



# HOLY FAMILY

Catholic Church ♦ Franklinton, LA

*our God is with us!*

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

December 29  
2019

### **Pastor**

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**Sacramental emergencies**  
**985-237-0972**

### **Office**

985-839-4040  
Mon-Thurs 8 am - 4:30 pm  
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### **Location / Address**

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### **Website**

www.holyfamilyfranklinton.org

### **Parish Email**

holyfamilyfranklinton@arch-no.org

### **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.



## **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. Today is that feast day, as well as the last Sunday of the month, and in our family that means it's a "breakfast" Sunday. We're kickin' it up a notch to celebrate! All are invited to this special event, 9:30 am in the hall.

### *From Our Pastor:*

#### **BREAKING DOWN THE MISSION STATEMENT**

**Stirred by the Holy Spirit, the mission of Holy Family Parish is to evangelize our community with the transforming power of Christ through love and compassion for God and neighbor.**

The beauty of a mission statement is that in a few words it can communicate a whole host of ideas. For this article, I want to break down what the Pastoral Council and myself were thinking when we drafted this statement.

"*Stirred by the Holy Spirit*" It's easy for us to want to create this parish in our own image, to shape it in the way that we desire and inform it from our own personal worldview. This can work for a corporation or even for a non-profit, but this parish was brought into existence and is

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You can still call 985-237-0972 if you have a sacramental emergency.

sustained through the power of the Holy Spirit. If we aren't led by the Spirit, we will fail to live out the mission of the gospel to which the whole Church is called. We need to be led by the Spirit, which means the foundation, the bedrock of our parish is prayer, both personal prayer and communal prayer. In prayer, we slowly lose our selfishness and gain obedience to the Divine will. We want our parish to live out of the will of the Father, for in His will is our greatest good.

*"the mission of Holy Family Parish"* I think most of us would say we love Holy Family, each with our own reasons, from the church building to the community. What we have here both theologically and in reality is a small version of the worldwide Church. Right before He ascended into heaven, Christ gave the Church, through the Apostles, a mission. "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation," (Mk. 13:15) and "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," (Mt. 28:19). We too participate in that mission. And I mean we very specifically. It isn't just me, or our core volunteers, or our staff, or Sr. Theresa; this call is for every single person in the parish. To be the parish that flourishes we need to all live out that call. Yes, we gain our strength, our purpose, and our food from Sunday Mass. Like I said earlier, prayer, especially the prayer of the sacrifice of the Mass, is the bedrock of our parish. But mere attendance and even participation at Mass is insufficient. To be a Christian isn't to be a passive observer or worshipper, but an active participant in the journey to heaven. Mass is the springboard, but the rest of life is an ocean. If we don't actively swim, we risk drowning in the lies, ideologies, and lifestyles of the world, and we forget who we are and whose we are. So for us, as a community, a cell in the body of Christ, we need a mission to give us a united focus and direction.

*"is to evangelize the community"* That mission, stirred by the Holy Spirit, begins and continues by evangelizing the community. Normally, when we think of evangelization, we think of sharing the Gospel to others outside of our faith. Indeed, that is one aspect of evangelization. We live in a missionary territory where the gospel and the mission of the Church is misunderstood. Here in Franklinton, and in the United States, Christians do not know or understand the economy of salvation Christ established in the Church through the action of the sacraments. Faith, and encounter with Christ, has been relegated to the Scriptures without recourse to the sacraments, except for baptism. So we, who live in missionary territory, need to go out and share the truth.

Evangelization also is needed within our own ranks. Most Catholics (the numbers are staggering) have lost, forgotten, or abandoned the faith of their youth. Many who haven't have only the basic of faith lives. I'm sure you heard the study not too long ago that found that 50% of practicing Catholics don't believe in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. We too need to be reacquainted with the economy of salvation Christ established through His Church and through the action of the sacraments. So it is vital that the parish educate and familiarize ourselves with Christ and His Church.

As you can see, I'm only halfway through the mission statement, and there's still much more to say. I'll continue next week.



***Loved one homebound or hospitalized?  
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. As well-intentioned as their staff is, notifying a patient's church is often overlooked. Fr Kyle doesn't want anyone to be neglected, but depends on you to tell us your loved one needs a visit. And you can add him/her to our prayer list, too.

