



HOLY FAMILY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rejoice! The LORD is near.

~ Philippians 4:4-5

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

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.

From Our Pastor:

THE DAY OF REST, part 2

Reflections on *DIES DOMINI*: Apostolic Letter of Pope St John Paul II on Keeping the Lord's Day Holy

Rest is necessary for the spiritual exercises of growth in Christ. Rest is also needed by the body and mind for us to effectively be good workers (in the general sense of that word, meaning anyone who does any sort of work, intellectual or physical). "Through Sunday rest, daily concerns and tasks can find their proper perspective: the material things about which we worry give way to spiritual values; in a moment of encounter and less pressured exchange, we see the true face of the people with whom we live. Even the beauties of nature — too often marred by the desire to exploit, which turns against man himself — can be rediscovered and enjoyed to the full. As the day on which man is at peace with God, with himself and with others, Sunday becomes a moment when people can look anew upon the wonders of nature, allowing themselves to be caught up in that marvelous and mysterious harmony which, in the words of Saint Ambrose, weds the many elements of the cosmos in a 'bond of communion and peace' by 'an inviolable law of concord and love.' Men and women then come to a deeper sense, as the Apostle says, that 'everything created by God is good and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, for then it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer' (1 Timothy 4:4-5). If after six days of work — reduced in fact to five for many people — people look for time to relax and to pay more attention to other aspects of their lives, this corresponds to an authentic need which is in full harmony with the vision of the Gospel message. Believers are therefore called to satisfy this need in a way consistent with the manifestation of their personal and community faith, as expressed in the celebration and sanctification of the Lord's Day.

"Therefore, also in the partic- [> see p 2 >](#)

Kids' Christmas Play
Sunday 12/19, 5:30 pm
All are invited!



Poinsettias to honor loved ones

Donations may be made in memory of loved ones to help defray the cost of our Christmas flowers. Mark your offering "flowers" and place it in the collection or bring it to the office. Intentions received by noon on **Mon 12/20** will be listed in a Christmas season bulletin.

New Advent button for you in our cool MYPARISH app



Your app dashboard board has a new button: the **Advent** button. Look for it on the top row of

your home screen. When you tap on it, you'll be treated to short articles on Advent: from creating family traditions, to reflections on Scripture, to meditative poetry. These are updated several times each week. If you find yourself in a waiting situation (school dismissal, doctor appointment), these reflections are a great alternative to killing time on Facebook! To download our app, text **app** to **88202**. Call our office if you'd like help: 839-4040.

From Our Pastor, continued

ular circumstances of our own time, Christians will naturally strive to ensure that civil legislation respects their duty to keep Sunday holy. In any case, they are obliged in conscience to arrange their Sunday rest in a way which allows them to take part in the Eucharist, refraining from work and activities which are incompatible with the sanctification of the Lord's Day, with its characteristic joy and necessary rest for spirit and body" (DD, 67).

Often times as Catholics we look for boundary points. Tell me this is 'too far' and this is in the 'okay zone.' So it's easy to ask what are "work and activities which are incompatible with the Lord's Day, with its characteristic joy and necessary rest for spirit and body"? What shouldn't we do on the Lord's Day? There are some activities that are super obvious, *i.e.* unnecessary work either at home or at the job. Here we need to be honest with ourselves about what is truly necessary and what is not, because we are good at justifying things. We tell ourselves it's okay when deep down our conscience is letting us know it's not. Maybe we're used to pushing down that moral voice to act for own ends and desires. Sunday, and seeking the rest that is demanded of it, can be an opportunity to begin to listen to what our conscience is telling us. For most things, I think our consciences are informed enough to make a right decision. On those rare occasions when it isn't well informed, the Holy Father gives us four principles: celebration, sanctification, characteristic joy, and necessary rest for spirit and body. Does the activity or work cover these four categories? If so, the answer is, go ahead. If it doesn't, it should be questioned again before doing or not doing. If it doesn't come under any of the principles, then it should be avoided on this day of rest.

