



HOLY FAMILY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

His greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace.

Micah 5:4

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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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:

A DAY OF SOLIDARITY, part 1
Reflections on *DIES DOMINI*:
Apostolic Letter of
Pope St John Paul II on
Keeping the Lord's Day Holy

"Sunday should also give the faithful an opportunity to devote themselves to works of mercy, charity and apostolate. To experience the joy of the Risen Lord deep within is to share fully the love which pulses in his heart: there is no joy without love! Jesus himself explains this, linking the 'new commandment' with the gift of joy: 'If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept the Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this that my own joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: that you love one another as I have loved you' (John 15:10-12).

"The Sunday Eucharist, therefore, not only does not absolve the faithful from the duties of charity, but on the contrary commits them even more 'to all the works of charity, of mercy, of apostolic outreach, by means of which it is seen that the faithful of Christ are not of this world and yet are the light of the world, giving glory to the Father in the presence of men.'

"Ever since Apostolic times, the Sunday gathering has in fact been for Christians a mo- > see p 2 >



★ **Christmas Mass Schedule** ★
★ ~ Christmas Eve ~ ★
★ 4 pm, 6 pm, and Midnight ★
★ ~ Christmas Day ~ ★
★ 10 am ★

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

★ **Office hours this week:** ★
★ **Mon, Tues: 8-4. Wed: 8-1.** ★
★ **Thurs, Fri: closed.** ★
★ **You can still call 985-237-0972 in** ★
★ **case of a sacramental emergency.** ★

From Our Pastor, continued

ment of fraternal sharing with the very poor. 'On the first day of the week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn' (1 Corinthians 16:2), says Saint Paul referring to the collection organized for the poor Churches of Judaea. In the Sunday Eucharist, the believing heart opens wide to embrace all aspects of the Church. But the full range of the apostolic summons needs to be accepted: far from trying to create a narrow 'gift' mentality, Paul calls rather for a demanding culture of sharing, to be lived not only among the members of the community itself but also in society as a whole. More than ever, we need to listen once again to the stern warning which Paul addresses to the community at Corinth, guilty of having humiliated the poor in the fraternal *agape* which accompanied 'the Lord's Supper': 'When you meet together, it is not the Lord's Supper that you eat. For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal, and one is hungry and another is drunk. What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the Church of God and humiliate those who have nothing?' (1 Corinthians 11:20-22). James is equally forceful in what he writes: 'If a man with gold rings and in fine clothing comes into your assembly and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, 'Take a seat here, please', while you say to the poor man, 'Stand there', or 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?' (2:2-4).

"The teachings of the Apostles struck a sympathetic chord from the earliest centuries, and evoked strong echoes in the preaching of the Fathers of the Church. Saint Ambrose addressed words of fire to the rich who presumed to fulfill their religious obligations by attending church without sharing their goods with the poor, and who perhaps even exploited them: 'You who are rich, do you hear what the Lord God says? Yet you come into church not to give to the poor but to take instead.' Saint John Chrysostom is no less demanding: 'Do you wish to honor the body of Christ? Do not ignore him when he is naked. Do not pay him homage in the temple clad in silk only then to neglect him outside where he suffers cold and nakedness. He who said: 'This is my body' is the same One who said: 'You saw me hungry and you gave me no food', and 'Whatever you did to the least of my brothers you did also to me', ... What good is it if the Eucharistic table is overloaded with golden chalices, when he is dying of hunger? Start by satisfying his hunger, and then with what is left you may adorn the altar as well.'

"These words effectively remind the Christian community of the duty to make the Eucharist the place where fraternity becomes practical solidarity, where the last are the first in the minds and attentions of the brethren, where Christ himself—through the generous gifts from the rich to the very poor—may somehow prolong in time the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves" (DD, 69-71).

These paragraphs from Pope John Paul are challenging. It's easy to treat Sunday as a day for ourselves, and he, quoting both Scripture and the Church Fathers, clearly says Sunday is also for others, specifically the poor. We provide opportunities for you to get involved indirectly with the poor. The Friends of St. Francis do their annual Thanksgiving and Christmas drives, to which, since I've been here, you've been supremely generous. We also have the basket in the back of the church for you to donate food to the Help Center of Churches Food Bank. Holy Family is specifically entrusted with donating peanut butter and canned tuna.

Reading the words of the Holy Father, though, it seems to me more is being called of us. All of the above things are mediated through some channel, but I think God also calls us to enter into the lives of the poor around us; it's not enough to be distant and helpful, we must imitate Christ who entered into human life at Christmas, who dove headlong into our problems, our weaknesses, and our brokenness. I admit I don't know best how to go about this, other than to entrust it to the Holy Spirit and your own creativity and ingenuity.

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.

Please keep bringing in your

- ✓ peanut butter
- ✓ canned tuna
- ✓ financial gifts

for the Help Center!

You may place a check in our collection, but **it needs to be made out to the Help Center.*

Thank you!



THE GREAT 'O ANTIPHONS' OF ADVENT



Beginning on December 17, as the final phase of preparation for Christmas, the Church recites or chants the *O Antiphons* at Communion during Mass, and preceding the *Magnificat* during Vespers (Evening Prayer) of the Liturgy of the Hours. Of the seven, the most familiar to most of us is "O come, Emmanuel," with the rest of the O Antiphons forming the additional verses of that hymn.

