

Thirty-First
Sunday
in
Ordinary
Time

HOLY FAMILY

Catholic Church ♦ Franklinton, LA

November 3
2019

O LORD and Lover of souls, your imperishable spirit is in all things. — Wisdom 11:26,12:1

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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

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Youth Ministry

Eddie Boudreaux: 985-630-9997

Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday, noon.

From Our Pastor:

A CULTURE OF VOCATIONS

I think we can all agree, even though our experiences are limited, that the Church needs more priests and religious. There are areas of the world that only see a priest once a month, or maybe even less than that. We have seen a decline in the teaching orders of men and women. Many in my generation and the generations below me have never met or even seen a religious sister or brother, when, seventy years ago, around half of all Catholic school teachers were religious. Over the next ten years, if the trend continues, the archdiocese will have more retired priests than active ones.

This weekend is Vocation Sunday. We are indeed in a vocation crisis. Yes, it's easy to blame this factor, or that event, but seeking blame doesn't solve the problem. It only causes more frustration. What we can do is act now to foster a culture of vocations in the parish.

A culture has many layers. It's something that seeps into the fabric of a community and becomes part of how it sees itself and the fruit that comes from it. Any culture, though, needs to have a strong foundation, a root that can withstand wind, and storm, and flood.

To properly establish a culture of vocations here at Holy Family, we must grow as a community. In this, I don't mean filling seats, but rather emptying egos. Pride is the ultimate enemy to a culture of vocations. It eats at the root. However, we have been brought up in a world that celebrates the self-made man/woman who pulled himself up by the bootstraps to be successful. We value stories of men and women who have forged their own paths, who had a goal and achieved it.

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HEY Y'ALL: IT'S **OPEN SEASON** ON TURKEY [TAGS]!!

BEFORE/AFTER EVERY WEEKEND MASS, NOW THROUGH NOV 17, OUR FRIENDS OF ST FRANCIS WILL DISTRIBUTE TAGS FOR TURKEYS AND OTHER FOOD ITEMS THAT WILL MAKE UP HOLY FAMILY'S THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED. THE MORE PARTICIPANTS, THE MORE FAMILIES CAN BE TOUCHED. THE DEADLINE TO RETURN YOUR FOOD ITEMS: **SAT 11/23.**



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Goals are important, a necessary part of growth in virtue. However, this image lacks one key ingredient, the root, that is necessary for a culture of vocations and a culture of holiness: **God's will**.

Before we were formed in the womb, He knew us. He set upon our hearts a vocation, a calling, that would best sanctify us and best sanctify the world. It is this vocation that will bring us the greatest happiness and also will be for the great benefit of the whole Church. So my vocation is not just for me, it's for the whole Church. We can more easily see this in the life of a priest or religious sister, but I'm also speaking about the vocation of marriage. It too is not merely for the couple, or their family, it is for the whole Church. We can see how the Church has suffered when the vocation of marriage is ignored, forgotten, or mocked. It affects everyone.

Each one of us has a vocation, a calling, given to us by God that will be for our greatest good and for the good of the Church. This also means that we don't create that. We don't forge it through our own will and desire, nor is it forged by outside forces like family, friends, or societal demands. It is a *gift* from God.

Now most of us are living out our vocations, and no longer discerning. Most live in married life, I in the priesthood, Sr Theresa as a hermit; widows, widowers, divorced and single people live the single life in service of the Church. To foster a culture of vocations, we need to live our own vocations as a gift from God, to live in freedom, to give ourselves completely and in gratitude for this life God has called us to. *Gratitude begets joy; joy is attractive*. It reveals to others, especially our children, what it looks like to live in the humility and gratitude of God's will. This is the foundation of a culture of vocations.

J. Hyle



Never received your complimentary 8x10?

If you sat for photos for our new directory, you're entitled to a free 8x10. Most of you kept your viewing appointments and received your portrait at that time. However, we still have unclaimed photos with the following names: Burris, d'Aquin, Grady, LeBlanc, McGuire, Rome, Talley, and Watson. Please pick it up in the office: M-Th 8 am-4 pm, Fri 8 am-1 pm.

 KEEP CALM AND ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVE	BLOOD DRIVE NEXT SUN 11/10 9 AM - 1 PM BRING PHOTO I.D. EAT A GOOD MEAL PRIOR
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“If you would preach, be sure that you first preach by the way you live.”

St Charles Borromeo (1538-1584)
*Bishop of Milan,
Leader in Catholic Counter-Reformation*
feast day November 4

All are welcome to join in praying the Rosary every Friday morning at 8:30 in the church. and on first Sunday mornings at 9:45 outside at the Prayer Garden.

