



HOLY FAMILY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Do whatever he tells you." – John 2:5

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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)

Call the office 985-839-4040

Bulletin Deadline Tuesday, noon.

Wedding Feast at Cana

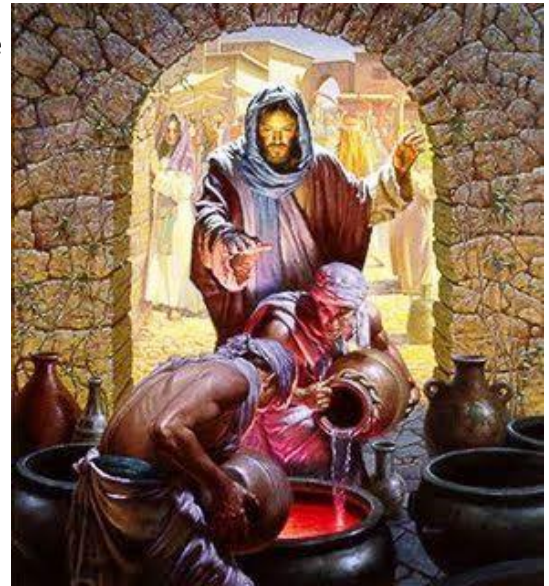
Today, we reflect on one of the most beautiful moments in the Gospels, the Wedding Feast at Cana (John 2:1-11). This event offers profound insights into God's love, Mary's role, and the sanctity of marriage.

At a joyous wedding celebration, a crisis arises: the wine has run out. Mary, the mother of Jesus, notices the need and brings it to her Son, saying, "They have no wine." Her compassionate heart and trust in Jesus' divine power lead to His first public, miracle turning water into wine. This act is not merely practical but a sign of the new covenant of abundance, joy, and grace.

This story underscores marriage as a sacred institution, blessed by God. By performing His first miracle at a wedding, Jesus highlights marriage's significance in His divine plan. Additionally, Mary's instruction, "Do whatever He tells you," remains a guiding principle for all Christians. The abundance of wine also reminds us of God's generous grace, far exceeding our expectations.

In moments when the "wine" runs out in our lives, when strength, joy, or resources seem lacking, let us trust that Jesus can transform our emptiness into abundance. May we honor marriage, seek Mary's intercession, and rely on God's grace to sustain us.

Let us carry the lessons of Cana into our daily lives and reflect on how we, too, can respond to God's call with faith and trust.



Fr. Pedro will be on retreat from Jan. 20th-24th. A Communion Service will take the place of daily Masses while he is away.



Next week's special collection



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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

CYO (Youth Group)

**Wednesday, January 22nd @6 PM and
Sunday, January 26th @ 4:15 PM.**



The Office will be closed this Monday, Jan. 20th, for Martin Luther King Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 21st at 8:00 AM.

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, 2025.

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. (CYLA)

See website (louisianakc.org) for more details.

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***Parish
Breakfast***

**next Sunday 1/26
9:30 AM**

Y'all come!



"God's plan of sheer goodness" — The Catechism in a Year podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz

In response to countless requests, Ascension has launched this podcast. By listening regularly, Catholics will:

- Read the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church in 365 days
- Understand the essentials of the Catholic Faith and why they matter
- See how Church teaching is rooted in Sacred Scripture
- Absorb over 2,000 years of Sacred Tradition
- Encounter God's plan of sheer goodness
- Transform their relationship with the Church that Christ founded.

If you have ever wanted to understand what it means to be Catholic and allow those truths to shape your life—this podcast is for you! You can find the podcast on all major podcast platforms, the Hallow app, or you can view each day's "episode" at Ascension Press's website: <https://media.ascensionpress.com/all-catechism-in-a-year-episodes/> or on YouTube. Though it began on January 1, you can begin anytime with Day 1 and not miss anything. To download the free reading plan, visit: <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear>.

Ordinary Time: more than meets the eye

Advent has wreaths, candles, reflective music—all of which culminate in Christmas with its own icons: lights, gifts, carols, the crèche. Lent has ashes, fasting, Way of the Cross—and Easter: the Resurrection, lilies, Alleluias, and triumphant hymns. It's easier to be engaged with our faith during the High Holy Days. But Ordinary Time? It's just so ... ordinary.

It's reasonable to assume that Ordinary Time got its name because it is "ordinary" or non-exceptional, but that's not the case. Ordinary Time means ordered or numbered time; it's derived from "ordinal" numbers (first, second, third, etc.) as opposed to "cardinal" numbers (one, two, three). Beginning on the Monday after the Baptism of Our Lord (with which we concluded the Christmas season last Sunday), it is counted sequentially until Lent. On the Monday after Pentecost, the count resumes where it left off and goes until the end of the liturgical year. Then the cycle starts over with the First Sunday of Advent.

So how do we stay involved and engaged when the Sundays seem to run together? Here are some ideas:

KEEP THE SABBATH Create family rituals that make Sunday a special day to anticipate. These don't have to be elaborate. Stop at the donut shop on the way home from Mass and let each child pick one — voilà, a new "tradition." Return to the tradition of a sit-down family dinner on Sundays, even if you're eating Popeye's. Read aloud, or listen to an audiobook. Just find something your family enjoys and save that activity for the Sabbath, making it special above the other days of the week.

READ SOMETHING WITH VALUE Have you ever read *The Confessions* by St Augustine? *Introduction to the Devout Life* by St Francis de Sales? *Father Elijah* by Michael O'Brien? While the Church is not preparing for a major feast, we can read what others have written about God, faith, and the meaning of life. Reading morally and intellectually engaging literature is one of the best ways to keep our faith vital and vibrant. Need some recommendations? Fr Kyle's your man.

