



HOLY FAMILY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Lord...formed me as his servant from the womb. — Isaiah 49:5

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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

OCIA (Inquiry into the Catholic Faith)

Call the office 985-839-4040

Bulletin Deadline Tuesday, noon.

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.

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.

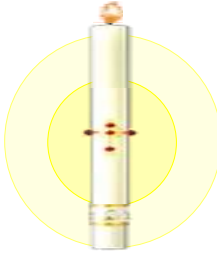
~ adapted from: www.osv.com/MyFaith/Vocation/Article/Ordinary-Time-Growing-in-Faith-Throughout-the-Year



Food for Thought... Lent is quickly approaching (Feb. 18), so make a plan. Since Fridays are meatless, help support Friends of St. Francis as they serve fried fish. This year we will be sharing the responsibilities by dividing into two teams: PREP/SERVE and CLEAN UP. Please pray about using the clean up duty as a special Lenten penance. You'll be offering up your favorite Friday night pastime for charity.

Call Juhn Marie Green @ 985-515-4334 if you would like to volunteer or just inquire. Thank you in advance!

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Jan LaBorde**, who passed away on **January 11**. Please keep **Rene, Sierrah**, and all of **Jan's family and friends** in your prayers during this difficult time. May she rest in the peace of Christ.



Silver Wedding

Anniversary Celebration



The Office of Marriage and Family Life is pleased to announce that the annual Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held on Sunday, March 15, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, New Orleans. This prayer service will honor couples who are celebrating or have recently celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

The celebration is open to couples married between 1996 - 2001. To register, please contact your parish office before Monday, Feb. 2, 2026. Please Note: The Silver Wedding Anniversary celebration is a prayer service, not a Mass and will not fulfill the couple's Sunday obligation.

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 24, 2026.

Local winner will advance to the next level. (CYLA)

See website (louisianakc.org) for more details.

Use George Martinez's email @ bcome1usmc@gmail.com

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/LouisianaKnightsOfColumbusCouncil/CYLAApplication>

Fr. Pedro's Vacation

Father Pedro will be on vacation starting on January 19th.thur the 23rd. During his absence, the daily Mass will be replaced with Communion services to ensure that our spiritual community continues to be nourished. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this time. It's important to note that all weekend Masses will proceed as scheduled. We look forward to Father Pedro's return and wish him a restful and rejuvenating vacation.

