



HOLY FAMILY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. — Psalm 19:8

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 3:30-4:30 pm
and by appointment (call the office)

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

Fr Kyle: 985-839-4040

RCIA (instruction for new Catholics)

Eddie Boudreaux: 985-630-9997

Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday, noon.

From Our Pastor:

OTHER MOMENTS OF THE CHRISTIAN SUNDAY (part 2) Reflections on *DIES DOMINI*: Apostolic Letter of Pope St John Paul II on Keeping the Lord's Day Holy

Last week we heard John Paul II talk about shaping the "rest" of the Lord's Day "in such a way that the peace and joy of the Risen Lord will emerge in the ordinary events of life" (*DD*, 52). He then proceeds to list a few ways in which we can keep Sunday holy.

First, "the relaxed gathering of parents and children can be an opportunity ... to listen to one another" (*DD*, 52). Many of you already make Sunday a regular family day. Family gets together around a meal possibly the watching of a sporting event. Some even travel to a matriarch's home for a large family dinner. This time together with family is important. Young generations can hear the stories of their family. They learn that life is not lived alone. They see that the past is important in understanding the present. Older family members are energized by the youth. It's an opportunity to limit screen time and elevate face time. These family traditions are a great way to augment the communal celebration of the Eucharist. Life together solidifies family bonds.

We can get so busy during the week that, at times, we fail to communicate well to our family. Sunday can be a day set aside for parents to listen to their children, for parents to have those talks that need to happen with their children, and especially for spouses to openly and honestly communicate. Much of relational brokenness comes from poor communication, or no communication. Inspired by the word of God, in which we hear God speak to us, we too can go home and share ourselves.

There are some who, because of age or circumstance, don't now have family nearby to celebrate Sunday with. We have the blessing of technology to where you can call or video-chat with family around the country. Don't see these things as an imposition on your family abroad, but as a necessary activity in building up the life of the family. You can also take advantage of the family of our parish. When there isn't a pandemic, we offer coffee socials and breakfasts for exactly this purpose. You can also gather a group of friends like your-

From Our Pastor, continued

self for a meal and communal fellowship in your homes, like a dinner party with the feel and low anxiety of a cookout—just friends getting together to enjoy each other's company.

Now we return to John Paul as he finishes his thought. "The relaxed gathering of parents and children can be an opportunity not only to listen to one another but also to share a few formative and reflective moments. Even in lay life, when possible, why not make provision for special times of prayer ... or moments of catechesis which, on the eve of Sunday or on Sunday afternoon, might prepare for or complete the gift of the Eucharist in people's hearts?" (DD, 52). I preached about the moments of catechesis last Sunday. The Lord's Day is a great time to dive deeper into the mysteries of the faith. You can even turn Sunday into a mini-retreat of prayer and study for the family every so often. We have offered the whole parish the opportunity to use FORMED.org (see next page on how to log in), which is sort of like a Catholic Netflix with catechetical video content as well as movies, books, and audiobooks. As I said last week, we will be creating content for you to use every Sunday for this celebration of the Lord's Day.

You can also pray together as a family. The family rosary is a time-honored tradition in Catholic households. It's a great and easy way to introduce Sunday family prayer. Another way to pray as a family is to reflect on the Sunday gospel and homily as a family, allowing each member to share. I've provided a format for this on an insert in this bulletin.

Finally, John Paul encourages us, "take advantage of Sunday rest to visit a Shrine where, with the whole family perhaps, they can spend time in a more intense experience of faith" (DD, 52). Yes, we are far away from, well, just about everything, but there are many places one can visit within an hour and a half drive. There's a list of places on the back of the family prayer insert. I might also suggest another place to visit would be the graves of deceased loved ones. Those are special family places and an opportunity to pray for them.

As the Lord's Day, Sunday is full of potential for us to grow in faith as a family through catechesis, prayer, and pilgrimage. "These are moments of grace which must be fostered through evangelization and guided by genuine pastoral wisdom" (DD, 52).

Fr. Kyle

Decluttering? Ready to part with your Mardi Gras stash?

The Washington Parish Fair is sneaking up on us, and that means



If you hoard beads but never knew why, there's your why! We're ready to help free up your storage space! You can drop 'em off in the office any Mon-Thurs before 4 pm, or Fri before 1 pm. Or bring them when you bring your kids to class. This saves us so much money! Thanks!



All creatures great and small ...

In honor of the feast of St Francis, Fr Kyle invites all parishioners to have their pets, livestock, and homes blessed. Call the office to set a date and time for him to visit your home.

... the Lord God made them all!



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

THIS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1
9:30 am - 4:30 pm



From the writings of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux (whose feast day is Oct 1):

"Do you realize that Jesus is here expressly for you—for you alone?"

"He burns with the desire to come into your heart..."

Go without fear to receive the Jesus of peace and love."

Holy Family Parish holds Eucharistic Adoration on the First Friday of every month, from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm, closing with Benediction. We need some to commit to an hour, so if you can, please sign the list near the church entrance. You are invited to spend any amount of time you desire.

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Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love,
but to use violence to get what they want.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997)

There's an intriguing line in the sixth chapter of Luke's gospel:

"Everyone in the crowd sought to touch him..."

(Luke 6:19)

Who are these "everyone"? Why are they trying to touch Jesus? Do they succeed?

Other parts of the text provide the answers. We are told that "the people came from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon." In other words, truly everyone, from those who cared intensely about the one, true God (Jerusalem, in Judea, was the center of Jewish monotheism) to those who were very confused about God (Tyre and Sidon were thoroughly pagan places). All of them, whether close to God or distant from Him, sought to touch Jesus. Why? Because "...power came forth from him..." That they succeeded is revealed in the concluding phrase: "...and he healed them all."

