

HOLY FAMILY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Have the same attitude as Christ Jesus... He emptied himself... — Philippians 2:5,7

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

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Youth Ministry

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RCIA (instruction for new Catholics)

Eddie Boudreaux: 985-630-9997

Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday, noon.

★ **Enclosed: April calendar and complete schedule for Holy Week and Easter Sunday** ★

Prayer for all who will be received into the Church this Easter

Heavenly Father, it is
Your will to establish
everything in Christ and
draw us all into His all-
embracing love. Our sis-
ter, Tayte, and many oth-
ers across the world,
have been studying and
reflecting on Your Word,
and long for the day
when they can be one
with us at Your table.
Guide and strengthen
them, forgive and heal
them, build them into
the kingdom of Your
Son, and seal them with
the Spirit of Your prom-
ise. We ask this in the
name of Jesus, our Lord.
Amen.



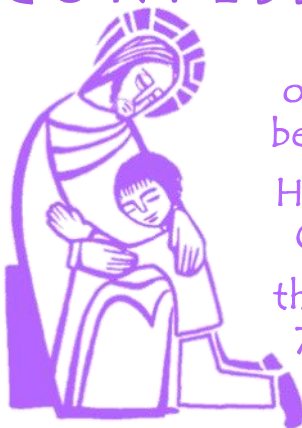
Holy Week fasting/abstinence

Good Friday is an obligatory day of abstinence from meat for Catholics from age 14 onward. It is also an obligatory day of fasting for Catholics ages 18-59. When fasting, a person is permitted one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if needed for strength, but these together should not equal a full meal. Solid foods between meals are not permitted. The obligation to observe these penitential days is a very important part of our spiritual life. One should seek to do more rather than less; fasting and abstinence should be considered a *minimal* response to God's call to penance and conversion of life.

"No Catholic Christian will lightly excuse himself from so hallowed an obligation."

- U.S. Bishops' Statement on Penance and Abstinence

CONFESSIONS



one more
opportunity
before Easter:

Holy Trinity,
Covington
this Wed 4/5
7-8:30 pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS GOOD FRIDAY 6 pm



We adore you, O Christ,
and we praise you,
for by your holy Cross,
you have redeemed
the world.



From Our Pastor

HOLY WEEK 2023

With the celebration of the procession of palms and the Lord's Passion, we start this holiest week of the year. For many of you, this week is old hat. You've celebrated it for much of your life. More than any story in Scripture, you know the Last Supper, the Agony in the Garden, Judas' betrayal with a kiss, Peter's denial,

Jesus being condemned to death by jealous and cowardly men, the carrying of his cross, his crucifixion, and death, his burial, and three days later his rising from the dead. These are the central mysteries of our faith.

I invite you to look at them anew, to open your heart up to receive them, pray with them, and live them with deeper faith. We live in a world that has replaced love with a passing emotion and truth with the whims of the collective. Although some see love as sacrifice, most see it as merely the extension of desire, what the Greeks called *eros*, erotic love. This is indeed is an aspect of love; it is the flame that urges on the lover, but it is also, like fire, wild and unpredictable, and all-consuming of the very air we breathe. As we've heard Pope Benedict say in reflecting on his encyclical *God is Love*, *eros* must be grounded. It needs to be tempered and directed, just as fire can be. We use controlled fire to run our vehicles. A controlled fire purifies metal. It cooks our food. In the same way, *eros* needs boundaries to focus its energy toward its proper end.

When *eros* rules, lies and violence reign. Unchecked desire fills the lover with a divine power that's intoxicating, and desire becomes the controlling factor in the lover's life [the lover in this case is anyone who lives out of *eros* alone]. However, in order to continue to fulfill his desires, which only grow and never diminish, he sees the necessity to lie to get what he wants. Once lies are insufficient, he justifies violence, whether in word or deed. He must take to fulfill this desire. In that way, we see people like Harvey Weinstein, the executives of Enron, Jeffrey Dahmer, but in subtler ways, the Kardashians, Elon Musk, and even closer to home, Edwin Edwards. All left truth behind, caught in the cycle of destructive *eros*.

The force which grounds our *eros* and tempers it is suffering. I don't mean suffering in general, but rather suffering for the sake of the other. This is the witness of Christ, the world's greatest lover; he willingly chose to suffer not just for one, or many, but for all. his love then brought about the salvation of the whole world.

Our weapon against the unchecked desires of this world is to love as Christ loves. To willingly suffer for the sake of the other. To surrender our own desires, for the good of another. This starts in our own home, with small acts of selflessness, just because. It grows from there.

T. Kyle

**Our office will close on Holy Thursday and Good Friday,
and will reopen on Tuesday, April 11, 8 am - 4 pm.**

**Walking With Purpose (women's Bible study) begins Wed 4/26, 6 pm.
Order your *Discovering Your Dignity* book at: www.WalkingWithPurpose.com**





Remember your loved ones with Easter lilies

Easter lilies, the *Allgluia!* of the plant kingdom, beautify and even symbolize our celebration of the Resurrection. If you wish to make a memorial donation towards our Easter flowers: mail or bring your offering to the office, or place it in the collection. If your request is received *by noon on Tues 4/4*, your memorial will appear in our Easter bulletin.

So much food for prayer and reflection during Holy Week

So much happens during Holy Week; the mysteries of our faith are set before us. This week tells the central story of what we believe.

Take time to read, listen to, reflect on, *soak in* the Scriptures! On Palm Sunday this year we hear Matthew's Passion account; it is found in chapters 26-27. The other readings for today are Isaiah 50:4-7, Psalm 22:8-9,17-24, and Philippians 2:6-11.

On Good Friday every year, we hear the Passion according to John. See the list of readings on p. 4 for the Scriptures of Good Friday and the rest of this most Holy Week.

