



# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ September 13, 2020

*He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion. ~ Psalm 103:3-4*

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### **Weekend Masses**

Saturday Vigil: 5 pm  
Sunday: 8:30 am, 11 am,  
3 pm (*español*)

*Masses streamed on Facebook page*

### **Weekday Masses**

Tues/Wed: 5 pm  
Thurs/Fri/1st Sat: 9 am

*Masses streamed on Facebook page*

### **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

### **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**

### **THE LETTER AND THE SPIRIT**

#### **REFLECTIONS ON POPE BENEDICT'S *VERBUM DOMINI***

As Pope Benedict continues to reflect on the senses of Scripture, he makes a vital point. We cannot remain merely in the literal sense, or the letter. In diving into Scripture, one transcends the letter into the spirit. "The word of God can never simply be equated with the letter of a text."<sup>1</sup> What he means is that the literal interpretation does not adequately—in fact, fails to—communicate the full meaning of the text. It's the start, not the end. He continues, "To attain to [the word of God] involves a progression and a process of understanding guided by the inner movement of the whole corpus, and hence it also has become a vital process.' Here we see the reason why an authentic process of interpretation is never purely an intellectual process but also a lived one, demanding full engagement in the life of the Church, which is life 'according to the Spirit' (Galatians 5:16)" (VD, 38). To begin to fully, or at least better understand the Scriptures we must allow ourselves to be led by the Spirit. He is reiterating here what he spoke about much earlier as the Scriptures being first and foremost an encounter with God in faith.

Part of those eyes of faith is seeing the Scriptures as a whole instead of "individual literary fragments." I feel like I should pause to better ex-

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## **Take a Closer Look at the Catholic Faith**

Have you been worshipping with us, but haven't yet taken the step to look into Catholicism?

Have you joined us from a different background, and would now like to find out more about the Catholic Church?

Have you been away from the Church ... and have now returned, but would like to know more?

Have you been a Catholic all your life but haven't celebrated all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist) ... or simply feel you'd like to know more about your faith?

Then join us at the inquiry sessions on Tuesday evenings. The meetings will provide a leisurely, friendly way for you to explore the answers to your toughest, most perplexing questions.

**WHAT:** Inquiry Sessions

**WHEN:** Tuesdays, 6 pm

**WHERE:** Parish Hall, Holy Family Catholic Church

**WHO:** YOU!

For more information, contact Eddie Boudreaux, 985-630-9997, or Holy Family's office, 985-839-4040.



## From Our Pastor, from front page

plain what he means. Scholars and lay people alike can find themselves fixated on certain verses or chapters of Scripture. Take, for instance, the ever-popular Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." Like you, I have been encouraged by this verse, especially during difficult times. I see it as God saying everything will be alright, hope in Me. The prophecy of Jeremiah continues in this way in verses 12-14, "Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart, I will be found by you, says the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile." These are indeed hopeful words for the Israelites who are hearing it from the letter of Jeremiah as they are exiled in Babylon. I would say they can speak to our hope as well, that, using the analogical sense, God wishes to bring us and deliver us into the heavenly kingdom.

I hate to burst the bubble of good feelings these verses elicit, but here is how Jeremiah's prophecy continues: "Because you have said, 'The LORD has raised up prophets in Babylon'— Thus says the LORD concerning the king who sits upon the throne of David, and concerning all the people who dwell in this city, your kinsmen who did not go out with you into exile: 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, Behold, I am sending on them sword, famine and pestilence, and I will make them like vile figs which are so bad they cannot be eaten...and will make them a horror to all the kingdoms of the earth, to be a curse, a terror, a hissing, and a reproach among all the nations...because they did not heed my words'" (Jeremiah 29:15-19). As you can easily see, there is little to no encouragement. God turns on a dime from love to pestilence.

I show these verses because one can easily focus on one to the neglect of the other. One communicates God's mercy, the other God's judgment. By focusing only on one, we lack a full view of God's revelation of himself. He is mercy; he is also justice. If we were to focus merely on the latter, we could choose one and ignore the other, or leave confused at how a loving God would send pestilence on his people. However, let's pull the lens outside of these eight verses and look at how God operates. He always is merciful to the suffering and just to those who commit sin, especially sins around idolatry, in this case trusting in pagan prophets. By moving from merely letter to spirit we can begin to tackle some of the more difficult passages in Scripture.

