



# HOLY FAMILY

Catholic Church ♦ Franklinton, LA

First Sunday  
of Advent

December 2, 2018

The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill my promise... — *Jeremiah 33:14*

## Pastor

Rev. Kyle J. Sanders

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## Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am, 11 am, and  
3 pm (en Español)

## Weekday Masses

no Mass on Monday

Tuesday, Wednesday: 5 pm

Thursday, Friday: 9 am

## Confessions

Saturday 3:30 - 4:15 pm

and by appointment

## Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of every month

9:30 am - 4:30 pm

## Charitable Outreach

Friends of St Francis

(985) 515-2944

## Religious Education

Renée Herbert: (985) 630-1121

## Youth Ministry

Eddie Boudreaux: (985) 630-9997

## Marriages

Contact Fr Kyle at least six months  
before your anticipated date.

## Baptisms

Contact Fr Kyle when you are ready  
to have your child baptized.

## Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday, noon.

## THE VIGIL PROJECT COMES TO HOLY FAMILY MONDAY, DECEMBER 3 7 PM, IN OUR COURTYARD

### New (liturgical) year's resolution

During Advent, we crave a quiet moment now and then to reflect on the real meaning of the coming celebrations. Daily Mass is an oasis of peace and connection with Christ. By this time next year, most of the details consuming us right now will be forgotten; but imagine being able to look back and say, "My relationship with the Lord really began to deepen when I started going to daily Mass last Advent." A more centered, peaceful outlook and a closer walk with Jesus are the gifts he offers you.

### Poinsettias in honor of loved ones

Donations may be made in memory of loved ones to help defray 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.

### 'Tis the season...

Angel Tree Christmas gift tags will be available the next two weekends. Look for the Friends of St Francis outside at all Masses. Gift return deadline is December 16. *If you take tags, it is of utmost importance that you return the gifts by the deadline, wrapped and ready for giving, with tags attached so they can be correctly identified.* Thanks for your help with this.

## Mass Intentions

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| 12/1 | 5 pm    | +Jessie Andras<br>+Harold Carriles<br>+Marilyn Galivan<br>+Rachel Penton<br>+Shirley LeBlanc<br>+Teresa Ringbom<br>+Toni Carriles Hedrick<br>+Katie Westmoreland<br>McCain |
| 12/2 | 8:30 am | Juanita Muhs<br>Nick Tullier<br>+Brandi Sander<br>+Audrey Morel<br>+Versey Peterson<br>+Katie Westmoreland<br>McCain   |
| 12/2 | 11 am   | Parishioners   |
| 12/2 | 3 pm    | +Rodney Ranson   |
| 12/4 | 5 pm    | +Katie Westmoreland<br>McCain  |
| 12/5 | 5 pm    | +Kaye Varnado  |
| 12/6 | 9 am    | Michael Zeringue   |
| 12/7 | 9 am    | +Rodney Ranson   |
| 12/7 | *6 pm   | +Katie Westmoreland<br>McCain  |
| 12/8 | *9 am   | Harriet Sanders  |

### Holy day of obligation this week

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is this Saturday 12/8. As Mary under this title is the patron of our country, it is a holy day of obligation. We'll have a 9 am Mass on Saturday, as well as a 6 pm vigil Mass on Friday 12/7.

### Advent "Little Blue Books" for you

As in previous years, Holy Family is making a gift to each family of a book of Advent Scripture readings and meditations. Your family's copy is in the back of the church.

*The Sanctuary Lamp will burn*

*December 1 - 7*

*in memory of*

**JESSIE ANDRAS**

*by request of*

**Sandra Andras**



### ***So there's Benediction after Adoration this Friday... What is that, exactly?***

Exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament are very old devotions in our Church, which highlight the fundamental mystery of the holy Eucharist — that our Lord is truly present, body and blood, soul and divinity in the Blessed Sacrament.

The ritual for exposition and benediction is basically this: As a hymn of praise is sung, the priest places the Blessed Sacrament in a monstrance on the altar for adoration. During the period of adoration, the faithful may pray in quiet, fostering a deeper spiritual communion with the Lord. However, the adoration period may also include prayers, such as a novena or Liturgy of the Hours, and readings from sacred Scripture. At the end of the period of adoration, the priest incenses the Blessed Sacrament as a hymn of praise is sung; he then blesses the congregation with the Blessed Sacrament, making the sign of the cross. He leads the congregation in praying the Divine Praises, after which he reposes the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle.

