



HOLY FAMILY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you... Receive the Holy Spirit." — John 20:21-22

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

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Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday, noon.

PARISH PENTECOST PARTY TODAY!!

right after the 8:30 Mass

Come celebrate the
Birthday of the Church
with your church family!

On the menu:
fellowship, conversation,
coffee, hot breakfast, and
homemade sweet treats.



From Our Pastor: NOW! WE ARE ONE!

Reflections on *DIES DOMINI*

Pope St John Paul II's Apostolic Letter On Keeping the Lord's Day Holy

Because God is the God of all time and Sunday is His day, the meaning and importance of Sunday touches all of time. So far, John Paul II has spoken about how the Sabbath is a remembrance of creation as well as deliverance from Egypt, and that the Christian Sunday is a remembrance of the Resurrection as well as an anticipation of the new creation at the end of time. So he's spoken about the past and the future, now it's time to talk about the present.

"I am with you always, to the end of the age' (Matt 28:20). This promise of Christ never ceases to resound in the Church as the fertile secret of her life and the wellspring of her hope. As the day of Resurrection, Sunday is not only the remembrance of a past event: it is a celebration of the living presence of the Risen Lord in the midst of his own people.

"For this presence to be properly proclaimed and lived, it is not enough that the disciples of Christ pray individually and commemorate the death and Resurrection of Christ inwardly, in the secrecy of their hearts. Those who have received the grace of baptism are not saved as individuals alone, but as members of the Mystical Body, having become part of the People of God. It is important therefore that they come together to express fully the very identity of the Church, the *ekklesia*, the assembly called together by the Risen Lord who offered his life 'to reunite the scattered children of God' (John 11:52). They have become 'one' in Christ (cf. Gal 3:28) through the gift of the Spirit. This unity becomes visible when Christians gather together: it is then that they come to know vividly and to testify to the world that they are the people redeemed, drawn 'from every tribe and language and people and nation' (Rev 5:9). The assembly of Christ's disciples embodies from age to

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age the image of the first Christian community which Luke gives as an example in the Acts of the Apostles, when he recounts that the first baptized believers 'devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers' (2:42)" (DD, 31).

He touches on the reality most forgotten, or never known, by those fallen away. God didn't just do things in the past. Going to the Church, the celebration of Sunday isn't the study of history or the perusing of a ritual museum that merely remembers the past. God is present, today, right now, and the salvific action of the resurrection isn't bound by time the way that the revolutionary spirit of France in the late 1700's died with those revolutionaries. Just as God's act of creation still affects us at every sunrise or on each pinnacle of a hill (cuz let's be serious, we're impressed even by big hills), so too does the Resurrection touch our lives today. Sunday, then, becomes a celebration of God's action, a celebration of deep thanksgiving for God's presence and activity in our lives.

Furthermore, this celebration of God's continual loving activity isn't merely an individual celebration. "Those who have received the grace of baptism are not saved as individuals alone," St John Paul says, "but as members of the Mystical Body, having become part of the People of God." Here he hits on a second modern misconception of our faith, and faith in general. It is right and necessary to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, but the relationship isn't exclusive, in the sense that "me and Jesus are all I need." Jesus would disagree. We can see by His actions as well as in the way the Father set up Jewish worship. Take for instance the Passover: it cannot, of its nature, be celebrated individually. "Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month they shall take every man a lamb according to their father's house, a lamb for a household; and if the household is too small for a lamb, the man and his neighbor next to his house shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb" (Ex 12:3-4). If the household was too small, it was to join a neighbor. It is intended to be a communal celebration. Yes, each remembers God's deliverance of Israel from slavery in Egypt, but they do it in community, as one family.

At the beginning of Jesus' ministry, He intentionally gathered around Him 12 men set apart to establish the new 12 tribes of Israel. As He spoke, as He acted, as He celebrated the Last Supper, He did so in this community. Yes, He went off to pray by Himself, but that was so this communal life might be strengthened. He brought Peter, James, and John with Him both at the intimate moment of the transfiguration as the Agony in the Garden. Our faith is intended to be lived and celebrated in community. The first Christians understood this. "And all who believed were together and had all things in common; and they sold their possessions and goods and distributed to all, as any had need. And day by day attending the temple together and breaking bread in their home, they partook of food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people" (Acts 2:44-47).

