

First Sunday
of Advent

HOLY FAMILY

December 1
2019



Catholic Church ♦ Franklinton, LA

Let us throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. —Romans 13:12

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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.

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Bulletin Deadline
Tuesday, noon.

From Our Pastor:

WELCOME TO ADVENT

*"Take heed, watch and pray,
for you do not know when the time will come."*

Mark 13:33

This time of year, more than any other, we feel the encroachment of secular life into the sacred. Over the next four weeks, we will be Liturgically preparing for the coming of Christ. Holy Mother Church encourages us to practice being watchful and ready for Christ's coming both in the Incarnation, which we celebrate at Christmas, and also in His coming at the end of time.

At the same time, TV commercials proclaim Christmas already arrived, with red and green cheer, shopping for presents, and offering every sort of luxury and convenience to us. Radio stations dedicate themselves to Christmas music. We have holiday parties. In a sense, society is proclaiming two things about Christmas: (1) It's a special day because of what we make of it. Notice, even Scrooge isn't stirred to charity for love of Christ but for realization of his own cold heart and the reality of how cheerful and life-fulfilling giving can be. Christ is no longer part of "Happy Holidays." (2) It's a subtle mockery of the fact that we, as Christians, celebrate Christ's coming, and yet, 2,000 years later, He still hasn't returned. I think this is an underlying philosophized reason "Christmas" continues to start earlier. People are trying to push forward Christ's arrival.

St John Henry Newman is one of our newest saints. Pope Francis canonized him earlier this year. He was an Anglican bishop in the mid- to late 1800's who converted to Catholicism, was ordained a priest, and eventually elevated to bishop in Birmingham, England. He was a phenomenal homilist, erudite, clear, and on point. He has this to say about Christ's final coming and our waiting: "He foresaw the state of the world and the Church as we see it this day, when His prolonged absence has made it practically thought that He will never come back in visible presence: and in the text [above] He mercifully whispers into

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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.

An early gift for you

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

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our ears, not to trust in what we see, not to share in that general unbelief, not to be carried away by the world, but to 'take heed, watch, pray,' and look out for His coming."

The world has lost faith in Christ's return. We can see it in the way Christmas is now treated. We are being bombarded from all sides by those two ideas of taking Christ out of Christmas and of losing hope. As St John Henry Newman says, let us "not be carried away by the world." He turns to Jesus' words in Mark's Gospel to show us how. *Take heed.* That means live with that urgency I spoke about. Every moment is an opportunity for Christ if we turn to the Lord. *Watch.* Look for Christ speaking. Open up and spend time with the Scriptures. Intentionally look for where He's acting in your life. *Pray.* Spend time each day in dedicated prayer, which means doing nothing else but talking with the Lord. Incorporating prayer while working, driving, exercising is good but it can't replace dedicated Jesus time.

To help with all these, we're providing you with two tools. The first is the Blue Book. It has daily meditations and prayers from today through the end of the Christmas season. The second is a CD from The Vigil Project. You might remember last year they gave a concert here. On the CD are a few songs to pray with as well as a few short talks from Fr Dave Pivonka, OFM, who is a fantastic speaker and preacher.

The world is encroaching. Let us take heed, watch, and pray.

Fr. Kyle

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.

"PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD!" Extra Advent Confession times

So much effort goes into preparing homes and gifts and meals... Fr Kyle will provide some extra opportunities for us to prepare our hearts for His coming as well.

In addition to the usual Confession time of 3:30-4:15 on Saturday afternoons, Fr Kyle will also be available for Confession on two Advent Fridays: 12/6, 4:30-6 pm; and 12/20, 5-6:30 pm.

Start an Advent wreath for your family



The Advent wreath is an old tradition that remains popular in Christian families. The devotion is usually part of the family meal or family night prayers. Rich in meaning and easy to implement, it can be handmade or purchased. Check out "Advent wreath" at <http://www.usccb.org>



The perfect gift for the One who has everything

During Advent, as we prepare for the coming of Christ, will we remember to add Jesus' name to our list? Aidan wants headphones, Olivia wants a Princess Elsa costume... but what does Jesus want? After all, it is His birthday we're anticipating.

