



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ February 16, 2020

The LORD has set before you good and evil... whichever you choose shall be given you. – Sirach 15:17

Pastor

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Weekend Masses

no Mass on Mondays

Saturday Vigil: 5 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am, 11 am,
3 pm (en español)

Weekday Masses

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: 985-839-4040

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

MARY, MOTHER OF THE WORD OF GOD

REFLECTIONS ON POPE BENEDICT'S LETTER *VERBUM DOMINI*

As many of you have shared with me, growing up mid-century as a Catholic meant the Bible was off-limits. As literacy in the world continued to grow, Catholics' familiarity with Scripture actually decreased because we were discouraged from entering into it. I've said this before but that was based on a misplaced fear due to Scriptural interpretation done by the early Reformers, like Martin Luther.

The Synod called by Pope Benedict and from which the letter *Verbum Domini* came had this as its main goal, "to renew the Church's faith in the word of God" (VD, 27). There is no one better to learn from than she who said to the angel Gabriel, "Let it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38).

We're going back almost a year, but when we speak of the word of God, we are ultimately talking about the Son of God, who took on flesh in the Virgin Mary. Faith is our response to that person. "From the Annunciation to Pentecost she appears as a woman completely open to the will of God... Her obedient faith shapes her life at every moment before God's plan. A virgin ever attentive to God's word, she lives completely attuned to that word; she treasures in her heart the events of her Son, piecing them together as if in a single mosaic" (VD, 27). Mary is our model. She hears the word of God, she listens, she internalizes it, and she responds in faith to God's will for her, but also for the whole church and the whole history of mankind. "The incarnation of the word cannot be conceived apart from the freedom of this young woman who by her assent decisively cooperated with the entrance of the eternal into time" (VD, 27).

In other words, without Mary's "yes" God does not become man, the Paschal Mystery and the opening of the gates of heaven do not occur. Receiving the heavenly food of the Eucharist, or the full sanctification of man like we see in the saints, does not happen.

Mary, then, becomes the Christian ideal of encounter with the Word of God. "Mary is the image of the Church in attentive hearing of the

Liturgical Ministers and Altar Servers

Fr Kyle invites all who serve our parish family, specifically those in the various liturgical ministries, to a Lenten Retreat Day planned especially for you. All the dates are on Saturdays, 9 am-2 pm, here. Please save any of the following dates that pertain to you, and make every effort to be present.

Extraordinary Ministers: 2/29

Altar Servers: 3/7

Music Ministers: 3/14

Lectors: 3/28

Parish Breakfast next Sun 2/23, 9:30 am

This monthly event is as much about the fellowship as it is about the meal. Please make a point to thank the men for their service to our parish family. There's no charge, but donations do help defray costs and allow these events to continue.

Awesome events coming up for teens

Abbey Youth Fest, Steubenville on the Bayou—registration deadlines are approaching! Still in the development stage: Big Easy Adventure, Southwest Mission Trip! CYO membership is not required. For info, youth minister Eddie Boudreaux: 985-630-9997.

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.

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word of God, which took flesh in her. Mary also symbolizes openness to God and others; an active listening which interiorizes and assimilates, one in which the word becomes a way of life" (VD, 27).

To use an analogy: she doesn't just read the book, she enters into it, becomes a part of the story, a willing participant in the plot developed by the author. That is the ideal of encounter with the word of God, to see it as alive, as the life of God drawing the reader in and transforming him into a closer image of the word.



Lenten retreat in your daily life

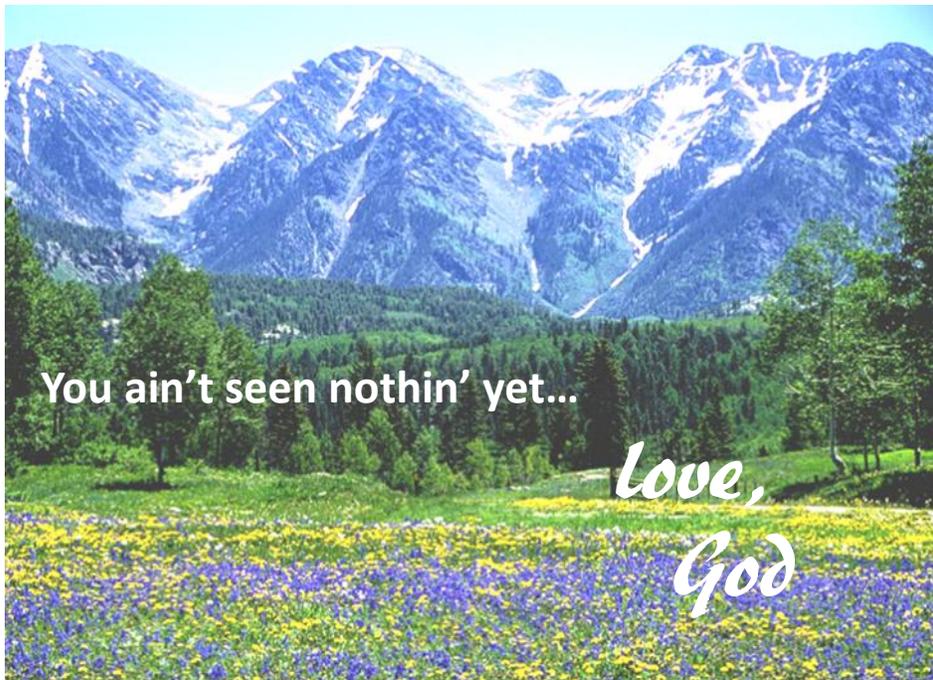
Wish you could experience Sacred Scripture, not just study it? Seeking a deeper relationship with the Lord in your prayer life? Ever wanted to make a directed retreat without interrupting your daily life? This retreat may be for you. It consists of an opening session on Sat 2/29, and a closing session on Sat 4/4, both 10:30 am-noon at the North Shore Catholic Center in Covington. In between, you'll spend 30 minutes a day in personal prayer with Scripture. During the retreat you'll have a weekly private session with an experienced spiritual director. Total cost is only \$40 (adjustments are possible). Register by calling 504-861-3254, or online at <https://nolacatholic.org/asc>.