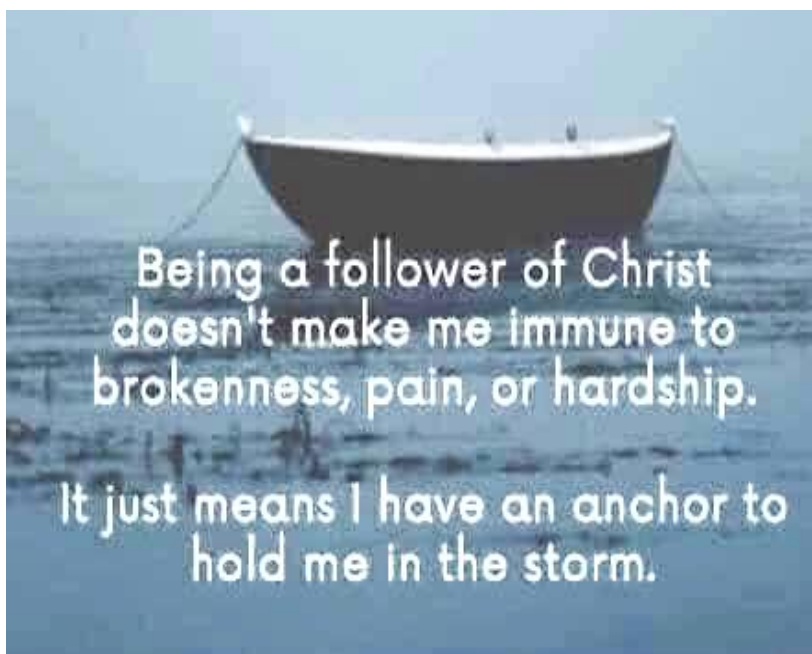
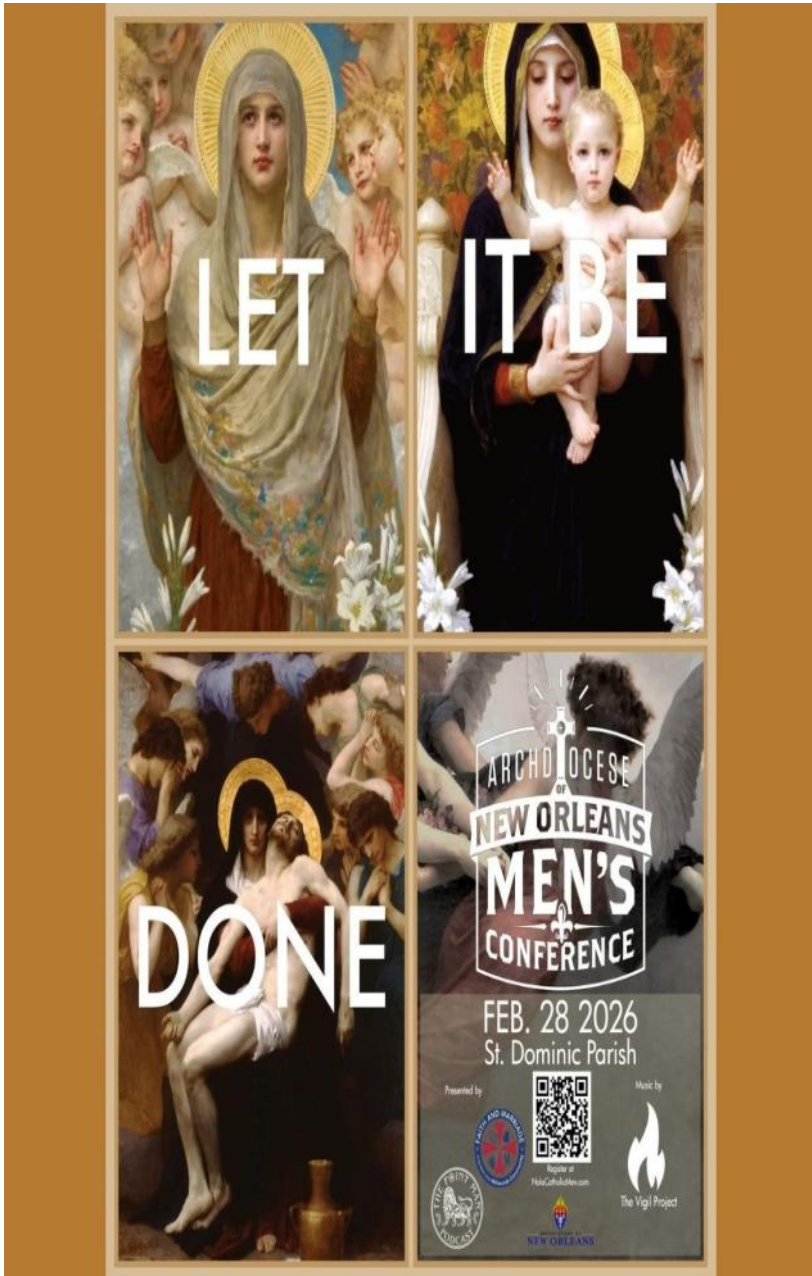


Next Week's Second Collection:



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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



Read and Understand the Bible with *The Bible in a Year* Podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz!

“As cradle Catholics, we hear Scripture at Mass and occasionally in self study but never like this. *The Bible in a Year* brings it all together.”
—Ignacio G.

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Understand Your Catholic Faith with *The Catechism in a Year* Podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz!

