



HOLY FAMILY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart. Psalm 19:9

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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

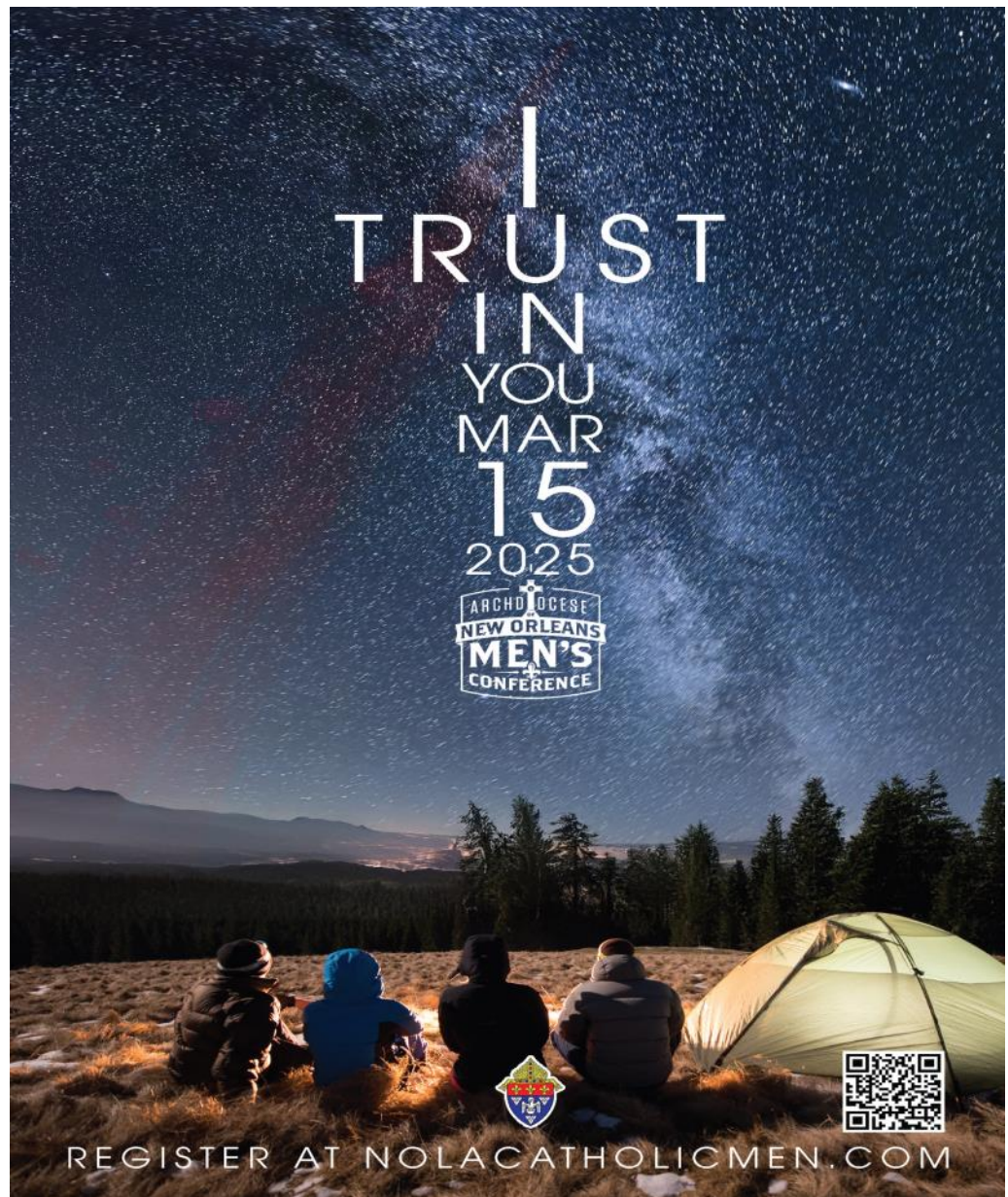
Religious Education

Renée Herbert: 985-630-1121

RCIA Director (Inquiry into the Catholic Faith)

Call the office 985-839-4040

Bulletin Deadline Tuesday, noon.



Fr. Pedro will be on vacation and out of the country January 27th-February 7th. Communion Services will take the place of all regular scheduled Daily Masses. We will have a visiting priest for Confession, Vigil Mass, and all Sunday Masses. Keep him in your prayers for a safe and refreshing trip.





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January 2025

To the Clergy, Religious and Laity of the Archdiocese of New Orleans

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Pope Francis has named the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time as **Sunday of the Word of God**. This is an annual observance aimed at helping us grow in a deeper appreciation of the Sacred Scriptures.

When we gather on Sunday or for any Mass, God speaks his word to us through the Scriptures. Our desire is to open our ears and our hearts to listen attentively. May I suggest that we could more effectively do this by reading the Sunday Scriptures before Mass in order to prepare our hearts to receive his word.

As we reflect on the importance of the Word of God in our lives, it would be an opportunity to give some consideration to joining a Bible study group, reading a few verses of Scripture every day or reading a book explaining the Scriptures.

God speaks to us in many ways, but in a very unique way, through the Scriptures. By praying the Scriptures, we will know of God's personal love for us and his call to be disciples of Jesus.

