

Fifth Sunday
in
Ordinary
Time

HOLY FAMILY

Catholic Church ♦ Franklinton, LA

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Your light must shine before others, that they may...glorify your heavenly Father. — Matt 5:16

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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

SIN AND THE WORD OF GOD

REFLECTIONS ON POPE BENEDICT'S LETTER *VERBUM DOMINI*

It's been a long time but we're finally returning to weekly reflections on Pope Benedict XVI's apostolic exhortation, *Verbum Domini*. Over these last few paragraphs the Holy Father has been talking about how the Scriptures foster a relationship between us and God, that they are God speaking to us, that they are our response to Him, that they facilitate a dialogue between us and God, and that they foster faith within us.

Just as Scripture reveals to us the wonderful possibility and actuality of a personal and ecclesial relationship with God, it also reveals our own sinfulness and truly reveals what that is. *"Quite frequently in both the Old and New Testament we find sin described as a refusal to hear the word, as a breaking of the covenant and thus as being closed to God who calls us to communion with himself. Sacred Scripture shows how man's sin is essentially disobedience and a refusal to hear"* (VD, 25).

This puts sin and its understanding into an easily relatable context. We are all familiar with the act of refusing to listen. We did it as children to avoid chores or homework. We do it as adults to intentionally disrespect someone or to assert our own will. Most of us have been on the receiving end of someone refusing to listen. Every time we sin, big or small, that is what we are doing to the Father. By our actions, we say to God, "I don't care what you say."

Now we have a relational perspective for sin. When we sin, we tell God we don't want to hear what he has to say. We turn on the noise-cancelling headphones and do what we want to do. Thankfully, he has not left us in this selfish state. *"The radical*

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obedience of Jesus even to his death on the cross (cf. Philippians 2:8) completely unmask this sin. His obedience brings about the new covenant between God and man, and grants us the possibility of reconciliation” (VD, 26). In his listening and following the will of the Father, Jesus gives us a way out of our disobedience through the new life of the cross. When we accept Jesus, the Word of God, he reopens those lines of communication that had been cut off due to sin.

Sin is not something we treat lightly. It is the rejection of the will of God and the intentional ignoring of his word. In Christ, the Word made flesh, we have reconciliation and, in his forgiveness, the way to salvation.



Prayer for those in RCIA

Heavenly Father, it is Your will to establish everything in Christ and draw us all into His all-embracing love. Our sisters, Misti and Bobbie, are studying and reflecting on Your Word, and long for the day when they can be one with us at Your table. Guide and strengthen them, forgive and heal them, build them into the kingdom of Your Son, and seal them with the Spirit of Your promise. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord, Amen.

→ (...so... **what is “RCIA”?**)

Each year during the Easter season, thousands who are past the age for infant Baptism or teenage Confirmation are baptized into, or received into full communion with, the Catholic Church. Parishes welcome these new Catholics through a process of instruction and prayer called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (or RCIA).

Calling all bakers and “apprentices”

Planning and preparation for this year’s St Joseph Altar have begun. Cookie baking will take place this Mon 2/10 and Wed 2/12, 9 am both days. Any interested parishioner, male or female, experienced or novice, is welcome to join in the fun. Batteries (coffee) included.

Parish Lunch next Sun 2/16, noon

This monthly event is as much about the fellowship as it is about the home-cookin’. Please make a point to thank the men for their service to our parish family. There’s no charge, but donations are appreciated.

This week’s special collection: Catholic Charities

All monies collected remain in our archdiocese. Catholic Charities of New Orleans provides care for women in crisis pregnancies, the vulnerable, the elderly, the disabled, those displaced by natural disasters, and more. It also coordinates and facilitates adoptions. Pick up an envelope today and return it next weekend with your gift. Thank you for helping to make these services available to those most in need.

Married in 1970?

