

Pastor

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Mass Schedule (may vary on holy days)

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 Pedro at least six months before anticipated date: 985-839-4040

Baptisms

Contact Fr Pedro: 985-839-4040

Charitable Outreach

Friends of St Francis: 985-201-5882

Religious Education

Renée Herbert: 985-630-1121

RCIA Director (Inquiry into the Catholic Faith)

Eddie Boudreaux: 985-630-9997

Maintenance Coordinator

James Herbert: 985-335-4406

Bulletin Deadline Tuesday, noon.





Clear your calendar for a special Mass to honor Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Tuesday, Dec 12, at 5 pm. After Mass, we'll move the celebration to the parish hall for a potluck fiesta! All are welcome!



Christmas Posada Celebration

December 16th, Following 5pm Mass, Pot Luck to Follow in Parish Hall

A Christmas Posada is a vibrant and deeply rooted Mexican tradition that commemorates the journey of Mary and Joseph in search of lodging in Bethlehem. Typically celebrated in the days leading up to Christmas Eve, the event involves a community procession, with participants taking on the roles of Mary and Joseph, as well as angels and shepherds. Carrying candles and singing traditional songs, the group moves from house to house, symbolizing the Holy Family's guest for shelter. At each stop, they request "posada" or

lodging, and the hosts respond with a song, eventually allowing the procession to enter and join in festivities. The celebration often includes piñatas, festive food, and the sharing of joy and goodwill among neighbors, emphasizing the spirit of unity and hospitality that defines the holiday season.



Holy Family was represented in the Christmas Parade last Saturday night. We want to give a big **THANK YOU** to all those who decorated, pulled, and participated in anyway. We are looking forward to the next parade that Holy Family can ride in.



As we continue to pray for vocations, please Keep all seminarians in your prayers. Mr. Caleb Butler, gave a vocation talk at all Masses last weekend.



To sign up to have the vocation cross. Contact Gina Burdett at 985-320-2744.



As in previous years, Holy Family is making a gift to each family of The Little Blue Book

of Advent readings and meditations. Your family's copy is on the back table.



Knights of Columbus Youth Leadership Award Program



High school seniors that want to apply for the Knights of Columbus Youth Leadership Award, must fill out application and turn it in no later than January 25, 2024.



QR code will bring you to the website (louisianakc.org) for information and to complete the application. Local winner will advance to the next level.

See website (louisianakc.org) or call the church office for more details.

Nominating Council: Fr. John LeBlanc Council 12245

Altar & Rosary Christmas Party Tues 12/12, 10 am, in the parish hall.



Annual Christmas Play Practice December

Practices for or Christmas play, If your child would like to take part in the Christmas play please contact the Church office.

Practice Schedule:

Wednesday, December 13th @ 5pm (Before Family Faith Formation)



Sunday, December 17th @12pm (Dress Rehearsal)

The Play takes place on December 17th at 5pm with Potluck to follow.

Pastoral Council Nominations

It is time to conduct an election to fill vacancies on the council. We currently have three openings.



If you feel a desire to assist God in his work while assisting our Parish in its

growth or if you know someone you think may just need to be invited to run, please submit the nomination to the church office. If you wish to nominate someone other than yourself, please get their permission first.

All parishioners in good standing are eligible for membership on the Councils, either by appointment of the Pastor or by nomination and election.

The Council currently meets monthly for about an hour on the fourth Thursday at 6PM.

Please call Renee at the church office with nominations by Thursday December 14th.

Thank you in advance for your nominations.

Poinsettias in honor of loved ones

Donations may be made in memory of loved ones to help offset the cost of our Christmas flowers. Mark your offering "flowers" and place it in the collection, or mail or bring it to the office. All intentions will be listed in a Christmas season bulletin.



Q: How do I have a Mass said or reserve the Sanctuary Lamp for someone?

A: Just call our office, 985-839-4040. Office hours are on page 1.

<u>Parishioner</u> Registration



please tear out and ember 16th drop in collection

name(s) of head(s) of household:

phone number we can call to ask for the rest of your info:



Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

This week's Special Collection is for the retirement fund for priest and religious. This supports the medical care and day-to-day living expenses of thousands of elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priest. Please prayerfully consider giving to this important cause.

Lector preparation workbooks

a lector, please contact the office..

are available for pickup in our office. If you wish to learn about becoming





WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A KNIGHT

We are Catholic men who lead, serve, protect and defend. We share a desire to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors and role models and to put charity and community first.

For more information on how to join, please contact any Knights of Columbus member.

Figs or Fig Preserves Needed

We are still in need of figs or fig preserves for our St. Joesph Altar committee. If you can have any that you can donate please bring them to the church office during office hours.



For this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Matthew 26:28

Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday, Dec 24, Christmas Eve:

6 pm and 11 pm

Monday, December 25, Christmas Day;

10 am, 12 pm Spanish

Tis the season...