Something to think about

"All are to be welcomed as Christ." ~ St Benedict

It is likely that many visitors and/or infrequent churchgoers will attend Mass here on Easter Sunday. You may arrive to find someone in "your" seat or parking spot. Remember to be warm and welcoming – extending to them the hospitality of the early Christians and of the Benedictines who founded Holy Family.



The fascinating history of the "We adore you, O Christ" prayer from the Stations of the Cross

While St Francis is well-known for his love of the poor and most vulnerable of society, he also had an intense love of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. In his *Letter to All the Friars*, St Francis gave the following exhortation that clearly displays his passion:

"Let the entire man be seized with fear; let the whole world tremble; let heaven exult when Christ, the Son of the Living God, is on the altar in the hands of the priest. O admirable height and stupendous condescension! O humble sublimity! O sublime humility! that the Lord of the universe, God and the Son of God, so humbles Himself that for our salvation he hides himself under a morsel of bread."

Whenever he caught sight of a Catholic church in the distance, St Francis was known to kneel down and give praise to God. Often he would say the following words that he passed on to his friars:

"We adore you, O Lord Jesus Christ, in this church and all the churches of the world, and we bless you, because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world. Amen."

This little prayer was used by Franciscans for many centuries. Over time it was adapted to become a "standard" prayer in the popular devotion known as the Stations of the Cross. Franciscans were instrumental in spreading this

devotion throughout Europe and the United States, so it should come as no surprise that his prayer has become the main prayer for the devotion.

There is a special collection on Good Friday for...




St Paul commends the generosity of the early Christian communities to the Mother Church: "It is a blessing to assist the faithful of Jerusalem" (2 Cor 8:3). The Collection for the Holy Land is true to this spirit. Offerings collected worldwide are given to the Catholic Churches in the Holy Land to care for the Christians and the holy places there.

Typically the prayer is shortened to say, "We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because, by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world."

It is prayed at the beginning of each Station, usually while genuflecting. Next time we pray the Stations of the Cross, may St Francis' passionate love of Jesus inspire us!

This week's Scripture readings

<u>Mon 4/3</u> <i>Monday of Holy Week</i>	Isaiah 42:1-7 Psalm 27:1-3,13-14 John 12:1-11
<u>Tues 4/4</u> <i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>	Isaiah 49:1-6 Psalm 71:1-6,15,17 John 13:21-33,36-38
<u>Wed 4/5</u> <i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>	Isaiah 50:4-9 Psalm 69:8-10,21-22,31-34 Matthew 26:14-25
<u>Thurs 4/6</u> <i>Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper (Paschal Triduum begins)</i>	Exodus 12:1-8,11-14 Psalm 116:12-18 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-15
<u>Fri 4/7</u>  <i>Good Friday of the Lord's Passion (abstinence and fasting)</i>	Isaiah 52:13—53:12 Psalm 31:2,6,12-17,25 Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 John 18:1—19:42
<u>Sat 4/8</u> <i>Holy Saturday The Great Vigil</i>	Genesis 1:1—2:2 / Psalm 33 Genesis 22:1-18 / Psalm 16 Exodus 14:15—15:1-6,17-18 Isaiah 54:5-14 / Psalm 30 Isaiah 55:1-11 / Isaiah 12:2-6 Baruch 3:9-15,32—4:4 / Psalm 19 Ezekiel 36:16-28 / Psalm 42 Romans 6:3-11 Psalm 118 Luke 24:1-12
<u>Sun 4/9</u> <i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (Triduum ends at sundown)</i>	Acts 10:34,37-43 Psalm 118:1-2,16-17,22-23 Romans 6:3-11 John 20:1-9

save the date!



**Come to Holy Family Parish's
Easter Celebration!**
after the 11 am Mass on Sun 4/16.

Pot luck treats 'n' sweets!
Easter Egg hunt for the kids!
More details next week!

Stewardship Report

Regular Collection \$3,661.00 Building Fund \$120.00
Thank you for your generosity.

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

It also burns **April 2-8** in memory of deceased members of the **Marquette and Kilgore families** by request of **Sid and Laura Zeringue**



Mass Intentions

4/1	5 pm	†Robert Estave Jr Theresa Hartfield †Jean and Frank Lugo Jerome Young Sr
4/2	8:30 am	Our Parishioners
4/2	11 am	†Meveline Armentor †Jerry and Esther Cancienne †Louis Corrao †Robert Palmisano
4/2	3 pm	†Craig Sanders
4/4	5 pm	†Robert Palmisano
4/5	5 pm	Samuel Boudreaux
4/6	7 pm	†Patricia Campo
4/7	no Mass - Good Friday liturgy 3 pm	

PLEASE WAIT 'TIL THE WEEKEND **AFTER** EASTER
TO RETURN YOUR RICE BOWLS. THANK YOU!

Upcoming events

4/6 no 9 am Mass
4/7 no 9 am Mass
4/8 no 5 pm Mass

**see insert inside
bulletin
for Holy Week and
Easter schedules**

Please pray for:

Ruby Ballard, Jim Bradle, Mimi Brooks, Donna Bruney, The Buras Family, Jase Cannon, Helen Carpenter, Mark Carpenter, Beverly Carriles, Johnson Chouest, Cheryl Christian, Charles and Coleen Delatte, Kenny Denmark, Sean Garlick, Frank Gennusa, The Henderson Family, Special Intention (WH), Lynn Kass, Venny King, Jan LaBorde, Larry Lambremont, Henry and Tina Lirette, Aimee Boudreaux MacIver, Mike Mulina, Marie Oswald, Mickey Power, The Reilly Family, Judy Rabuffo, Harriet Sanders, The Sheehan Family, Debbie Snell, Alison Teal, Jane Varnado

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