**O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord!**

Shepherds and kings found the Son of God in a lowly manger, a feeding trough for animals, yet they recognized and adored Him. They may have even had a breathtaking moment of holding Him in their arms! We find the Son of God in a lowly piece of bread, which feeds us. We have the astonishing privilege of holding Him in our hands, of taking Him into ourselves! Let us not fail to recognize Him, adore Him, and thank Him. Come adore Him in the Eucharist this Friday 1/3/20, 9:30 am-4:30 pm. Sign up for an hour near the entrance, or just drop in and visit Him anytime.

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

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR SOLEMNITY OF MARY**

*a holy day of obligation*

**Tues, 12/31, New Year's Eve**

**5 pm**

**Wed, 1/1/20, New Year's Day**

**10 am only**

no 5 pm Mass

**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!**

*It's no mystery*

The rosary is recited in the church every Friday morning at 8:30, and at the Prayer Garden every first Sunday after the 8:30 Mass. *All are welcome!*



**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, 8 am-2:30 pm

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

Early Bird: \$35 (until December 31)

After 12/31: \$45

Students: \$20

**REGISTER NOW!**

<https://www.neworleanscatholic.com>

**FILM WITH THE FAMILY IS BACK!**

**SAT 1/4, 6:30 PM**

**NOW SHOWING:**

**Wonder**

the incredibly inspiring and heart-warming story of Auggie Pullman, a boy with facial differences who enters the fifth grade, attending a mainstream elementary school for the first time.

**ICED TEA: FREE!**

**POPCORN: FREE!!**

**GOOD TIMES: FREE!!!**

*other food and drinks will be available for sale to raise money for the KCs*

**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](http://FaithandMarriage.org)

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

## Mass Intentions

- 12/28 5 pm †Ruby Gagnard  
†Winston Gagnard  
†Shirley LeBlanc  
†Donel Tullos  
†Jarrel Tullos
- 12/29 8:30 am †Rudy Altentaler  
†Garfield Baham  
Jan LaBorde  
†Katie Westmoreland McCain  
†John Poché  
†Brandi Sander  
†Genevieve Zeringue
- 12/29 11 am Our Parishioners
- 12/29 3 pm Nick Tullier
- 12/31 \*5 pm †Gloria Murray
- 1/1 \*10 am Jill Boudreaux
- 1/2 9 am Our Parishioners
- 1/3 9 am †Brandi Sander

## Please pray for:

Leo Baracco, Christine Bernard, Harvey Bienvenu, Jim Bradle, Susan Corkern, Beverly Creel, Briley Davis, Paula Davis, Craig Estave, Douglas Ferrante, F. Paul Genusa, Diane Gill, Voncile Griffith, Charmaine Hebert, Don Gerard Hedrick (deployed -Afghanistan), 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](mailto:holyfamilyfranklinton@arch-no.org).

## 2020 Mass book opens Jan 3

You may bring, email, or mail your Mass intention list to the office \*no earlier than Jan 3.\* Please, no phone calls for more than three intentions. Thanks.

The Sanctuary Light will burn  
December 29-January 3 for

**Aidan Ibarra**

by request of

Eddie and Sue Boudreaux



## 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**. The number of attendees is limited, and spots go quickly. For info and registration: [www.stpeterparish.com/mother-daughter-program](http://www.stpeterparish.com/mother-daughter-program).

## Stay connected to what's happening at Holy Family

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](http://www.holyfamilyfranklinton.org/bulletins) (it's dated Jan 1).

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

## Upcoming events

- 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)  
Masses **10 am** and **12 noon**
- 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



## This week's Scripture readings

<u>Mon 12/30</u> <i>Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas</i>	1 John 2:12-17 Psalm 96:7-10 Luke 2:36-40
<u>Tues 12/31</u> <i>Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas</i>	1 John 2:18-21 Psalm 96:1-2,11-13 John 1:1-18
<u>Wed 1/1</u> <i>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God The Octave of Christmas</i>	Numbers 6:22-27 Psalm 67:2-3,5-6,8 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21
<u>Thurs 1/2</u> <i>Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen Bishops, Doctors of the Church</i>	1 John 2:22-28 Psalm 98:1-4 John 1:19-28
<u>Fri 1/3</u> <i>Christmas Weekday/ Holy Name of Jesus</i>	1 John 2:29-3:6 Psalm 98:1,3-6 John 1:29-34
<u>Sat 1/4</u> <i>Elizabeth Seton Religious, Founder</i>	1 John 3:7-10 Psalm 98:1,7-9 John 1:35-42
<u>Sun 1/5</u> <i>Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</i>	Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-13 Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 Matthew 2:1-12

## Stewardship Report

regular collection	\$3,164.00
building fund	\$ 535.00

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