The Archdiocesan 50th Anniversary celebration will be held on Sunday, June 7 at 3 pm, at St Philip Neri Church in Metairie. Couples must register by 4 pm on Thurs 3/19 (to allow time for certificates to be created). This may be done by calling our office, or by going to nolacatholic.org/wedding-anniversary. Please note: this celebration will not be a Mass, but a prayer service. Therefore, one’s Sunday Mass attendance obligation will have to be met elsewhere. Thanks for the way your faithfulness models God’s faithfulness. May He grant you many more happy years together!

The tradition of a Lenten Parish Mission returns!

**Mark your calendars *now*: Mon, Tues, and Wed; March 9, 10, and 11; 6 pm.
More details soon.**

Holy Family recognizes and congratulates our two new Eagle Scouts

JACOB SIMMS



SCHUYLER THIEBAUD



Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in Boy Scouts. Requirements include earning at least 21 merit badges. The Eagle Scout must demonstrate scout spirit, an ideal attitude based upon the Scout Oath and Law, service to God and country, and leadership. This includes an extensive service project that the Scout plans, organizes, leads, and manages. On February 1, Jacob and Schuyler were presented with the Eagle Scout medal and badge recognizing their accomplishments.

1st Annual Men's Conference Metairie, Sat 3/7

If you're a Catholic man, then you are called to personal holiness. But isn't that impossible in our time? In a world of compromise, comfort-seeking, and fallen heroes, Saints can seem like they belong in the past. Still, Jesus looks at *you* and calls you to holiness. Attend the 1st annual Archdiocese of New Orleans 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*.

When: Sat 3/7, 8 am-2:30 pm

Where: St Catherine of Siena Parish,
Bonnabel Blvd at Metairie Rd

How much: \$45 / students \$25

To register: <https://www.neworleanscatholic.com>

Health Care Ethics Conference: Dignity and Disability in Medicine

The St John Paul II Foundation, in collaboration with the Archdiocese of New Orleans and Notre Dame Seminary, present the second annual *Converging Roads* health care ethics conference on Sat 3/14, 8:30 am to 6:15 pm at Notre Dame Seminary. The conference theme is *Dignity and Disability in Medicine*. Continuing education credits for healthcare professionals will be offered, but this event is open to and suited for all. For more information, visit convergingroads.com.

Theology on Tap for young adults

Theology on Tap invites young adults 18-30 to its Thursday night events at The Chimes Restaurant in Covington. The group gathers at 6:30; speaker at 7. This Thurs 2/13: Trivia Night. Bring a friend or two for a great evening. Info: 985-845-7342.

Annulment writing workshop, Sat 3/28

Mary Queen of Peace will host this event on Sat 3/28, 9 am-1 pm. There is no fee, but call 626-6977 to register. This will be an opportunity to have questions answered, receive confidential advice on specific problems, and leave with your story partially written with an outline for the rest. Bring your own writing materials. Refreshments will be provided.

Father-Son Human Sexuality Program Covington, Sat 3/7

St Peter Catholic Church, and the Archdiocese of New Orleans Office of Marriage and Family Life, invite boys ages 10-13 and their dads to discover God's plan for becoming a man in His image. Presentations by health professionals and passionately Catholic fathers explore the topics of sexuality, chastity, and virtue. The program is based on the teachings of Pope St John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*, and is meant to foster the relationship between father and son. The event will be held in St Mary's Hall on the church campus on Sat 3/7, from 6-8 pm. Space is limited, so register online *ASAP* at www.stpeterparish.com.

