

HOLY FAMILY

Catholic Church ♦ Franklinton, LA

Fourth Sunday
of Easter

May 12, 2019

Serve the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful song. ~ Psalm 100:2

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Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am, 11 am,
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 (Benediction)

Marriages

Contact Fr Kyle at least six
months prior to anticipated date.

Baptisms

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

Charitable Outreach

Friends of St Francis
985-515-2944

Religious Education

Renée Herbert: 985-630-1121

Youth Ministry

Eddie Boudreaux: 985-630-9997

Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday, noon.

From Our Pastor: MAN AND THE WORD OF GOD

Last week I spoke about how creation itself reveals to us God, that it too is a book that can be read and in it we find our creator. Pope Benedict takes this concept one step further. Creation is the setting in which the entire history of the love between God and his creation develops; hence, human salvation is the reason underlying everything" (*Verbum Domini*, 9). Man is the pinnacle of creation. He created us in His image, after His own likeness (Genesis 1:26), and in so doing, created a second book for us to encounter the Word of God, the human person. "This enables us to acknowledge fully the precious gifts received from the creator: the value of our body, the gift of reason, freedom, and conscience" (*VD*, 9).

Pope St John Paul II spent five years of Wednesday audiences (the pope speaks to the people of Rome and the world every Wednesday in the square of St Peter's Basilica) sharing the theology of the body, fleshing out that our very bodies show us God, who is love, and that we are made in the image of love. For so long, the body had been seen as a hindrance to God, and, indeed, if we surrender without fortitude to its passions it can be. "In the beginning," however, our bodies were intended to be revelations of God. They still retain this revelation; original sin has stunted our ability to see it.

It is the same with the gifts of reason, freedom, and conscience. We are set apart from the rest of creation with these gifts. We can imagine the concept of reason; a monkey can learn sign language only if it's taught and rewarded. We have the freedom to choose. Animals are slaves to their instincts and only aren't when we have trained them otherwise. A lion who kills an antelope to eat it has no remorse. A man who kills his fellow man out of hatred can and sometimes does. To an animal there is *do or not do*. To a human, there is right and wrong. Each of those things reveals to us something about our creator.

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Your unconditional
and selfless love
is an image of
the love of God.
We honor you,
we love you,
we pray for God's
blessing on you!

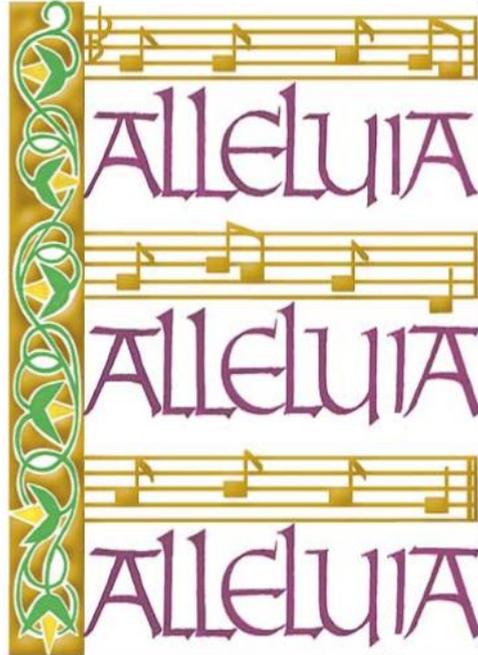
The final book, our conscience, is vitally important. "In effect, 'every human being who comes to consciousness and responsibility has the experience of an inner call to do good'¹ and thus avoid evil" (VD, 9). It is this Word of God that helps us read the law "written on human hearts," (Romans 2:15, 7:23). We can see the natural law that helps to guide our actions toward the good. Morality comes first from this law on our hearts. "Jesus Christ then gives mankind the new law, the law of the Gospel, which takes up and eminently fulfills the natural law, setting us free from the law of sin" (VD, 9).

God imbued His creation with His Word, His crowning point being human beings. In each person is a book where we can see, revealed in every aspect of that person, from his body to his conscience, a revelation of God.

¹ International Theological Commission, *In Search of a Universal Ethics: A New Look at the Natural Law*, Vatican City, 2009, no. 39.

Sign up soon for July 17 Holy Family retreat, St Joseph Abbey

Suffering is a regular part of human life, like death and mosquitoes. That doesn't mean we don't try our best to avoid it. However, faith in Christ gives new meaning to suffering. If you want to go deep, Holy Family's Altar & Rosary Society is hosting a day retreat entitled "How Faith and Suffering Bring Hope" by Fr Paul Hart, director of the Christian Life Center at the Abbey. Open to both men and women of all ages, the day begins at 8:30 am and ends at 3 pm. The cost is \$35 and includes lunch. Since we must meet a minimum headcount, there is a deadline of June 11 to bring/send your registration to our office. You can also put it in the collection in a marked envelope. If you have never made a retreat before, a one-day retreat is a good way to get your feet wet. Hope to see many of you there!



