



HOLY FAMILY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." – Matthew 4:19

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: 985-839-4040

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.

From Our Pastor:

Reflections on Pope Benedict XVI's Encyclical *DEUS CARITAS EST (GOD IS LOVE):* **JUSTICE AND CHARITY, PART 9**

Having spoken about the relationship between justice and charity outside the Church, in civil society, "We can now determine more precisely, in the life of the Church, the relationship between commitment to the just ordering of the State and society on the one hand, and organized charitable activity on the other. We have seen that the formation of just structures is not directly the duty of the Church, but belongs to the world of politics, the sphere of the autonomous use of reason. The Church has an indirect duty here, in that she is called to contribute to the purification of reason and to the reawakening of those moral forces without which just structures are neither established nor prove effective in the long run" (*DCE*, 29).

I wanted to pause here, because I realize this is a good time to talk about a controversial topic within the life of the Church, especially here in the United States. I say controversial, misunderstood may be a better word. As we've already heard, the Church, as the organized organ of the communication of the revelation of Jesus Christ, the minister of his sanctification, and the guardian of his promise of eternal life, separates herself from the life of politics. It is not her role or her vocation to ensure the just ordering of society. That is the role of the State, in whichever form it takes.

As Pope Benedict says above, her role is indirect, as communicator of the truth to purify reason and reawaken moral integrity. To that end, priests and bishops are forbidden by Canon Law to hold office at any level of government.

Where the controversy, or misunderstanding, comes is with regard to the Church's interaction with the State. Sometimes the lay faithful and priests

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*Parish
Breakfast*

next Sunday 1/29
9:45 am

Y'all come!



From Our Pastor, continued

expect bishops to entwine themselves in matters of State that frankly are beyond their role and vocation as priests and bishops. At times, priests and deacons, in a genuine desire for good but ill-informed of their responsibility, vocally support candidates for office, so entering into the political life that is not their responsibility. Sometimes, bishops are expected to denounce a candidate which in so doing passively supports another candidate. *This is not the role of the Church.*

Her responsibility is to form reason and reawaken moral forces, to encourage and denounce actions, decisions, ideas, even policies, but *not* people.

"The direct duty to work for a just ordering of society, on the other hand, is proper to the lay faithful. As citizens of the State, they are called to take part in public life in a personal capacity. So they cannot relinquish their participation in the many different economic, social, legislative, administrative and cultural areas, which are intended to promote organically and institutionally the *common good*.' The mission of the lay faithful is therefore to configure social life correctly, respecting its legitimate autonomy and cooperating with other citizens according to their respective competences and fulfilling their own responsibility. Even if the specific expressions of ecclesial charity can never be confused with the activity of the State, it still remains true that charity must animate the entire lives of the lay faithful and therefore also their political activity, lived as 'social charity'" (DCE, 29). Just to reaffirm, it is the express role of the lay faithful, who live in the world and its structures — economic, political, social, and cultural — to bring about the just ordering of society. In other words, you make the change you want to see, in your public actions.

"The Church's charitable organizations, on the other hand, constitute an *opus proprium*, a task agreeable to her, in which she does not cooperate collaterally, but acts as a subject with direct responsibility, doing what corresponds to her nature. The Church can never be exempted from practicing charity as an organized activity of believers, and on the other hand, there will never be a situation where the charity of each individual Christian is unnecessary, because in addition to justice man needs, and will always need, love" (DCE, 29).

A BIG thank you from Friends of St Francis

There's an old adage that a picture is worth a thousand words.

Here's a "paint-by-number" picture of how your generosity made it possible for our Friends of St Francis to bless the lives of our neighbors in need:

26 Thanksgiving baskets distributed

106 Christmas gifts to delight children from **18** families

\$275 in cash donations to help with related expenses.