KEEP A GRATITUDE JOURNAL It's a proven fact that people who "count their blessings" are happier than those who don't. During Ordinary Time, using a notebook and dedicated pen, write at least three things you are thankful for each day. Notice the tangible, practical ways God shows His providence. They don't have to have wow-factor; "I really enjoyed my hot cup of tea this morning" suffices. As the days go by, our eyes are opened to God continually showering abundance on us. We find daily joy in seeing what new gift He has for us that day. Life-changing things don't need to be big. Often they are as simple as a record of our blessings to look back on in times of difficulty.

Ordinary Time is ordinary only if we think of it that way! Rather than as long boring stretches between the "good stuff," if we think of these weeks as a time to refocus our energies on our spiritual growth (represented by its liturgical color, green), it can be a refreshing time of year.

~adapted from: www.osv.com/MyFaith/Vocation/Article/

Ordinary-Time-Growing-in-Faith-Throughout-the-Year

Tax Letters



If you wish to receive a tax donation letter, please contact the church office. We will make a list and contact you when the letters are ready for pickup at the office.



We are still in needed of people/
families for the
Vocation Cross.

Contact Gina Burdett: 985-320-2744

Parishioner Registration

short
form ☺

Please tear out and drop in collection

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

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

Please pray for:

Please pray for:

Judy Ardenaux
Ramona Augustine
Belinda Ayo
Mickie Ayo
James & Ruby Ballard
Janell Barnett
Barbara Berlin
Sr. Theresa Berlin
Kristal Bondi
Janet Bourgeois
Jim Bradle
Peter Brady
Paul Breaux
Mimi Brooks
Donna Bruney
Jase Cannon
Beverly Carriles
Peter Caulfield
Chauvin Family
Mary Ann Davis
Coleen Delatte
Holli Delaune
Kenny Denmark
Catherine Dufrene
Patsy Evans
Amy Frey
Debby & Frank Gennusa
F. Paul Gennusa III
Brenda Griffin
Paul & Peggy Harris
Henderson Family
Juneau Family
Lynnie Kass
Jan LaBorde
Lancashire Family
Meleah Foreman
Larry Lambremont
Eve LeBlanc
Tina Lirette
JoAnn Magee
Mirtha Martin
Cham Mehaffey
Michelle Moffitt
Joseph Monaco
Fr Jeffrey Montz
Lenny Morel
Nick Ordoyne (deployed military)
Marie Oswald
Gwen Park
Jimmy Perea
Linda Plaisance
Mickey Power
Jeff Reed
Lindsey Seals
Robert Christian Seals
Terri Schwehm
Justin Smith (deployed military)
Glenn Snell
Caden Templet
Tammy Thomas
Shelly Tramontana
Jane Varnado
Patricia Young
Elsa Zeringue
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 1/20

Weekday

Hebrews 5: 1-10

Psalms 110: 1-4

Mark 2: 18-22

Tues 1/21

St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

Hebrews 6: 10-20

Psalms 111:1-2, 4-5, 9,10

Mark 2: 23-28

Wed 1/22

Weekday

Hebrews 7: 1-3, 15-17

Psalms 110: 1-4

Mark 3: 1-6

Thurs 1/23

Weekday

Hebrews 7: 25—8: 6

Psalms 40: 7-10, 17

Mark 3: 7-12

Fri 1/24

*St. Francis de Sales, Bishop,
Doctor of the Church*

Hebrews 8: 6-13

Psalms 85: 8, 10-14

Mark 3: 13-19

Sat 1/25

*The Conversion of St. Paul,
The Apostle*

Acts 22: 3-16

Psalms 117: 1-2

Mark 16: 15-18

Sun 1/26

*Third Sunday in Ordinary
Time*

Nehemiah 8: 2-4, 5-6, 8-10

Psalms 19: 8-10, 15

1 Corinthians 12: 12-30

Luke 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21

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

It also burns **January 19th-25th**
For Jan LaBorde and Brandi Sander
At the request of Rene LaBorde & Sierrah Sander

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:

1/18 5PM +Ralph Buttner
+Robert Joseph Estave Jr.
Frank Gennusa
Jimmy Perea

1/19 8:30 AM Jan LaBorde
+Susan Badeaux Fox
Jimmy Perea
+Brandi Sander

1/19 11 AM Parishioners

1/19 3 PM +Isaias Perez Marchant
Por Todas Las Almas Del Purgatorio

1/21-24th– Communion Services

Upcoming events

1/19 Knights Rosary in Prayer Garden 9:30

1/19 CCD/Jr. Youth Group 9:40-10:45 AM

1/19 RCIA @ Noon

1/20 **Office Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

1/20-24th-Fr. Pedro on Retreat

1/21 Communion Service 5 PM

1/22 Communion Service 5 PM

1/23 Communion Service 9 AM

1/23 Holy Hour 9:30-10:30 AM

1/24 Rosary 8:30 AM

1/24 Communion Service 9 AM

1/26 Parish Breakfast 9:30 AM

1/26 CCD/Jr. Youth Group 9:40-10:45 AM

1/26 RCIA Noon

1/26 CYO 4:15 PM

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

Ordinary Income	\$2471.00
Online Giving	\$800.00
Total Collections	\$3,271.00
Est. Operating Costs	(\$3,650.00)
Surplus / (Shortfall)	(\$429.00)
Building Fund	\$100.00
Maintenance/Improvement	\$440.00
Thank you for your sacrificial giving.	