Home Health Fair May 24

Southeast Louisiana Home Health invites you to its First Annual Home Health Fair on Friday, May 24, from 9:30 am - noon.

They are offering free blood pressure and blood glucose screenings, door prizes, and other giveaways. A chili cook-off is planned at 11 am, with the winner announced at noon. Come and see what's available in home health care in Washington Parish.

Southeast Louisiana Home Health, 711 Boat Ramp Road, Franklinton. To enter the chili cook-off, call 985-839-3925.

Men's 'Road to Emmaus' Retreat: Rosaryville Spirit Life Center, Ponchatoula, July 19-21

Men, pause the crazy pace of daily life and attend a retreat at beautiful Rosaryville. We will reflect on the appearance of the risen Jesus to two disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24), and is an uplifting experience with a profound effect on men's lives. The retreat starts at 5 pm Friday and ends after the 5:30 pm Mass on Sunday. Pray about this invitation; something special awaits you! Questions? Call **John Fisk, 504-427-6601**.

Y-Prep awards Wed 5/15

As the school year winds down for the summer, so do some of the ministries here at Holy Family. Y-Prep meets this Wed 5/15 at 6 pm for awards and a pizza party, then adjourns until August (CCD is already done). Heartfelt thanks to Renée and her staff of dedicated teachers!

all are welcome to join in praying the Rosary in the church, every Friday, 8:30 am

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Happy Easter!
¡Cristo ha resucitado! ¡Sí, él ha resucitado! ¡Aleluya! ¡Feliz Pascua!

Archbishop Aymond here May 25

Archbishop Gregory Aymond will confirm seven of our young adults on Sat 5/25 at the 5 pm Mass. Whether or not you have a family member being confirmed, you're invited to attend this special occasion and the reception afterwards. An archbishop's visit is a wonderful reminder that our parish is part of a much bigger, wider Catholic family—the Archdiocese of New Orleans—indeed, the worldwide Catholic Church. Our shepherd is taking the time to come out to be with us; he wants to spend time with us. If you can, come spend time with him. If you'd like to contribute food for the reception, please call Renée Herbert, **985-630-1121**.

Free retreat for men and women, May 17-18, Covington

REJOICE AND BE GLAD! CALLED TO HOLINESS IN TODAY'S WORLD

The retreat is hosted by Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church, and presented by a team from the Marian Servants of the Precious Blood of Jesus. It begins with supper (provided) at 6 pm on Friday, followed by talks and prayer time. Retreatants spend Friday night in their own homes, returning on Saturday at 8 am (Saturday's breakfast and lunch are also provided). The retreat ends with an opportunity for Confession, followed by Holy Trinity's 4 pm vigil Mass. Please bring your Bible and rosary. So that adequate meals and materials may be prepared, please RSVP by emailing Sandra at frogsanmarf@gmail.com or calling her at **985-630-2988**.

'Tis the season

Please contact our office by Monday, May 20 to place your *high school or college* graduate on our list of honorees, which will appear in our May 26 bulletin. Congratulations to all our graduates — Holy Family is proud of you!



Now's the time to return your Rice Bowl. Please put it in the marked box in church or hand it to one of our ushers. Thanks.

Curious about CYO summer plans?

Come to the last weekly gathering of the school year, this Wed 5/15, at 7 pm. Find out what we're doing and share your ideas! There's some good stuff in the works...

St Isidore the Farmer: Patron of Farmers, Laborers, Rural Communities

Born in 1070, when he was barely old enough to wield a hoe Isidore entered the service of a wealthy landowner near Madrid, and worked faithfully on his estate for the rest of his life. He married a young woman as simple and upright as himself who also became a saint—Maria de la Cabeza. They had one son, who died as a child.

Isidore had deep religious instincts. He rose early in the morning to go to church and spent many a holiday devoutly visiting the churches of Madrid and surrounding areas. All day long, as he walked behind the plow, he communed with God. He was known for his love of the poor, and there are accounts of Isidore's supplying them miraculously with food. He had a great concern for the proper treatment of animals.

He died on May 15, 1130, and was declared a saint in 1622, alongside Teresa of Avila, Ignatius of Loyola, Francis Xavier, and Philip Neri. Together, this group is still known in Spain as "the five saints."