Why do we Catholics pray for the dead?

It has become customary when people die to display flowers or candles to honor their memory, or perhaps as a way to offer a prayer for them. Unfortunately, many don't understand why we pray for the dead. They believe that once someone has died nothing else can be done for them. They think it is more important to pray for those who are grieving, who suffer now.

But there's a longstanding tradition in the Catholic Church to pray for the souls of the deceased. How did this tradition come about, and why is it still important today?

THE REALITY OF PURGATORY

The custom of praying for the dead is rooted in the very nature of heaven. The Bible indicates that there can be nothing imperfect in heaven. When describing the vision of the New Jerusalem, God's eternal kingdom, Revelation 21:27 states, "nothing unclean will enter it." Unfortunately, many people who die have not been perfected. They are not prepared to enter heaven and behold God's face. At the same time, they have not made a choice to totally separate themselves from God. They may have expressed regret for their sins and been forgiven, but their love of God at the time of their death may not have been as profound and perfect as it needs to be. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states:

All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven (CCC 1030).

The souls of these individuals have not yet been completely purified of their sins. They must undergo purification after death, which demonstrates that God's mercy does not stop at the moment of death. Instead, His mercy continues even after death to prepare a soul to receive His loving embrace in heaven.

How can we describe Purgatory? A common description from Church tradition speaks of a cleansing fire. In 1 Corinthians 3:12-15, St Paul uses the imagery of the refining of metals. Fire is used to test and refine precious metals by bringing them to their melting point. At this temperature, anything impure which has not melted can be removed. In a similar way, in Purgatory, anything inauthentic in a person's soul is removed. The pain is caused by separation from God. We can imagine this as the refining fire of divine love, which purifies a soul and prepares it to enter heaven.

The Church today refers to the souls in Purgatory as "our brethren ... who having died are still being purified" (*Lumen Gentium*, No. 51). They continue to be important members of the Church, the Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, according to the belief in the communion of saints. We are able to assist the departed by our prayers, just as they can also help us by their prayers (CCC 958).

THE TRADITION OF PRAYING FOR THE DEAD

Prayers for the dead have been offered for many centuries. The earliest reference in the Bible is found in the second book of Maccabees. Judas Maccabeus was an important Jewish general of the second century before Christ. He led his army to success in a hard-fought battle. Afterwards, he and his soldiers began to gather the bodies of the soldiers who had died, to give them a respectful burial. They found that the soldiers were wearing pagan amulets under their tunics. Instead of burning the amulets, they had taken them from enemy soldiers who had died in a previous battle.

Judas Maccabeus and his men knew that their dead comrades had committed a grave sin, an action forbidden by the Law. Yet they also knew that these men were otherwise good people, who had died virtuously, courageously defending the law of God. They immediately offered prayers and sacrifices for the Jewish soldiers who had died wearing pagan amulets.

They prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out... [Judas Maccabeus] then took up a collection among all the soldiers... which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an atoning sacrifice. In so doing he acted in an excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the resurrection in mind... Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be freed from their sin (2 Maccabees 12: 42-46).

Judas and his men prayed that God might deliver these soldiers from their sin and assist them on their journey to eternal light. This is the first indication we have in the Bible that the prayers of the living can help deliver the dead from any sin that might separate them from God's presence and prevent them from finding eternal peace and life.

The Fathers of the Second Vatican Council mentioned that the Church has honored the memory of the dead from the beginning (*Lumen Gentium*, 50). The Christian community in Rome gathered in the catacombs underground to pray for the faithful followers of Christ buried there. They believed their prayers assisted those who had died, just as the prayers of the dead could also aid the living members of the community. Pope St Gregory the Great (540-604) often offered Masses on behalf of the souls in Purgatory. He wrote of a monk who repented of his sins while on his deathbed. St Gregory, his abbot, instructed that Masses should be said in his favor. After 30 days, his soul appeared to a brother, announcing that he was now free of Purgatory and had entered heaven.

The Catholic Church has taught for centuries that our prayers do assist those who have died. We commend their souls to God's mercy and pray for them. We can help them not only by our prayers, but also by offering a Mass in their name, by giving alms, by indulgences or other works of penance done for their benefit (CCC 1032).

