

HOLY FAMILY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

You have changed my mourning into dancing. ~ Psalm 30:12

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

Charitable Outreach

Friends of St Francis: 985-201-5882

Religious Education

Renée Herbert: 985-630-1121

Youth Ministry

Fr Kyle: 985-839-4040

Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday, noon.



Thanks to all who planned and
helped prepare last Sunday's

**EASTER EGG HUNT and
RESURRECTION CELEBRATION!**

A great time was had by all!

From Our Pastor:

EROS and AGAPE: DIFFERENCE IN UNITY

Part 9 of Reflections on *DEUS CARITAS EST (GOD IS LOVE)*
the first Encyclical of Pope Benedict XVI (2005)

"The tendency to avoid the word *eros*, together with the new vision of love expressed through the word *agape*, clearly point to something new and distinct about the Christian understanding of love. In the critique of Christianity which began with the Enlightenment [*a period of philosophical and scientific thought from the late 1700's through the 1800's, FK*] and grew progressively more radical, this new element was seen as something thoroughly negative. According to Friedrich Nietzsche, Christianity had poisoned *eros*, which for its part, while not completely succumbing, gradually degenerated into vice. Here the German philosopher was expressing a widely-held perception: doesn't the Church, with all her commandments and prohibitions, turn to bitterness the most precious thing in life? Doesn't she blow the whistle just when the joy which is the Creator's gift offers us a happiness which is itself a certain foretaste of the Divine?"

"But is this the case? Did Christianity really destroy *eros*? Let us take a look at the pre-Christian world. The Greeks — not unlike other cultures — considered *eros* principally as a kind of intoxication, the overpowering of reason by a 'divine madness' which tears man away from his finite existence and enables him, in the very process of being overwhelmed by divine power, to experience supreme happiness. All other _____

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BIBLE STUDY

based on Sunday's Scriptures
today, 9:45 am
in the office

ALL ARE WELCOME

From Our Pastor, continued from front cover

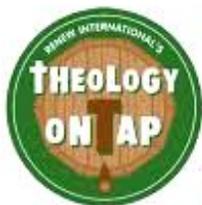
powers in heaven and on earth thus appear secondary: 'Omnia vincit amor' says Virgil in the *Bucolics* — love conquers all — and he adds: 'et nos cedamus amori' — let us, too, yield to love. In the religions, this attitude found expression in fertility cults, part of which was the 'sacred' prostitution which flourished in many temples. *Eros* was thus celebrated as divine power, as fellowship with the Divine" (DCE, 3-4). Pope Benedict is making reference to the temple of Aphrodite, the Greek goddess of love, in the city of Corinth, among other various temples in Sicily, Cyprus, and the whole region around the Black Sea in and north of modern day Turkey. In these temples, women and men, sometimes called priests and priestesses but who were treated more like slaves, would be at the temple for anyone seeking this access to the divine by way of sexual pleasure.

"The Old Testament firmly opposed this form of religion, which represents a powerful temptation against monotheistic faith, combating it as a perversion of religiosity. But it in no way rejected *eros* as such; rather, it declared war on a warped and destructive form of it, because this counterfeit divinization of *eros* actually strips it of its dignity and dehumanizes it. Indeed, the prostitutes in the temple, who had to bestow this divine intoxication, were not treated as human beings and persons, but simply used as a means of arousing 'divine madness:' far from being goddesses, they were human persons being exploited. An intoxicated and undisciplined *eros*, then, is not an ascent in 'ecstasy' towards the Divine, but a fall, a degradation of man. Evidently, *eros* needs to be disciplined and purified if it is to provide not just fleeting pleasure, but a certain foretaste of the pinnacle of our existence, of that beatitude for which our whole being yearns.

