



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ October 4, 2020

The kingdom of God will be given to a people who will produce its fruit. ~ Matthew 21:43

Mission Statement: Stirred by the Holy Spirit, the mission of Holy Family Parish is to evangelize our community with the transforming power of Christ through love and compassion for God and neighbor.

Pastor

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am, 11 am, 3 pm (español)
Tues/Wed: 5 pm
Thurs/Fri/first Sat: 9 am

Confessions

Saturday 3-4 pm, 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

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Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday, noon.

From Our Pastor

WHY THE CHURCH IS PRO-LIFE 2ND PARAGRAPH OF ST. JOHN PAUL II'S LETTER, THE GOSPEL OF LIFE

Man is called to a fullness of life which far exceeds the dimensions of his earthly existence, because it consists in sharing the very life of God. The loftiness of this supernatural vocation reveals the greatness and the inestimable value of human life even in its temporal phase. Life in time, in fact, is the fundamental condition, the initial stage and an integral part of the entire unified process of human existence. It is a process which, unexpectedly and undeservedly, is enlightened by the promise and renewed by the gift of divine life, which will reach its full realization in eternity (cf. 1 Jn 3:1-2). At the same time, it is precisely this supernatural calling which highlights the relative character of each individual's earthly life. After all, life on earth is not an "ultimate" but a "penultimate" reality; even so, it remains a sacred reality entrusted to us, to be preserved with a sense of responsibility and brought to perfection in love and in the gift of ourselves to God and to our brothers and sisters.

The Church knows that this Gospel of life, which she has received from her Lord, has a profound and persuasive echo in the heart of every person — believer and non-believer alike — because it marvelously fulfills all the heart's expectations while infinitely surpassing them. Even in the midst of difficulties and uncertainties, every person sincerely open to truth and goodness can, by the light of reason and the hidden action of grace, come to recognize in the natural law written in the heart (cf. Rom 2:14-15) the sacred value of human life from its very beginning until its end, and can affirm the right of every

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**ANY COUNTRY THAT ACCEPTS ABORTION IS NOT TEACHING ITS PEOPLE TO LOVE,
BUT TO USE VIOLENCE TO GET WHAT THEY WANT.
THIS IS WHY THE GREATEST DESTROYER OF LOVE AND PEACE IS ABORTION.**

Mother (now Saint) Teresa of Calcutta,
speaking at the National Prayer Breakfast, Washington, DC, February 5, 1994

Guidance to form your Catholic conscience in this election year

The Archdiocese of New Orleans recently launched a new page on its website at

<https://nolacatholic.org/vote>.

It's a resource for Catholics, assembling information on forming consciences for faithful citizenship: authentic conscience formation, civil dialogue, and more to help Catholics understand their *call to civic engagement*.

They plan to add resources as we approach the November election.



KCs will be fryin' catfish at the Farmers Market this Fri 10/9, 10 am ~1 pm. Whole lotta deliciousness, just \$10 a plate!



Altar & Rosary Society meeting is Tues 10/13 at 10 am (not 10/6 as on calendar)

"Whatever you do to one of these least brothers of mine, you do to me"

Jesus invites all who follow Him to make Him known by our love. Holy Family's **Friends of St Francis** reaches out in charity to those who need financial assistance with the necessities of life. If you feel called to help in this vital ministry, they welcome you to their regular monthly meeting, **Thurs 10/8, 9:30 am**, in the hall. There are *so many ways* to help.

From Our Pastor, from front page

human being to have this primary good respected to the highest degree. Upon the recognition of this right, every human community and the political community itself are founded.

In a special way, believers in Christ must defend and promote this right, aware as they are of the wonderful truth recalled by the Second Vatican Council: "By his incarnation the Son of God has united himself in some fashion with every human being".¹ This saving event reveals to humanity not only the boundless love of God who "so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (Jn 3:16), but also the incomparable value of every human person.

The Church, faithfully contemplating the mystery of the Redemption, acknowledges this value with ever new wonder.² She feels called to proclaim to the people of all times this "Gospel", the source of invincible hope and true joy for every period of history. The Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel.

¹ Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World *Gaudium et Spes*, 22.

² Cf. John Paul II, Encyclical Letter *Redemptor Hominis* (4 March 1979), 10.

Should I read the Scriptures of the day before going to Mass?

