

Fourth Sunday
of Advent

HOLY FAMILY

December 22
2019

Catholic Church ♦ Franklinton, LA



"They shall name him Emmanuel... 'God is with us.'" — Matthew 1:23

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.

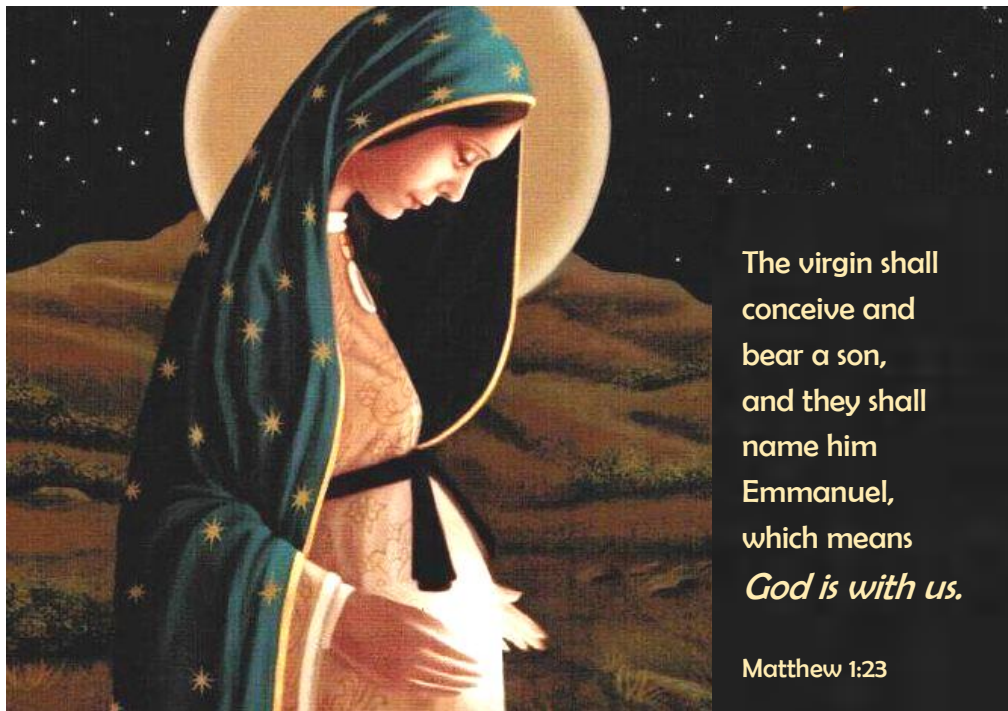
Baptisms
Contact Fr Kyle when you are ready
to have your child baptized.

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.



The virgin shall
conceive and
bear a son,
and they shall
name him
Emmanuel,
which means
God is with us.

Matthew 1:23

From Our Pastor:

THE NEED FOR THE NATIVITY

Charles Dickens retaught to the English-speaking world the wonder of Christmas. That it is a time of joy, cheerfulness, forgiveness, and reunion. Indeed, we can and do experience these in Christ whose birth we celebrate. But these days can also be a time of great difficulty. It can cause loneliness; it reminds us of those whom we have lost. It reconnects us with a family of broken individuals, who remind us of our own brokenness. As much as it promises to be a time of joy, sadness lurks in the wings.

Then, we also experience a decided lack of peace. Shopping, cooking, parties, cards, shopping and the anxiety of trying to find the "perfect present," it all adds up to disturb the peace as we celebrate the coming of the Prince of Peace.

It's during these times of sadness and anxiety, fear and helplessness that we wish we could go somewhere to find peace. But, we can. It's in a stable in Bethlehem, although a little cold and drafty. Lying in a manger accompanied by sheep, donkeys, and oxen is the sleeping

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Office hours this week: 12/23: 8-4. 12/24, 12/25: closed. 12/26, 12/27: 8-1.
You can still call 985-237-0972 if you have a sacramental emergency.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas is a holy day of obligation

Tues, Dec 24, Christmas Eve

6 pm and Midnight
no 5 pm Mass

Wed, Dec 25, Christmas Day

10 am only
no 5 pm Mass



CELEBRATING OUR PATRONAL FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

The Feast of the Holy Family always occurs on the Sunday within the Octave (8 days of festive observance) of Christmas. Next **Sun 12/29** is that feast day. It's also the last Sunday of the month, and in our family that means it's a "breakfast" Sunday; so we're gonna kick it up a notch to celebrate! All are invited to this special event, and to bring a dish to share. **9:30 am** in the hall.

