

Fourteenth  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

# HOLY FAMILY

Catholic Church ♦ Franklinton, LA

July 7, 2019

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. ~ Galatians 6:14

## **Pastor**

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## **Office**

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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  
985-201-5882

## **Religious Education**

Renée Herbert: 985-630-1121

## **Youth Ministry**

Eddie Boudreaux: 985-630-9997

## **Bulletin Deadline**

Tuesday, noon.

## **From Our Pastor:**

## **PRIVATE REVELATION:**

### **REFLECTIONS ON POPE BENEDICT XVI'S *VERBUM DOMINI***

Because Jesus is the Word of God made flesh, he is the final statement of God's revelation of himself. In Christ, he has said everything he wanted to say. St. John of the Cross describes it like this: "Since he has given us his Son, his only word (for he possesses no other), he spoke everything at once in this sole word—and he has no more to say ... because what he spoke before to the prophets in parts, he has spoken all at once by giving us this All who is his Son. Any person questioning God or desiring some vision or revelation would be guilty not only of foolish behavior but also of offending him, by not fixing his eyes entirely on Christ and by living with the desire for some other novelty."<sup>1</sup>

This is a lot to take in so let's break it down. The whole Old Testament is the prelude to Christ, a whispering of God's full self-revelation, like seeing a picture of someone before meeting them, or hearing their name. Everything the Father had to say to us came through Christ. God has no more to say. This is called public revelation and is contained in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition, of which the Church is the guardian. Public revelation is finished. There will be no more. Granted, we are 2000 years out from God's last word, and we're still not even close to understanding it all. In fact, we will probably still be unpacking it till the end of time. So much was said, and Christ even spoke, then, 2000 years ago, to our experience today, so great was the Word spoken.

The Synod Fathers recommended that the Holy Father also speak about private revelation. "Yet even if revelation is already complete, it has not been made completely explicit; it remains for Christian faithful to grasp its full significance over the course of the centuries."<sup>2</sup> Throughout the history of the Church, men and women have experienced private revelation, a message from God only for them. Two examples are the *Dialogue of St. Catherine of Siena*, which details a series of conversations she has with Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary in prayer, and the words given to the children by the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima.

Pope Benedict wants to make clear how we are to address private revelation. "The value of private revelations is essentially different from that of the one public revelation: the latter demands faith; in it God himself speaks to us through human words and the mediation of the living community of the Church. The criterion for judging the truth of a private revelation is its orientation to Christ himself," (VD, 14). A private revelation needs to be checked alongside the public revelation of Scripture and Tradition. The two private

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**Coffee Social: next Sunday July 14, 9:30 am, in the hall.**

revelations I spoke of above have received approval from the Church, which basically means they don't say anything contrary to the faith.

For us more practically, we might hear someone say, "God told me such and such" from a person we respect or secondhand from someone we respect. (We wouldn't value such talk from someone we don't respect, but the rules for evaluation are nonetheless the same.) We must ask the question, "Is what he/she says in line with the teaching of the Church?" If not, avoid it. It should never take the place of or supersede Christ, but needs to always be seen in relation to him. That being said, private revelation can be greatly helpful. "A private revelation can introduce new emphases, give rise to new forms of piety, or deepen older ones. It can have a certain prophetic character (cf. 1 Th 5:19-21) and can be a valuable aid for better understanding and living the Gospel at a certain time," (VD, 14). The devotion to the Sacred Heart and Divine Mercy sprang from private revelation. The resurgence of the lay faithful praying a daily rosary sprang from the private revelations at Lourdes and Fatima. They can be of great help in the growth of the virtue of faith.

Whereas Christ demands our faith as the Word of God, private revelation and its use carries no obligation, only invitation. If it nourishes your faith, great. If it doesn't, that's okay too.

1 St. John of the Cross, *Ascent of Mount Carmel*, II, 22.

2 Catechism of the Catholic Church, 66.



**Religious Ed teachers and subs: *Save this date!***

**Saturday, July 27 is your retreat day.  
Time and location details forthcoming.**

*Office notes: July 8-11*

Sue will be on vacation July 8-11. During that time the office will be open for our usual hours, and the phone will be attended, but some normal services may be unavailable. Regular hours and operations resume next Mon 7/15.

***Fr Kyle ministering on a retreat this week***

Fr Kyle was asked to be the chaplain for a family retreat July 6-12.