Wishing you God's blessings, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans

COMING FEBRUARY 1st and 2nd:

LEGACY SUNDAY

Legacy Sunday will be celebrated at all Masses on February 1 st and 2nd. Our Catholic legacy is both the spiritual AND material impact we leave on the world. A Catholic legacy includes our children & family, the spiritual impact we had on others, the work we accomplished, the valuables we leave behind, our charitable support of those in need and the support of our parish and the larger Catholic Church. Charitable giving is a part of our Catholic legacy. Once we make provisions for our loved ones, we have an opportunity to leave a lasting gift to God by leaving a legacy donation in our will. Despite the impact our parish leaves on us, so often it is the parish overlooked in our wills in favor of other charitable organizations. We can show you how to add our beloved parish to your will. Please pray about your legacy and contact the parish office who will contact the Catholic Community Foundation. Stay tuned for more information.

Forty days after Christmas the infant Jesus was presented in the temple of Jerusalem and placed in the arms of the old man Simeon ([Luke 2:22-40](#)) who declared:

*Lord, you now have set your servant free
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.*

Detail of the Presentation in the Temple by Fra Angelico



In the Church this day is celebrated on February 2, forty days after Jesus' birth. It is a major feast and is variously known as the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, the Feast of Meeting, the Purification of Mary, and Candlemas. Each name highlights a particular aspect of the day.

It is customary on Candlemas to bless candles; the candles to be carried in the procession, the candles that will be used throughout the liturgical year, and candles that are given to the congregation to take home. The candlelight is an outward and visible sign of Christ who illumines our heart and inner being.

St. Symeon the New Theologian (949-1022) offers a beautiful and insightful reflection on lighting candles:

The candles which you light reveal to you the intelligible light. Just as the church, that house of great beauty, is full of light from many candles, so the house of your soul, which is more precious than that church, should be illumined and full of light in a noetic sense – that is to say, that within you all the spiritual virtues should burn with divine fire... The multitude of burning lamps signify the illumined thoughts which should shine within you like lamps, so that there should be no dark thought in the house of your soul, but that all should be aflame and shining with the light of the Holy spirit.

St. Anselm (1033-1109), Archbishop of Canterbury, speaking about the mystery of the Feast of the Presentation, invites us to consider three aspects of the blessed candles. He says, "The wax of the candles signifies the virginal flesh of the Divine Infant, the wick figures His soul, and the flame His divinity."

Next Week we will present one candle per family, but you are welcome to bring your own candles from home to be blessed.



The Help Center at our church's Food Bank is facing an urgent need for specific items to support the growing number of families seeking assistance. Due to a significant influx of those in need, the Help Center of Churches is running critically low on essential food supplies. We kindly ask for donations of canned corn, canned peas, Jiffy Mix, any variety of rice mix, macaroni and cheese, and canned tuna. These staples are vital in helping us provide nutritious meals to the families in our community. Your generosity can make a meaningful difference during this time of increased need. Thank you for your support!



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JR. HIGH RETREAT
MARCH 22-23, 2025

OPEN TO ALL
5TH, 6TH, AND 7TH GRADERS
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be not afraid
Matthew 14:27

Camp Abbey
RETREAT CENTER COVINGTON, LA

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\$70 PER PERSON**

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
CONTACT THE CYO/YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICE:
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Please pray for:

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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
 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
 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 1/27

Weekday

Hebrews 9: 15, 24-28

Psalms 98: 1-6

Mark 3: 22-30

Tues 1/28

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church

Hebrews 10: 1-10

Psalms 40: 2, 4, 7-8, 10-11

Mark 3: 31-35

Wed 1/29

Weekday

Hebrews 10: 11-18

Psalms 110: 1-4

Mark 4: 1-20

Thurs 1/30

Weekday

Hebrews 10: 19-25

Psalms 24: 1-6

Mark 4: 21-25

Fri 1/31

St. John Bosco, Priest

Hebrews 10: 32-39

Psalms 37: 3-6, 23-24, 39-40

Mark 4: 26-34

Sat 2/1

Weekday

Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19

Luke 1: 69-75

Mark 4: 35-41

Sun 2/2

The Presentation of the Lord

Malachi 3: 1-4

Psalms 24: 7-10

Hebrews 2: 14-18

Luke 2: 22-40

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

It also burns **January 26th-Feb. 1st** For Doug LeBlanc Sr.

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:

1/25	5PM	+Joshua Bourgeois +Doug LeBlanc Sr. +Linda Schomburg Ben Zeringue
1/26	8:30 AM	Parishioners
1/26	11 AM	+Edward Buttner +Jerry & Esther Cancienne Frank Gennusa Jim Jambon Jimmy Perea Lance Ragas Jr. Jesus Roman Luz Roman +Sebastian Roman +Matthew Sroufe +Antonia Elizade +Dolores Marchant +Ceferino Perez
1/26	3 PM	Communion Services
1/28-2/1		

Upcoming events

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
1/28	Communion Service 5 PM
1/29	Communion Service 5 PM
1/29	CYO 6-7 PM
1/30	Communion Service 9 AM
1/30	Holy Hour 9:30-10:30 AM
1/31	Rosary 8:30 AM
2/1	Communion Service 9 AM
2/1-2/2	Blessing of Candles at all Masses

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	\$0,000.00
Online Giving	\$0,000.00
Solemnity of Mary collection	\$000.00
Total Collections	\$0000.00
Est. Operating Costs	(\$3650.00)
Surplus / (Shortfall)	\$000.00
Building Fund	\$000.00
Maintenance/Improvement	\$00.00