Will we remember, as we await His coming, that He is already here and He waits for us? Do we bear in mind that the gift He hopes for from us is our hearts, our love, our time? Eucharistic Adoration is a precious opportunity to slow down, quiet down, and spend some time telling Him you love Him and listening to Him speak to your heart. This Friday, 9:30 am-4:30 pm.

Bring THE VIGIL PROJECT into your own Advent Vigil

Holy Family is making a gift to each family of an Advent-Christmas CD by THE VIGIL PROJECT. Be sure you receive one as you leave, this weekend or next. Enjoy!



LET HEAVEN AND NATURE (AND CCD MUNCHKINS) SING!

Practices for the Dec 15 Christmas play will be held on Wed 12/4 and 12/11, 4-4:45 pm, in the church. Final dress rehearsal is Sun 12/15 at 12:15. Contact Alanna Bernard for info, 985-515-7905.

'Tis the season...

Angel Tree Christmas gift tags will be available the next two weekends, outside at all Masses. Gift return deadline is **Dec 22**.

If you take a tag, it is of utmost importance that you return the gift by the deadline, wrapped and ready for giving, with tag attached so it can be correctly identified. Thanks for your help.

Soul food for Advent

The Northshore Pastoral Center in Covington will offer two Advent events for your spiritual nourishment.

On Fri 12/6, 10 am—noon: Advent Morning of Reflection

On Fri 12/13, 10-11:30 am: Prayer: Real Soul Food

Sister Gloria Murillo, STJ, is the speaker for both presentations. Pre-registration is not necessary. There's a \$30 fee, but they will accept whatever you can afford. For further details, call 504-861-3254.

Shop 'til you drop, Dec 21-22, RIGHT HERE!

The Daughters of St Paul, who operate the Pauline Book and Media Center in Metairie, will be on our campus to offer beautiful Catholic art, music, and books for any age. You'll be able to pick up some nice things for your peeps (and don't neglect yourself!)

Misa y una fiesta - el jueves, 12 de diciembre, a las 6 pm



Padre Kyle celebrará la Misa en español por Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Después de la Misa harán una fiesta en el salón junto a la iglesia. ¡Invita a tus amigos y trae u plato para compartir!

Fr Kyle will celebrate Mass in Spanish on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Thurs 12/12, at 6 pm. A fiesta will take place in the hall afterwards, with music and *amazing* food. You're invited! Bring friends and a dish to share!

It's no mystery

The rosary is recited in the church every Friday morning at 8:30.

All are welcome!



Pivotal Players: a study of saints who shaped the life of the Church and of western civilization

Journey with Bishop Robert Barron to explore the lasting influence of Saints Francis, Thomas Aquinas, Catherine of Siena, and others, as well as other influential figures like Michelangelo and G.K. Chesterton. Our parish journey begins at 6:30 pm on Thurs 1/16/20. This study series, at the reasonable cost of \$25 for your materials, covers three "semesters" — Spring and Fall 2020, and Spring 2021. To see more of what this outstanding program offers, see www.pivotalplayers.com. The study group will be coordinated by Sid Zeringue: 839-5146 or sid_zeringue@yahoo.com. So we can order in time to begin on schedule, please register *before Fri 12/13*. Our office has the registration/order forms.

There's no Movie Night in December. Next Movie Night: Jan 4

Lector workbooks are here

Every year, Holy Family provides workbooks to help lectors prepare to proclaim the Word. More than a quick once-over when you arrive for Mass, prayerful preparation ideally begins early in the week. This resource guides both your prayer and your study, which will help your ministry be more effective and more Spirit-filled! Pick up your book in the office during regular hours. If you're interested in becoming a lector, see Fr Kyle after Mass.

Please keep bringing in your peanut butter, canned tuna, and financial gifts for the Help Center. Thanks!

Mass Intentions

Please submit Mass intentions at least 10 days in advance. Many dates are already full.