This ritual arose around the institution of the feast of Corpus Christi in 1264 by Pope Urban IV, who commissioned St Thomas Aquinas to compose the two hymns which open and close the ritual, "O Salutaris Hostia" and "Tantum Ergo." On this feast day, the holy Eucharist was carried in procession in vessels similar to our present day monstrances, which allowed the faithful to view the Blessed Sacrament. The custom arose, especially in Germany, of keeping the Blessed Sacrament continually exposed to view in all churches.

In proclaiming 2005 the Year of the Eucharist, Pope St John Paul II exhorted us: "Eucharistic adoration outside Mass should become a particular commitment for individual parish and religious communities. Let us take the time to kneel before Jesus present in the Eucharist, in order to make reparation by our faith and love for the acts of carelessness and neglect, and even insults that our Savior must endure in many parts of the world. Let us deepen through adoration our personal and communal contemplation, drawing upon aids to prayer inspired by the word of God and the experience of so many mystics... The rosary itself, when it is understood in the biblical and Christocentric form, proves a particularly fitting introduction to Eucharistic contemplation, carried out with Mary as our companion and guide" (*Mane nobiscum Domine*, No. 18).

In a very personal way, he also reflected, "It is pleasant to spend time with Him, to lie close to His breast like the Beloved Disciple, and to feel the infinite love present in His heart... How often dear brothers and sisters, have I experienced this, and drawn from it strength, consolation, and support!" (*Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, No. 25).

As Jesus said to the apostles in Gethsemane: "Could you not stay awake with me one hour?" What will be our answer?

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### ***Upcoming events***

- 12/3 **THE VIGIL PROJECT**  
7 pm in our courtyard
- 12/4 Scripture Study 6 pm
- 12/5 Y-Prep 6 pm
- 12/5 CYO 7 pm
- 12/6 Lector Training 6 pm
- 12/6 Pastoral Council 7 pm
- 12/7 Rosary 8:30 am
- 12/7 Eucharistic Adoration  
9:30 am - 5:30 pm  
Benediction at 5:30 pm
- 12/7 Vigil Mass for Immaculate  
Conception 6 pm
- 12/8 Immaculate Conception  
Mass 9 am
- 12/8 Confessions 3:30-4:15 pm
- 12/9 Coffee Social 9:30 am
- 12/9 CCD 9:45 am
- 12/11 Altar & Rosary 11 am
- 12/12 **Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
**Misa en español 6 pm**  
**Fiesta after Mass**

### ***Attention all Lectors:***

Fr Kyle has asked that you attend a training session here at Holy Family, this Thurs 12/6, 6 pm.

This is for *all* Lectors. It is neither a substitute for, nor a repeat of, the training workshop required by the Archdiocese.

Please pick up your 2019 workbooks when you come for the training.

### ***Stewardship Report***

At the time this bulletin was printed, last week's figures were not available. They will appear on a coming weekend. ~Thank you for your generosity.~

### ***Please pray for:***

Special Intention<sup>1</sup>, Special Intention<sup>2</sup>, Curtis Allemore, Barbara Bagley, Ginger Barber, Renée Bergeron, Linda Boos, Lamar Bourgeois, Betty Carr, Paula Davis, Ann Estave, Bonnie Evans, Myra Favre, Miriam Gonsoulin, Fr Peter Hammett OSB, Bonnie Henderson, Clare Jones, Sheliah Kelley, Patricia Lachney, Ernest LeBlanc, Henry & Tina Lirette, Jean Lugo, Cheryl Morse, Juanita Muhs, Ross Mule, Tina Nunenmacher, Erica Parrack, Jeffrey Reed, Gail Richoux, Tommy & Audrey Seal, Nick Tullier, Donel Tullos, Jenna Varnado, Lori Voss, Genevieve Zeringue. Names remain on the list for 3 months. To add or keep someone on it, call or email our office.

### ***Concert to benefit the Help Center***

Next Sun 12/9 at 2 pm, Bethel Baptist Church will host a benefit concert for the Help Center, our local food bank. The concert will take place at the church on Bethel Rd, off Hwy 25 just south of Franklinton. Featured will be Greg Sullivan, a Southern Gospel singer and former member of "Chronicle" and "The Harrells." His music will lift your heart in praise to God. An offering will be taken for the Help Center. Let's have a strong show of support from Holy Family!