"The virgin birth has never been a major stumbling block in my struggle with Christianity; it's far less mind-boggling than the Power of all Creation stooping so low as to become one of us."

Madeleine L'Engle, *A Stone for a Pillow*

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Christ child, attended by His mother, watched over by His foster father. This Nativity scene, which isn't just something we set up, like we would a train set or doll house, is a place we can turn to, to dwell in peace. Yes, the odor may be far from luxuriant, but the company is heavenly. Here in the stable is hope come to life. Here in this place is the deepest sense of awe and wonder, normally associated with children. Here the little drummer gives his percussive gift, shepherds come in homage, kings kneel before a swaddled newborn in a manger. Here heaven quite literally meets earth.

Who's to say we can't set up a Nativity scene in our hearts, in our imagination, that we can return to anytime to adore the Christ child, to dwell in the peace of Bethlehem. Yes, eventually, we may need to flee to Egypt, but now, we can be like Mary in the Gospel of Luke and ponder all these things in our hearts.

The mystery of Christmas, with its wonder and joy, can always be found at the Nativity scene. Christmas may be December 25th, but the Nativity can be our refuge anytime, anywhere.

So come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord, the Prince of Peace.

Fr. Kyle

College-bound seniors:

The Knights of Columbus award an annual scholarship to an outstanding Catholic boy and girl. Access the application at: www.louisianakc.org > CYLA. Application is due by 1/25 to Mr Sid Zeringue, 985-839-5146, and he can answer your questions.

Loved one hospitalized or home-bound? Please let us know

As soon as a family member is admitted to a hospital or nursing home, or if you care for a loved one at home, please call our office, 839-4040, to let Fr Kyle know. He doesn't want anyone to be neglected, but depends on you to tell us your loved one needs a visit.

MEN: YOUR MISSION, SHOULD YOU CHOOSE TO ACCEPT IT: PERSONAL HOLINESS

But it's impossible to be holy today, right? In a world filled with fallen heroes, comfort, and compromise, Saints can seem like they belong in the past. Still, Jesus looks upon you and calls you to holiness. Rediscover that you were made for more than what the world offers. Holiness is not only possible—it's *your mission*.

Date/Time: March 7, 2020, 8 am-2:30 pm

Place: St Catherine of Siena Parish, 105 Bonnabel Blvd, Metairie 70005

Students: \$20

Early Bird: \$35 (until 12/31)

After 12/31: \$45

REGISTER NOW!
www.neworleanscatholic.com

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

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!**

Don't forget to check Holy Family's **MyParish app**



for calendar and event updates throughout the Christmas season

Here we come a-caroling!



Holy Family's annual nursing home caroling adventure is this Tues 12/24. Our first stop is at Heritage Manor at 9 am, then we're on to Good Samaritan at 10:30. Join us at one or both stops! All ages are welcome! It is heart-warming to bring music and joy—and *Christ's presence*—to the residents.

Still don't know what to give your spouse??

psst...

GREAT idea right here

(you're welcome)

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

Mother-Daughter program in Covington

10-12 year old young ladies and their mothers are invited to attend the Archdiocesan Mother-Daughter Program hosted by St Peter Parish on Sat 1/25, 6-8 pm. There is a limit to the number of attendees, and the spots do fill up quickly. Info and registration: www.stpeterparish.com/mother-daughter-program.

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, you must register by Mon 12/23. Our office has the registration/order forms. Monday hours: 8-4.

Let every heart
prepare him
room!

LECTORS: your workbooks for the new liturgical year have arrived and are available during office hours.

