

Second Sunday
of Advent

HOLY FAMILY

December 8
2019



Catholic Church ♦ Franklinton, LA

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." – Matthew 3:2

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
985-201-5882

Religious Education
Renée Herbert: 985-630-1121

Youth Ministry
Eddie Boudreaux: 985-630-9997

Bulletin Deadline
Tuesday, noon.

From Our Pastor:

FAITH AND THE WORD OF GOD

REFLECTIONS ON POPE BENEDICT'S LETTER *VERBUM DOMINI*

It's been a few weeks since we last dove into *Verbum Domini*. Over the last few articles, we've seen that Pope Benedict has been focusing on our response to our God who speaks. If you remember, last time I wrote about how we can use the Scriptures themselves to speak to God, using his word as our word.

This dialogue between us and God presupposes faith. In order for us to receive the word of God as it is, we must first live in the obedience of faith. It would seem good, then, to clarify this idea of faith and to ensure we are on the same page.

Pope Benedict, using the words of the Second Vatican Council, explains faith in this way. "By faith one freely commits oneself entirely to God, making the full submission of intellect and will to God who reveals' and willingly assenting to the revelation given by God."¹ We would normally connect faith to the assent to the revelation given by God. That is the primary content of the Nicene Creed we pray every Sunday. Pope Benedict challenges us to expand our view. The words "full submission" can be hard for us to hear, but that too is part of faith. That's the part we mean when we tell someone "have faith;" we're encouraging them to submit to God's will. It means the surrender of our pride, of our self-sufficiency, of our desire to achieve on our own, or to be in charge. To have faith is to admit to being small, to commit to bind ourselves to a will we can't see and don't often comprehend.

That's a tall order for sure. Here's the thing, God spoke his word to elicit faith from us. "The proper response to the God who speaks is faith," (VD, 25). It is the Scriptures themselves that begin to draw out of us this faith. St Paul tells the Romans this, "faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes from the word of Christ," (Rom. 10:17). We first believe because the Gospel, the Good News of the Word of

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Don't miss Holy Family's parish Christmas party

This year the CCD Nativity play will take place next Sun 12/15, at 5:30 pm, in the church. Immediately after the play, we will have our family celebration of Christmas in the hall. All are invited! Turkey and ham will be provided; we're asked to bring our favorite side dish or dessert.

Soul food for Advent

The Northshore Pastoral Center in Covington announces an Advent event for your spiritual nourishment: on Fri 12/13, 10-11:30 am, Sr Gloria Murillo, STJ, will speak on "Prayer: the Real Soul Food."

Pre-registration is not necessary. There's a \$30 charge, but they will accept whatever you can afford. Questions? Call 504-861-3254.

Poinsettias to honor 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. Intentions received by next Tues 12/17 will be listed in a Christmas season bulletin.

'Tis the season...

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

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

Thanks for your help.

Pilgrimage to Canada, May 2020

Although we may not think about it, Canada is filled with beautiful Catholic pilgrimage sites. Deacon Carlos Ramirez, and possibly Fr Kyle, will lead a pilgrimage there, May 13-18, 2020. The group will visit such places as the Basilica of



Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré (pictured), which welcomes 1.5 million pilgrims per year, the Cathedral of Notre-Dame de Québec, the Shrine of Our Lady of the Cape, and St Joseph's Oratory, home of St André Bessette and one of the largest churches in the world. It should prove to be a trip of great beauty and prayer. The overall cost, including flight, lodging, and meals (except lunches), is \$2,000. Interested? See Fr Kyle **ASAP!**

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)! The Sisters are grateful for your support.

Married Couples Retreat
Growing Together in Faith & Love
January 11 - 12
Would you like to break away with your spouse and spend quality time enriching your marriage?
Then join us on one of our upcoming retreats at the beautiful St Joseph Abbey's Retreat Center in Covington, La.
FaithandMarriage.org

Need a
GREAT
gift idea
for your
honey?

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further!

Pivotal Players: 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 journey begins at 6:30 pm on Thurs 1/16/20. This study series, at the 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 group's coordinator is Sid Zeringue, 839-5146. So we can begin on schedule, please register by this Fri 12/13. Our office has the registration/order forms.

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.

- 12/7 5 pm †Mary Ann Cole
†Shirley LeBlanc
†Genevieve Zeringue
- 12/8 8:30 am Our Parishioners
- 12/8 11 am †Jerry Cancienne
†Frank and Alida Gennusa
†Erole and Hilda Kreamer
†Tina Nunemacher
†John Poché
†Donel Tullos
- 12/8 3 pm Nick Tullier
- 12/10 5 pm †Brandi Sander
- 12/11 5 pm Louis Boudreaux
- 12/12 *6 pm †Ernest and Jude Vidacovich
- 12/13 9 am †Brandi Sander

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, 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, Dannel 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.

Lector preparation workbooks



are available for pickup in our office. If you wish to learn about becoming a lector, see Fr Kyle.

The Sanctuary Light
will burn December 8-14
in memory of
Henry J. Estave



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: www.holyfamilyfranklinton.org/bulletins (it's dated Dec 2).

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

Upcoming events

- 12/9 Immaculate Conception Mass 5 pm
- 12/10 Altar & Rosary 11 am
- 12/10 Pastoral Council 6 pm
- 12/11 Christmas Play practice 4 pm
- 12/11 Y-Prep 6 pm
- 12/11 CYO 7 pm
- 12/12 **no** 9 am Mass
- 12/12 Friends of St Francis 9:30 am
- 12/12 Our Lady of Guadalupe Misa en español 6 pm, y una fiesta después
- 12/13 Rosary 8:30 am
- 12/14 Confessions 3:30-4:15 pm
- 12/14 Angel Tree tags at Mass (tagged gifts due 12/22)
- 12/15 Angel Tree tags at Masses (tagged gifts due 12/22)
- 12/15 Christmas Play dress rehearsal 12:15 pm
- 12/15 Christmas Play 5:30 pm, parish potluck party follows
- 12/18 Y-Prep 6 pm
- 12/18 CYO 7 pm
- 12/19 RCIA 6 pm

This week's special collection

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

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

This week's Scripture readings

<u>Mon 12/9</u> <i>Immaculate Conception of Mary</i>	Genesis 3:9-15,20 Psalm 98:1-4 Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12 Luke 1:26-38
<u>Tues 12/10</u> <i>Advent Weekday</i>	Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 96:1-3,10-13 Matthew 18:12-14
<u>Wed 12/11</u> <i>Advent Weekday</i>	Isaiah 40:25-31 Psalm 103:1-4,8,10 Matthew 11:28-30
<u>Thurs 12/12</u> <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	Zechariah 2:14-17 Judith 13:18-19 Luke 1:26-38 or 1:39-47
<u>Fri 12/13</u> <i>Lucy Virgin, Martyr</i>	2 Corinthians 10:17—11:2 Psalm 1:1-4,6 Matthew 25:1-13
<u>Sat 12/14</u> <i>John of the Cross Priest, Doctor of the Church</i>	1 Corinthians 2:1-10 Psalm 80:2-3,15-16,18-19 Luke 14:25-33
<u>Sun 12/15</u> <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17 Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12

Stewardship Report

regular	\$2,893.50
building	\$ 205.00
Thank you for your sacrificial giving.	