"We know for St. Augustine too this passage [from letter to spirit] was at once dramatic and liberating; he came to believe the Scriptures—through the very process of transcending the letter which he learned from St. Ambrose in typological interpretation, wherein the entire Old Testament is a path to Jesus Christ. For St. Augustine, transcending the literal sense made the letter itself credible, and enabled him to find at last the answer to his deep restlessness and his thirst for truth" (VD, 38).

<sup>1</sup> Benedict XVI, *Address to representatives of the World of Culture at the 'Collège des Bernardins,' Paris* (12 September 2008).

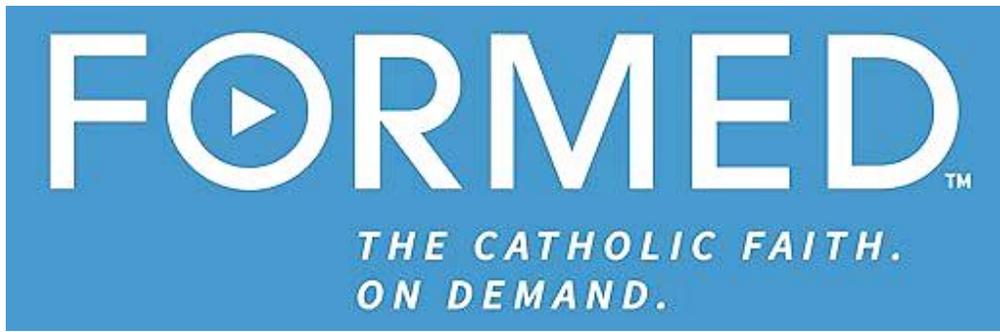
*Fr. Kyle*

### **Holy Family Adult Formation: Bishop Robert Barron's "Pivotal Players" saints who shaped the life of the Church and of western civilization**

Journey with Bishop Robert Barron to explore the lasting influence of Saints Francis, Thomas Aquinas, Catherine of Siena, and others, as well as other influential figures like Michelangelo and G.K. Chesterton. Our journey begins at **6 pm this Thurs 9/17**. This study series, at the cost of \$25 for your materials, extends through two "semesters" — Fall 2020 and Spring 2021. So we can begin on schedule, please contact Sid Zeringue, 985-515-0806 right away. To preview this outstanding program, visit [www.pivotalplayers.com](http://www.pivotalplayers.com).



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**Pope St Cornelius, feast Sept 16**

The greatest problem of Cornelius's brief term as pope centered on the re-admission of Christians who had denied their faith during the time of persecution. A priest named Novatian had himself consecrated a rival bishop of Rome—the first antipope. Novatian denied that the Church had the power to reconcile apostates, as well as those guilty of murder, adultery, or any other mortal sin. Cornelius held a synod at Rome in 251 and ordered the "relapsed" to be restored to the Church with the usual "medicines of repentance" (the Sacrament of Penance).

It seems fair to say that almost every possible false doctrine has been proposed at some time or other in the Church's history. The third century saw the resolution of a problem we scarcely consider—the penance to be done after mortal sin, before reconciliation with the Church. Cornelius was one of God's instruments in showing the Church a prudent path between extremes of rigorism and laxity. He is part of the Church's ever-living stream of tradition, ensuring the continuance of what was begun by Christ, evaluating new questions through the wisdom and experience of those who have gone before.



**CYO KICKS OFF THIS WED SEPT 16, 7 PM IN THE HALL. YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THIS.**

**Hurricane Laura collection**

Monetary donations are still being collected for the people of the Lake Charles/Cameron Parish area. Thankfully, loss of life was lower than feared, so the news media have largely moved on. However, the devastation is widespread and severe, so our neighbors need our help. Envelopes are near the church entrance. Please make checks out to Holy Family with memo "hurricane." We will consolidate all donations and forward a check to the Diocese of Lake Charles. Thank you for caring.

**Never forget**

Abortion is the deliberate killing of a living, unborn baby girl or boy in the mother's womb.

