



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ October 25, 2020

You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.
Matthew 22:37

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.

Bonnie Henderson

HOLY FAMILY'S 2020 RECIPIENT OF THE ORDER OF ST. LOUIS MEDALLION

This year I nominated Bonnie Henderson as our 2020 recipient of the St. Louis Medallion, which she received from the Archbishop this past Sunday, October 18. She and her husband, Winston, have been coming to Mass here for 40 years. 28 years ago they moved here to retire. In those 28 years, Bonnie spent 8 teaching CCD, and served 6 years (non-consecutively) on the Pastoral Council. For 16 years, she cleaned the altar linens. For 12 years she has been a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society/Friends of St. Francis, serving as its president twice. For most of those years she has been an Extraordinary Minister. As you know, Bonnie does her speaking through her actions. Behind her quiet demeanor are a generous heart and a deep love for our Lord. She witnesses in countless ways the love of God both to her family and to the community. We are grateful to Bonnie for showing us what the life of a disciple looks like. Please join me in honoring her. Give her your appreciation and your love.

From Our Pastor

AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER? WHEN FREEDOM IS DISTORTED **POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II'S LETTER, THE GOSPEL OF LIFE** **(paragraphs 19 and 20)**

The roots of the contradiction between the solemn affirmation of human rights and their tragic denial in practice lies in a notion of freedom which exalts the isolated individual in an absolute way, and gives no place to solidarity, to openness to others and service of them. While it is true that the taking of life not yet born or in its final stages is sometimes marked by a mistaken sense of altruism and human compassion, it cannot be denied that such a culture of death, taken as a whole, betrays a completely individualistic concept of freedom, which ends up by becoming the freedom of "the strong" against the weak who have no choice but to submit.

It is precisely in this sense that Cain's answer to the Lord's question: "Where is Abel your brother?" can be interpreted: "I do not know; am I my brother's

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The church office will be closed on Monday, 10/26.
Regular 8 - 4:30 hours resume on Tuesday.

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keeper?" (Gen 4:9). Yes, every man is his "brother's keeper", because God entrusts us to one another. And it is also in view of this entrusting that God gives everyone freedom, a freedom which possesses an inherently relational dimension. This is a great gift of the Creator, placed as it is at the service of the person and of his fulfillment through the gift of self and openness to others; but when freedom is made absolute in an individualistic way, it is emptied of its original content, and its very meaning and dignity are contradicted.

There is an even more profound aspect which needs to be emphasized: freedom negates and destroys itself, and becomes a factor leading to the destruction of others, when it no longer recognizes and respects its essential link with the truth. When freedom, out of a desire to emancipate itself from all forms of tradition and authority, shuts out even the most obvious evidence of an objective and universal truth, which is the foundation of personal and social life, then the person ends up by no longer taking as the sole and indisputable point of reference for his own choices the truth about good and evil, but only his subjective and changeable opinion or, indeed, his selfish interest and whim.

This view of freedom leads to a serious distortion of life in society. If the promotion of the self is understood in terms of absolute autonomy, people inevitably reach the point of rejecting one another. Everyone else is considered an enemy from whom one has to defend oneself. Thus society becomes a mass of individuals placed side by side, but without any mutual bonds. Each one wishes to assert himself independently of the other and in fact intends to make his own interests prevail. Still, in the face of other people's analogous interests, some kind of compromise must be found, if one wants a society in which the maximum possible freedom is guaranteed to each individual. In this way, any reference to common values and to a truth absolutely binding on everyone is lost, and social life ventures on to the shifting sands of complete relativism. At that point, everything is negotiable, everything is open to bargaining: even the first of the fundamental rights, the right to life.