Angel Tree Christmas gift return deadline is **Dec. 17 at Noon**. If you took a tag, it is of utmost importance that you return the gift by the deadline, wrapped and ready for giving with tag attached so it can be correctly identified.



Thanks for your help with this!



Our website is updated weekly, so if you want to know what's going on, or didn't get a bulletin we have you covered.

holyfamilyfranklinton.org

Online giving couldn't be easier

Have you wished for a secure, simple <u>online</u> way to tithe to Holy Family? Our website



provides you with the easiest electronic giving program out there. It allows you to set up one-time or recurring giving, as well as differentiation between various funds. Users will find clear instructions for changing preferences and accessing their records at any time. Even cancellation is a simple process.





Please pray for:

Judy Ardeneaux Ruby Ballard Janelle Barnet Manette Bateman Kristal Bondi Jim Bradle Mimi Brooks Jennifer Brown Donna Bruney Jase Cannon Helen Carpenter **Beverly Carriles Briley Davis**

Charlie and Coleen Delatte Kenny Denmark

Patsy Evans Sean Garlick Frank Gennusa Jerry Gill

Henderson Family Shirley Hartman Lynnie Kass Jan LaBorde Larry Lambremont Danny Luquette Henry and Tina Lirette Michelle Machella JoAnn Magee Elsie Markert Jeff Marshall Cham Mehaffey Michelle Moffatt

Fr Jeffrey Montz Lenny Morel Duane Morreale Marie Oswald Stephen Parks Haley Pederson Linda Plaisance Christie Poussard

Mickey Power

Tanda Schilling Justin Smith (deployed military)

Debbie Snell Jane Varnado Blake Williams Deacon Jay Zimmer

Names stay on the list for three months. To add or retain someone, contact our office: 985-839-4040.

This week's Scripture readings

Mon 12/11

Advent Weekday

Isaiah 35: 1-10 Psalm 85: 9-14 Luke 5: 17-26

Tues 12/12

Our Lady of Guadulupe

Revelations 11:19;12:1-6,10

Judith 13:18-19 Luke 1: 39-47

Wed 12/13

St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

Isaiah 40: 25-31 Psalm 103: 1-4,8,10 Matthew 25: 1-13

Thurs 12/14

St. John of the Cross ,priest and

Doctor of the Church Isaiah 41:13-20

Psalm 145: 1, 9-13 Matthew 11: 11-15

Fri 12/15

Advent Weekday

Isaiah 48:17-19 Psalm 1: 1-4.6 Matthew 11: 16-19

Sat 12/16

Advent Weekday

Sirach 48: 1-4,9-11

Psalm 80: 2-3,15-16,18-19

Matthew 17: 9-13

Sun 12/17

Third Sunday of Advent [Year B]

Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11 Luke 1: 46-50,53-54 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Stewardship Report



Ordinary Income \$4,272.00 **Online Giving** \$815.00 **Total Collections** \$5,087.00 Est. Operating Costs (\$3650.00) Surplus / (Shortfall) \$1,437,00 **Building Fund** \$65.00 Maintenance/Improvement \$1060.00 Thank you for your sacrificial giving.

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

It also burns **December 10- December** 16th

Craig Estave Sr. and Henry J. Estave and

for Family

It also burns to remind us to pray for deceased loved ones. To reserve a week in memory of a loved one, contact our office.

Mass Intentions

12/9 5PM +Craig Estave Sr. Frank Gennusa +Judy Rabuffo +Jude Vidacovich

12/10 8:30 am Louis Boudreaux +Lucretia Cerigny +Clifton d'Aquin **Henderson Family**

+Wynell Ortego

12/10 11 am **Parishioners** 12/10 3 pm Helen Carpenter

12/12 5pm Ray and Pam Zeringue

12/13 5 pm Lucy Becnel 12/14 9 am Lucy Becnel 12/15 9 am +Steve Ayo

Upcoming events

12/10 2nd Sunday of Advent

12/10 Jr. Youth Group & Communion Class

12/10 Augustine Institute's Video Christmas as Christ's Mass in hall 9:45 am.

12/11 RCIA 6:30

12/12 Altar and Rosary Christmas Party @10am

12/12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass and Potluck 5PM

12/13 Pastoral Council Christmas Party 6PM

12/14 Holy Hour 9:45 am

12/14 Friends of St. Francis meeting 10:45 am

12/14 Knights of Columbus Meeting 7 pm

12/15 Rosary 8:30 am

12/16 Confessions 3:30-4:30

12/16 Posada and Potluck 6PM

12/17 CCD Christmas Party 9:30

12/17 Dress Rehearsal and Practice 12 pm

12/17 DEADLINE FOR ANGEL TREE GIFTS NOON!!

12/17 Parish Christmas Play and Potluck 5 pm The current month's calendar is always downloadable at www.holy familyfranklinton.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.