Experience teaches us that the best way to understand and remember important information is to go over it several times. Often it's just not possible to grasp the whole message the first time we receive it. This is why a good student prepares for class by reading the material beforehand, why a shopper checks the ads before heading to the store, and why a businessperson reads the trade journals. Although each is familiar with the subject, they all recognize they will be better off if their memory is refreshed, if they know exactly what they are looking for. Similarly, since we're no different on Sundays when we go to Mass than on other days when we go to school or to the store or to work, we cannot expect to immediately grasp the full message of the Scripture readings at Mass if we are hearing them for the first time. When the word of God is proclaimed at Mass, Christ is present and attempting to speak to us. If we are not prepared to hear Him, because we lack the interest or familiarity, or for whatever reason, His life-giving and energizing message goes right past us. If this happens, it is a tragedy for everyone. Priests and deacons have an obligation before God to preach His word, and to open up the readings to their people with their particular needs. But as hard as preachers may try, the fruitfulness depends on many factors, including our interest in hearing the word and the preparation we've done to receive its message.

— adapted from "Ask the Liturgist," *Today's Liturgy*, Advent-Christmas 2021, p. 6.

Please keep bringing in your

- ✓ peanut butter
- ✓ canned tuna
- ✓ financial gifts

for the Help Center Food Bank!

Please make checks out to Help Center, or place a cash gift in a marked envelope, and place in our collection.

Thank you.

CYO (YOUTH GROUP)

Wednesdays, 7 pm, in the hall

**JUST FOLLOW THE SOUND
OF PEOPLE HAVING FUN!!**

WHATEVER IS
true
noble
right
pure
lovely
admirable
excellent
praiseworthy

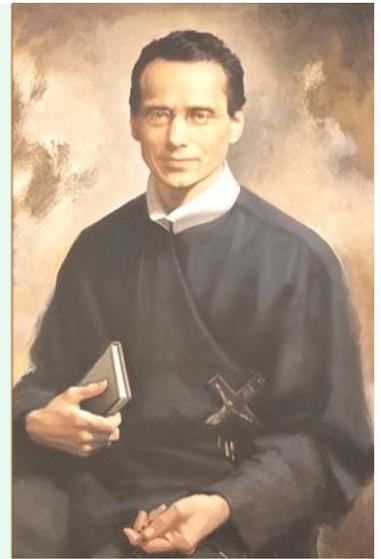
THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS.

PHILIPPIANS 4:8
TODAY'S SECOND READING

every Friday
8:30 am
in the church

Blessed Father Francis Xavier Seelos, feast day October 5

The Archdiocese of New Orleans is a "hot-spot" of devotion to Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, a Redemptorist priest beloved for his joy, holiness, and love for his flock. Born in Bavaria in 1819, he joined the Redemptorists at age 23 and was sent to the U.S. in 1843. He was ordained at 25 and immediately began many years of devoted parish ministry in Pittsburgh and Youngstown, PA; Baltimore, Cumberland, and Annapolis, MD; and Detroit, MI (along the way, he became a U.S. citizen in 1852).



The Redemptorists transferred him to St Mary's Assumption church, New Orleans, in September 1866. A prophetic moment happened on his journey here. A nun on the train asked him how long he would be in New Orleans. He replied, "For a year and then I will die of yellow fever," which is exactly what happened. Though this assignment was known to his confrères as the most difficult and dangerous post in America, the fathers and brothers who had known Father Seelos up North often remarked that he seemed much happier than ever before. He declared, "Here I'll rest my bones in the grave; for I think I have wandered enough."

On September 3, 1867, the first case of yellow fever was recorded in New Orleans; after several weeks of tirelessly caring for those afflicted, he fell ill. Beloved as he was, innumerable prayers and private Masses were offered for him. Toward the third week, deliriousness set in.

Through it all, in true Seelos fashion, he retained "a kind tone and a smiling face," stated his associate, "Many a time did his heroic cheerfulness draw tears from our eyes." Father Seelos died on October 4. Of his passing moments, the associate later wrote: "Our dear dying Father remained conscious to his last breath. His lips continually moved in prayer. His eyes were fixed on the crucifix until they could see no more. A supernatural brightness illuminated his dying countenance. His joy, as the moment of dissolution approached, communicated itself to all present. He was beautiful in death, wearing the same smile of sanctity as when alive." Pope St John Paul II declared him Blessed in the Jubilee Year 2000.

