



HOLY FAMILY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

His mercy endures forever! Alleluia! — Psalm 118:2

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

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Youth Ministry

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Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday, noon.

From Our Pastor: DIVINE MERCY

This weekend we celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy; I figured it would be good to give some historical background to this devotion. It originates from private revelation Jesus and Mary gave to Sister Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun in the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, from February 1931 until her death in September 1938. She was more or less a janitor for the convent; she would cook and clean and tend to the garden. When she started having those mystical experiences her spiritual director encouraged her to journal about them; this diary has since been published and is a beautiful work of spiritual reading. Jesus commissioned this lowly nun to help establish a devotion to His mercy as He had done before with St Margaret Mary and His Sacred Heart, and as Mary had done with St Catherine Labouré in the Miraculous Medal. These devotions were five: (1) to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, (2) to establish the 2nd Sunday of Easter as a feast for Divine Mercy, (3) to recreate the image of Divine Mercy she had seen in her visions, (4) to pray the Divine Mercy Novena, and (5) to establish the 3 o'clock hour as the hour of great mercy.

We all know we live in a world devoid of mercy. It metes out ungrounded justice to anyone who speaks a wrong word or doesn't toe the line in progressive group-think language. "Cancel culture" is the opposite of mercy. Jesus, in the message of Divine Mercy, asks us not merely to be devoted to the chaplet and the image, but to live mercy as a way of life. This lifestyle is easy to remember because it follows the ABCs: (A) Ask for mercy, (B) Be merciful in deed, word, and prayer, and (C) Completely trust in Jesus.

ASK FOR MERCY: "Through the passion and death of Jesus, an infinite ocean of mercy was made available for all of us. Gut God, who created us free, will not force anything on us, not even His mercy. He waits for us to turn from our sinfulness. He tells us, 'Ask and it will be given to you... for everyone who asks receives' (Matthew 7:7-8)."

The Scriptures are filled with examples to trust in God and ask for His mercy: the psalms, the faith of Abraham and Moses, who pleaded and

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Rice Bowl returns* will be accepted in the church and in our office, now through Sunday, April 25.



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

RICE BOWL



Thank you for your kindness.

* Converting your gift to a check saves us much time! Please make it to HOLY FAMILY with memo Rice Bowl.



Doubt no longer, but believe!

John 20:27

A welcome... and an invitation

Whether you're new to or visiting our area, looking for a new parish home, returning to the practice of your Catholic faith, or interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church, we warmly welcome you to Holy Family Parish, where lots of different people come together for the shared purposes of worshiping God and upbuilding each other. We welcome you to our community! We offer opportunities for you and your children to learn, grow, and use your gifts and talents in service to God and to others. We invite you to join us as we worship, learn, and serve together, so we can become true disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world! To connect with our church family: fill out the short form below, detach it, and drop it in the collection or hand it to an usher. Someone will be in touch with you soon. Thanks for being with us. God bless you!

Please tell me more about Holy Family:

Head(s) of household name(s):

Address: _____

Best phone: _____

Primary email: _____

From Our Pastor, continued

'bargained' with God; the man who persuaded his friend to get up in the middle of the night to lend him some bread; the persistent widow who secured justice from the unjust judge Canaanite woman who 'argued' with Jesus about her right to His mercy; and the witness of Mary, whose appeal for mercy at Cana led Jesus to perform His first public miracle.

"Pope John Paul II echoes this scriptural message with a new urgency for our own times: 'At no time...especially at a moment as critical as our own—can the Church forget the prayer that is a cry for the mercy of God... The Church has the right and the duty to appeal to the God of mercy "'with loud cries.'"

"To St Faustina, Jesus revealed this same message once again. he gave her three new ways to ask for mercy on the strength of His passion: the Chaplet, the Novena, and prayer at three o'clock; and He taught her to transform her daily life into a continuous prayer for mercy. Through her, He calls us all to ask for His mercy:

"Souls that make an appeal to My mercy delight Me. To such souls I grant even more graces than they ask. I cannot punish even the greatest sinner if he makes an appeal to My compassion... Beg for mercy for the whole world... no soul that has called upon My mercy has ever been disappointed."¹

Alas, in my desire to give you a minimally comprehensive look at the Divine Mercy devotion and spirituality, which I love, I have run out of space for this weekend's article. So as is my tendency, I'll make this a three-part series. Before I conclude, though, I want to give some practical ways in which we can ask for God's mercy.