Married in 1970?

The Archdiocesan Golden 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 is not 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.**



You ain't seen nothin' yet...

Love,
God

No ear has ever heard,
no eye ever seen,
nor has the human heart imagined
what God has prepared
for those who love him.

*St Paul, in his first letter
to the Corinthians 2:19
(quoting Isaiah 64:3)*

Today's Second Reading

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.

Calling all bakers and "apprentices"

Preparations for this year's St Joseph Altar have begun. Cookie baking will take place this Mon 2/17 and Wed 2/19, 9 am both days. Any interested parishioner, male or female, experienced or novice, is welcome to join the fun. Batteries (coffee) included.

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

- 2/15 5 pm †Harold Carriles
 †Toni Carriles Hedrick
 †Shirley LeBlanc
 Jean Lugo
 †Elizabeth Penton
 George Varnado
 †Guidry/Bolotte Families
 †Clifton Breaux Family
- 2/16 8:30 am †Brandi Sander
 †Souls in Purgatory
- 2/16 11 am Our Parishioners
- 2/16 3 pm Aidan Ibarra
- 2/18 5 pm †Judy Jenkins
- 2/19 5 pm †Kaye Varnado
- 2/20 9 am Homebound Parishioners
- 2/21 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 Lrette, 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: May I reserve the parish hall for a private event?

A: Sure! Call our office for details: 985-839-4040

The Sanctuary Light will burn February 16-22 in memory of

Brandi Sander

by request of

Jan and René LaBorde



Upcoming events

- 2/17 Cookie baking for St Joseph Altar 9 am
 2/18 Pastoral Council 6 pm
 2/19 Cookie baking for St Joseph Altar 9 am
 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
 2/24 Cookie baking for St Joseph Altar 9 am
 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
 2/29 Lent Retreat Day for Extraordinary Ministers 9 am-2 pm
 2/29 Confessions 3:30-4:15 pm
 3/1 Rosary at the Prayer Garden 9:45 am
 3/1 CCD 9:45 am
 3/2 Cookie baking for St Joseph Altar 9 am
 3/4 Cookie baking for St Joseph Altar 9 am
 3/4 Y-Prep 6 pm
 3/4 CYO 7 pm
 3/5 Mass at 8:30 instead of 9 am (*this Thurs only*)
 3/5 RCIA 6 pm
 3/6 Rosary 8:30 am
 3/6 Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 am-4:30 pm (*Benediction*)
 3/6 Fish Fry 4-7 pm

This week's Scripture readings

<u>Mon 2/17</u>	James 1:1-11
<i>Ordinary Time</i>	Psalms 119:67-76
<i>Weekday</i>	Mark 8:11-13
<u>Tues 2/18</u>	James 1:12-18
<i>Ordinary Time</i>	Psalms 94:12-19
<i>Weekday</i>	Mark 8:14-21
<u>Wed 2/19</u>	James 1:19-27
<i>Ordinary Time</i>	Psalms 15:2-5
<i>Weekday</i>	Mark 8:22-26
<u>Thurs 2/20</u>	James 2:1-9
<i>Ordinary Time</i>	Psalms 34:2-7
<i>Weekday</i>	Mark 8:27-33
<u>Fri 2/21</u>	James 2:14-24,26
<i>Peter Damien: Bishop,</i>	Psalms 112:1-6
<i>Doctor of the Church</i>	Mark 8:34—9:1
<u>Sat 2/22</u>	1 Peter 5:1-4
<i>Chair of Peter,</i>	Psalms 23:1-6
<i>Apostle</i>	Matthew 16:13-19
<u>Sun 2/23</u>	Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18
<i>Seventh Sunday</i>	Psalms 103:1-4,8,10,12-13
<i>in</i>	1 Corinthians 3:16-23
<i>Ordinary Time</i>	Matthew 5:38-48

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.

Stewardship Report

regular collection \$ 3,508.00
 building fund \$ 365.00

Thank you for your sacrificial giving.