



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ November 15, 2020

Well done, my good and faithful servant... You were faithful in small matters... Come, share your master's joy.
Matthew 25:15

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.

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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.

LAST CHANCE FOR A TURKEY [TAG]!!!

DEADLINE TO RETURN ITEMS: NOON NEXT SUN 11/22.
MONETARY GIFTS ARE NEEDED AS WELL; THESE ARE USED TO
PURCHASE PERISHABLES. PLEASE WRITE CHECKS TO FRIENDS
OF SAINT FRANCIS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS.



From Our Pastor

A Homily of St. John Vianney:

WE MUST EXPECT TEMPTATION

It is most unfortunate for ourselves if we do not know that we are tempted in almost all our actions, at one time by pride, by vanity, by the good opinion which we think people should have of us, at another by jealousy, by hatred and by revenge. At other times, the Devil comes to us with the foulest and most impure images. You see that even in our prayers he distracts us and turns our minds this way and that. It seems indeed that we are in a state ... since we are in the holy presence of God [*sentence incomplete - Trans.*]. And even more, since the time of Adam, you will not find a saint who has not been tempted—some in one way, some in another—and the greatest saints are those who have been tempted the most. If Our Lord was tempted, it was in order to show us that we must be also. It follows, therefore, that we must expect temptation. If you ask me what is the cause of our temptations, I shall tell you that it is the beauty and the great worth and importance of our souls which the Devil values and which he loves so much that he would consent to suffer two Hells, if necessary, if by so doing he could drag our souls into Hell.

We should never cease to keep a watch on ourselves, lest the Devil might deceive us at the moment when we are least expecting it. St. Francis tells us that one day God allowed him to see the way in which the Devil tempted his religious, especially in matters of purity. He allowed him to see a band of devils who did nothing but shoot their arrows against his religious. Some returned violently against the devils who had discharged them.

They then fled, shrieking hideous yells of rage. Some of the arrows

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glanced off those they were intended for and dropped at their feet without doing any harm. Others pierced just as far as the tip of the arrow and finally penetrated, bit by bit.

If we wish to hunt these temptations away, we must, as St. Anthony tells us, make use of the same weapons. When we are tempted by pride, we must immediately humble and abase ourselves before God. If we are tempted against the holy virtue of purity, we must try to mortify our bodies and all our senses and to be ever more vigilant of ourselves. If our temptation consists in a distaste for prayers, we must say even more prayers, with greater attention, and the more the Devil prompts us to give them up, the more we must increase their number.

The temptations we must fear most are those of which we are not conscious. St. Gregory tells us that there was a religious who for long had been a good member of his community. Then he developed a very strong desire to leave the monastery and to return to the world, saying that God did not wish him to be in that monastery. His saintly superior told him: "My friend, it is the Devil who is angry because you may be able to save your soul. Fight against him."

But no, the other continued to believe that it was as he claimed. St. Gregory gave him permission to leave. But when he was leaving the monastery, the latter went on his knees to ask God to let this poor religious know that it was the Devil who wanted to make him lose his soul. The religious had scarcely put his foot over the threshold of the door to leave when he saw an enormous dragon, which attacked him. "Oh, brothers," he cried out, "come to my aid! Look at the dragon which will devour me!"

And indeed, the brethren who came running when they heard the noise found this poor monk stretched out on the ground, half-dead. They carried him back into the monastery, and he realised that truly it was the Devil who wanted to tempt him and who was bursting with rage because the superior had prayed for him and so had prevented the Devil from getting him. Alas, my dear brethren, how greatly we should fear, lest we do not recognise our temptations! And we shall never recognise them if we do not ask God to allow us to do so.



Online giving couldn't be easier

Have you wished for a secure, simple online way to tithe to Holy Family? Our website provides you with the easiest electronic giving program out there. It allows you to set up one-time or recurring giving, as well as differentiation between various funds. Users will find clear instructions for changing preferences and accessing their records at any time. Even cancellation is a simple process. Check it out at: holyfamilyfranklinton.org/donate.

BIBLE STUDY

*based on the Sunday readings
every Sunday
after the 8:30 Mass
in the hall
ALL ARE WELCOME!*

The Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, November 21

When Mary was asked to be the mother of the Savior, she was completely free to accept or reject God's invitation. Her response, "Let it be done to me," was a great act of faith, since she did not fully understand what was happening, and might have wondered what difficulties lay ahead.

With her Yes to the angel's announcement Mary agreed to become the mother of Jesus, and the Church has declared her to be the Mother of God. Because she was the first to say Yes to the Messiah, the Church has declared her the Mother of the Church.

The Feast of the Presentation of Mary dates back to the 500s in the East and the 1400s in the West, originating in the ancient tradition that Joachim and Anna brought Mary to the temple in Jerusalem at 3 years old and dedicated her to God. On this day we celebrate His setting her apart, to dwell in her in this extraordinary way, to cooperate in the redemption of the world. Mary, in response, placed her whole self at His service.

Every moment since our Baptism, God invites us to be open to His grace and dedicate ourselves to Him, as Mary did.