Many implications can be found in a simple laborer achieving sainthood: Physical labor has dignity; sainthood does not stem from status; contemplation does not depend on learning; the simple life is conducive to holiness and happiness. Legends about angel helpers and mysterious oxen indicate that his work was not neglected and his duties did not go unfulfilled. Perhaps the truth which emerges is this: If you have your spiritual self in order, your earthly commitments will fall into order also. In the words of Jesus: "Seek first the kingdom [of God] and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides" (Matthew 6:33).

- adapted from www.franciscanmedia.org

Please continue to bring
PEANUT BUTTER and TUNA
(or other canned foods)
for the Help Center!
Your support has
been **fantastic**.
Thanks!

Mass Intentions

- 5/11 5 pm †Jerry Dick
†Doug LeBlanc
†Shirley LeBlanc
†Souls in Purgatory
- 5/12 8:30 am Our Parishioners
- 5/12 11 am †Connie Bychurch
†Jerry Cancienne
†Diane Gennusa
†Mary Lou Gennusa
†Gennusa Family
†Hilda and Erole Kreamer
†Audrey Morel
†Elizabeth Penton
- 5/12 3 pm †Gregory Newman
- 5/14 5 pm Renée Herbert
- 5/15 5 pm †Kaye Varnado
- 5/16 9 am Special Intention
- 5/17 9 am †Brandi Sander

The Sanctuary Light
will burn May 12-18
in memory of
Brandi Sander
by request of
Patsy Evans



Please pray for:

Lauren Authement, Donald Bergeron, Vincent Brouillette, Virginia Cambias, Patsy Clesi, Beverly Creel, Faye Danos, Paula Davis, Richard Denison, Bonnie Evans, Keith Giles, Diane Gill, Peggy Harris, Jean Lugo, Manny Malone, Kalob Morel, Tina Nunenmacher, Billy Parker, Linette Pourciau, Wendy Roark, Birtieree Schilling, Nick Tullier, Genevieve Zeringue

Names stay on the list for three months. To add someone to the list, call 839-4040, or email holyfamilychurchfranklinton@yahoo.com.

Parish Lunch next Sunday

It's so relaxing to sit down to a meal that you neither cooked nor have to clean up after! Join your parish family next Sunday in the hall, right after the 11 am Mass, for home-cookin' and fellowship. There is no charge, but a donation for your family's meal is appreciated and does help defray costs. Thanks.



Altar & Rosary Society
please note:
your May meeting
is this Tuesday 5/14,
at 10 am

This week's Scripture readings

Mon 5/13 Easter weekday/ Our Lady of Fatima	Acts 11:1-8 Psalm 42:2-3; 43:3-4 John 10:1-10
Tues 5/14 Matthias, apostle	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Psalm 113:1-8 John 15:9-17
Wed 5/15 Easter weekday	Acts 12:24-13:5 Psalm 67:2-8 John 12:44-50
Thurs 5/16 Easter weekday	Acts 13:13-25 Psalm 89:2-3, 21-27 John 13:16-20
Fri 5/17 Easter weekday	Acts 13:26-33 Psalm 2:6-11 John 14:1-6
Sat 5/18 Easter weekday	Acts 13:44-52 Psalm 98:1-4 John 14:7-14
Sun 5/19 Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 14:21-27 Psalm 145:8-13 Revelation 21:1-5 John 13:31-35

Upcoming events

- 5/14 Altar & Rosary 10 am
- 5/15 Y-Prep: last class and awards 6 pm
- 5/15 CYO 7 pm
- 5/17 Rosary 8:30 am
- 5/18 Confessions 3:30-4:15 pm
- 5/19 Parish Lunch 12 noon
- 5/24 Rosary 8:30 am
- 5/25 Confessions 3:30-4:15 pm
- 5/25 Confirmation 5 pm **all are invited to Mass and reception**
- 5/26 Parish Breakfast 9:30 am
- 5/26 Comida después de la Misa en español 3 pm
- 5/28 Pastoral Council 6 pm

Current monthly calendars are always downloadable at www.holyfamilyfranklinton.org/bulletins, where they're dated the 1st of the month. You will find printed copies on the shelf in the back of the church and on the table in the office hallway.

This week's second collection:

RETIREMENT FUND FOR DIOCESAN PRIESTS

Monies donated are used to assist in supporting retired diocesan priests. This includes the ever-rising cost of health care and nursing homes. *Our help is greatly needed: payroll deductions of three active priests are required to support each retired priest; however, currently our archdiocese has only two active priests for every retired priest.* Envelopes are available near the church entrance. Thank you for your sacrifices.

Stewardship Report

regular collection \$4,265.65
building fund \$ 505.00

Thank you for your generosity.