



HOLY FAMILY

Catholic Church ♦ Franklinton, LA

Solemnity of
the Epiphany
of the Lord

"We have come to do him homage." — Matthew 2:2

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2020

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:

BREAKING DOWN THE MISSION STATEMENT, PART 2

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.

I hope as we start this new year and a new decade, we can begin to look at ourselves in a different way, as a part of this parochial community not just in name but in choice, in action. And hopefully this new mission statement can help with our understanding of our communal identity.

Last week, I looked at the first part of the mission statement, about losing our egos and being guided by the Spirit to fulfill the mission of Christ to facilitate an encounter with him through evangelizing our own as well as the majority of the population in our area who are not Catholic.

Such action we cannot do by our own power. Evangelization ultimately is an act of love, whether in word or deed we share Christ whom we know. This love though must have a source. We can only love so much. "[Man] cannot always give, he must also receive. Anyone who wishes to give love must also receive love as a gift. Certainly, as the Lord tells us, one can become a source from which rivers of living water flow (cf. John 7:37-38). Yet to become such a source, one must constantly drink new from the original source, which is Jesus Christ, from whose pierced heart flows the love of God (cf. John 19:34)."¹ We are able to do what we do because we've been enabled by Christ.

He calls us, as disciples, to give ourselves completely. He calls us to be all in. "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven," (Matthew 7:21). Like I said last week, it's not enough for us to passively worship. For our good and the good of others we need to take up that two-fold commandment to love God and neighbor. "Only my readiness to encounter my neighbor and to show him love makes me sensitive to God as well. Only if I serve my neighbor can my eyes be opened to what God does for me and how much he loves me. The saints—consider the example of St Teresa of Calcutta—constantly renewed their capacity for love of neighbor from their encounter with the Eucharistic Lord, and conversely this encounter acquired its realism and depth in their service for others. Love of God and love of neighbor are thus inseparable, they form a single commandment. But both live from the love of God who has loved us first... Love grows through love."²

The whole energy and lifeblood of the parish flows from Christ. Every action we

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♪ On the 12th day of Christmas, my church family gave to me... ♪

...a gift for each family! After all Masses this weekend, your family may pick up a brand new calendar for the brand new year. Merry Christmas and a Blessed 2020 to you and yours!

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take, every choice we make, everything need be in him, through him, and with him. If not, our parish will begin to lose his image and become more of our image, and most of us are hot messes; we don't need our parish to be a hot mess as well. We want it to reflect the best parts of us, not the worst.

We allow Christ to live in us by the way we love. This cyclic nature of love Pope Benedict speaks of begins with his love for us. "God so loved the world..." (John 3:16). His love demands a response from us, and that response, in Christ, is two-fold. First, it is diverted back to our Lord through worship, honor, praise, gratitude, which the Church teaches us through the action of the Eucharistic liturgy. This love is also directed toward the human nature of Christ which though in glory in heaven, still suffers for our sins. His Sacred Heart experiences all the blasphemy, selfishness, pride, laziness, apathy, and lukewarmness of every member of his Body. Just as we feel hurt when someone disrespects us, so too does Christ feel each one of those blows. By choosing to love him, and by choosing to console him in this singular suffering, we have compassion for him. We become true disciples and see more clearly the effects of even our smallest sins.



Love of God also finds its completion in love of neighbor, by our living out the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. To feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, bury the dead, admonish the sinner, instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, comfort the sorrowful, bear wrongs patiently, forgive all injuries, pray for the living and the dead. In these 14 actions we show love of neighbor. In them, we love God who reveals himself in his creation. "Whatever you have done for the least of these, you have done for me," (Matthew 25:40).

In this way, we live as disciples of Christ.

Behind the Christmas carol

The *Epiphany*, which we celebrate today, means a *revealing, a manifesting, a making known*. The gifts presented to the child Jesus do *reveal, manifest, make known* who He truly is.

In verse 1 of the familiar carol, *We Three Kings of Orient Are*, we sing: "Born a **king** on Bethlehem's plain | Gold I bring to crown him again | **King** forever, ceasing never | Over us all to reign."

In verse 2: "Frankincense to offer have I | Incense owns a **Deity** nigh | Prayer and praising all men raising | Worship him, **God** most high."

And in verse 3: "Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume | Breathes a life of gathering gloom | Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, **dying** | sealed in the stone-cold tomb."

And summing up, in the final verse we proclaim who He truly is: Jesus is the risen "**King, and God, and Sacrifice.**"

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. Attend the First Annual Archdiocesan Men's Conference, and 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, Bonnabel Blvd at Metairie Rd

Registration: \$45 (Students: \$20)

REGISTER NOW!

<https://www.neworleanscatholic.com>



¹ Pope Benedict XVI, *Deus Caritas Est*, 7.
² *Ibid*, 18.

2019 Mass book is open

Please mail, email, or bring your Mass intention list to the office (addresses on front cover). Even if you've submitted a list in previous years, you must submit a new list for 2020. Please, no phone calls for more than three intentions. Thanks.

Married in 1995? This is for you!

The Archdiocese of New Orleans' first annual Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebration will take place on Sunday 3/22, 3 pm, in St Joseph Church, New Orleans.

This celebration is a prayer service, not a Mass, therefore your Sunday Mass attendance obligation will need to be met elsewhere.