The emergency phone will remain available, so if you have a sacramental emergency, please call **985-237-0972** at any time.

This weekend, there are no changes to our normal Mass and Confession schedule. Fr Jeff Montz will be our celebrant. On Tues 7/9, Mass will be at 5 pm as usual. Wed-Fri 7/10-12, Communion services will replace Masses at the usual times. Mass intentions which had been scheduled on those dates have been reassigned to the 5 pm Mass on Sat 7/13.

Please remember Fr Kyle and the retreatants in your prayers.

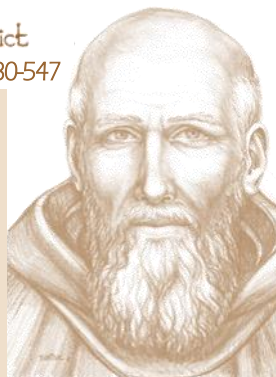
***Married couples retreat, July 19-21, St Joseph Abbey***

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, visit [FaithandMarriage.org](http://FaithandMarriage.org), or call Jason, 504-830-3716. (A donation is requested but not required. No one should miss this retreat for financial reasons.)

***"Prefer nothing whatever to Christ."***

*~ St Benedict, feast day July 11*

St.  
Benedict  
AD. 480-547



So what does *preferring nothing whatever to Christ* look like?

When I prefer Christ, I choose Him over myself — His way over my way, His self-emptying love over my stingy love doled out according to convenience, His broad compassion over mine often limited by perceived merit or by fear. Over time, these choices mold me ever more into the likeness of Jesus.

Perhaps preferring nothing to Christ means *being* Christ in my daily life.

*Come Holy Spirit! Fill our hearts, and enkindle in us the fire of Your love!*

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



### Say "cheese!" But first...

In response to numerous requests over the past few years, a new church directory is now in the planning stages. Though our actual photo shoots will happen in September, for the project to proceed smoothly, *and so the results will be excellent—and useful*—we need your help now. Our parish register is in *s e r i o u s* need of an update. Please call the office this week and help us get all that prep work done up front. We need family members' names, address, phone number(s), email. *Even if you are pretty sure your information hasn't changed for years, please call to verify that we have it right!* Thanks!

### Special Blessings Mass for special needs families

This monthly event will be held next Sunday, July 14, at 2 pm, at St Francis Xavier, Metairie. Refreshments are served after Mass. Questions? Call Joy, 985-626-5671.



# 15,000 lbs

amount of food Help Center distributes monthly

# 4-5,000 lbs

portion Help Center must purchase from its resources

*Holy Family's generosity has been nothing short of amazing. Thank you. Please keep it coming. You are making a difference!*

### Grow in devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus

Make a one-day pilgrimage to the campus of St Helena Church (Amite) on July 10, from 9 am-3:30 pm. The event is free of charge. You may either bring your lunch or purchase it from an on-site caterer. Please register by Mon July 8; call Sandy, 985-630-2988. Snag a flyer from the bookshelf near the church entrance to learn more.

### New Coffee Social teammates needed

Our Coffee Social ladies would like to invite YOU to become a Coffee Social team member. Altar & Rosary membership is not required to become an approved purveyor of caffeine and refined sugar! You will plan, decorate, bake, serve—and collect compliments—along with others, and the commitment is once a year, in the month of your choice. Got some friends you could enlist to be co-hostesses with you? Great idea! Call Jean Lugo, 985-205-4712, to learn more.



### Men's retreat: Ponchatoula, July 19-21

Men, get off the roller coaster of daily life and attend a retreat at Rosaryville. A retreat can have a profound effect on a man's life. This retreat starts at 5 pm on Friday and ends with a 5:30 pm Mass on Sunday. Pray about this invitation; something special awaits you! Got questions? John Fisk has answers, 504-427-6601.

*Thank You!* to Ronald and Jackie Nunenmacher and James and Renée Herbert for coordinating our Supper and Substance event last weekend. 48 people attended, and every one of them had a wonderful time! Thanks also to Kera Melançon, owner of Southern Charm Events, LLC, in Folsom; Kera went the extra mile to make our evening extra special!