*Thank you so much for opening your hearts.
May you be richly blessed!*

Annulment Writing Workshop

The Archdiocese of New Orleans will offer a writing workshop for persons seeking, or responding to, an annulment in the Catholic Church. The series will be held on 3 consecutive Saturdays: Feb 11, 18, and 25, 9 am-noon, in the Parish Center of St Clement of Rome (4317 Richland Ave, Metairie). Cost for workshop and materials is \$25. To register visit our website: www.arch-no.org/annulments. For more information, get in touch with Britton at mfl@arch-no.org or 504-861-6243.

You are welcome at any time to reserve a Mass intention. You may do so by calling our office: 985-839-4040. If you have more than 5 intentions, please email, mail, or bring in your list. The customary offering per individual or married couple is \$5.

Are you missing out??

**If you live near Holy Family,
and you could attend
daily Mass,
but you don't,**

... why not??



¹ John Paul II, *Christifideles Laici*, 42.

So, the Christmas Season is over. Now what?

It kind of feels like a letdown. You have all these great celebrations of the liturgical year in Advent and Christmas and Lent and Easter, and then it's just plain old Ordinary Time. Blah. But wait a second. That's not right.

Ordinary Time isn't ordinary. It's much more than that. Here is **The Ultimate Guide to Ordinary Time** to help you get the most out of this liturgical season.

What is Ordinary Time?

Ordinary Time is a liturgical season, just like any other. And just like any other season in the liturgical calendar, this season celebrates a very specific time in the life of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

When we think of liturgical seasons we typically think of the major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. These seasons celebrate what could be thought of as "The Main Event." Namely, the incarnation, birth, passion, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus. Seems like there isn't much to celebrate after that, right? Wrong!

The 33 (or 34 depending on how the feasts fall – more on that in a minute) weeks of Ordinary Time contain the rest of Jesus' earthly ministry and some of the major events of the Gospels we have come to know and love. The miracles, the parables, the calling of the Twelve, the Sermon on the Mount, the Bread of Life discourse... we get all that and more during this season. Truly, there is much to celebrate.

Why the word Ordinary?

The term 'ordinary' in our common use typically refers to something being plain, unimpressive, or unexciting. A kind of 'it is what it is' mentality. For that reason, many people hear 'Ordinary Time' and they immediately think of the season as such. But that understanding doesn't reflect the true meaning of the season.

Ordinary, in this context, comes from the Latin term *ordinalis*, meaning 'numbered' or 'ruled'. This title simply refers to the ongoing and rhythmical nature of the season. Just like everyday life, there is a rhythm to the days and the weeks. Sure, we have holidays and special occasions that we look forward to that change the pace, just like we have holy days and feasts in the Church year. But those special occasions aren't the whole picture, just like there is more to the life of Christ than what we celebrate in other liturgical seasons.

The liturgical color for Ordinary Time is green, to represent the time of growth and expansion of the Church following the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Green is often a symbol for growth and new life.

When is the season?

Ordinary Time has two parts, but it technically comprises one season. The first part begins right after the feast of the Epiphany and runs until Shrove Tuesday (we know it as Mardi Gras), the day before Ash Wednesday (when Lent begins). The second part runs from the Monday after Pentecost until the First Sunday of Advent. Taken as a whole, Ordinary Time typically contains about 33 weeks, depending on how other Catholic feast days fall. Each of these weeks is denoted by the passing of time: the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, etc.

What should we do?

Like all liturgical seasons, Ordinary Time is meant to be lived! We're not passive receptors of the liturgy – or at least we shouldn't be. We are called to be active participants! Participating in Ordinary Time means participating in the everyday life of Jesus. According to the USCCB, "The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time take us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. Ordinary Time is a time for living the life of Christ, for growth and maturation; a time in which the mystery of Christ ought to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ."

Think about that last phrase for a moment: **Caught up in Christ**.

One of the realities of everyday life is that it is easy to get caught up in things: Schedules. Work. Money. Politics. Social media. Worry. The list could go on.

But what would life look like if you were **caught up in Christ**?

