

HOLY FAMILY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Wait for the promise of the Father... You will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." ~ Acts 1:4-5

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 16:

Those Responsible for the Church's Charitable Activity

Last week, we reflected on the first principle Pope Benedict gave for all personnel carrying on the Church's charitable action on the practical level, "the love of Christ urges us on" (2 For 5:14), and that love flows through the Church. Today, he will open up the principle of self-gift as crucial to the Church's charitable activity.

"Interior openness to the Catholic dimension of the Church cannot fail to dispose charity workers to work in harmony with other organizations in serving various forms of need, but in a way that respects what is distinctive about the service which Christ requested of his disciples" (*DCE*, 34). I don't want to get completely sidelined by his whole point in this paragraph, but there are two things to pull from this sentence. He starts by reiterating a point he mentioned earlier in the letter, namely that the Church doesn't do charity in a vacuum. She acts in a world in which, by virtue of her universality, requires her to work with people and organizations who do not hold her same beliefs. In this work, she always stay true to the commandment of Christ which guides her charity. She doesn't compromise who (see p. 2)

she is in the cooperative work of charity. Pope Benedict continues, "Saint Paul, in his hymn to charity (cf. 1 Cor 13), teaches us that it is always more than activity alone: "If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but do not have love, I gain nothing" (v. 3). This hymn must be the *Magna Carta* of all ecclesial service; it sums up all the reflections on love which I have offered throughout this Encyclical Letter. Practical activity will always be insufficient, unless it visibly expresses a love for man, a love nourished by an encounter with Christ. My deep personal sharing in the needs and sufferings of others becomes a sharing of my very self with them: if my gift is not to prove a source of humiliation, I must give to others not only something that is my own, but my very self; I must be personally present in my gift" (DCE, 34).

It's not just about what we *do* for the poor and needy. What sets us apart and allows us to truly fulfill Christ's commandment of love, is how we *care* for the poor and needy. Love isn't just feeding the hungry man, but making myself a gift for the hungry man. In this example, "cooking with love" isn't a wispy metaphor but reality. We spend ourselves for the sake of the hungry man not only that he may eat, but that he may, in eating, recognize his dignity—which we not only recognize but deeply honor. In our charity we must imitate Christ and give our very selves. We give our charity a "personal touch." We all can recognize when charity is cold and impersonal; to love as Christ loves means to put our very selves into our loving.



Six Things Kids Learn When Your Family Skips Mass on Sundays

1. Kids learn that God is important, but not that important.

If I can fit God in, great, but only if it is convenient for me. Football games, sleeping in, and (*insert activity of choice*) are more important than making an effort to be with God one hour a week.

2. Kids learn that God doesn't really mean what He says.

Yes, it is a commandment to keep the Lord's Day holy, but God doesn't understand how busy I am or how many kids I have or how tired I've been, so I can just decide based on my life's circumstances what He really means by this commandment (and any of His other commandments). It's up to us to pick and choose which of God's laws we want to follow.

3. Kids learn that the Church doesn't really expect us to adhere to its teachings.

Yes, it is a precept of the Church to attend Mass on Sundays, but the Church has no idea how busy I am or how many kids I have or how tired I've been, so I can just decide based on my life's circumstances what the Church really means by this precept.

4. Kids learn that *Mass is all about me and what I get out of it.*

When we come and go to Mass as we please, we're forgetting that going to Mass builds the Church community. Your parish may need you to be a lector, sing in the choir, or take up the gifts. Seeing your family in Church might be just the thing an elderly person needs to bring joy to a lonely Sunday. There are many reasons that we are a community of faith and that we come together in worship.

5. Kids learn that when things are difficult/boring, I don't have to do them.

If we don't go to Mass and we tell our kids it's because Mass is "boring" or we "don't get anything out of it," our children learn that we only have to do things that are fun and exciting. This is simply not true regarding both our faith and everyday life.

6. Kids learn to doubt the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and the graces that come from receiving Him.

If you truly believe that Jesus is present in the Eucharist and that He comes to us each Sunday at Mass, what would keep you from Him? Why would you not want to receive the graces He bestows through this incredible gift?

Our *Catechism* teaches us "The Eucharist is the heart and the summit of the Church's life, for in it Christ associates His Church and all her members with His sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving offered once for all on the cross to His Father; by this sacrifice He pours out the graces of salvation on His Body which is the Church."

Parents, I know and fully understand how difficult it is to bring children to church. Often when I leave Mass, I feel as if I have just competed in a wrestling match. No matter how much I plan and prepare, we have plenty of days when the kids are less than angelic.

It is a battle. But, it is a battle worth fighting. There is no better place to bring our children than to the feet of Jesus. There is no better lesson to teach them than to put God first ALWAYS, no matter what else is going on in our lives or how difficult it is to be at Mass.

Guess what'll happen if you wait to bring kids to Mass until they can behave better or life isn't as busy? *It won't happen.* There will always be an excuse to miss out on the celebration of the highest form of prayer we have here on earth, but God will always give us the graces to respond with a "yes" when we ask Him to help us.

Make Sunday Mass the one thing that your family consistently does together. The blessings and graces that will come from this discipline will transform your family life in a powerful way.

(source: <http://catholic-link.org/2016/11/07/children-mass-sundays/>)

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

***New directory and updating of
parishioner contact info***

In August, Holy Family will celebrate 75 years as a parish. To commemorate this event, the Pastoral Council is working to create a parish directory for the church family.

It has been 10 years since Holy Family last published a parish directory. Before doing so, we need to update



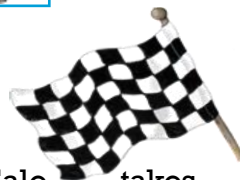
our database, so we ask each family to complete a short survey, easily done online by scanning this QR code.