By listening to this podcast, Catholics will:

- Read the entire *Catechism of the Catholic Church* in 365 days
- Understand the essentials of the Catholic Faith and why they matter
- Transform their relationship with the Church that Christ founded

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Please Pray for:
 Judy Ardeneaux
 Ramona Augustine
 Adam Authement
 Belinda Ayo
 Mickie Ayo
 Ruby Ballard
 Barbara Berlin
 Jim Bradle
 Peter Brady
 Mimi Brooks
 John Brumfield
 Donna Bruney
 Jase Cannon
 Beverly Carriles
 Rose Copsey
 Mary Ann Davis
 Holli Delaune
 Kenny Denmark
 Judy Ferrante
 Amy Frey
 Debby Gennusa
 Joleen Hickman
 Anna Jambon
 Linnie Kass
 LaBorde Family
 Larry Lambremont
 Eve LeBlanc
 Sandra Lee
 Tina Lirette
 Heather Luper
 JoAnn Magee
 Lizzie Maki
 Dana Matherne
 Cham Mehaffey
 Michelle Moffitt
 Joseph Monaco
 Lenny Morel
 Alyssa Morgan
 Cheryl Morse
 Ronald Nunenmacher
 Nick Ordoyne (deployed military)
 Marie Oswald
 Gwen Park
 Linda Plaisance
 Tracy Phillips
 Mickey Power
 Jeff Reed
 Denise Robinson
 Heather Bush Seal
 Lindsey Seals
 Robert Christian Seals
 Justin Smith (deployed military)
 Marilyn Stein
 Juanita Sykes
 Joanne Thorp
 Shelly Tramontana
 Angela Tubbleville
 Alvin Triche
 Jane Varnado
 Steve Weins
 Horace Williams
 Patricia Young

*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 1/19

Weekday

1 Samuel 15: 16-23
 Psalm 50: 8-9, 16-17, 21, 23
 Mark 2: 18-22

Tues 1/20

Weekday

1 Samuel 16: 1-13
 Psalm 89: 20-22, 27-28
 Mark 2: 23-28

Wed 1/21

St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

1 Samuel 17: 32-33, 37, 40-51
 Psalm 144: 1-2, 9-10
 Mark 3: 1-6

Thurs 1/22

Weekday

1 Samuel 18: 6-9; 19: 1-7
 Psalm 56: 2-3, 9-13
 Mark 3: 7-12

Fri 1/23

Weekday

1 Samuel 24: 3-21
 Psalm 57: 2-4, 6, 11
 Mark 3: 13-19

Sat 1/24

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

2 Samuel 1: 1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27
 Psalm 80: 2-3, 5-7
 Mark 3: 20-21

Sun 1/25

Third Sunday in O.T.

Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14
 Psalm 128: 1-5
 Colossians 3: 12-21
 Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23

The Sanctuary Lamp burns constantly
 to proclaim the Real Presence of Jesus
 in the tabernacle.
 It burns
January 18th-24th
Erole Kreamer Sr.
Requested by Debby Gennusa
 It also burns to remind us to pray
 for deceased loved ones.



Mass Intentions:

1/17 5 PM +Dorothy Baldassero
 +Joseph Baldassero Sr.
 +Robert Joseph Estave Jr.
 1/18 8:30 AM +Doris Dosier
 +Jan LaBorde
 +Darlene Neal
 +Jimmy Perea
 +Tim Rush
 +Jim Seman
 +Robert & Lillian Vishno
 Parishioners
 1/18 11 AM +Julia Flores
 1/18 3 PM +Macedonio Morales
 Tomas Trejo
 1/20 5 PM Communion Service
 1/21 5 PM Communion Service
 1/22 9 AM Communion Service
 1/23 9 AM Communion Service

Upcoming events

1/18 Knights Rosary in Garden @ 9:30 am
 1/18 CCD/Jr. Youth @ 9:40 am
 1/18 OCIA Class @ Noon
 1/18 Convivio/Pot-Luck @ 4 pm
 1/19 Office Closed!!
 1/19-23rd Fr. Pedro on Retreat
 1/19 Women's Bible Study 1:30 pm
 1/20 Communion Service 5 pm
 1/21 Communion Service 5 pm
 1/21 Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm
 1/22 Communion Service 9 am
 1/22 Holy Hour 9:30 am
 1/23 Rosary @ 8:30 am followed by
 Communion Service
 1/24 Confessions 3:30-4:30 pm
 1/25 CCD/Jr. Youth @ 9:40 am
 1/25 OCIA Class @ Noon

*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 \$2,635.00
Online Giving \$880.00
Total Collections \$3,515.00
Est. Operating Costs (\$4,200.00)

Building/Maintenance Fund \$ 140.00

Thank you for your sacrificial giving.