The *O Antiphons* express the Church's longing and expectation for the Messiah, her startled wonder at the fullness of grace which the Christ-Child is about to bestow on the world. They reflect on the majesty of the Savior, His wisdom, His faithfulness and sanctity, His justice and mercy, His covenant with His chosen people, who in their ingratitude broke faith with Him. They dwell on His power and love as King and Redeemer of the world, His relation to every soul as Emmanuel, God-with-us.

The Benedictine monks arranged these antiphons with a definite purpose. If you start with the last title and take the first letter of each one — **E**mmanuel, **R**ex, **O**riens, **C**lavis, **R**adix, **A**donai, **S**apientia, — the Latin words *ero cras* are formed, meaning, "Tomorrow, I will come." Therefore, the Lord Jesus, whose coming we have prepared for in Advent and whom we have addressed in these seven Messianic titles, now speaks to us: "Tomorrow, I will come." So the *O Antiphons* not only bring intensity to our Advent preparation, but bring it to a joyful conclusion.

(adapted from an article by Fr. William Saunders, catholicculture.org)

CHRISTMAS DECORATING ASSISTANCE NEEDED

We will decorate our church for Christmas on Thurs 12/23 at 10 am.

Gentlemen and ladies, you're invited to come for the 9 am Mass and stay afterwards to help create a beautiful Christmas environment for our whole parish family and our visitors. Then we'll enjoy a cup of coffee together afterwards!

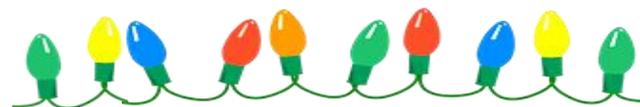


Parish Party! You're invited!

next Sun 12/26, 9:45 am



Celebrating our parish's patronal feast:
The Feast of the Holy Family!



Angel Tree gifts are due by noon tomorrow, 12/20.

Please bring your gift wrapped and ready for giving, with a gift tag on it. Also, please attach the Angel Tree tag so your gift can be properly identified. If you took a tag but now find yourself unable to provide a gift, please call our office, 985-839-4040, or the Friends of St Francis, 985-201-4882, asap. Thank you!

The virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him *Emmanuel*, which means *God is with us.*

Matthew 1:23



Please pray for:

Baby Emery
 Manette Bateman
 Linda Boos
 Jim Bradle
 Jennifer Brown
 Jace Canon
 Mary Ann Carlisle
 Beverly Carriles
 Dwayne Champagne
 Johnson Chouest
 Carol d'Aquin
 Heidi David
 Paula Davis
 Patsy Evans
 Forbes Family
 Frank Gennusa
 Kellie Growel
 Felicity Guillory
 Special Intention (WH)
 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
 Joe and Jackie Monaco
 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 12/20

Late Advent Weekday

Isaiah 7:10-14

Psalms 24:1-6

Luke 1:26-38

Tues 12/21

Late Advent Weekday

Zephaniah 3:14-18

Psalms 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21

Luke 1:39-45

Wed 12/22

Late Advent Weekday

1 Samuel 1:24-28

1 Samuel 2:1, 4-8

Luke 1:46-56

Thurs 12/23

Late Advent Weekday

Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24

Psalms 25:4-5, 8-10, 14

Luke 1:57-66

Fri 12/24

Late Advent Weekday

2 Samuel 7:1-16

Psalms 89:2-5, 27, 29

Luke 1:67-79

Sat 12/25

*Christmas,
the Nativity of the Lord*

Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalms 98:1-6

Hebrews 1:1-6

John 1:1-18

Sun 12/26

Feast of the Holy Family

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Psalms 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10

1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Luke 2:41-52

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



It also burns **December 19-25**

in memory of **Michael Henderson**

by request of Winston and Bonnie Henderson

Mass Intentions

No open Mass intentions remain for 2021. 2022 intentions may be submitted on or after Jan 3.

12/18 5 pm Bolotte and Guidry families
 Elliott family
 †Melvin and Pat Hebert
 †Herbert, Bateman, and Weidenbacker families
 †Shirley LeBlanc
 †Audrey and Lenix Morel

12/19 8:30 am †Ellen Anthony
 †Carey Bateman
 †Thomas d'Aquin
 †Michael Henderson
 †Katie Westmoreland McCain

12/19 11 am Our Parishioners
 12/19 3 pm Nick Tullier
 12/21 5 pm Evan-Grace Ibarra
 12/22 5 pm Eddie Boudreaux
 12/23 9 am †Michael Henderson
 12/24 9 am †Thomas d'Aquin
 12/24 4 pm †Michael Henderson
 12/24 6 pm †Doug LeBlanc
 12/25 12 am †Carey Bateman
 12/25 10 am Ruby Altentaler
 Archbishop Gregory Aymond
 Fr Peter Hammett, OSB
 †Shirley LeBlanc
 Fr Kyle Sanders

Upcoming events

12/19 Bible Study 9:45 am
 12/19 CCD 9:45 am
 12/19 Christmas Play 5:30 pm
 12/22 Deanery-wide confessions 7 pm
(at Holy Trinity, Covington)
 12/24 Rosary 8:30 am
 12/24 weekday Mass 9 am
 12/24 Christmas Vigil Masses
 4 pm, 6 pm, and Midnight
 12/25 Christmas Day - Mass 10 am
 12/26 Feast of the Holy Family
 Parish Celebration 9:45 am
 12/31 weekday Mass 9 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 \$ 5,708.57
 Building Fund \$ 80.00

Thank you for the sacrifices you make.