



# HOLY FAMILY

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

*His dominion is everlasting; his kingship shall never be destroyed.* – Daniel 7:14

**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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### **Office**

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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**

Renée Herbert: 985-630-1121

### **Youth Ministry**

Fr Kyle: 985-839-4040

### **RCIA (instruction for new Catholics)**

Eddie Boudreaux: 985-630-9997

### **Bulletin Deadline**

Tuesday, noon.



**Our Thanksgiving Food Drive deadline  
is noon TODAY!**

**Please put your items in the wooden  
crate in the parish hall. Thank you!**

### From Our Pastor:

## THANKSGIVING THOUGHTS 2021

### *Gratitude is the Memory of the Heart* - J. B. Massieu

As we approach Thanksgiving, it seemed appropriate to reflect on the virtue of gratitude. Often times, we equate gratitude with a feeling. It wells up when we receive something from someone's generosity or we take stock of what we have. It urges us to give a handshake or a hug; it is, in essence, our internal movement in response to being loved. As such gratitude can be considered an emotion, something that we experience within ourselves without our choosing, what St Thomas Aquinas calls a passion, because we're passive to it. Some other examples would be anger, joy, sadness, fear, hope, and love.

As with hope and love, I would venture to say gratitude isn't just an emotion, but can also be a virtue. A virtue is the habituated perfection of a particular act in which the end of the act is good. To give a few examples, a virtue in the body could be

the athlete who has perfected the triple Salchow in figure skating or the three-pointer in basketball. A virtue in the soul would be like the virtue of prudence, which is the perfection of distinguishing good from evil. Gratitude, as emotion, moves us to act, but just because we're moved doesn't mean we act on the movement. Take fear, the soldier marching into battle to protect his family is certainly afraid for his life, but he chooses not to act on that fear. So the virtue of gratitude is the habituation and perfection of the act of gratitude. See, the habituation is key to the growth of the



**Please note:  
Mass time on  
Thanksgiving Day,  
Thursday November 25,  
is 9 am**

## From Our Pastor, continued

virtue. It also means that one will act in gratitude even when the feeling or emotion may be absent. This too is key. So often we operate only by our emotions and ride the waves of passive whimsy and we follow these feelings unreservedly. As I've said before, our feelings can betray us. Because they are part of us, they too suffered the corruption due to original sin and our personal sin. I can feel betrayed when no betrayal has occurred. I can feel sad when there's nothing to feel sad about. I can be angry at something that is just and undeserving of anger, like a challenging word or an honest criticism. So what the virtues do, in the habituation of the action toward good, is that the habit begins to show the emotions how to react properly.

I know this has been a lot of set up, but it was necessary that we be on the same page as I talk about the virtue of gratitude. Like I said earlier, it is in the habituation of the act of being grateful regardless of how we feel. Although it seems simple, the way we grow in the virtue of gratitude is by *choosing* to be grateful, to *intentionally* recognize the giftedness of our whole life and everyone and everything in it. We choose to be grateful in the state of life we are in, which helps us to better live that state in life. God is constantly passing out graces for us to live our life well; whether married, single, widowed, child, ordained, or consecrated religious the Holy Spirit has provided what we need to live that life well. What a gift! Something in which we indeed can be eternally grateful. When we choose to wash our lives with gratitude, jealousy falls away, entitlement disappears, selfishness decreases, and our generosity increases — which itself then begets gratitude in others. It is the virtue that multiplies (like glitter). It also helps us bear better the ingratitude of others. Yes, sometimes our generosity isn't received, or is taken selfishly, or is rudely rejected. Confident in what we have received from the Father, gratitude helps us to deal with ingratitude with equanimity rather than in anger or resentment.

Gratitude, in essence, is the virtue of receiving love well. Yes we may not deserve it — often times we don't — but it is still freely given. Indeed, there is no greater gift than that, and there is no greater giver of that free gift of undeserved love than our Father in heaven. Thanks be to God!

