



# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sixth Sunday of Easter ♦ May 17, 2020

"I will not leave you orphans. I will come to you." – John 14:18

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## **Weekend Masses**

Saturday Vigil: 5 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am, 11 am

\* also streamed on Facebook page

\* no hay Misa en español

## **Weekday Masses**

Mon/Tues/Wed: 6:30 pm

Thurs/Fri: 9 am

\* also streamed on Facebook page

no Mass on Mondays

## **Confessions**

\* Saturday 3-4 pm (drive-by)

and by appointment

## **Eucharistic Adoration**

First Friday of each month,

9:30 am-4:30 pm

## **Marriages**

Contact Fr Kyle at least six months prior to anticipated date.

## **Baptisms**

Contact Fr Kyle: 985-839-4040

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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**

### **THE MAGNIFICAT AND THE WORD OF GOD, PART 6 REFLECTIONS ON POPE BENEDICT'S *VERBUM DOMINI***

I'm continuing to go through Mary's Magnificat as a reflection on how we can allow the word of God to soak into our hearts.

We've gotten through the first four lines. Today, we'll talk about Luke 1:49: "For he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name."

If you remember, last weekend I mentioned that Mary can be seen as a personification of Israel. This idea gains further momentum in the subsequent verse. See, of all the peoples and all the nations of the whole history of the world, until the time of Jesus, God revealed himself and his name to only one people, the children of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the nation of Israel. Sometimes they are even called *the People of the Name*. Listen to what occurs between Moses and God at the burning bush: "Then Moses said to God, 'If I come to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you" and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?' God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM.' And he said, 'Say to the sons of Israel, "I AM" sent me to you.' God also said to Moses, 'Say this to the sons of Israel, "The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob has sent me to

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The same power  
that raised Jesus  
from the dead  
is living in you.

*Romans 8:11*



<< From Our Pastor, from front page <<

you": this is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations'" (Exodus 3:13-15). This name that God gives becomes highly revered throughout the millennia of Jewish worship. To speak and praise God's name is to glorify him for his own sake. We give honor to Lincoln because of what he's done. We elevate Curie because of her work in science. To praise God's name is to praise him for who he is.

The Psalms are littered with such epithets. "I will sing praise to the name of the LORD, the Most High" (7:17; 9:2). "We boast of the name of the LORD our God" (20:7). "Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name" (29:2). As mentioned before, "O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together" (34:3). "If we had forgotten the name of our God, or spread forth our hands to a strange god, would not God discover this?" (44:21-22). I could continue to go on. God's name is praised 93 times in the 150 Psalms. The Psalms were the guide of Jewish worship. They accompanied the actions in the Temple and were a key part of the liturgies of the synagogue. The praise of God's name is an essential Jewish prayer. Mary would have made this her own. It might have accompanied all of her prayer, like we use the sign of the cross.

The beauty of this quintessential Jewish prayer is that like Moses, Mary too has received the name of God. "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name

Jesus" (Luke 1:31). At this point, so early in her pregnancy, she may be the only person to call God Jesus. As she sings this song informed by the Scriptures, she allows the Holy Spirit to bring new meaning to a prayer she had always made. Before, she praised God's name, because to merely say it was

# Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts

*1 Peter 3:15 - today's Second Reading*

sacrilege. It was seen as so holy as to not be spoken. Now, she will soon speak a new name to give him glory, the name of her Son. We now glory in the name of Jesus, as she does, "that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth" (Philippians 2:10).

This prayer Mary makes is informed by the rich history of prayer the Jews have in glorifying the name of God. And at the same time, she has this new name of Jesus in her heart and in her womb. And this Jesus will bring to fulfillment the whole desires of Israel. We will see how he does that in the next few parts as Mary makes her own the prayer of Hannah.

*Fr. Kyle*



Please keep bringing in peanut butter and tuna for the Help Center!  
There's a receptacle on the front porch of the church.  
Your support has been fantastic.  
Thank you!



Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Happy Easter!  
¡Cristo ha resucitado! ¡Sí, él ha resucitado! ¡Aleluya! ¡Feliz Pascua!