"Two things emerge clearly from this rapid overview of the concept of *eros* past and present. First, there is a certain relationship between love and the Divine: love promises infinity, eternity — a reality far greater and totally other than our everyday existence. Yet we have also seen that the way to attain this goal is not simply by submitting to instinct. Purification and growth in maturity are called for; and these also pass through the path of renunciation. Far from rejecting or 'poisoning' *eros*, they heal it and restore its true grandeur" (DCE, 4-5).

Fr. Wyle

YOUNG ADULTS! JOIN US! EVERY WEDNESDAY IN MAY



THEOLOGY
ON TAP
FAITH • FRIENDS • FUN

6:30 - 9 PM

FAT BOY'S PIZZA
COVINGTON

ARCHBISHOP AYMOND HERE AT 5 PM MASS, MAY 24

Archbishop Gregory Aymond will confirm four of our young adults on Tues 5/24 at the 5 pm Mass. Whether or not you have a family member being confirmed, please join them in celebrating this special liturgy and for the reception afterwards. An archbishop's visit is a wonderful reminder that our parish is part of a much bigger, wider Catholic family: the Archdiocese of New Orleans — indeed, the worldwide Catholic Church, because he is the Apostle the Holy Spirit has sent to us.

Our shepherd is taking the time to come out to be with us; he wants to spend time with us. Please make the time to welcome and be with him.

If you'd like to contribute towards the reception, please call Renée Herbert, 985-630-1121.

**Eucharistic Adoration Fri 5/6,
9:30 am - 4:30 pm**

*Sign up for an hour on the
sheet by the church door.*

"Let your door stand open to receive Him, unlock your soul to Him, offer Him a welcome in your mind, and then you will see the riches of simplicity, the treasures of peace, the joy of grace. Throw wide the gate of your heart, stand before the sun of the everlasting light."

St Ambrose (340-397)

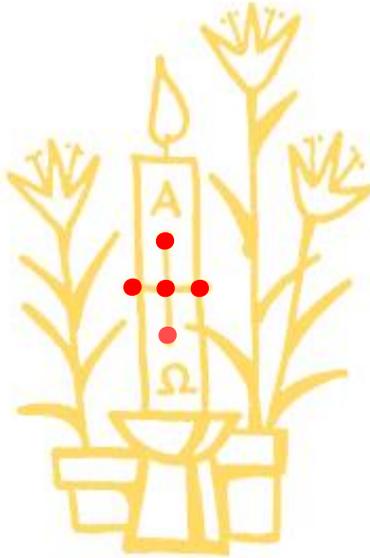
*Bishop, Doctor of the Church;
to him is attributed the
conversion of St Augustine*

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

Holy Family now has an additional Holy Hour opportunity every week

Every Thursday, from the end of the 9 am Mass through 10:30 am, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration. There's no signup sheet; just come for Mass and stay with Jesus afterwards. All are invited to this beautiful time of worship and communion with Him.

LIGHT OF CHRIST!



THANKS BE TO GOD!



It's now time to return your Rice Bowl. Please put it in the marked box in church or hand it to one of our ushers. If you return it on a week-day please bring it to the office. *Thanks.*

EASTERTIDE

The Easter season officially extends for fifty days, through the Solemnity of Pentecost, which in 2022 falls on June 5.



Healing After Loss to Overdose or Suicide

HALOS is an informal, Christian support group for family and friends grieving a loved one lost to overdose or suicide. Led by Deacon Chris Schneider, the group is committed to supporting one another by embracing feelings, sharing conversations, and nurturing one another through spiritual guidance. Our mission is to help each other transform our grieving into a journey of healing. Join us on the 2nd Monday of every month, 7 pm, at St Margaret Mary (Evan Bldg), Slidell. For info: Donna, 985-201-2143.

next meeting of **HALOS:**
Mon 5/9, 7 pm



Coffee Social! next Sun 5/8, 9:45 am, in the hall

Our Coffee Social ladies invite YOU to become a team member. Altar & Rosary membership is not required to become a certified purveyor of caffeine and refined sugar! You'll plan, decorate, bake, serve—and collect compliments—alongside others. The commitment is once a year; you choose the month. Got some friends you could enlist to be co-hostesses? Great idea! Call Joan Badeaux, 985-460-4561, to learn more.