Mass Intentions

- 12/21 5 pm †Jessie Andras
Evan Grace Ibarra
†Shirley LeBlanc
†Gail Richoux
Rogers Family
- 12/22 8:30 am Our Parishioners
- 12/22 11 am Eddie Boudreaux
†Jerry Cancienne
†Frank Gennusa Sr
†Tina Nunemacher
†John Poché
†Jimmy Richoux
†Torry Richoux
†Donel Tullos
- 12/22 3 pm Nick Tullier
- 12/24 *6 pm †Herd and Pam Miller
- 12/24 *Midnight †Rudy Altentaler
- 12/25 *10 am †Jerry Cancienne
- 12/26 9 am Rogers Family
- 12/27 9 am Eliska Ibarra

Stay connected, especially during this busy season

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

- 12/22 Angel Tree deadline to bring in tagged, wrapped gifts
- 12/24 Christmas Caroling: Heritage 9 am, Samaritan 10:45 am
- 12/24 Vigil of Christmas (*a holy day of obligation*)
Masses: **6 pm** and **Midnight**
- 12/25 Christmas Day (*a holy day of obligation*) Mass **10 am**
- 12/27 Rosary 8:30 am
- 12/28 Confessions 3:30-4:15 pm
- 12/29 Celebration of our Patronal Feast of the Holy Family 9:30 am
- 12/29 Comida después de la Misa en español 3 pm
- 12/31 Vigil of Solemnity of Mary (*a holy day of obligation*)
Mass **5 pm**
- 1/1/20 Solemnity of Mary (*a holy day of obligation*) Mass **10 am**
- 1/2 RCIA 6 pm
- 1/3 Rosary 8:30 am
- 1/3 Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 am-4:30 pm, Benediction 4:30
- 1/4 Confessions 3:30-4:15 pm
- 1/4 Film With the Family 6:30 pm
- 1/5 Rosary at the Prayer Garden 9:45 am
- 1/8 Y-Prep 6 pm
- 1/8 CYO 7 pm
- 1/9 Friends of St Francis 9:30 am
- 1/9 RCIA 6 pm
- 1/9 Knights of Columbus 7 pm

Please pray for:

Baldassaro Family, Leo Baracco, Christine Bernard, Harvey Bienvenu, Jim Bradle, Susan Corkern, Beverly Creel, Briley Davis, Paula Davis, Craig Estave, 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, Jean Lugo, Denise Malbrough, Cindy Marsh, Charlie, Jacob, and Kalob Morel, Carrie Pierre, Mickey Power, Rogers Family, Dannell Rome, Tommy Thiebaud, Al Triche, 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.

2020 Mass book opens Jan 3

Please mail, email, or bring your Mass intention list to the office **no earlier than Jan 3**. Addresses are on front cover. Even if you've submitted a list in previous years, you must submit a new list for 2020. *No phone calls for more than three intentions, please.*

The Sanctuary Light will burn
December 22-28 in memory of

Brandi Sander

by request of

Jan and René LaBorde



This week's Scripture readings

Mon 12/23

Advent
Weekday

Malachi 3:1-4,23-24
Psalm 25:4-5,8-10,14
Luke 1:57-66

Tues 12/24

Christmas
Eve

Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 89:4-5,16-17,27,29
Acts 13:16-17,22-25
Matthew 1:1-25

Wed 12/25

Solemnity of the
Nativity of the Lord
(Christmas)

Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalm 98:1-6
Hebrews 1:1-6
John 1:1-18

Thurs 12/26

Stephen
Martyr

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59
Psalm 31:3-4,6-8-16-17
Matthew 10:17-22

Fri 12/27

John
Apostle, Evangelist

1 John 1:1-4
Psalm 97:1-2,5-6,11-12
John 20:1-8

Sat 12/28

Holy Innocents
Martyrs

1 John 1:5—2:2
Psalm 124:2-5,7-8
Matthew 2:13-18

Sun 12/29

Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary,
and Joseph

Sirach 3:2-6,12-14
Psalm 128:1-5
Colossians 3:12-21
Matthew 2:13-15,19-23



Stewardship Report

regular \$2,582.00
building \$ 302.00

Thank you for your sacrificial giving.