Getting caught up in Christ

Here's a short list of ways you can fully embrace this liturgical season and get caught up in Christ:

1. **Examine your habits.** Your day to day life is typically just a series of habits played out one after the other. If you want your life to change, the first place to look is your habits. A great new habit to start: reading the daily Gospel.
2. **Gratitude.** Joy always finds its root in gratitude. Try starting each day by thanking God for five ordinary, everyday things. If you have a family, try going around the table at dinner time and list off things together.
3. **Daily reflection on the life of Jesus, even His mundane moments.** Imagine Jesus doing the simple things. Eating, walking, joking with his friends. Praying. Make yourself a bystander to the Gospel stories in your imagination.

Ordinary Time is anything but ordinary. But the true power of the season is unlocked only if you live it!

Please pray for:

Lawrence Antill
Ruby Ballard
John Blackwell
Linda Boos
Jim Bradle
Philip Buras
Pat Campo
Jase Cannon
Beverly Carriles
Johnson Chouest
Cheryl Christian
Doris Dainello
Charles & Coleen Delatte
Kenny Denmark
Sean Garlick
Debby Gennusa
Frank Gennusa
Amy Guillot
Winston Henderson III
Elijah Herbert
Katie Herbert
Special Intention (WH)
The Jeanfreau Family
The Judy Family
Lynn Kass
Jan LaBorde
Larry Lambremont
Henry and Tina Lirette
Robin Martin
Lenny Morel
Marie Oswald
Linda Plaisance
Mickey Power
The Prats Family
Judy Rabuffo
Roy Richard
Annette Schultz
Alison Teal
The Thomas Family
The Travis Family
Don Winston
The Young Family

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 1/23
Ordinary Time Weekday
Hebrews 9:15,24-28
Psalm 98:1-6
Mark 3:22-30

Tues 1/24
Francis de Sales
Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Hebrews 10:1-10
Psalm 40:2-11
Mark 3:31-35

Wed 1/25
Conversion of St Paul the Apostle
Acts 22:3-16
Psalm 117:1-2
Mark 16:15-18

Thurs 1/26
Timothy and Titus
Bishops
2 Timothy 1:1-8
Psalm 96:1-3,7-10
Mark 4:21-25

Fri 1/27
Angela Merici
Virgin, Religious Founder (Ursulines)
Hebrews 10:32-39
Psalm 37:3-6,23-24,39-40
Mark 4:26-34

Sat 1/28
Thomas Aquinas
Priest, Doctor of the Church
Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19
Luke 1:69-75
Mark 4:35-41

Sun 1/29
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13
Psalm 146:6-10
1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Matthew 5:1-12

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

This week it also burns in memory of
Erole Kreamer
by request of Frank and Debby Gennusa



Mass Intentions

1/21	5 pm	†Jean Lugo
1/22	8:30 am	Our Parishioners
1/22	11 am	†Tony Trapani †Cathy Walters
1/22	3 pm	†Craig Sanders
1/24	5 pm	Jan LaBorde
1/25	5 pm	Jan LaBorde
1/26	9 am	Ben Zeringue
1/27	9 am	Jan LaBorde

Next week's special collection:



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Provides assistance to children whose families cannot afford Catholic school tuition, making Catholic education more available to more children. Envelopes are available on the bookshelf. Thank you.

Upcoming events

1/25	RCIA	6 pm
1/25	CYO	7 pm
1/26	Holy Hour	9:45 am
1/27	Rosary	8:30 am
1/28	Confessions	3:30-4:30 pm
1/29	Parish Breakfast	9:45 am
1/29	JrCYO	9:45 am
2/1	RCIA	6 pm
2/1	Family Faith Formation	6 pm
2/1	CYO	7 pm
2/2	Feast of the Presentation: Blessing of Candles,	9 am Mass
2/2	Holy Hour	9:45 am
2/3	Feast of St Blase: Throat Blessings,	9 am Mass

The current month's calendar is always downloadable at www.holyfamilyfranklinton.org/parish-calendar, dated the 1st of the month. Print copies are on the back table in church and on the table in the office hallway.

Stewardship Report

regular giving \$ 3,481.30

building fund \$ 110.00

Thank you for your generosity.