It remains true today: *EVERYONE* is seeking to touch Jesus! For us Catholics, this is realized in a spectacular way at every Eucharist: we physically touch the living Jesus and receive His transforming presence.

Surely, you know someone who is seeking but may not know where or how to encounter Christ. Invite them to find out more about who Jesus is and what He is offering. Our Inquiry sessions (every Tuesday, 6-7:30 pm) are a great place to start that search.

Imagine your friend's gratitude to you should the day come when they make their First Communion and have that deepest longing deeply satisfied.

Imagine your joy for them! **Pray. Befriend. Invite!**



You're invited to take part in the First Saturday Devotion, this Sat 10/2

Mary has asked Christians to pray in reparation for sin. Specifically, she asks for four actions: (1) go to Mass, (2) receive Holy Communion, (3) pray the Rosary, and (4) meditate on one of the mysteries of the Rosary. The Rosary begins at 8:30 am, Mass follows at 9.

Homebound or in-patient loved one? Please let us know

As soon as a family member is admitted to the hospital or a nursing home, or if you have a homebound loved one, please call the office, 839-4040, to let us know. As well-intentioned as their staff is, notifying a patient's church can be overlooked. We don't want to neglect anyone, but the only way we know is if you tell us. We'll forward their name to Fr Kyle or an Extraordinary Minister for a visit.

BIBLE STUDY

**Every Sunday after
the 8:30 Mass, in
the church office.
All are welcome!**

Please pray for:

Thea Andras
Marian Arceneaux
Meveline Armentor
Adam Authement
Karen Authement
Janet Baham
Philomena Bennett
Linda Boos
Jim Bradle
Terry Cantrelle
Tricia Cantrelle
Beverly Carriles
Keith Chaisson
Johnson Chouest
Carol d'Aquin
Heidi David
Paula Davis
Madalene Falgout
Bill Ferrante
Jude Fiorello
Byron & Zita Foley
Forbes Family
Frank Gennusa
Fr Paul Hart
Fr Jeffrey Jambon
Victoria Jambon
Lynnie Kass
Judd Keaton
James Lambert
Joanne Lambert
Henry & Tina Lirette
Christy Lorio
Jean Lugo
Marie Oswald
Evan Pace
Steve Para
Mickey Power
Bill Price
Roy Richard
Nick Tullier
Stephanie Weeks
Kayla Whitney
Luke Whitney
Laura Zeringue

Names stay on the list for three months. To add or retain someone, call 985-839-4040 or email holyfamilyfranklinton@arch-no.org.

This week's Scripture readings

Mon 9/27

Vincent de Paul, Priest
Zechariah 8:1-8
Psalm 102:16-23,29
Luke 9:46-50

Tues 9/28

Ordinary Time Weekday
Zechariah 8:20-23
Psalm 87:1-7
Luke 9:51-56

Wed 9/29

Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael Archangels
Daniel 7:9-10,13-14
Psalm 138:1-5
John 1:47-51

Thurs 9/30

Jerome Priest, Doctor of the Church
Nehemiah 8:1-12
Psalm 19:8-11
Luke 10:1-12

Fri 10/1

Thérèse of the Child Jesus Virgin, Doctor of the Church
Isaiah 66:10-14
Psalm 131:1-3
Matthew 18:1-4

Sat 10/2

Holy Guardian Angels
Exodus 23:20-23
Psalm 91:1-6,10-11
Matthew 18:1-5,10

Sun 10/3

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Genesis 2:18-24
Psalm 128:1-6
Hebrews 2:9-11
Mark 10:2-16

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



It also burns **Sept 2 6-Oct 2** in memory of **Brandi Sander** by request of Jan and René LaBorde

Mass Intentions

9/25	5 pm	+Jessie Andras +Shirley LeBlanc +Ernest Vidacovich Laura Zeringue
9/26	8:30 am	Carey and Manette Bateman +Richard Baudouin +Michael Henderson +Santo LoCoco +Brandi Sander Special Intention
9/26	11 am	Our Parishioners
9/26	3 pm	Souls in Purgatory
9/28	5 pm	Laura Zeringue
9/29	5 pm	Laura Zeringue
9/30	9 am	+Michael Henderson
10/1	9 am	+Brandi Sander
10/2	9 am	Laura Zeringue

Thanksgiving basket, Angel Tree deadlines

The Friends of St Francis are now accepting referrals for families in need. Please call the office **before November 1** and give the family's name, **phone number**, number of members, and the sex age, and clothing size of any children. *This submission is for the family to be considered for receiving assistance.*

Upcoming events

9/26	Bible Study	9:45 am
9/26	CCD	9:45 am
9/28	RCIA Welcome/Intro Gathering	6 pm
9/29	Y-Prep	6 pm
9/29	CYO	7 pm
10/1	Rosary	8:30 am
10/1	Eucharistic Adoration	9:30 am-4:30 pm
10/2	Rosary	8:30 am, First Saturday Mass 9 am
10/3	Bible Study	9:45 am
10/3	CCD	9:45 am
10/5	RCIA	6 pm
10/6	Y-Prep	6 pm
10/6	CYO	7 pm
10/8	Rosary	8:30 am

The current month's calendar is always downloadable at www.holyfamilyfranklinton.org/parish-calendar. Print copies are on the bookshelf in church and in our office.

Stewardship Report

Regular Collection	\$ 3,058.00
Building Fund	\$ 100.00

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