## Mass Intentions

- 7/6 5 pm †John Cossé  
†Judy Jenkins  
†Shirley LeBlanc  
Stacie Hedrick Romero  
George Varnado
- 7/7 8:30 am Dwight Benoit  
Briley Davis  
Henderson Family  
Juanita Muhs  
†Brandi Sander  
†Souls in Purgatory
- 7/7 11 am †Jerry Cancienne  
†Bonnie Evans  
†Diane Gennusa  
†Mary Lou Gennusa  
†Erole and Hilda Kreamer  
†Gloria Murray  
†Tina Nunenmacher  
†Kaye Varnado
- 7/7 3 pm Aidan Ibarra
- 7/9 5 pm Emma Busby
- 7/10 5 pm **Communion service**
- 7/11 9 am **Communion service**
- 7/12 9 am **Communion service**

## Please pray for:

Marybeth Armstrong, Lauren Authement, Janet and Garfield Baham, Dot, Tony and Barbara Baldassaro, Leo Baracco, Alanna Bernard, Wanda Boquet, Vincent Brouillette, Buddy and Patsy Clesi, Beverly Creel, Leon Curry, Paula Davis, Briley Davis, Richard Dennison, Myra Favre, Keith Giles, DJ Hamilton, Winston Henderson, Pat Lachney, Wilson and Grace LaGraize, Scott Lee, Henry and Tina Lirette, Jean Lugo, Robbie Magee, Manny Malone, Jacob and Kalob Morel, Juanita Muhs, Linda O'Brien, Linette Pourciau, Mickey Power, Luz Ramirez, Wendy Roark, Diana Tanner, Nick Tullier, Donel Tullos, Genevieve Zeringue  
*Names stay on the list for three months. To add someone to the list, call 839-4040, or email [holyfamilychurchfranklinton@yahoo.com](mailto:holyfamilychurchfranklinton@yahoo.com).*

**Hey CYO!!**  
Watch for  
details coming  
soon on our  
upcoming

**BIG EASY**  
**ADVENTURE**  
Sat, July 27

## This week's Scripture readings

Mon 7/8 Genesis 28:10-22  
*Ordinary Time* Psalm 91:1-4, 14-15  
*Weekday* Matthew 9:18-26

Tues 7/9 Genesis 3:23-33  
*Ordinary Weekday/* Psalm 17:1-3, 6-8, 15  
*Martyr Saints of China* Matthew 9:32-38

Wed 7/10 Genesis 41:55-57;  
*Ordinary Time* 42:5-7, 17-24  
*Weekday* Psalm 33:2-3, 10-11,  
18-19  
Matthew 10:1-7

Thurs 7/11 Genesis 44:18-21,  
*Benedict* 23-29; 45:1-5  
*Abbot,* Psalm 105:16-21  
*Religious Founder* Matthew 10:7-15

Fri 7/12 Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30  
*Ordinary Time* Psalm 37:3-4, 18-19,  
*Weekday* 27-28, 39-40  
Matthew 10:16-23

Sat 7/13 Genesis 49:29-32;  
*Ordinary Time* 50:15-26  
*Weekday* Psalm 105:1-7  
Matthew 10:24-33

Sun 7/14 Deuteronomy 30:10-14  
*Fifteenth* Psalm 69:14, 17, 30-37  
*Sunday in* Colossians 1:15-20  
*Ordinary Time* Luke 10:25-37

The Sanctuary Light  
will burn July 7-13  
in memory of  
**Brandi Sander**  
by request of  
Jan and René LaBorde



## Upcoming events

- 7/9 Altar & Rosary Society 10 am
- 7/10 Communion service (replaces Mass) 5 pm
- 7/11 Communion service (replaces Mass) 9 am
- 7/11 Friends of St Francis 9:30 am
- 7/11 Knights of Columbus 7 pm
- 7/12 Rosary 8:30 am
- 7/12 Communion service (replaces Mass) 9 am
- 7/13 Confessions 3:30-4:15 pm
- 7/14 Coffee Social 9:30 am
- 7/17 Parish Retreat at St Joseph Abbey 8:30 am
- 7/19 Rosary 8:30 am
- 7/20 Confessions 3:30-4:15 pm
- 7/21 Parish Lunch 12 noon
- 7/26 Rosary 8:30 am
- 7/27 Retreat day for CCD and Y-Prep teachers and subs

Current monthly calendars are always downloadable on our website: [www.holyfamilyfranklinton.org/bulletins](http://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.

## Stewardship Report

regular collection \$ 2,576.00  
building fund \$ 225.00

Thank you for your generosity.