In his lifetime, Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos built no great church. He wrote no great theological tract. He left us no great spiritual autobiography. Yet his spirit still speaks today in the cheerfulness and gentleness that marked his life. The *ordinariness* of Father Seelos' life gives hope and encouragement to all of us who struggle to live the gospel of love.

—adapted from <https://www.seelos.org/>

now's a good time to join in praying the Rosary together

Please pray for:

Billy Alsup; Adam Authement; Janet Bourgeois; Jim Bradle; Chris Buquoi; Beverly Carriles; Johnson Chouest; Flo, Jean, Tommie Clemons; Beverly Creel; Carol d'Aquin; Andrew Darbonne (military-Iraq); Heidi David; Briley Davis; Cory Davis; Paula Davis; Michele Estave; Maria Fenyes; Christopher Finklea; Theresa Gomez; Christie Griffith; Hamilton Family; Jennifer Hartman; Guy Horton; Meaghan Knight; Jan, René LaBorde; Dylan Latore; Eve LeBlanc; Henry, Tina Lirette; Jean Lugo; L.J. Marie; Cynthia Marsh; Dana Matherne; Helen, Kalob Morel; Mickey Power; Dannel Rome; Sylvia Scott; Cathy Shreve; Richard Sonier; Jan Sroga; Christine Townsend; Tufts Family; Nick Tullier; Jane Varnado; Joshua Yates.

Names stay on the list for three months. To add or retain someone, call 839-4040 or email holyfamilyfranklinton@arch-no.org.

This week's Scripture readings

<u>Mon 10/5</u> Francis X. Seelos Priest	Galatians 1:6-12 Psalm 111:1-2,7-10 Luke 10:25-37
<u>Tues 10/6</u> Bruno, Priest Rose Durocher, Virgin	Galatians 1:13-24 Psalm 139:1-3,13-15 Luke 10:38-42
<u>Wed 10/7</u> Our Lady of the Rosary	Acts 1:12-14 Psalm 117:1-2 Luke 1:26-38
<u>Thurs 10/8</u> Ordinary Time Weekday	Galatians 3:1-5 Luke 1:69-75 Luke 11:5-13
<u>Fri 10/9</u> Denis, Bishop, et al, Martyrs John Leonardi, Priest	Galatians 3:7-14 Psalm 111:1-6 Luke 11:15-26
<u>Sat 10/10</u> Ordinary Time Weekday	Galatians 3:22-29 Psalm 105:2-7 Luke 11:27-28
<u>Sun 10/11</u> 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Isaiah 25:6-10 Psalm 23:1-6 Philippians 4:12-14,19-20 Matthew 22:1-14

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn
October 4 - 10
in memory of **Brandi Sander**
by request of Jan and Rene LaBorde



Mass Intentions

10/3	5 pm	+Harold Carriles +Toni Carriles Hedrick +Shirley LeBlanc
10/4	8:30 am	Our Parishioners
10/4	11 am	+Jerry Cancienne +Erole and Hilda Kreamer +Yvonne Newcomb +Jimmy Richoux +Torry Richoux +Linda Gennusa Schomburg
10/4	3 pm	Nick Tullier
10/6	5 pm	+Bobby Prestenbach
10/7	5 pm	+Susan Corkern
10/8	9 am	+Bobby Prestenbach
10/9	9 am	+Brandi Sander

Online giving couldn't be easier

Have you wished for a secure, simple online way to tithe to Holy Family? Our website provides you with the easiest electronic giving program out there. It allows you to set up one-time or recurring giving, as well as differentiation between various funds. Users will find clear instructions for changing preferences and accessing their records at any time. Even cancellation is a simple process. Check it out at: holyfamilyfranklinton.org/donate.

Stewardship Report	
regular collection	\$ 2,868.00
building fund	\$ 100.00
<i>Thank you for your sacrificial giving.</i>	

Upcoming events

10/6	RCIA	6 pm
10/7	Y-Prep	6 pm
10/7	CYO	7 pm
10/8	Friends of St Francis	9:30 am
10/8	Knights of Columbus	7 pm
10/9	Rosary	8:30 am
10/9	KC Fish Fry	10 am-1 pm
10/10	Confessions	3-4 pm
10/11	CCD	9:45 am
10/13	Altar & Rosary Society	10 am
10/13	RCIA	6 pm
10/15	Adult Formation	6 pm

The current month's calendar is always downloadable at 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.