*Fr. Kyle*

### **ATTENTION LECTORS:**

**Your workbooks for the new liturgical year —which begins on 11/28—may be picked up in the office during regular hours (see p 1).**



**Parish Breakfast**  
next Sun 11/28  
9:30 am  
*Be Here!*

### **BIBLE STUDY**

... based on the Sunday Scripture readings.

Sundays, 9:45 am,  
in the office.

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Please note these schedule changes  
(this week only)

Wednesday, Nov 24:

Mass at **9 am** (not 5 pm)

Thursday, Nov 25 (Thanksgiving Day):

Mass at **9 am**

### And speaking of Thanksgiving...

**Eucharist** / 'yook (ə) rəst / (noun):  
[based on Greek *eukharistos* 'grateful',  
*eukharistia* 'thanksgiving', 'gratitude']

Our word *Eucharist* means to give thanks. An especially fitting way to celebrate Thanksgiving Day (Nov 25) is to join your church family in the Eucharist here that morning. Fr Kyle invites you to bring the bread and wine you'll use for your Thanksgiving dinner for him to bless during Mass.

### Car radio not doing it for you?

Crazy-early Christmas hype and political bickering stressing you out?

Tune in to Catholic Radio, **WQNO 690 AM** (or WPYR 1380 AM if you get Baton Rouge stations better) for an engaging mix of local and national Catholic programming.

### Advent begins next weekend

The Advent wreath is an old tradition that has remained very popular in Christian families. This devotion is usually incorporated during the family meal or family night prayers. It is rich in meaning and easy to implement, and can be either handmade or purchased. Resources can be found online at [uscbb.org](http://uscbb.org); use the search term "Advent wreath." Those purple and pink candles do sell out though, so get yours now.



### Women's Bible Study: "Walking With Purpose"

Ladies of Holy Family, you are invited to take part in a Bible Study catering to your feminine genius. On **Thur 12/2 at 6 pm**, there's a no-pressure information meeting to share the scope and practice of the study and to determine interest. If you are unable to attend but would like to express your interest, please call our office: 985-839-4040.

The singing of the Church comes ultimately out of love. It is the utter depth of love that produces the singing.

(Pope Benedict XVI,  
*The Spirit of the Liturgy*)

Saint Cecilia,  
patroness of music and musicians,  
pray for us,  
that we will be on fire  
with the love of Jesus,  
and that we will always use  
our gifts of speech and song  
to glorify Him.  
Amen.

St Cecilia, virgin and martyr, born in Rome in 200 AD, was beheaded at the age of 30 for refusing to renounce her faith in Jesus Christ. Cecilia's feast day is November 22.

### The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Pope Pius XI instituted this observance in 1925 to confront the increasing denial of Christ as King resulting from the rise of secularism. Also at the time, non-Christian dictatorships were rising in Europe, often attempting to assert authority over the Church. Many Christians (including Catholics) were being taken in by these leaders; many began to doubt the authority and even the existence of Jesus, as well as the power of the Church to continue his authority. In the establishment of this feast, Pope Pius wished to:

1. remind the faithful that Jesus must reign in our hearts, minds, wills, and bodies, and help renew their strength and courage;
2. teach leaders and nations that they are bound to give respect to Christ, and to acknowledge that the Church has the right to freedom, and immunity from the state; and
3. demonstrate that true leadership is imitative of Jesus, whose kingship is marked by *humility and self-gift*. In St Paul's words (Philippians 2:8-11):

*Jesus humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven, on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