- 11/30 5 pm †Alberto Alvarez
 †Shirley LeBlanc
 †Antonio Samanamud
 †Donel Tullos
 George Varnado
 †Kaye Varnado
 Special Intention
 †Souls in Purgatory
- 12/1 8:30 am †Michael Finklea
 Jan LaBorde
 †Katie Westmoreland McCain
 Juanita Muhs
 †Brandi Sander
 †Kathleen Sealock
 †Sarabeth Sealock
 †Genevieve Zeringue
- 12/1 11 am Our Parishioners
- 12/1 3 pm Nick Tullier
- 12/3 5 pm †Rachel Penton
- 12/4 5 pm †Genevieve Zeringue
- 12/5 9 am †Genevieve Zeringue
- 12/6 9 am Michael Zeringue

Want to make a financial gift to the Help Center? Place your check made out to Help Center, or cash in a marked envelope, in our regular collection. *Thank you!*

Please pray for:

Baldassaro Family, Leo Baracco, Christine Bernard, Harvey Bienvenu, Jim Bradle, Susan Corkern, Ann Cowart, Beverly Creel, Briley Davis, Paula Davis, Douglas Ferrante, F.Paul Gennusa, Diane Gill, Miriam Gonsoulin, Voncile Griffith, Charmaine Hebert, Katie and Renée Herbert, Louise Hotard, Camren Johnson, Fr Aelred Kavanaugh OSB, David Knight, Jan LaBorde, Larry Lambremont, Henry and Tina Lirette, Denise Malbrough, Charlie, Jacob, and Kalob Morel, Carrie Pierre, Mickey Power, Ruby Price, Dannell Rome, Tommy Thiebaud, 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 Sanctuary Light will burn
 December 1-7
 in memory of
Brandi Sander
 by request of Jan LaBorde



This week's Scripture readings

<u>Mon 12/2</u> Advent Weekday	Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122:1-9 Matthew 24:37-44
<u>Tues 12/3</u> Francis Xavier Priest	1 Corinthians 9:16-19 Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17 Matthew 16:15-20
<u>Wed 12/4</u> John Damascene Priest, Doctor of the Church	Isaiah 25:6-10 Psalm 23:1-6 Matthew 15:29-37
<u>Thurs 12/5</u> Advent Weekday	Isaiah 26:1-6 Psalm 118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27 Matthew 7:21,24-27
<u>Fri 12/6</u> Nicholas Bishop	Isaiah 29:17-24 Psalm 27:1,4,13-14 Matthew 9:27-31
<u>Sat 12/7</u> Ambrose Bishop, Doctor of the Church	Ephesians 3:8-12 Psalm 147:1-6 John 10:11-16
<u>Sun 12/8</u> Second Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17 Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12

Stay connected, especially as the holiday season gets crankin'!

Copies of the current month's calendar are always available on the bookshelf in church and on the table by the office door. You can also view it on the MyParish app, or download it at our website: www.holyfamilyfranklinton.org.

If it's been a while since you updated your contact information, please call our office: 985-839-4040.

Upcoming events

- 12/4 Christmas Play practice 4 pm
 12/4 Y-Prep 6 pm
 12/4 CYO 7 pm
 12/5 RCIA 6 pm
 12/6 Rosary 8:30 am
 12/6 Adoration 9:30 am-4:30 pm, Benediction 4:30 pm
 12/6 Confessions 4:30-6 pm
 12/7 Sister Theresa's Open House 12 noon-dusk
 12/7 Confessions 3:30-4:15 pm
 12/7 Angel Tree tags at Mass (tagged gifts due 12/22)
 12/7 Movie Night 6:30 pm
 12/8 Angel Tree tags at Masses (tagged gifts due 12/22)
 12/8 Coffee Social 9:30 am
 12/8 CCD 9:45 am

Next week's special collection

COLLECTION FOR RETIRED RELIGIOUS

Supports the medical care and day-to-day living expenses of thousands of elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

Stewardship Report

regular	\$4,106.00
building	\$ 525.00

Thank you for your generosity.