(1) Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. It takes about ten minutes to do. It uses the same beads as a rosary, and every Catholic has at least one rosary sitting around the house. You can Google the Divine Mercy Chaplet to learn the form. It's simple and easy to memorize.

(2) Set an alarm on your phone for 3 pm every day [if you don't know how, someone in your family can walk you through it]. Then, when it goes off, say 3 Hail Marys and a Glory Be asking for God's mercy, or even better, pray the Chaplet at that time.

(3) Make an Act of Contrition before going to bed each night, again asking for God's mercy for the sins of that day.

(4) Make a regular confession. I say about every two months is a good interval. That regular practice of running to God's mercy in the sacrament forms our hearts and minds and aids in conforming our will to His.

(5) Be intentional during the Penitential Act at the beginning of Mass. Let it mean what you're saying in your heart. Let the words sink into your heart.

¹ Divine Mercy App, Introduction, "What is the Message of Divine Mercy?"

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Happy Easter!
¡Cristo ha resucitado! ¡Sí, él ha resucitado! ¡Aleluya! ¡Feliz Pascua!

Mother-Daughter Program on Zoom

The Archdiocese of New Orleans Office of Family Life will offer a Virtual Cycle Awareness Seminar for mothers and their daughters ages 11 to 15. Certified Natural Family Planning Instructor, Kelly Donahue, will be teaching the Bloom Cycle Awareness Program. Bloom enables girls to understand their cycles through observation of the body's own biomarkers. It introduces girls to God's plan for the feminine design, fosters open communication between mother and daughter, and teaches nutritional strategies to keep the cycle healthy. The seminar consists of 2 Saturday Zoom sessions, 10 am to noon: session 1 on April 24, and session 2 on May 8. Registration is \$80, and includes 30 minutes of personal consultation. Financial aid is available, please inquire. Mothers may register at <http://www.cherryblossombuds.com/product/register-lw-bloom>, or contact: kelly@cherryblossombuds.com.

Art contest: entries due 4/23

The Archdiocese of New Orleans invites the artists of the community to contribute to the Year of the Eucharist and St Joseph by giving artistic expression to the love poured out to us in Christ through the Eucharist.

There is an Open Division for ages 18 and above (15 and up may enter with parental permission). A Youth Division will be grouped by grade. Pieces will be publicly displayed at various Year of the Eucharist events. In addition, Open Division finalists will be profiled on social media, and may elect to take part in a public auction of their work, with proceeds benefitting their own endeavors and a local charity they choose. Visit yoeartcontest.org for contest rules and to submit your work.

Do you provide childcare in your home for parents who are employed or attending school?

You may be eligible for reimbursement for the meals you feed the children in your care. Florida TLC Childcare, Inc. presently has openings in the USDA's Family Day Care Home Food Program. This is *not* limited to low-income homes. Grandparents welcome! Want more info? Contact director Tamela Jenkins, 985-795-9462, or drop in at Florida TLC Childcare, Inc., 1320 Greenlaw St, Franklinton.

HALOS

Healing After Loss to
Overdose or Suicide

HALOS

next meeting
of **HALOS**:
Mon 4/12, 7 pm

is an informal, Christian support group for family and friends grieving a loved one lost to overdose or suicide. Led by Deacon Chris Schneider, the group is committed to supporting one another by embracing feelings, sharing conversations, and nurturing one another through spiritual guidance. Our mission is to help each other transform our grieving into a journey of healing. Join us on the 2nd Monday of every month, 7 pm, at St Margaret Mary (Evan Building), Slidell. To learn more, call Donna, 985-201-2143.

Altar & Rosary
Society
meets
this Tuesday
4/13, 10 am
New members
are always
welcome!



all are welcome to join in praying the Rosary every Friday in the church, 8:30 am

