sound of  
*people having fun !!*

<b>Stewardship Report</b>	
regular collection	\$ 3,385.00
building fund	\$ 292.00
hurricane Laura relief	\$ 510.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity.</i>	

**Upcoming events**

10/13	Altar & Rosary Society	10 am
10/13	RCIA	6 pm
10/14	Y-Prep	6 pm
10/14	CYO	7 pm
10/15	Adult Formation	6 pm
10/16	Rosary	8:30 am
10/17	Confessions	3-4 pm
10/18	CCD	9:45 am
10/20	RCIA	6 pm
10/21	Y-Prep	6 pm
10/21	CYO	7 pm
10/23	Rosary	8:30 am

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