This week's special collection:

HOME MISSIONS

care for the poorer dioceses of the United States

provides for essential pastoral services in financially challenged dioceses in the U.S. Envelopes are available on the bookshelf near the church entrance.



Please pray for:

Ronnie Bazile
Jim Bradle
Jennifer Brown
Jase Cannon
Terry Cantrelle
Beverly Carriles
Johnson Chouest
Carol d'Aquin
Donald Dauterive Sr
Heidi David
Paula Davis
Patsy Evans
Forbes Family
Frank Gennusa
Susan Goss
Fr Peter Hammett OSB
Theresa Hargis
Marlena Hartman
Jerome and Katie Ibarra
Special Intention (WH)
Keith Jambon
James Jones
Lynnie Kass
Larry Lambremont
Dan and Dana LeBlanc
Delaina LeBlanc
Lisa Ledet
Henry and Tina Lirette
Christy Lorio
Jean Lugo
Elsie Markert
Jimmy A. O'Berry
Marie Oswald
Cindy Perez
Linda Plaisance
Bill Power
Mickey Power
Mary Rasch
Roy Richard
Dannell Rome
Sister Suellen Tennyson
Suzy Thomas
Nick Tullier

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

This week's Scripture readings

Mon 5/2

*Athanasius
Bishop, Doctor of the Church*
Acts 6:8-15
Psalm 119:23-30
John 6:22-29

Tues 5/3

*Philip and James
Apostles, Martyrs*
1 Corinthians 15:1-8
Psalm 19:2-5
John 14:6-14

Wed 5/4

Easter Weekday
Acts 8:1-8
Psalm 66:1-7
John 6:35-40

Thurs 5/5

Easter Weekday
Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 66:8-9,16-17,20
John 6:44-51

Fri 5/6

Easter Weekday
Acts 9:1-20
Psalm 117:1-2
John 6:52-59

Sat 5/7

Easter Weekday
Acts 9:31-42
Psalm 116:12-17
John 6:60-69

Sun 5/8

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 13:14,43-52
Psalm 100:1-5
Revelation 7:9,14-17
John 10:27-30

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

It also burns **May 1-7**
in memory of **André Joseph Ibarra**
by request of Eddie and Sue Boudreaux



Mass Intentions

4/30	5 pm	Chris Elmer †Craig Estave Sr †Ernest 'Butch' Landry Jr Claire McGuire Judy Rabuffo †Torry Richoux
5/1	8:30 am	Our Parishioners
5/1	11 am	†Meveline Armentor †Jerry Cancienne †Brendan Fitzsimmons Carmen Giles Fr Kyle Sanders and Family
5/1	3 pm	Sister Suellen Tennyson
5/3	5 pm	†Cornie Hudson
5/4	5 pm	†Joyce Hudson
5/5	9 am	Fr Peter Hammett, OSB
5/6	9 am	Fr Peter Hammett, OSB
5/7	9 am	Sister Suellen Tennyson

**“O death, where is your victory?
O death, where is your sting?”**

1 Corinthians 15: 55

Upcoming events

5/1	Bible Study 9:45 am
5/3	RCIA 6 pm
5/4	Y-Prep 6 pm / CYO 7 pm
5/5	Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm
5/6	Rosary 8:30 am
5/6	Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 am-4:30 pm, Benediction 4:30 pm
5/7	First Saturday- Rosary 8:30 am, Mass 9 am
5/7	Confessions 3:30-4:30 pm
5/7-8	Altar & Rosary Society Bake Sale- all Masses
5/8	Coffee Social 9:45 am
5/10	Altar & Rosary Society 6 pm
5/10	RCIA 6 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 the church and on the table in the office hallway.

Stewardship Report

regular collections \$ 4,042.36

building fund \$ 135.00

Thank you for your generosity.

