



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ February 23, 2020

Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against your own people. — *Leviticus 19:18*

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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

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985-201-5882

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Renée Herbert: 985-630-1121

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Eddie Boudreaux: 985-630-9997

Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday, noon.

Welcome to Holy Family, Father Robert Cavalier!
Thank you for ministering to us this weekend!

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

ASH WEDNESDAY

is this week,

February 26.

Mass with

Imposition of Ashes:

9 am, 4:30 pm, 6:30 pm

From Our Pastor

20 OUT-OF-THE-BOX THINGS TO DO FOR LENT

an article by author, speaker, and Covington religion teacher, Colin MacIver

Tired of giving up chocolate for Lent?

Here are some other creative ideas on what you can do for your Lenten commitment.

To be clear, this is not a list of things to do instead of fasting and sacrificing during Lent. I'm always on guard for talk that sounds like, "I'm not doing a regular Lent, I'm doing a cool Lent." Fasting and sacrifice are essential practices modeled and endorsed by Christ himself and are among the main actions that the Church calls us to during the Lenten season. (No pain, no gain. No cross, no crown.)

That said, prayer and almsgiving—the source and fruit of sacrifice and fasting—are also essential to Lenten observance. Self-giving love must flow from and into the Trinity, the source and destiny of all love.

Prayer is first. In our prayer we are driven by the Spirit into the desert with Christ (Matthew 4:1) and in our prayer we are nourished by every word that comes from the mouth of God (Matthew 4:4). Almsgiving, the other main action of Lenten observance, means offering or giving with love. When we pray and fast we grow in real liberty and can more effectively love as God loves.

So far, so good, right? The question, though, is *how*? If we just vaguely

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resolve to pray and give more, we are likely to slip into inertia. At the end of Lent we will probably shrug our shoulders, eat a Peep, and hope to do better next year.

Let's look at practices in the categories of prayer and almsgiving that can also make this Lent one for the history books. I'll offer twenty ideas for incorporating both prayer and almsgiving into your Lenten plan. Of course, this list won't be exhaustive and the hope is that the ideas given will spark many more among readers. Many of the ideas below came from or were inspired by teens, colleagues, family, and friends. I hope these can help you as you pray about your own personalized Lenten prescription.

1. Daily Mass ... with a Twist

Whether you are already a daily Mass goer or not, resolve to go during Lent. To add an element of specific intercession and self-gift, pick someone in your life to offer your Mass up for each time you go. Afterwards send them a simple, but personalized note or text letting them know about it.

2. Pray Like a Monk

Pray the Liturgy of the Hours, which is the official prayer of the Church and is actually not just for monks and nuns at all. Perhaps you can start with either morning, evening, or night prayer. Maybe you want to go big and dive into all three. Don't have a breviary? No problem. There's an app for that ("iBreviary" in the AppStore or GooglePlay Store).

3. Pray It Forward

Pray the Rosary every day (or on specific set days) for the intentions of someone in your life and give the person you prayed for the Rosary that you used. Invite them to do the same.

4. Get on Your Knees

If you don't already, consider praying by your bedside on your knees before you go to bed and when you wake up. St John Paul II reported that it was very impactful to see his father observing this practice.

5. A Chaplet a Day

Incorporate the chaplet of Divine Mercy into your daily prayer. The chaplet is a powerful prayer that can take place in the span of ten minutes or so on a commute, during a lunch break, or whenever the opportunity arises. (You could also offer chaplets for specific people and give them the beads as in number 3).

6. Staycation Pilgrimage

Maybe you can't get to the Holy Land or to a major shrine during Lent, but consider taking a trip to your diocesan cathedral, or setting aside a day to visit a series of churches, chapels, and holy places in your community.

7. Do Your Own Stations of the Cross

Take the season of Lent to compose your own personal meditations on each of the Stations of the Cross. You could write them from the perspectives of those who were with Christ during his passion, from Christ's perspective, as a prayer from you to the suffering Christ. There are lots of ways to do this. Once you've written them, pray with them often.

8. Desert Journal

Keep a Lenten journal to catalogue your journey with Christ into the desert.

9. Secret Intercessor

Pick one person for whom you feel called to offer prayer and sacrifice during the Lenten season. Take note of prayers and sacrifices offered and send them a card on Holy Saturday letting them know that you have offered your Lenten observance as an act of love with Christ for them.

10. Tithe Your Time

We are all busy and time is at a premium. What about making a specific weekly service commitment for the season of Lent. It could be in your parish, at a nursing home, or a local outreach. Make the commitment specific and, if possible, actually sign up so you will be accountable.

... more from Colin MacIver on creative Lenten penances and practices in next week's bulletin ...

The tradition of a Lenten Parish Mission returns!