As you begin to reflect on what's truly keeping holy the Lord's Day, you may also wonder "well, is there anything to do actually do?" "In order that rest may not degenerate into emptiness or boredom, it must offer spiritual enrichment, greater freedom, opportunities for contemplation and fraternal communion. Therefore, among the forms of culture and entertainment which society offers, the faithful should choose those which are most in keeping with a life lived in obedience to the precepts of the Gospel. Sunday rest then becomes 'prophetic,' affirming not only the absolute primacy of God, but also the primacy and dignity of the person with respect to the demands of social and economic life, and anticipating in a certain sense the 'new heavens' and the 'new earth,' in which liberation from slavery to needs will be final and complete. In short, the Lord's Day thus becomes in the truest sense *the day of man* as well," (DD, 68)

To. Hyle

*Sing joyfully, O Israel!
The LORD, your God, is in your midst!*

*Zephaniah 3:14,17
(today's First Reading)*



Office hours Dec 20-24: 12/20,21: 8-4. 12/22: 8-1. 12/23,24: closed.
You can still call 985-237-0972 if you have a sacramental emergency.

'Tis the season...
 Angel Tree Christmas gift tags will be available the next two weekends. Look for the Friends of St Francis outside at all Masses. Gift return deadline is **** Mon 12/20. ****
If you take tags, it is of utmost importance that you return the gifts by the deadline, wrapped and ready for giving, with tags attached so they can be correctly identified. Thanks for your help with this.



You are invited to take part in an Evening of Adoration, Praise and Worship led by Father Kyle this Friday 12/17, 6-7 pm in our church

The soul that is attached to anything, however much good there may be in it, will not arrive at the liberty of Divine union. For whether it be a strong wire rope or a slender and delicate thread that holds the bird, it matters not, if it really holds it fast; for until the cord be broken, the bird cannot fly.

John of the Cross (1542-1591)
 Priest, Doctor of the Church
 feast day December 14

Additional Confession times for Advent

Sunday, 12/12 7:30 - 8:15 am
 Friday, 12/17 8:00 - 8:45 am
 Saturday, 12/18 3:00 - 4:30 pm



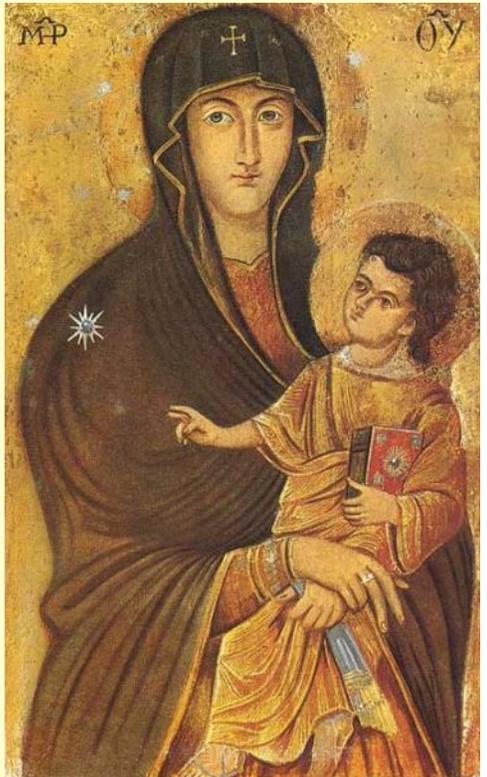
What makes Luke Luke?

Each of the Gospels has unique material, stories, and parables that do not appear anywhere else. Some of that is due to style, message, and audience. Luke, however, differs significantly in his telling of the time directly surrounding Jesus' birth.

True, Matthew does give us a brief account of the circumstances of His birth, and of the flight into Egypt (which is unique to his Gospel), but Luke gives us much greater detail. Luke tells us of the visits of the archangel Gabriel both to Zechariah and to Mary. Luke gives us a precise recounting of Jesus' birth: the Roman census, the journey to Bethlehem, the visit of the shepherds—even the intimate moment of the child being wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. He also tells of Jesus' circumcision as an infant and the finding in the temple at the age of 12. Where did Luke get all of this extraordinary detail? The key is in Luke 2:51—"His mother treasured all these things in her heart."

Luke tells us that he talked to the key eyewitnesses of Jesus' life. The closest witness, the chief witness, the only one who could tell all of these stories from Jesus' childhood and before, would of course be His mother, Mary. Thus, for centuries many saints and theologians have believed that Luke consulted with Mary in the writing of his Gospel. Talk about the greatest scoop interview of all time!