All participants must register through their parish by Mon 1/13. Please call our office to register: 985-839-4040. *Congratulations!*

LORD, every nation on earth will adore you!

Psalm 72:11

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

Good news of great joy, for all people

As each of the Magi made his final preparations for his journey, many unknowns surely intruded upon his thoughts: Where exactly are we heading? What dangers might lurk along the way? How long before I return safely to my family—will I return safely to my family? Are our calculations correct? He whom we seek is a king; I know I ought to bring something precious to offer Him... what would make a suitable gift? Why do I feel so compelled to do this, anyway?

As we contemplate this mysterious occurrence in the early life of Jesus, we perceive parallels in our own life's journey, in which we set out to find and know Jesus. We are drawn and guided not by a brilliant star, but by the promise of His peace and love in a broken, hurting, disillusioned world. Upon encountering Him—in the most unexpected places, moments, and people—we experience the warmth and light of His presence. Upon inviting Him into our lives, we begin to see our fears calmed, our loneliness eased, our sins forgiven, our wounds healed, our weariness reanimated, our hopelessness cheered, our weakness steeled, our darkness illuminated, our clouded vision cleared, our souls *alive!* And we wish to offer something precious to the One who has gifted us... what would make a suitable gift? He asks (does not demand) only our whole selves. Our laying aside the distractions and attractions of created things, and seeing that our greatest joy, our most exhilarating freedom, comes from total abandonment to Him. Our gift is everything that He has given: our lives, our livelihood, our trust, and our funds. It is in this total abandonment that we experience blessedness. For all we have is His.

And why do we feel so compelled to do this, anyway? We seek Him because we were made to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this life, and to live forever with Him in the next; because *He couldn't imagine eternity without us.*

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

Pilgrimage to Canada, May 13-18

Canada is filled with beautiful Catholic pilgrimage sites. Deacon Carlos Ramirez, and possibly Fr Kyle, will lead a pilgrimage there, May 13-18.



The group will visit such places as the Basilica of Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré (pictured), the Cathedral of Notre-Dame de Québec, 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!**

All are welcome to join in praying the Rosary every Friday morning at 8:30 in the church.

Mass Intentions

- 1/4 5 pm †Harold Carriles
†Toni Carriles Hedrick
Jean Lugo
- 1/5 8:30 am Our Parishioners
- 1/5 11 am David Benoit
†Jerry Cancienne
†Donel Tullos
- 1/5 3 pm Nick Tullier
- 1/7 5 pm David Benoit
- 1/8 5 pm Maggie Boudreaux
- 1/9 9 am †A.L. and G.M. France
- 1/10 9 am †Brandi Sander

Please pray for:

Christine Bernard, Harvey Bienvenu, Jim Bradle, Susan Corkern, Beverly Creel, Paula Davis, Craig Estave, Douglas Ferrante, F. Paul Gennusa, Voncile Griffith, Charmaine Hebert, Don Gerard Hedrick, 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 Morel, Carrie Pierre, Mickey Power, Rogers Family, Dannel 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.

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.

For info and registration:
www.stpeterparish.com/mother-daughter-program.

Loved one homebound or hospitalized?

Please let us know

As soon as a family member is admitted to a hospital or nursing home, or becomes homebound, please call our office to let Fr Kyle know. Notifying a patient's church is sometimes overlooked. Fr Kyle doesn't want anyone to be neglected, but he depends on you to tell him your loved one needs a visit.

The Sanctuary Light will burn

January 5-11 for

Jessie Andras

by request of

Sandra Andras



This week's Scripture readings

- Mon 1/6 1 John 3:22—4:6
Christmas Weekday Psalm 2:7-8,10-12
Matthew 4:12-17,23-25
- Tues 1/7 1 John 4:7-10
Christmas Weekday or Raymond of Penyafort Psalm 72:1-4,7-8
Mark 6:34-44
- Wed 1/8 Genesis 3:1-6,13-15
Our Lady of Prompt Succor (a Solemnity in the Archdiocese of N.O.) Psalm 72:1-2,10-13
Revelation 12:1-3,7-12,17
John 2:1-11
- Thurs 1/9 1 John 4:19—5:4
Christmas Weekday Psalm 72:1-2,14-17
Luke 4:14-22
- Fri 1/10 1 John 5:5-13
Christmas Weekday Psalm 147:12-15,19-20
Luke 5:12-16
- Sat 1/11 1 John 5:14-21
Christmas Weekday Psalm 149:1-6,9
John 3:22-30
- Sun 1/12 Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7
Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Psalm 29:1-4,9-10
Acts 10:34-38
Matthew 3:13-17

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 (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

- 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
- 1/10 Rosary 8:30 am
- 1/11 Confessions 3:30-4:15 pm
- 1/12 Coffee Social 9:30 am
- 1/12 CCD 9:45 am
- 1/14 Altar & Rosary 10 am
- 1/14 Pastoral Council 6:30 pm
- 1/15 Y-Prep 6 pm
- 1/15 CYO 7 pm
- 1/16 RCIA 6 pm



Stewardship Report

	<u>12/24-25</u>	<u>12/28-29</u>
regular	\$2,148.77	\$2,135.00
building	\$ 175.00	\$ 100.00

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