



HOLY FAMILY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Serve the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful song. ~ Psalm 100:2

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 3-4 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.

Coffee Social today! 9:45 am, in the hall



From Our Pastor:

EROS and AGAPE: DIFFERENCE IN UNITY

Part 10 of Reflections on *DEUS CARITAS EST (GOD IS LOVE)* the first Encyclical of Pope Benedict XVI (2005)

As we continue to read, we see that Pope Benedict is fleshing out his premise that eros, of itself, is not contrary to the Christian idea of love. However, erotic love does need to be purified and requires a certain maturity acquired through renunciation which heals and restores eros to its true grandeur. "This is due first and foremost to the fact that man is a being made up of body and soul. Man is truly himself when his body and soul are intimately united; the challenge of eros can be said to be truly overcome when this unification is achieved. Should he aspire to be pure spirit and to reject the flesh as pertaining to his animal nature alone, then spirit and body would both lose their dignity. On the other hand, should he deny the spirit and consider matter, the body, as the only reality, he would likewise lose his greatness. The episcure Gassendi¹ used to offer Descartes² the humorous greeting: 'O Soul!' And Descartes would reply: 'O Flesh!' Yet it is neither the spirit alone nor the body alone that loves: it is man, the person, a unified creature composed of body and soul, who loves. Only when both

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Your unconditional
and selfless love
is an image of
the love of God.
We honor you,
we love you,
we pray for God's
blessing on you!

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dimensions are truly united, does man attain his full stature. Only thus is love —*eros*—able to mature and attain its authentic grandeur” (DCE, 5).

This false division of body and soul has plagued Christianity since the beginning. One of the earliest heresies, Gnosticism, arose from the elevation of the soul and the degradation of the body.

Later, Arius and his followers thought so little of the body that God could not have taken one, and so believed Christ was not divine. Jansenism cropped up in the 17th century saying man’s body, because it inherited original sin, was radically depraved and is destined only for sin, again elevating soul over body. As we will hear the Holy Father say shortly, this false dualism affects much thought today about the human person. Body elevated or soul elevated leads to all sorts of confusion including the confusion around transgenderism, which basically says the soul has the wrong body, [I know that’s an oversimplification of a very complicated issue, but it is also at the heart of the confusion. If we have a body/soul composite wherein the soul is intrinsically united to the body and the person is the whole, not a single part, this body dysmorphia our brothers and sisters struggle with is a confusion at the center of their very make-up. They see their body as false, as somehow not true to their soul, as a sort of reversible division that, in fact, is an unchangeable unity].

“Nowadays Christianity of the past is often criticized as having been opposed to the body; and it is quite true that tendencies of this sort have always existed. Yet the contemporary way of exalting the body is deceptive. *Eros*, reduced to pure ‘sex,’ has become a commodity, a mere ‘thing’ to be bought and sold, or rather, man himself becomes a commodity. This is hardly man’s great ‘yes’ to the body. On the contrary, he now considers his body and his sexuality as the purely material part of himself, to be used and exploited at will. Nor does he see it as an arena for the exercise of his freedom, but as a mere object that he attempts, as he pleases, to make both enjoyable and harmless. Here we are actually dealing with a debasement of the human body: no longer is it integrated into our overall existential freedom; no longer is it a vital expression of our whole being, but it is more or less relegated to the purely biological sphere” (DCE, 5). What he’s speaking about here is captured well in the old saying ‘the eyes are windows to the soul.’ As a body/soul composite our souls animate our bodies and our bodies reveal our souls; one fails to operate properly without the other. When the division of body and soul caused by sin is healed through grace we see saints do miraculous things with their bodies: endure courageous fasts, be in two places at once, levitate, and for some saints their bodies were so affected by the grace in their souls that their bodies did not undergo corruption. The body is integral to who we are. We don’t *have* a body, as if the soul operates the body like a driver in a car; we *are* our bodies. “The apparent exaltation of the body can quickly turn into a hatred of bodiliness [as I spoke of earlier with the confusion of transgenderism, FK]. Christian faith, on the other hand, has always considered man a unity in duality, a reality in which spirit and matter compenetrates, and in which each is brought to a new nobility. True, *eros* tends to rise ‘in ecstasy’ towards the Divine, to lead us beyond ourselves; yet for this very reason it calls for a path of ascent, renunciation, purification and healing” (DCE, 5).

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1 Epicureanism originates in Ancient Greece from the materialist philosopher Epicurus. He held to a strict materialism which says spirit does not exist. Furthermore, Epicureanism is also a form of hedonism elevating pleasure as the supreme life goal. Fr Pierre Gassendi was a 17th century French philosopher and scientist who attempted [poorly I might add, FK] to reconcile Epicurean materialism and Christianity.

2 René Descartes was a 17th century French mathematician and philosopher. He coined the famous phrase, “I think, therefore I am.” He understood human life **as** a strict dualism wherein the soul was trying to free itself from the **restraints** of the body, and that the human person was a soul trapped in a body, rather than a body/soul composite.

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

RICE BOWL

LAST
CALL!



