



HOLY FAMILY

Catholic Church ♦ Franklinton, LA

Fifth Sunday
of Easter

May 19, 2019

"All will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." ~ John 13:35

Pastor

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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: THE WORD OF GOD IN THE WORDS OF MEN

Up until now, we've reflected on the analogy of the Word of God in creation, the pinnacle being human beings made in God's image. The works of creation speak to us of God; that's why, to this day, nature itself elicits transcendental thoughts in believers and non-believers alike.

Today, however, we touch on controversy. *God also chooses to reveal himself through the words of men.* When God spoke to Moses through the burning bush, he called Moses to go speak to the people of Israel and to Pharaoh. "Then Moses answered, 'But behold, they will not believe me or listen to my voice, for they will say, "The LORD did not appear to you,"'" (Exodus 4:1). Moses had fled Egypt because he had murdered someone, but God chose to speak through a man who had no public credibility. The prophets throughout the Old Testament were the same. God chose to speak through Jonah, who was essentially prejudiced against the Ninevites. Prophets were killed because they were not believed by the people, or the king. God chose to speak through broken instruments, men and women who had inherited the curse of Adam. Jeremiah was too young; Hosea married a prostitute; Elijah went against the king. Certain men were blessed, David and Solomon among them, but each had their faults—David his lust and Solomon his vanity. There was always a doubt in people's minds about the truthfulness of a prophet. Why would God use such broken instruments to proclaim his Word?

It was no different after Christ. Jews would not believe the truth of Christ's resurrection, *even as the eyewitnesses described it.* Paul was rejected by Jewish communities throughout the Mediterranean, and so preached to the Gentiles. Peter and John were imprisoned for proclaiming the truth. Stephen and countless others were put to death because their human mouths spoke the Word of God.

If we think about it, the whole of the Scriptures is the Word of God written in the words of men. Each writer was indeed inspired, but the words he wrote were his own. God dictated nothing. He possessed no one. *The whole of the Scriptures is God speaking to us through men.*

There's an even further layer. We read the Scriptures in English or Spanish, but they were written in Hebrew and Greek. The original

manuscripts have been long lost to time. The oldest copies we have are aged around 300 years before Christ. Yet the events of Moses are dated around 1,700 years before that. What we experience as the Word of God has gone through thousands of handwritten copies in Hebrew and Greek, before it was translated into Greek and Latin, then from Latin into French, German, Spanish, and English. The oldest English translation is approximately 500 years old, and the one we use at Mass, the *New American Bible*, is less than 100 years old. So not only do we trust the fallible humans who wrote the Scriptures but the fallible humans who translated them as well. Yet, it remains the Word of God. We trust that just as God reveals himself in creation, he also reveals himself in the words of man, that we humans can speak truth. Surprising as it may be, God uses broken vessels for his prized things.

Fr. Hyle

Archbishop Aymond here next Saturday

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**.

Unfurl the sails,
and let God steer you
where He will.

St Bede the Venerable (672-735),
Priest, Benedictine Monk,
Doctor of the Church
feast day May 25

Sign up soon for July 17 Holy Family retreat at 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. The day begins at 8:30 am and ends at 3 pm, and is open to both men and women of all ages. The cost is \$35 and includes a hot 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!



Rose window in the Abbey church.

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



Save the date! June 10-14
9am - Noon
build a ferocious faith at
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
ROAR!
Life is wild - God is good

**Special Blessings Mass
for special needs families**

Sunday, May 19, 2 pm, at Our Lady of the Lake, 312 Lafitte St in Mandeville. The Mass is held in their Chotin Center. Families gather a little early to mingle. If you'd like to know more, someone in their office can help you: **985-626-5671**.

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

THE FIRST COUNCIL OF THE CHURCH, THE COUNCIL OF NICAIA, CONVENE ON MAY 20, 325 AD, PRIMARILY TO ADDRESS THE RAMPANT ARIAN HERESY. THE COUNCIL CLEARLY AND DEFINITELY DECLARED THE DOCTRINE (PRESENT FROM THE BEGINNING) THAT JESUS IS TRUE GOD AND TRUE MAN, CONSUBSTANTIAL WITH THE FATHER. FROM THIS COUNCIL THE CHURCH RECEIVED THE NICENE CREED.

Have you found Catholic Community Radio?



Looking for some drive-time enrichment? Tune in to Catholic Community Radio, broadcasting the Gospel across southeast Louisiana and the Gulf Coast! There's something for everyone: a live, local morning show, local and national programming (our local stations are affiliated with the EWTN global network), news, events, music—a thoughtful balance of inspirational and informational content. Make the choice to commit to it for a while. You'll enjoy the refreshing, uplifting alternative to raunchy music and politically charged talk. You'll notice the change in your focus and outlook. And you might become a listener for good!

New Orleans:
WQNO 690 AM

Baton Rouge:
WPYR 1380 AM

Attention married couples: a fun and faith-filled date night!

You're invited to the 12th Annual Archdiocese-Wide Supper & Substance on Sat, July 27, 7-9:30 pm, at Rock'N'Bowl on Carrollton Avenue in New Orleans. Special speaker couple, live music by the awesome AfterParty band, great food and drinks, bowling, and an overall rockin' good time! Call Jason, 504-830-3716, or visit FaithandMarriage.org. Tickets sell out early every year, so don't procrastinate!