There is an ancient tradition that during the famed interview, Luke composed a portrait of the Blessed Virgin, which became the first venerated image of Mary. This image, now called the *Madonna of the Roman People*, hangs in the Basilica of St Mary Major in Rome for veneration.



Please pray for:

Baby Emery
 Manette Bateman
 Linda Boos
 Aimee MacIver
 Jim Bradle
 Jennifer Brown
 Mary Ann Carlisle
 Beverly Carriles
 Dwayne Champagne
 Johnson Chouest
 Carol d'Aquin
 Heidi David
 Paula Davis
 Jude Fiorello
 Forbes Family
 Frank Gennusa
 Felicity Guillory
 Special Intention (WH)
 Victoria Jambon
 Lisa Johnsen
 Jeanne Jones
 John and Sherry Justice
 Linnie Kass
 Keaton Family
 Mark Kennedy
 Dan and Dana LeBlanc
 Henry and Tina Lirette
 Kristi Long
 Christy Lorio
 Jean Lugo
 Rachel Miller
 Andrew Morales
 Lisa Morlas
 Marie Oswald
 Mickey Power
 Mary Louise Rasch
 Roy Richard
 Lucille Scheurer
 Pam Shirley
 Claudia Simmons
 Summer Simmons
 Tom Sutherland
 Luis Torres
 Nick Tullier
 Stephanie Weeks

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 12/13

Lucy

Virgin, Martyr

Numbers 24:2-4,15-17

Psalms 25:4-9

Matthew 21:23-27

Tues 12/14

John of the Cross

Priest, Doctor of the Church

1 Corinthians 1:2-10

Psalms 34:2-3,6-7,17-19,23

Luke 14:25-33

Wed 12/15

Advent Weekday

Isaiah 45:6-8,18,21-25

Psalms 85:9-14

Luke 7:18-23

Thurs 12/16

Advent Weekday

Isaiah 54:1-10

Psalms 30:2,4-6,11-13

Luke 7:24-30

Fri 12/17

Late Advent Weekday

Genesis 49:2,8-10

Psalms 72:1-4,7-8,17

Matthew 1:1-7

Sat 12/18

Late Advent Weekday

Jeremiah 23:5-8

Psalms 72:1-2,12-13,18-19

Matthew 1:18-25

Sun 12/19

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:1-4

Psalms 80:2-3,15-19

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-45

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

It also burns **December 12-18** in memory of **Craig H. Estave** by request of Bob and Hazel Estave



Mass Intentions

There are no open weekday intentions for the rest of 2021. Please submit weekend Mass intentions at least 10 days in advance.

- 12/11 5 pm Louis Boudreaux
†Craig Estave, Sr.
†Melvin and Pat Hebert
†Shirley LeBlanc
- 12/12 8:30 am Our Parishioners
- 12/12 11 am †Jerry Cancienne
†Alida and Frank Gennusa
Bonnie Henderson
Mr. Montgomery
†Torry Richoux
†Linda Gennusa Schomburg
Joyce Stall
Mr V.
- 12/12 3 pm †Carey Bateman
- 12/14 5 pm †Patsy Clesi
- 12/15 9 am Fr. Paul Desrosiers
- 12/16 5 pm †Michael Henderson
- 12/17 9 am †Thomas d'Aquin

This week's special collection

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

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

Upcoming events

- 12/19 Bible Study 9:45 am
- 12/19 CCD 9:45 am
- 12/19 Play practice time TBA
- 12/19 Christmas play 5:30 pm
- 12/22 Deanery-wide confessions 7 pm
(Holy Trinity, Covington)
- 12/24 Rosary 8:30 am
- 12/24 *weekday* Mass 9 am
- 12/24 Christmas Vigil Masses 4 pm and 6 pm
- 12/25 Midnight Mass 12 am
- 12/25 Christmas Day Mass 10 am
- 12/26 Feast of the Holy Family - *our patronal feast!*
Parish Celebration 9:45 am
- 12/31 Rosary 8:30 am

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

Stewardship Report

Regular Collection \$ 3,653.00
 Building Fund \$ 50.00

Thank you for your generosity.