So we come together on Sunday to be reminded that we are not on this walk of faith alone. This faith is at once personal and communal. This communal celebration of our faith isn't even for us who are in the Church speaking with one voice to Christ, "And with your Spirit." It is also for those outside the Church, who have forgotten or don't know that we are one body. "This unity becomes visible when Christians gather together: it is then that they come to know vividly and testify to the world that they are the people redeemed." Our communal gathering is itself an act of evangelization. The more we worship as one body, the more lively and desirable our community becomes.

To. Kyle

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
RETURNS!
JULY 12 - 16
stay tuned for more info...

PRAYER TO THE
~ PENTECOST
(prayed in the Church)



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

HOLY SPIRIT

SEQUENCE ~

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Come, thou Holy Spirit, come,
And from thy celestial home
Shed a ray of light divine!

Come, thou Father of the poor!
Come, thou source of all our store!
Come, within our bosoms shine!

Thou, of comforters the best,
Thou, the soul's most welcome guest,
Sweet refreshment here below;

In our labor, rest most sweet,
Grateful coolness in the heat,
Solace in the midst of woe.

O most blessed light divine,
Shine within these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill!

Where thou art not, man hath naught,
Nothing good in deed or thought,
Nothing free from taint of ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew,
On our dryness, pour thy dew,
Wash the stains of guilt away;

Bend the stubborn heart and will,
Melt the frozen, warm the chill,
Guide the steps that go astray.

On the faithful who adore
and confess thee, evermore
In thy sev'nfold gifts descend;

Give them virtue's sure reward,
Give them thy salvation, Lord,
Give them joys that never end.

Amen. Alleluia!

A New Vision Recovery Ministries

seeks to help addicts in Washington Parish seeking freedom from chemical addiction. They work with the 22nd Judicial Drug Court of Franklinton to help addicts with spiritual, emotional, and material support. We have all been affected in some way by chemical addiction. Holy Family has promised to give monthly help of \$250 to aid in bringing about a fuller life in Washington Parish. If you wish to donate, you can make a check to Holy Family and *put New Vision in the memo*, or you can donate directly at the bottom of their website at: anewvisionrecoveryministries.com.

More about praying the Liturgy of the Hours

"From ancient times the Church has had the custom of celebrating each day the Liturgy of the Hours. In this way the Church fulfills the Lord's precept to pray without ceasing, at once offering its praise to God the Father and interceding for the salvation of the world" (Office of the Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship).

So what is the Liturgy of the Hours, or Divine Office? (The word *office* in this context comes from the Latin for *duty* — for the ordained and religious, the Office is a required daily prayer.) But the Liturgy of the Hours is truly the prayer of the *whole* People of God, including the laity, whether we pray it individually or in community. The book containing these texts and prayers is referred to as the *Breviary*.

It is a collection of Psalms, Scripture readings, other texts from Catholic tradition, and prayers, that one prays several times a day. In it, Christ Himself "continues His priestly work through His Church." His members participate according to their own state of life and their circumstances. The celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours enables not only harmonizing the voice with the praying heart, but also a deeper understanding of the liturgy and of the Bible.

The texts of the Liturgy of the Hours renew the ancient Jewish practice of praying the Psalms during the different parts of the day (morning, midday, evening, and night), while integrating them into the liturgical seasons and feast days. The prayers and readings from the Church's Tradition (old and new) elucidate the Psalms as well as the liturgical seasons and solemnities being celebrated, allowing this "work" to be not only intercessory, on behalf of the Church, but also a source of personal contemplation. In essence, the one who prays the Liturgy of the Hours experiences the two wings of Christian revelation: Sacred Scripture, in the Psalms and readings, and Sacred Tradition, in the readings of the Councils and the Fathers.