Mass Intentions

- 2/8 5 pm †Harold Carriles
 †Toni Carriles Hedrick
 †Shirley LeBlanc
 Jean Lugo
 †Bertha Pitcher
 †Reuben Pitcher
 George Varnado
- 2/9 8:30 am Our Parishioners
- 2/9 11 am †Jerry Cancienne
 †Diane Gennusa
 †Mary Lou Gennusa
 †Jeanne LaRonde
 Colin MacIver
 †Souls in Purgatory
- 2/9 3 pm People on Our Prayer List
- 2/11 5 pm †Jessie Andras
- 2/12 5 pm †Kaye Varnado
- 2/13 9 am Lucille Ibarra
- 2/14 9 am †Brandi Sander

Please pray for:

Janet Baham, Avery Bernard, Cassie Bickham, Jim Bradle, Donna Bruney, Beanne Cox, Beverly Creel, Aimee Davis, Paula Davis, Jesse and Kenny Denmark, Craig Estave, F. Paul Gennusa, Daniel 'DJ' Hamilton, Darlene Hartman, George Hartman, Ronnie Herbert, Keaton Family, David Knight, Jan LaBorde, Larry Lambremont, Henry and Tina Lirette, Don Lorenz, Frank and Jean Lugo, Cindy Marsh, Morel Family, Carrie Pierre, Mickey Power, Ryan Robinson, Rogers Family, Al Triche, Nick Tullier. Military (deployed-Afghanistan): Don Gerard Hedrick and Cody Westmoreland.

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.

Q: Are we too late to get our kids into religion classes?

A: Nope ;) Call Religious Ed coordinator, Renée Herbert: 985-630-1121

The Sanctuary Light will burn
 February 9-15 in honor of
Mary-Ann Grace Lopez
 by request of
 Diana Tanner



Upcoming events

- 2/10 Cookie baking for St Joseph Altar 9 am
- 2/11 Altar & Rosary Society 10 am
- 2/12 Cookie baking for St Joseph Altar 9 am
- 2/12 Y-Prep 6 pm
- 2/12 CYO 7 pm
- 2/13 Friends of St Francis 9:30 am
- 2/13 RCIA 6 pm
- 2/13 Adult Formation 6 pm
- 2/13 Knights of Columbus 7 pm
- 2/14 Rosary 8:30 am
- 2/15 Confessions 3:30-4:15 pm
- 2/16 CCD 9:45 am
- 2/16 Parish Lunch 12 noon
- 2/18 Pastoral Council 6 pm
- 2/19 Y-Prep 6 pm
- 2/19 CYO 7 pm
- 2/20 RCIA 6 pm
- 2/21 Rosary 8:30 am
- 2/22 Confessions 3:30-4:15 pm
- 2/23 Parish Breakfast 9:30 am
- 2/23 CCD 9:45 am
- 2/23 Cena después de la Misa en español 3 pm
- 2/25 No Mass today (Mardi Gras)
- 2/26 **Ash Wednesday: Masses at 9 am, 4:30 pm, 6:30 pm**
- 2/27 RCIA 6 pm
- 2/27 Adult Formation 6 pm
- 2/28 Rosary 8:30 am
- 2/28 Fish Fry 4-7 pm
- 2/28 Way of the Cross 6 pm

The current monthly calendar is always downloadable at www.holyfamilyfranklinton.org/bulletins, where it's dated the 1st of the month. You will find printed copies on the shelf in the back of the church and on the table in the office hallway.

This week's Scripture readings

- Mon 2/10
 Scholastica Psalm 132:6-10
 Virgin Mark 6:53-56
- Tues 2/11
 Our Lady of Lourdes Psalm 84:3-5,10-11
 Mark 7:1-13
- Wed 2/12
 Ordinary Time Psalm 37:5-6,30-31,39-40
 Weekday Mark 7:14-23
- Thurs 2/13
 Ordinary Time Psalm 106:3-4,35-37,40
 Weekday Mark 7:24-30
- Fri 2/14
 Cyril, Monk; and Methodius, Bishop Psalm 81:10-15
 Mark 7:31-37
- Sat 2/15
 Ordinary Time Psalm 106:6-7,19-22
 Weekday Mark 8:1-10
- Sun 2/16
 Sixth Sunday in Sirach 15:15-20
 Psalm 119:1-24-5,17-18,33-34
 1 Corinthians 2:6-10
 Ordinary Time Matthew 5:17-37

Stewardship Report

regular collection \$ 3,313.50
 building fund \$ 420.00

Thank you for your generosity.