We will also need a photo of each family. We will take family pics after each Mass this weekend. If you're unavailable today to take pictures, please photograph your family against a white background and text it to 985-515-6935 by June 4.



***[Ladies and] Gentlemen:
START YOUR ENGINES!***

Holy Family's annual Garage Sale takes place on Sat., June 3, 7am-5pm. That means the moment you've been eagerly awaiting is finally here! We are now accepting donations of your gently used and still working items (**no clothing please**). You may bring them whenever you come for Mass, or anytime the office is open (call first), 8am-4pm. Garage Sale proceeds benefit our Religious Education program, keeping costs low for families to enroll their children in our school year program and Vacation Bible School (which will be here before you know it—July 10-14—watch for information soon).



2023 Holy Spirit Novena and Revival

May 19 through May 27

St. John of the Cross Catholic Church

61030 Brier Lake Dr, Lacombe, La. 70445

"Come Holy Spirit, and Renew the Face of the Earth"

never been
to this event?
you owe it
to yourself!

Sunday, May 21	Father Tony Rigoli-Pastor Our Lady of Guadalupe Music: Steve Lee and the Our Lady of Guadalupe Choir
Monday, May 22	Father Thomas Kilasara-Pastor of Sacred Heart Deacon Ricky Suprean-Homilist Music: Linden Uter
Tuesday, May 23	Father Dan Dashner-Parochial Vicar Most Holy Trinity Music: Audrie and Emma St. Cyr
Wednesday, May 24	Father Mark Beard- Pastor St. Helena Church in Amite Music: Colin Melver
Thursday, May 25	Archbishop Gregory Aymond-Archdiocese of N.O. Music: John Finch
Friday, May 26	Father Anthony Odiong-Pastor St. Anthony of Padua Music: Bauer, Brewer, Rhodes, St. Cyr, & Schneidau Healing Mass
Saturday, May 27	Father Tuan Pham-Pastor St. John of the Cross Music: Vince Vicidomina and the SJC Choir

Praise and Worship, and Confessions begin at 6:30 p.m.
Mass begins each evening at 7:00 p.m.

Come, Holy Spirit!



**Enkindle in us
the fire of your love!**

Please pray for:

Lauren Authement
Ruby Ballard
Larry Blanchard
Jim Bradle
Mimi Brooks
Donna Bruney
Jase Cannon
Helen and Mark Carpenter
Beverly Carriles
Johnson Chouest
Cotton Family
Betty d'Aquin
Charles and Coleen Delatte
Kenny Denmark
Patsy Evans
Meleah Foreman
Sean Garlick
Frank Gennusa
Jerry Gill
Ricky and Theresa Hartfield
Henderson Family
Lynnie Kass
Jan LaBorde
Larry Lambremont
Dan LeBlanc
Delaina LeBlanc
Henry and Tina Lirette
Elsie Markert
Lenny Morel
Mike Mulina
Marie Oswald
Linda Plaisance
Mickey Power
Reilly Family
Judy Rabuffo
Harriet Sanders
Noah Schwehm
Jeff Shirley
Nick Shirley
Debbie Snell
Jane Varnado
Jerome Young Sr

Names stay on the list for three months. To add or retain someone, contact our office (see front cover).

This week's Scripture readings

Mon 5/22

Easter Weekday

Acts 19:1-8

Psalms 68:2-7

John 16:29-33

Tues 5/23

Easter Weekday

Acts 20:17-27

Psalms 68:10-11, 20-21

John 17:1-11

Wed 5/24

Easter Weekday

Acts 20:28-38

Psalms 68:29-30, 33-36

John 17:11-19

Thurs 5/25

Easter Weekday

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11

Psalms 16:1-2, 5, 7, 11

John 17:20-26

Fri 5/26

Philip Neri, Priest

Acts 25:13-21

Psalms 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20

John 21:15-19

Sat 5/27

Easter Weekday

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31

Psalms 11:4-5, 7

John 21:20-25

Sun 5/28

Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11

Psalms 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23

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

It also burns **May 21-27** in memory of **Linda Gennusa Schomburg** by request of Frank and Debby Gennusa



Mass Intentions

5/20	5 pm	†B. and E. Abadie †Linda Boos †Scott Brouillette †Eddie Dwyer †Lucrecia LeBlanc †Jean Lugo †Thelma Pitre
5/21	8:30 am	Our Parishioners
5/21	11 am	†Jerry and Esther Cancienne †F. and M.L. Geraci †Albert Sanders
5/21	3 pm	†Bill Ferrante
5/23	5 pm	†Linda Boos
5/24	5 pm	†Linda Boos
5/25	9 am	†Winston Henderson III
5/26	9 am	†Linda Boos

N.B.!

Office hours this week:

M - Th: 8 am - 1 pm, 2 - 4 pm
Fri: closed

This week's second collection:

PETER'S PENCE

provides the means for Pope Francis to respond with aid, at his discretion, to those impacted by oppression, war, disease, or disaster around the world



Upcoming events

5/19-27 Novena to the Holy Spirit
5/20 CYO Spaghetti Dinner and Auction 6-8 pm
5/21 Family pics for new directory - all Masses
5/24 Women's Bible Study 6 pm
5/25 Holy Hour 9:45 am
5/25 Pastoral Council meeting 6 pm
5/26 Rosary 8:30 am
5/27 Confessions 3:30-4:30 pm
5/29 Memorial Day - office closed
5/31 Women's Bible Study 6 pm
6/1 Holy Hour 9:45 am
6/2 Rosary 8:30 am
6/2 Communion service replaces 9 am Mass

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 giving \$ 3,075.00

building fund \$ 400.00

Thank you for your generosity.