This is what is happening also at the level of politics and government: the original and inalienable right to life is questioned or denied on the basis of a parliamentary vote or the will of one part of the people even if it is the majority. This is the sinister result of a relativism which reigns unopposed: the "right" ceases to be such, because it is no longer firmly founded on the inviolable dignity of the person, but is made subject to the will of the stronger part. In this way democracy, contradicting its own principles, effectively moves towards a form of totalitarianism. The State is no longer the "common home" where all can live together on the basis of principles of fundamental equality, but is transformed into a tyrant State, which arrogates to itself the right to dispose of the life of the weakest and most defenseless members, from the unborn child to the elderly, in the name of a public interest which is really nothing but the interest of one part. The appearance of the strictest respect for legality is maintained, at least when the laws permitting abortion and euthanasia are the result of a ballot in accordance with what are generally seen as the rules of democracy. Really, what we have here is only the tragic caricature of legality; the democratic ideal, which is only truly such when it acknowledges and safeguards the dignity of every human person, is betrayed in its very foundations: "How is it still possible to speak of the dignity of every human person when the killing of the weakest and most innocent is permitted? In the name of what justice is the most unjust of discriminations practiced: some individuals are held to be deserving of defense and others are denied that dignity?" When this happens, the process leading to the breakdown of a genuinely human co-existence and the disintegration of the State itself has already begun.

To claim the right to abortion, infanticide and euthanasia, and to recognize that right in law, means to attribute to human freedom a perverse and evil significance: that of an absolute power over others and against others. This is the death of true freedom: "Truly, truly, I say to you, every one who commits sin is a slave to sin" (Jn 8:34).

F. Hyde

HEY Y'ALL: IT'S OPEN SEASON ON TURKEY [TAGS] !!!

BEFORE AND AFTER ALL WEEKEND MASSES, FROM OCT 31-NOV 15, OUR FRIENDS OF ST FRANCIS WILL DISTRIBUTE TAGS FOR TURKEYS AND OTHER ITEMS THAT WILL MAKE UP HOLY FAMILY'S THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED. THE MORE PARTICIPANTS, THE MORE FAMILIES CAN BE TOUCHED. DEADLINE TO RETURN ITEMS: SUN 11/22, NOON. MONETARY GIFTS ARE NEEDED AS WELL; THESE ARE USED TO PURCHASE PERISHABLES. PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK TO FRIENDS OF ST FRANCIS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS.





Rose window in the Abbey church.

St Joseph Abbey Gift Shop now open

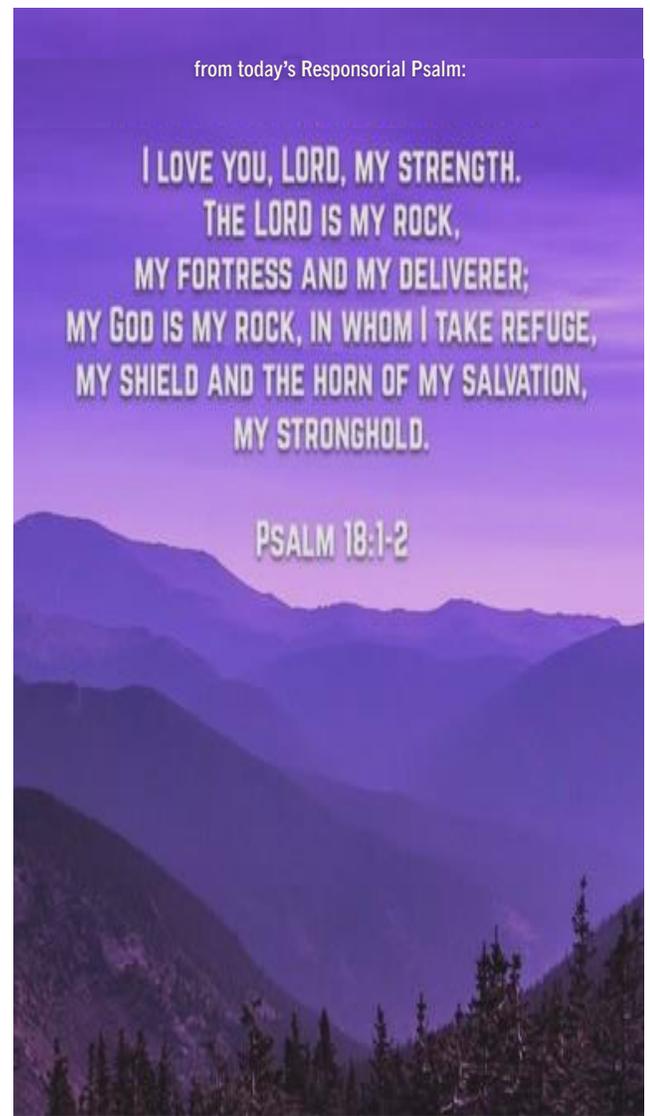
The monks of St Joseph Abbey have reopened the Abbey Gift Shop. New hours: 9-11 am and 12-3 pm. The new hours allow time to sanitize the facility. Some items can be ordered online for curbside pickup or to be shipped. Visit www.stjosephabbey.com/giftshop.