Parish Breakfast
next Sun 5/26
9:30 am
Y'all come!

Full menu of summer camps at Hannan High School

Archbishop Hannan High School is offering an array of sports camps and day camps this summer. You'll find something for everyone, boy or girl, ages 7 through junior high. To incentivize early registration, they are offering limited-time, discounted fees. Hannan High School is located near Covington, at the junction of LA 1077 and LA 1085, next to the Coquille Recreation Center. For a detailed description of all their summer camps, go to: <https://www.hannanhigh.org/campus-life/summer-camps>. You can also call them: 985-249-6363.

'Tis the season

Please contact our office by Monday, May 20 to place your high school or college graduate on our list of honorees, to appear in next week's bulletin. Congrats to all our graduates—Holy Family is proud of you!



Could you or your teen volunteer to help with VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, June 10-14?

Call Renée Herbert, 985-630-1121.

You'll work, but you'll have FUN!

Faith and Marriage: married couples retreat June 21-23

Would you like to break away with your spouse and spend quality time nurturing your marriage? Join us on a married couples retreat at the Christian Life Retreat Center at St Joseph Abbey in Covington. A married couples retreat is a falling together into the arms of our Lord; a time dedicated to giving a husband and wife a chance to find rest, strength, and enrichment. A commitment to attend a yearly retreat as a couple blesses and deepens your love for God and each other. To register, call Jason, 504-830-3716, or visit www.FaithandMarriage.org. A donation is requested but not required.

"Simplify your life, you must." ~ Yoda

Now's your chance to declutter your house and your life, and help a good cause with the stuff you're sweeping out. Our annual garage sale is on June 1. We are now accepting donations of your gently used items (**no clothing**). Bring them to the office (hours on front cover), or when you come for Mass next weekend. Questions? Able to help? Call Renée Herbert, 985-630-1121.



Mass Intentions

- 5/18 5 pm †Jessie Andras
†Jerry Dick
†Shirley LeBlanc
George Varnado
†Souls in Purgatory
- 5/19 8:30 am Paul and Jill Boudreaux
Fr Peter Hammett, OSB
Zélie MacIver
†Katie Westmoreland McCain
†Brandi Sander
†Lynne Truxillo
- 5/19 11 am Our Parishioners
- 5/19 3 pm The Needy of Our Parish
- 5/21 5 pm †A.L. and G.M. France
- 5/22 5 pm †Kaye Varnado
- 5/23 9 am Special Intention
- 5/24 9 am †Brandi Sander

Please pray for:

Royce Arthur, Lauren Authement, Donald Bergeron, Vincent Brouillette, Virginia Cambias, Patsy Clesi, Beverly Creel, Faye Danos, Paula Davis, Richard Dennison, Bonnie Evans, Keith Giles, Diane Gill, DJ Hamilton, Peggy Harris, Jean Lugo, Robbie Magee, Manny Malone, Kalob Morel, Tina Nunenmacher, Billy Parker, Linette Pourciau, Wendy Roark, Diana Tanner, 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.

Please note

All Sanctuary Light intentions for the remainder of 2019 have been reserved; however, Mass intentions are readily available.

The Sanctuary Light
will burn May 19-25
in memory of
Reuben and Bertha Pitcher
by request of
Paul Herbert



Upcoming events

- 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
- 6/1 Garage Sale 8 am-6 pm
- 6/1 Confessions 3:30-4:15 pm
- 6/1 Film With the Family 6:30 pm
- 6/2 Rosary at the Prayer Garden 9:45 am
- 6/7 Rosary 8:30 am
- 6/7 Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 am-4:30 pm
closes with Benediction
- 6/8 Confessions 3:30-4:15 pm
- 6/9 Coffee Social 9:30 am

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.

Home Health Fair May 24

Southeast Louisiana Home Health invites you to its Annual Home Health Fair on Friday, May 24, from 9:30 am - noon. There will be free blood pressure and blood glucose screenings, door prizes, and other giveaways. Come and see what's available in home health care close to home. *Southeast Louisiana Home Health, 711 Boat Ramp Rd, Franklinton.*

Men's 'Road to Emmaus' retreat, Ponchatoula, July 19-21

Men, pause the crazy pace of daily life and attend a retreat at beautiful, peace-ful 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.

This week's Scripture readings

<u>Mon 5/20</u>	Acts 14:5-18
<i>Easter</i> weekday	Psalms 115:1-4, 15-16 John 14:21-26
<u>Tues 5/21</u>	Acts 14:19-28
<i>Easter</i> weekday	Psalms 145:10-13, 21 John 14:27-31
<u>Wed 5/22</u>	Acts 15:1-6
<i>Easter</i> weekday	Psalms 122:1-5 John 15:1-8
<u>Thurs 5/23</u>	Acts 15:7-21
<i>Easter</i> weekday	Psalms 96:1-3, 10 John 15:9-11
<u>Fri 5/24</u>	Acts 15:22-31
<i>Easter</i> weekday	Psalms 57:8-12 John 15:12-17
<u>Sat 5/25</u>	Acts 16:1-10
<i>Easter</i> weekday	Psalms 100:1-5 John 15:18-21
<u>Sun 5/26</u>	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
<i>Sixth Sunday</i> of Easter	Psalms 67:2-8 Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23 John 14:23-29

Stewardship Report

regular collection \$ 2,592.00
building fund \$ 382.00

Thank you for your sacrificial giving.