**Please pray for:**

Baby Emery  
 Carey Bateman  
 Manette Bateman  
 Philomena Bennett  
 Linda Boos  
 Jim Bradle  
 Jennifer Brown  
 Mary Ann Carlisle  
 Beverly Carriles  
 Johnson Chouest  
 Carol d'Aquin  
 Heidi David  
 Paula Davis  
 Jude Fiorello  
 Forbes Family  
 Frank Gennusa  
 Felicity Guillory  
 Fr Paul Hart  
 Special Intention (WH)  
 Victoria Jambon  
 Lisa Johnsen  
 Jeanne Jones  
 John & Sherry Justice  
 Linnie Kass  
 Keaton Family  
 Mark Kennedy  
 James Lambert  
 Joanne Lambert  
 Dan and Dana LeBlanc  
 Henry & Tina Lirette  
 Christy Lorio  
 Jean Lugo  
 Rachel Miller  
 Andrew Morales  
 Lisa Morlas  
 Marie Oswald  
 Mickey Power  
 Roy Richard  
 Lucille Scheurer  
 Pam Shirley  
 Claudia Simmons  
 Summer Simmons  
 Luis Torres  
 Nick Tullier  
 Stephanie Weeks  
 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](mailto:holyfamilyfranklinton@arch-no.org).*

**This week's Scripture readings**

Mon 11/22

*Cecilia  
Virgin, Martyr*

Hosea 2:16-17,21-22  
Daniel 3:52-56  
Matthew 25:1-13

Tues 11/23

*Clement I, Pope, Martyr;  
Miguel Pro, Priest, Martyr*

Daniel 2:31-45  
Daniel 3:57-61  
Luke 21:5-11

Wed 11/24

*Andrew Dũng-Lạc  
Priest, Martyr*

Dan 5:1-6,13-17,23-28 /  
Daniel 3:62-67  
Luke 21:12-19

Thurs 11/25

*Thanksgiving Day*

Sirach 50:22-24  
Psalm 138:1-5  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Luke 17:11-19

Fri 11/26

*Ordinary Time Weekday*

Daniel 7:2-14  
Daniel 3:75-81  
Luke 21:29-33

Sat 11/27

*Ordinary Time Weekday*

Daniel 7:15-27  
Daniel 3:82-87  
Luke 21:34-36

Sun 11/28

*First Sunday of Advent*

Daniel 7:13-14  
Psalm 93:1-2,5  
Revelation 1:5-8  
John 18:33-37

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

It also burns **November 21-27** in memory of **Brandi Sander**

by request of Jan and René LaBorde



**Mass Intentions**

11/20	5 pm	Bolotte / Guidry Families †Melvin Hebert †Shirley LeBlanc Andrew Zeringue
11/21	8:30 am	†Ellen Anthony †Thomas d'Aquin †Eddie Forbes †Michael Henderson †Santo LoCoco
11/21	11 am	Our Parishioners
11/21	3 pm	†Nick Tullier
11/23	5 pm	†Larry McGuire
11/24	5 pm	†Meveline Armentor
11/25	9 am	†Michael Henderson
11/26	9 am	†Thomas d'Aquin

**This week's special collection**

**CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

See insert for information. Envelopes are on the bookshelf in church. Thank you.

**Upcoming events**

11/21	Food Drive deadline at noon
11/21	Bible Study 9:45 am
11/21	CCD 9:45 am
11/24	Mass at 9 am, not 5 pm
11/25	Thanksgiving Day: Mass 9 am
11/26	Rosary 8:30 am
11/27	Confessions 3:30-4:30 pm
11/28	Parish Breakfast 9:45 am
11/30	RCIA 6 pm
12/1	Y-Prep 6 pm
12/1	CYO 7 pm
12/2	Women's Bible Study intro mtg 6 pm
12/3	Rosary 8:30 am
12/3	Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 am-4:30 pm
12/3	Benediction 4:30 pm
12/4	1st Sat: Rosary 8:30 am, Mass 9 am

The current month's calendar is always downloadable at [www.holyfamilyfranklinton.org/parish-calendar](http://www.holyfamilyfranklinton.org/parish-calendar). Print copies are available in the church and in our office.

**Stewardship Report**

Regular Collection	\$ 3,868.00
Building Fund	\$ 120.00

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