Don't Worry – Retire Happy

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a webinar this Thurs 10/29 at 7 pm. This is an interactive virtual presentation with world renowned economist, speaker, and author Tom Hegna, who will share his 7 steps to a secure retirement, answering questions, and offering insight and vast expertise. This is for ALL Catholic families, not just Knights of Columbus members. Register at: <http://bit.ly/retirehappyoctober29>. For more information or questions you may contact Deacon Owen Francis at owen.francis@kofc.org or 504-458-8898.

ABORTION IS INHERENTLY DIFFERENT FROM OTHER MEDICAL PROCEDURES BECAUSE NO OTHER PROCEDURE INVOLVES THE PURPOSEFUL TERMINATION OF A LIFE.

Potter Stewart (Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, 1958-1985)



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. Be sure to 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 one question; your request is typically approved within a day.

Please pray for:

Billy Alsup; Adam Authement; Janet Bourgeois; Jim Bradle; Chris Buquoi; Johnson Chouest; Carol d'Aquin; Andrew Darbonne (military-Iraq); Heidi David; Cory Davis; Paula Davis; Maria Fenyes; Theresa Gomez; Christie Griffith; Hamilton Family; Jennifer Hartman; Guy Horton; Jan, René LaBorde; Dan LeBlanc; Eve LeBlanc; Henry, Tina Lirette; Christy Lorio; Jean Lugo; L.J. Marie; Cynthia Marsh; Dana Matherne; Kalob Morel; Mickey Power; Dannell Rome; Sylvia Scott; Cathy Shreve; Jan Sroga; Christine Townsend; 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.

This week's Scripture readings

Mon 10/26
Ordinary Time
Weekday
Ephesians 4:32—5:8
Psalm 1:1-4,6
Luke 13:10-17

Tues 10/27
Ordinary Time
Weekday
Ephesians 5:21-33
Psalm 128:1-5
Luke 13:18-21

Wed 10/28
Simon and Jude
Apostles, Martyrs
Ephesians 2:19-22
Psalm 19:2-5
Luke 6:12-16

Thurs 10/29
Ordinary Time
Weekday
Ephesians 6:10-20
Psalm 144:1-2,9-10
Luke 13:31-35

Fri 10/30
Ordinary Time
Weekday
Philippians 1:1-11
Psalm 111:1-6
Luke 14:1-6

Sat 10/31
Ordinary Time
Weekday
Philippians 1:18-26
Psalm 42:2-3,5
Luke 14:1,7-11

Sun 11/1
Solemnity
of
All Saints
Revelation 7:2-4,9-14
Psalm 24:1-6
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn
October 25 - 31 in memory of
Larry Denmark
by request of Marita Marks



Mass Intentions

- 10/24 5 pm +Harold Carriles
+Toni Carriles Hedrick
+Shirley LeBlanc
Belinda Schoendorf
- 10/25 8:30 am Archbishop Gregory Aymond
+Christy Knight Bitzer
+Regina Corvers
+Brandi Sander
Fr Kyle Sanders
- 10/25 11 am Our Parishioners
- 10/25 3 pm +Antonio Samanamud
- 10/27 5 pm +Susan Corkern
- 10/28 5 pm +Ed Boudreaux, Sr.
- 10/29 9 am +Muriel Maechling
- 10/30 9 am +Brandi Sander



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

Upcoming events

- 10/27 RCIA 6 pm
- 10/28 Y-Prep 6 pm
- 10/28 CYO 7 pm
- 10/29 Pastoral Council 6 pm
- 10/29 Adult Formation 6 pm
- 10/30 Rosary 8:30 am
- 10/31 Confessions 3-4 pm
- 10/31 All Saints Eve Outdoor Outreach 5-8 pm
- 11/1 All Saints Day
- 11/3 RCIA 6 pm

The current month's calendar is always downloadable at 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.

Stewardship Report

regular collection \$ 2,920.00
building fund \$ 70.00

Thank you for your sacrificial giving.