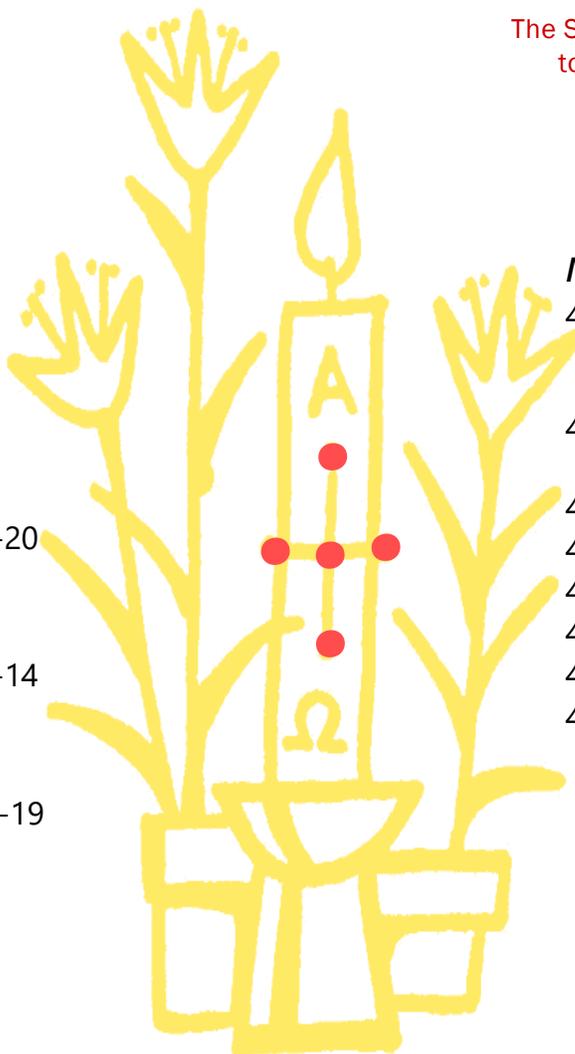
Please pray for:

Sandra Andras; Phil Bateman; Bennett Family; Jim Bradle; Royce "Brother" Brune; Connie Chaisson; Johnson Chouest; Carol d'Aquin; Heidi David; Corey Davis; Paula Davis; Bill Ferrante; Frank Gennusa; Ronnie Herbert; Pete Hillebrandt; Alexis Landry; Dan, Dana LeBlanc; Henry, Tina Lirette; Christy Lorio; Jean Lugo; Marie Oswald; Mickey Power; Mary (Tiny) Rasch; Jeffrey Reed; Gary Richardson; Richard Sonier; Nick Tullier; Lillian Vishno; Stephanie Weeks.

Names stay on the list for three months. To add someone, call 839-4040 or email holyfamilyfranklinton@arch-no.org.

This week's Scripture readings

- Mon 4/12 Acts 4:23-31
Easter Psalm 2:1-9
Weekday John 3:1-8
- Tues 4/13 Acts 4:32-37
Easter Psalm 93:1-2,5
Weekday John 3:7-15
- Wed 4/14 Acts 5:17-26
Easter Psalm 34:2-9
Weekday John 3:16-21
- Thurs 4/15 Acts 5:27-33
Easter Psalm 34:2,9,17-20
Weekday John 3:31-36
- Fri 4/16 Acts 5:34-42
Easter Psalm 27:1,4,13-14
Weekday John 6:1-15
- Sat 4/17 Acts 6:1-7
Easter Psalm 33:1-5,18-19
Weekday John 6:16-21
- Sun 4/18 Acts 3:13-19
Third Psalm 4:2,4,7-9
Sunday of Easter 1 John 2:1-5
Luke 24:35-48



The Sanctuary Lamp burns constantly to proclaim the Real Presence of Jesus in the tabernacle.

It also burns **April 11-17** in memory of **The Henry Estave Family**



Mass Intentions

- 4/10 5 pm Michelle Chappuis
+Craig Estave, Sr.
+Shirley LeBlanc
- 4/11 8:30 am Sue Richoux
+Cindy Marsh
- 4/11 11 am Our Parishioners
- 4/11 3 pm Ibarra Family
- 4/13 5 pm Sid and Laura Zeringue
- 4/14 5 pm Leo MacIver
- 4/15 9 am Craig Sanders
- 4/16 9 am +Bobby Smith

They put **him** to death by hanging him on a tree; but **God** raised him on the third day.

Acts 10:39-40

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Upcoming events

- 4/13 Altar & Rosary Society 10 am
- 4/13 RCIA 6 pm
- 4/14 CYO 6 pm
- 4/16 Rosary 8:30 am
- 4/17 Confirmation retreat 10 am-6 pm
- 4/17 Confessions 3-4 pm
- 4/18 Bible Study 9:45 am
- 4/18 CCD / Y-Prep 9:45 am
- 4/20 RCIA 6 pm
- 4/21 CYO 6 pm
- 4/23 Rosary 8:30 am
- 4/24 Confessions 3-4 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 church and in the office.

Stewardship Report

Regular Collection \$ 5,500.00
Building Fund \$ 202.00

Thank you for your sacrificial giving.