May 15 is the deadline 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 weekday bring it to the office please.

Thanks.

'Tis the season

Please contact our office by Monday, May 23 to place your *high school* or *college* graduate on our list of honorees, which will appear in a future bulletin. Congratulations to all our graduates — Holy Family is proud of you!



The same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead lives in *you*.

Romans 8:11

YOUNG ADULTS! JOIN US!
EVERY WEDNESDAY IN MAY

THEOLOGY ON TAP

6:30 - 9 PM
FAT BOY'S PIZZA
COVINGTON



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Pastoral Council Update

The Pastoral Council is composed of the Pastor, ten elected parishioners, and six others appointed by the Pastor. As a consultative body to the Pastor, this council meets once a month to have fruitful and actionable conversation regarding decisions that affect the life of Holy Family Parish. The primary functions of the council are: to assist the Pastor in setting direction, mission, vision, and values for the parish; to participate in pastoral planning; to collaborate with the parish Finance Council; to review and promote the service and ministry activities of the parish; to foster unity and a sense of community in the parish, the archdiocese, and the universal Church; and to support archdiocesan initiatives.

Over the last three years, with Fr Kyle's leadership, the council has worked towards the formulation of a pastoral plan for Holy Family. Some of the fruits that have already been fostered through this work are the new parish logo and mission statement. The Council has established the core values of the parish and operationalized each value in order to create a vision for where Holy Family will be five years from now. Additionally, the council is evaluating the five foundational ministries of the church in order to determine the pastoral priorities. All of this work will culminate in a complete pastoral plan to be shared with all parishioners.

Each month, the Pastoral Council will share a summary of the meeting in the bulletin. Meeting minutes can also be found in the parish office and on our website. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Fr Kyle or a council member.

SAVE THE DATES!!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 11-15

9AM - NOON

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

CALL RENÉE, 985-630-1121



Altar & Rosary
Society
meets
this Monday
5/9, 6 pm
New members
are always
welcome!

Please continue to bring
PEANUT BUTTER and TUNA
(or other canned foods)
for the Help Center.

Your support has
been *fantastic*!

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.



Please pray for:

Jim Bradle
Jennifer Brown
Jase Cannon
Terry Cantrelle
Beverly Carriles
Johnson Chouest
Carol d'Aquin
Heidi David
Donald Dauterive Sr
Paula Davis
Jack Dennis
Patsy Evans
Forbes Family
Frank Gennusa
Marlena Hartman
Jerome and Katie Ibarra
Special Intention (WH)
Keith Jambon
James Jones
Lynnie Kass
Misty LaBorde
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 [holyfamilyfrank-
linton@arch-no.org](mailto:holyfamilyfrank-
linton@arch-no.org), or
call 985-839-4040.*

This week's Scripture readings

Mon 5/9

Easter Weekday

Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 42:2-3; 43:3-4
John 10:1-10

Tues 5/10

Easter Weekday

Acts 11:19-26
Psalm 87:1-7
John 10:22-30

Wed 5/11

Easter Weekday

Acts 12:24—13:5
Psalm 67:2-8
John 12:44-50

Thurs 5/12

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:13-25
Psalm 89:2-3, 21-27
John 13:16-20

Fri 5/13

Our Lady of Fatima

Acts 13:26-33
Psalm 2:6-11
John 14:1-6

Sat 5/14

Matthias Apostle, Martyr

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26
Psalm 113:1-8
John 15:9-17

Sun 5/15

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27
Psalm 115:1-4, 15-16
Revelation 21:1-5
John 13:31-35

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

It also burns **May 8-14** in memory of
Rosalie Nunenmacher and Phyllis Larsen
by request of Ronald and Jackie Nunenmacher



Mass Intentions

5/7	5 pm	+Connie Bychurch +Robert Estave Jr +Erole and Hilda Kreamer +Ernest 'Butch' Landry Jr +Audrey Morel Judy Rabuffo
5/8	8:30 am	Robert and Carol d'Aquin: With Thanks for Prayers Answered +Sally Ward Ducote +Earline Lauzon +Louling Lauzon +Ella Mitchell Fr Kyle Sanders and Family
5/8	11 am	Our Parishioners
5/8	3 pm	Sister Suellen Tennyson
5/10	5 pm	Jerome and Katie Ibarra
5/11	5 pm	+André Joseph Ibarra
5/12	9 am	+Roy Winston
5/13	9 am	+André Joseph Ibarra

Next week's special collection:

Retired Diocesan Priests

Monies donated assist in supporting retired diocesan priests, including the ever-rising cost of health care and nursing homes. Our help is greatly needed: payroll deductions of three active priests are required to support each retired priest; however, currently our archdiocese has only two active priests for every retired priest.



Upcoming events

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
5/11	Y-Prep 6 pm / CYO 7 pm
5/12	Holy Hour 9:30-10:30 am
5/12 *	Friends of St Francis * 10:30* am
5/12	Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm
5/12	Knights of Columbus 7 pm
5/13	Rosary 8:30 am

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 \$ 2,836.25

building fund \$ 70.00

Thank you for your generosity.