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

LEVITICUS
19:2

TODAY'S
FIRST
READING

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HOLY

FOR LENTEN ABSTINENCE AND
FASTING RESPONSIBILITIES,
SEE SEPARATE INSERT

Awesome events coming up for teens

Abbey Youth Fest and others—registration deadlines are approaching! CYO membership is not required. For info, contact youth minister Eddie Boudreaux: 985-630-9997, or find him at the Wed night CYO gathering.

1st Annual Men's Conference Metairie, Sat 3/7, 8 am-2:30 pm

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*.

Where: St Catherine of Siena Parish, Metairie

Cost: \$45 / students \$25

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

Calling all bakers and "apprentices"

Preparations for this year's St Joseph Altar have begun. Cookie baking will take place this Mon 2/24, 9 am. Any interested parishioner, male or female, experienced or novice, is welcome to join the fun. Batteries (coffee) included.

Liturgical Ministers and Altar Servers

Fr Kyle invites those who serve our parish family 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 attend: Extraordinary Ministers 2/29 | Altar Servers 3/7 | Music Ministers 3/14 | Lectors 3/28

Lenten retreat in your daily life

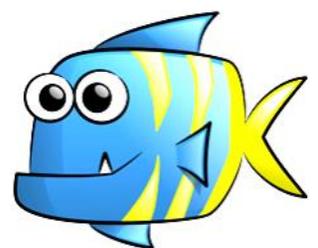
Wish you could experience Sacred Scripture, not just study it? Seeking a deeper relationship with the Lord in your prayer life? Ever wanted to make a directed retreat without interrupting your daily life? This retreat may be for you. There's an opening session on Sat 2/29, and a closing session on Sat 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>.

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

St Peter Catholic Church invites 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 St John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*, and is meant to foster the father-son relationship between father and son. The event will be held in St Mary's Hall on their campus on Sat 3/7, 6-8 pm. Register online ASAP at www.stpeterparish.com.

FISH Fry!

Fridays in Lent,
4-7 pm, just \$9.
Bring a friend—
it's *reely* good!



Proceeds benefit the Help Center Food Bank and the Friends of St Francis.

Mass Intentions

- 2/22 5 pm †Harold Carriles
†Toni Carriles Hedrick
†Shirley LeBlanc
Jean Lugo
- 2/23 8:30 am Craig Estave
- 2/23 11 am †Jerry Cancienne
†Doug Corrao
†V. and V. Gennusa
†Jeanne LaRonde
†Jimmy Richoux
†Torry Richoux
- 2/23 3 pm Craig and Ann Estave
- 2/25 5 pm †Judy Jenkins
- 2/26 9 am †Francis Marks
- 2/26 4:30 pm †Willard Lasseigne
- 2/26 6:30 pm †Marie Aucoin
- 2/27 9 am Homebound Parishioners
- 2/28 9 am †Larry Denmark

Please pray for:

Baldassaro Family, Janet Baham, Avery Bernard, Cassie Bickham, Jim Bradle, Donna Bruney, Beanne Cox, Aimee Davis, Paula Davis, Jesse and Kenny Denmark, Craig Estave, F. Paul Gennusa, Daniel 'DJ' Hamilton, Darlene Hartman, George Hartman, Ronnie Herbert, Keaton Family, Jan LaBorde, Larry Lambremont, Henry and Tina Lirette, Don Lorenz, Frank and Jean Lugo, Cindy Marsh, Leroy and Ella Mitchell, Morel Family, 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: How do I reserve the sanctuary light for a loved one?

A: Call our office, Mon-Thurs, 8 am-4 pm. We'll take care of you. ❤️ 985-839-4040

The Sanctuary Light will burn February 23-29 in memory of

Marie Aucoin

by request of
Joe Aucoin



Upcoming events

- 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*)

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 2/24 James 3:13-18
Ordinary Time Psalm 19:8-10,15
Weekday Mark 9:14-29
- Tues 2/25 James 4:1-10
Ordinary Time Psalm 55:7-11,23
Weekday Mark 9:30-37
- Wed 2/26 Joel 2:12-18
Ash  Psalm 51:3-6,12-14,17
Wednesday 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2
(First Day of Lent) Matthew 6:1-6,16-18
- Thurs 2/27 Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Lenten Psalm 1:1-4,6
Weekday Luke 9:22-25
- Fri 2/28 Isaiah 58:1-9
Lenten  Psalm 51:3-6,18-19
Weekday Matthew 9:14-15
- Sat 2/29 Isaiah 58:9-14
Lenten Psalm 86:1-6
Weekday Luke 5:27-32
- Sun 3/1 Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
First Psalm 51:3-6,12-13,17
Sunday Romans 5:12-19
of Lent Matthew 4:1-11

Next week's special collection

PASTORAL SOLIDARITY FUND FOR AFRICA

Provides grants that support the growth of the Church in Africa, including schools, evangelization, outreach programs, and education for clergy and lay ministers.

Stewardship Report

regular collection \$ 3,323.00
building fund \$ 290.00

Thank you for your sacrificial giving.