Please **DO NOT** return your Rice Bowl yet. The church is open 8 to 5 most days, so it is not a secure place to leave it. So hang onto it (and keep feedin' it... maybe with the money saved by eating out less) 'til we're back in church. Thanks.

### **Congratulations are in order**

 Please contact our office by **this Wed 5/20** to place your college or high school graduate on our list of honorees, to appear in an upcoming bulletin. Especially this year, we don't want to leave anyone out!

### **Private prayer in our church**

Jesus is always in the tabernacle. As He thirsted for water during His earthly life, He thirsts now for your love, for time with you. Our church is open 8-5 every weekday. Come be with Him.



Our office hours have returned to normal:  
**Mon-Thurs,**  
8 am-4:30 pm;  
**Friday,**  
8 am-1 pm.  
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### **Why do Catholics do that? — the sanctuary lamp**

Where did the idea of a sanctuary lamp originate? As with other elements of our liturgy and church environment, we continue traditions found in Jewish liturgy and environment, including our sanctuary lamp.

In Exodus 25:1,8-9, we read, "The LORD spoke to Moses: '...They are to make a sanctuary for me, that I may dwell in their midst. According to all I show you regarding the pattern of the tabernacle and its furnishings, so you are to make it.'"

God specifies the materials and measurements for the Ark of the Covenant and its accoutrements such as gold lampstands, pedestals, and bowls. When completed, the Ark housed significant, cherished objects representing His momentous, personal actions through their history: the stone tablets of the Law (which sealed their covenant with Him in the desert), a gold vessel holding some of the manna (with which He sustained them on their journey to the Promised Land), and Aaron's rod (by which He showed His power and sovereignty during the plagues in Egypt [in one of these signs, the rod instantly burst forth in foliage, flowers, even ripe almonds—prefiguring the new life springing from the dead wood of the cross of Jesus]). The tent sheltering all these would be His dwelling among His chosen people, His beloved Israel.

Today, Jesus Himself chooses to dwell in the tabernacle among *us*, the people beloved to Him! Just as the Ark and the tent of God's dwelling merited lavish use of gold, the Church directs us to reverence our tabernacle by constructing it of precious metals or other fine materials, and to mark its place of honor with a lamp also made of gold. Red glass is customary, to distinguish this candle from others in the church, though it is not required.

The sanctuary lamp in a Catholic church stays lit at all times (except from Holy Thursday evening through Communion at the Easter Vigil). The flame dances, looks alive, generates light and warmth—signifying the Presence of Jesus, who lives, bestowing light, sustenance, and life. When it is lit, we genuflect or bow to His Eucharistic Presence when we enter or leave the church.

When we make an offering to reserve the sanctuary lamp for an intention, we're not falling into superstition or "leveraging" God to give us what we want. Rather, we are expressing worship in many ways: we are recalling Jesus, the Light of the World; we are enlisting others to pray when they see the lit candle; we are joining our prayer to our financial sacrifice; we are contributing to the parish for its thriving as a Catholic presence in the world.

## Mass Intentions

- 5/16 5 pm †Jessie Andras  
Clifton Breaux family  
†Harold Carriles  
†Craig Estave  
Guidry/Bolotte families  
†Toni Carriles Hedrick  
†Shirley LeBlanc  
Jean Lugo
- 5/17 8:30 am Our Parishioners
- 5/17 11 am Archbishop Gregory Aymond  
†Scott Brouillette  
†Alberta Bryer  
†Jerry Cancienne  
†Diane Gennusa  
†Mary Lou Gennusa  
†Gennusa family
- 5/18 6:30 pm the needy of our parish
- 5/19 6:30 pm Zélie MacIver
- 5/20 6:30 pm †A.L. and G.M. France
- 5/21 9 am Paul and Jill Boudreaux
- 5/22 9 am †Brandi Sander
- 5/23 9 am †Patricia Forester

### Please pray for:

Robert Boudreaux, Jim Bradle, Donna Bruney, Flo Clemons, Beverly Creel, Juliette Daly, Paula Davis, Estave Family, Lisa Falcon, June Gonsoulin Georgusis, Wayne and Miriam Gonsoulin, Betty Jane Henry, Keaton Family, King Family, Jan LaBorde, Henry and Tina Lirette, Jean Lugo, Adele Johnson Mendel, Leroy and Ella Mitchell, Yvonne Newcomb, Willie O'Bryant, Marie Oswald, Mickey Power, Linda Schomburg, Al Triche, Nick Tullier, Ronnie Watson, Lawrence Williams, Jackie Wright, Fr Otis Young, Steven Zeringue  
Military (deployed): Cody Westmoreland.