To sum up, each time we settle down with the Breviary, we receive what the Church has preserved, through the ages, for our salvation; we join the People of God in receiving Divine Revelation; we praise Almighty God; then, in union with the Church, we intercede for God's help on some significant current issues.

Next week: how to start—suggestions and resources.

Please pray for:

Bennett Family; Paul Boudreaux; Jim Bradle; Royce 'Brother' Bruney; Beverly Carriles; Connie Chaisson; Johnson Chouest; Carol d'Aquin; Andrew Darbonne; Heidi David; Paula Davis; Bill Ferrante; Frank Gennusa; Alexis Landry; Dan, Dana LeBlanc; Henry, Tina Lirette; Christy Lorio; Jean Lugo; Motta Family; Marie Oswald; Mickey Power; Jeff, Pam Shirley; Nick Tullier; 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

<u>Mon 5/24</u> <i>Mary, Mother of the Church</i>	Genesis 3:9-15,20 Psalm 87:1-7 John 19:25-34
<u>Tues 5/25</u> <i>Ordinary Time Weekday</i>	Sirach 35:1-12 Psalm 50:5-8,14,23 Mark 10:28-30
<u>Wed 5/26</u> <i>Philip Neri Priest</i>	Philippians 4:4-9 Psalm 34:2-11 John 17:20-26
<u>Thurs 5/27</u> <i>Ordinary Time Weekday</i>	Sirach 42:15-25 Psalm 33:2-9 Mark 10:46-52
<u>Fri 5/28</u> <i>Ordinary Time Weekday</i>	Sirach 44:1,9-13 Psalm 149:1-6,9 Mark 11:11-26
<u>Sat 5/29</u> <i>Paul VI Pope</i>	1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Psalm 96:1-3,7-10 Matthew 16:13-19
<u>Sun 5/30</u> <i>Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity</i>	Deuteronomy 4:32-40 Psalm 33:4-9,18-22 Romans 8:14-17 Matthew 28:16-20

EASTERTIDE

The Easter season officially extends from the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night through today's Solemnity of Pentecost.

During these fifty days of Easter, we have relived the joyous events recounted in the glorious mysteries of the Rosary — the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus, and the coming of the Holy Spirit on Mary and the Apostles.

He is risen, Alleluia!
He is risen indeed, Alleluia!



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

It also burns **May 16-22** in memory of **Ainsleigh Motta** by request of Judy Rabuffo



Mass Intentions

- 5/22 5 pm †June Georgusis
†Shirley LeBlanc
Motta Family
- 5/23 8:30 am Paul and Jill Boudreaux
†Alger F. Davis, Jr.
†Michael Henderson
†Patricia Romano
Stephanie Weeks
- 5/23 11 am Our Parishioners
- 5/23 3 pm †Patsy Clesi
- 5/25 5 pm †Michael Henderson
- 5/26 5 pm †Michael Henderson
- 5/27 9 am †Michael Henderson
- 5/28 9 am †June Georgusis

*** Last call for your graduate's name**

Please call or email our office by Monday 5/24, to place your college or high school graduate on our list of Class of '21 honorees, to appear in an upcoming bulletin.



Upcoming events

- 5/23 Parish Pentecost Party! 9:45 am
- 5/26 CYO 6 pm
- 5/27 Pastoral Council 6 pm
- 5/28 Rosary 8:30 am
- 5/29 Confessions 3-4 pm
- 5/30 Bible Study 9:45 am
- 6/2 CYO 6 pm
- 6/4 Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 am-4:30 pm (Benediction)
- 6/5 1st Saturday: Rosary 8:30 am, Mass 9 am
- 6/5 Confessions 3:30-4:30 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.

This week's special collection

PETER'S PENCE

These monies are for the Pope, to aid in the administration of the Vatican and to help in the various charitable actions of the papacy.

Stewardship Report

Regular Collection	\$ 3,287.00
Building Fund	\$ 50.00

Thank you for your generosity.