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**Mother-Daughter program**

10-14 year old young ladies and their mothers are invited to attend the archdiocesan *Lady-In-Waiting* cycle awareness program presented by Kelly Donahue. *Lady-In-Waiting* enables girls to pinpoint their first cycle through observation of natural signs given by their body. The seminar will be presented on **Sat 10/17, 1-4 pm** via the Zoom web-conferencing platform. The cost of the seminar is \$130 and includes all materials. Full scholarships are available. If you'd like to learn more first, visit a free virtual "open house" to be held on **Fri 10/2, 6:30-7:30 pm**. Moms may register at [www.cherryblossombuds.com/regist-lw-virtual](http://www.cherryblossombuds.com/regist-lw-virtual).

You may also contact Kelly at [kelly@cherryblossombuds.com](mailto:kelly@cherryblossombuds.com).

**Please pray for:**

Adam Authement; Janet Bourgeois; Jim Bradle; Donna Bruney; Chris Buquo; Patrick Campo; Beverly Carriles; Johnson Chouest; Flo, Jean, Tommie Clemons; Beverly Creel; Carol d'Aquin; Heidi David; Briley Davis; Paula Davis; Michele Estave; Christopher Finklea; Frank Gennusa; Theresa Gomez; Christie Griffith, Hamilton Family; Guy Horton; Judd Keaton; Meaghan Knight; René LaBorde; Dylan Latore; Henry, Tina Lirette; Lopez Family; Jean Lugo; L.J. Marie; Cynthia Marsh; Dana Matherne; Helen, Kalob Morel; Mickey Power; Dannell Rome; Sylvia Scott; Cathy Shreve; Richard Sonier; Jan Sroga; Christine Townsend; Tufts Family; Nick Tullier; Jane Varnado; Ernestine Westmoreland, Joshua Yates.

*Names stay on the list for three months. To add or retain someone, call 839-4040 or email [holyfamilyfranklinton@arch-no.org](mailto:holyfamilyfranklinton@arch-no.org).*

**This week's Scripture readings**

<u>Mon 9/14</u> <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 78:1-2,34-38 Philippians 2:6-11 John 3:13-17
<u>Tues 9/15</u> <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	Hebrews 5:7-9 Psalm 100:1-5 Luke 2:33-35
<u>Wed 9/16</u> <i>Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop; Martyrs</i>	1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13 Psalm 33:2-5,12,22 Luke 7:31-35
<u>Thurs 9/17</u> <i>Robert Bellarmine Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Psalm 118:1-2,16-17,28 Luke 7:36-50
<u>Fri 9/18</u> <i>Ordinary Time Weekday</i>	1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Psalm 17:1,6-8,15 Luke 8:1-3
<u>Sat 9/19</u> <i>Januarius Bishop, Martyr</i>	1 Corinthians 15:35-49 Psalm 56:10-14 Luke 8:4-15
<u>Sun 9/20</u> <i>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Isaiah 55:6-9 Psalm 145:2-3,8-9,17-18 Philippians 1:20-24,27 Matthew 20:1-16

**Upcoming events**

9/16	Y-Prep 6 pm
9/16	CYO 7 pm
9/17	Adult Formation 6 pm
9/18	Rosary 8:30 am
9/19	Confessions 3-4 pm
9/20	CCD 9:45 am
9/23	Y-Prep 6 pm
9/23	CYO 7 pm
9/25	Rosary 8:30 am

The current calendar is downloadable at [www.holyfamilyfranklinton.org/parish-calendar](http://www.holyfamilyfranklinton.org/parish-calendar), dated the 1st of the month. Printed copies are on the shelf in the back of the church and in the office hallway.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn  
September 13 - 19 in memory of  
**Frank and Myrtle Delerno**  
by request of Sandy Lee



**Mass Intentions**

9/12	5 pm	†Harold Carriles †Susan Corkern †Toni Carriles Hedrick †Shirley LeBlanc
9/13	8:30 am	†Elise Angelette †Brandi Sander †Cora Truxillo William Zeringue Special Intention (MS)
9/13	11 am	Our Parishioners
9/13	3 pm	Heidi David
9/15	5 pm	Special Intention (MS)
9/16	5 pm	†Susan Corkern
9/17	9 am	†Roland Becnel
9/18	9 am	†Brandi Sander

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