Is my response to God always "YES"?



EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

next Sunday, November 22
right after the 11 am Mass
in honor of the Solemnity
of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

**Loved one in the hospital,
or homebound?**

Please let us know

As soon as a family member is admitted to the hospital or a nursing home, or if you care for loved one at home, please call our office, 839-4040, to let Fr Kyle know. As well-intentioned as their staff is, notifying a patient's church is sometimes overlooked. We don't want to neglect anyone, but we depend on you to tell us your loved one needs some TLC.



Offering envelopes for your All Souls intentions are on the back table in church. You may place it in any weekend collection or bring it to our office throughout this month (don't leave them in church). Loved ones you list on your envelope will be remembered at all November Masses.

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

Demand for services has grown exponentially in recent months. Many longtime volunteers have had to step 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 appreciated.

Interested in making a difference?

Call/text Director Geary Molony: 504-231-1399.



"Remain in me as I remain in you.

If you remain in me you will bear much fruit."

How do I remain in Jesus? How do I bear fruit for Him?

Remaining in Christ is done by, first, intentionally devoting time to prayer and Scripture reading, not only speaking to Him but *listening* to His voice in our hearts—the only way to *know* His voice. The more familiar we are, the more we can distinguish His from all the other voices and noise competing for our attention. Once we know Him and recognize His promptings, bearing fruit means choosing to surrender the unique gifts He has entrusted to us for the building up of His Kingdom in the unique way He has created us to. Though we may not believe ourselves "impressively" gifted, we are *perfectly* gifted for the unique work He has for us.

now's a good time to join in praying the Rosary together: Fridays, 8:30 am

Please pray for:

Billy Alsup; Pat Altentaler; Baldassarro Family; Jim Bradle; Donna Bruney; Johnson Chouest; Flo Clemons; Andrew Darbonne (military-Iraq); Heidi David; Cory Davis; Paula Davis; Maria Fenyes; Hamilton Family; Jennifer Hartman; Chloe Keaton; Jan, René LaBorde; Sheila Laurant; Dan LeBlanc; Eve LeBlanc; Henry, Tina Lirette; Keith Long; Christy Lorio; Jean Lugo; L.J. Marie; Cynthia Marsh; Kalob Morel; Mickey Power; Denise Rednour; 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

<u>Mon 11/16</u> <i>Margaret of Scotland; Gertrude, Virgin</i>	Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5 Psalm 1:1-4,6 Luke 18:35-43
<u>Tues 11/17</u> <i>Elizabeth of Hungary Religious</i>	Revelation 3:1-6,14-22 Psalm 15:2-5 Luke 19:1-10
<u>Wed 11/18</u> <i>Ded. of Basilica of Sts Peter and Paul</i>	Acts 28:11-16,30-31 Psalm 150:1-6 Matthew 14:22-33
<u>Thurs 11/19</u> <i>Ordinary Time Weekday</i>	Revelation 5:1-10 Psalm 149:1-6,9 Luke 19:41-44
<u>Fri 11/20</u> <i>Ordinary Time Weekday</i>	Revelation 10:8-11 Psalm 119:14,24,72,103,111,131 Luke 19:45-48
<u>Sat 11/21</u> <i>Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Zechariah 2:14-17 Psalm 112:1-6 Matthew 12:46-50
<u>Sun 11/22</u> <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17 Psalm 23:1-6 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28 Matthew 25:31-46

The Sanctuary Lamp burns constantly to proclaim the Real Presence of Jesus in the tabernacle. It also burns **November 15- 21** in memory of **Raymond G. Lipps, Jr.** by anonymous request.



Mass Intentions

11/14	5 pm	†Jessie Andras †Harold Carriles †Toni Carriles Hedrick †Shirley LeBlanc †Elton Thomas
11/15	8:30 am	Our Parishioners
11/15	11 am	†Christy Knight Bitzer †Jerry Cancienne †Alida and Frank Gennusa Sr. Judy Glancey †Donna Gilardi Ratliff
11/15	3 pm	Aidan Ibarra
11/17	5 pm	†A. Alvarez / C. Samanamud
11/18	5 pm	Andrew Zeringue
11/19	9 am	Eddie and Sue Boudreaux
11/20	9 am	†A.L. and G. M. France

Upcoming events

11/17	RCIA 6 pm
11/18	Y-Prep 6 pm
11/18	CYO 7 pm
11/19	Adult Formation 6 pm
11/20	Rosary 8:30 am
11/21	Confessions 3-4 pm
11/22	FOOD DRIVE DEADLINE 12 noon
11/24	RCIA 6 pm
11/25	★ Mass at 9 am (not 5 pm) ←
11/26	THANKSGIVING DAY - Mass 9 am

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 on the table in the office hallway.

Next week's special collection:

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN for



HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Funds anti-poverty and social justice programs of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Envelopes are on the shelf by the door. Thanks.

Stewardship Report

regular collection	\$ 4,041.00
building fund	\$ 225.00
Thank you for your sacrificial giving.	