This November, a month dedicated to prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, let us remember to keep them in our prayers as an act of love. Let us remember that prayers can be extremely powerful in assisting the souls of our loved ones in their journey to eternal life and peace.

adapted from <https://www.catholicstand.com/praying-for-the-souls-of-the-dead-a-catholic-tradition/>

Mass Intentions

- 11/2 5 pm +Jessie Andras
+Joseph Corrao
+Judy Jenkins
+Kathleen Ketry
+Shirley LeBlanc
Hubert and Darlene Neal
+Donel Tullos
+Kaye Varnado
+Souls in Purgatory
- 11/3 8:30 am +Royce Arthur
+Lou Bertucci
Molly Boudreaux
+Michael Finklea
+Andy Gutierrez
+James and Marilyn Kilgore
Jan LaBorde
+Katie Westmoreland McCain
Juanita Muhs
+Brandi Sander
+Genevieve Zeringue
- 11/3 11 am Our Parishioners
- 11/3 3 pm Aidan Ibarra
- 11/5 5 pm +Pam Miller
- 11/6 5 pm +Kathleen Sealock
- 11/7 9 am +Genevieve Zeringue
- 11/8 9 am +Brandi Sander

Upcoming events

- 11/6 Y-Prep 6 pm
11/6 CYO 7 pm
11/7 Men's Prayer Group 5:30 pm
11/7 RCIA 6 pm
11/7 Knights of Columbus 7 pm
11/8 Rosary 8:30 am
11/9-10 Thanksgiving turkey tags available at all Masses
11/10 Blood Drive 8 am-1 pm
11/10 Coffee Social 9:30 am
11/10 CCD 9:45 am
11/12 Altar & Rosary Society 10 am
11/13 Y-Prep 6 pm
11/13 CYO 7 pm
11/14 Friends of St Francis 9:30 am
11/14 Men's Prayer Group 5:30 pm
11/14 RCIA 6 pm
11/15 Rosary 8:30 am
11/16-17 Thanksgiving turkey tags available at all Masses
11/16 Confessions 3:30-4:15 pm
11/17 CCD 9:45 am
11/17 Parish Lunch 12 noon
11/20 Deanery Meeting 11 am

The current monthly calendar is always downloadable at www.holyfamilyfranklinton.org/bulletins, where it's 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.

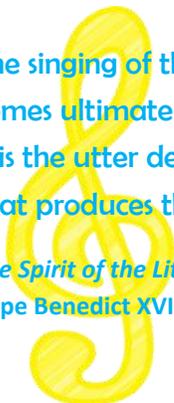
Please pray for:

Adam Authement IV, Baldassaro Family, Leo Baracco, Harvey Bienvenu, Linda Boos, Susan Corkern, Ann Cowart, Briley Davis, Paula Davis, Craig Estave, Myra Favre, Douglas Ferrante, F. Paul Gennusa III, Keith Giles, Diane Gill, Miriam Gonsoulin, Charmaine A. Hebert, Katie and Renée Herbert, Camren Johnson, Fr Aelred Kavanaugh OSB, Jan LaBorde, Larry Lambremont, Scott Lee, Henry and Tina Lirette, Denise Malbrough, Linda Marra, Mary Melvin, Jacob, Kalob, and Milton Morel, Darlene and Hubert Neal, Konner Phillips, Mickey Power, Ruby Price, Mary Rasch, Dannell Rome, Nick Tullier, Cody Westmoreland (deployed-Afghanistan), Kayla Whitney, Joe Williams

Names stay on the list for three months. To add someone, call 839-4040, place a note in the collection, or email holyfamilyfranklinton@arch-no.org.

The singing of the Church
comes ultimately out of love.
It is the utter depth of love
that produces the singing.

The Spirit of the Liturgy
Pope Benedict XVI



The Sanctuary Light will burn
November 3-9 in memory of

Brandi Sander
and **Andy Gutierrez**
by request of
Jan and René LaBorde



This week's Scripture readings

<u>Mon 11/4</u> Charles Borromeo Bishop	Romans 12:3-13 Psalm 69:30-36 John 10:11-16
<u>Tues 11/5</u> Ordinary Time Weekday	Romans 12:5-16 Psalm 131:1-3 Luke 14:15-24
<u>Wed 11/6</u> Ordinary Time Weekday	Romans 13:8-10 Psalm 112:1-5, 9 Luke 14:25-33
<u>Thurs 11/7</u> Ordinary Time Weekday	Romans 14:7-12 Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14 Luke 15:1-10
<u>Fri 11/8</u> Ordinary Time Weekday	Romans 15:14-21 Psalm 98:1-4 Luke 16:1-8
<u>Sat 11/9</u> Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17 John 2:13-22
<u>Sun 11/10</u> 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14 Psalm 17:1, 5-8, 15 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5 Luke 20:27-38

Stewardship Report

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building	\$ 465.00

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