Names stay on the list for three months.

To add someone, call 839-4040 or email [holyfamilyfranklinton@arch-no.org](mailto:holyfamilyfranklinton@arch-no.org).



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn  
May 17-23 in memory of  
**Molly Jean LaBauve**  
by request of  
Jules LaBauve

## St Cristóbal Magallanes and Companions - feast day May 21

Like Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, Padre Cristóbal and his 24 companion martyrs lived in Mexico during the worst of the government persecution of Catholics (from the early 1900s into the mid-1930s), in its attempt to weaken and destroy the Catholic faith of its people. Churches, schools, and seminaries were closed; foreign clergy and other missionaries were expelled. (Cristóbal established a clandestine seminary at Totatiche, in the Mexican state of Jalisco.) Priests could minister only in secret. These martyrs were all diocesan priests, except three laymen who died protecting their parish priest. All belonged to the *Cristero* movement, pledging their allegiance to Christ and His Church—though Mexico's leaders had made it a capital crime to receive baptism or celebrate the Mass. They did not die as a single group but over 22 years in 8 Mexican states. They were beatified in 1992 and canonized in the Jubilee Year 2000.

*Reflection:* Every martyr knows how he or she might avoid execution, but refuses to pay the high price of doing so. Faithfulness to Jesus, and a clear conscience, are of higher value even than longer life. We can all imagine, may even experience, situations in which being a true follower of Jesus is a challenge, though—so far—not a life-threatening one. We may be tempted to compromise our faith, telling ourselves we're simply being realistic, dealing with situations as we face them. But our concrete, daily choices reflect, *reveal*, our deepest values, those that make us "tick" the way we do. Saints remind us that these daily choices, especially in adverse circumstances, form the pattern of our lives by disciplining and toning our spiritual muscles of faithfulness and courage. The martyrs didn't consider even their very survival as the ultimate value! Though Catholics in the U.S. have rarely been called upon to shed our blood as we resist sin (cf. Hebrews 12:4), we can see in the Mexican oppression an example of the institutional persecution that can come, even with a government originally founded upon the safeguarding of liberty.

—S.B. 5/17/20 with some adapted content from <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-crisaint-oacute-bal-magallanes-and-companions/>

## This week's Scripture readings

<u>Mon 5/18</u>	Acts 16:11-15
<i>Easter</i>	Psalm 149:1-6,9
<i>Weekday</i>	John 15:26—16:4
<u>Tues 5/19</u>	Acts 16:22-34
<i>Easter</i>	Psalm 138:1-3,7-8
<i>Weekday</i>	John 16:5-11
<u>Wed 5/20</u>	Acts 17:15,22—18:1
<i>Bernardine of Siena</i>	Psalm 148:1-2,11-14
<i>Priest</i>	John 16:12-15
<u>Thurs 5/21</u>	Acts 18:1-8
<i>Cristóbal Magallanes</i>	Psalm 98:1-4
<i>Priest, Martyr</i>	John 16:16-20
<u>Fri 5/22</u>	Acts 18:9-18
<i>Rita of Cascia</i>	Psalm 47:2-7
<i>Religious</i>	John 16:20-23
<u>Sat 5/23</u>	Acts 18:23-28
<i>Easter</i>	Psalm 47:2-3,8-10
<i>Weekday</i>	John 16:23-28
<u>Sun 5/24</u>	Acts 1:1-11
<i>Solemnity of</i>	Psalm 47:2-3,6-9
<i>the Ascension</i>	Ephesians 1:17-23
<i>of the Lord</i>	Matthew 28:16-20

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