

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH



First Sunday of Advent ♦ November 29, 2020

Would that we might be mindful of you in our ways! — Isaiah 64:4

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.

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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

NEW LITURGICAL YEAR

You're all very familiar with the movement of the liturgical calendar. We start with four weeks of Advent in anticipation of the twelve days of Christmas. Then we have a few weeks of Ordinary Time before Mardi Gras, Ash Wednesday, and the forty days of Lent. (I think we're most familiar with Lent because it seems to require more from us.) It ends with the Triduum which moves into fifty days till the Ascension and another week until Pentecost which is all called the Easter season. Then there are thirty-some-odd weeks of more Ordinary Time before the year-end celebration of Christ the King. Then the cycle starts over again.

As we begin this liturgical year, I invite you to step back and look. We celebrate the same things every year, in more or less the same manner, year after year. For a society that values the new things above all else, we should notice how radically different the life of the Church is from the world. When the world starts a new year, it challenges us to ask the questions, "What new can you do? What resolution should you make?" Admittedly the intent is for self-improvement, but the lie is that you have to create a new you. It forces a progressive attitude that says the new is good and the old is inherently not as good as the new. There is a whole industry centered on the new, so much so we call it "the news," and it is obsessed with the newest story, "late breaking news." And here is the Church repeating the same story every year. We wait for Christ's coming; He comes at Christmas. We hear His three years of ministry during Ordinary Time. We prepare for forty days to remember His death and Resurrection, which we then celebrate for another fifty days. Every March 25 we

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2020 in the rearview mirror! Happy New Year, y'all!

Nope, we're not jumping the gun. Today the Church enters a new liturgical year, the second in its recurring three-year cycle. This year the centerpiece of our Scripture readings at Mass is Mark's Gospel, with large sections of John's during the summer, and occasional appearances of passages from the others.

You're invited to participate in the First Saturday Devotion this Saturday, 12/5

Mary has asked Christians to pray in reparation for sin. Specifically, she asks for four actions: (1) go to Mass, (2) receive Holy Communion, (3) recite the Rosary, and (4) meditate on one of the mysteries of the Rosary. The Rosary will be prayed at 8:30 am, with Mass beginning at 9. For more information about Holy Family's monthly event, call Mirtha Martin, 225-931-5077.

Advent Little Blue Books are here

The Little Blue Books, your Advent prayer and Scripture reading guide, are available in church. One per family please.

'Tis the season...

Be on the lookout for Angel Tree Christmas gift tags at all Masses on each of the next three weekends. **Gift return deadline is Sun Dec 20, at 12:30 pm.** *If you take a tag, please see it as a commitment to return the gift by the deadline, wrapped and ready for giving, with angel tag attached so it can be correctly identified.* Thanks for your help with this.

Start an Advent wreath with your family

The Advent wreath is an old tradition that remains popular in Christian families.

The devotion is usually incorporated during the family meal or family night prayers. It is rich in meaning and easy to implement, and can be either hand-made or purchased. Resources can be found at <http://www.usccb.org>; search "Advent wreath." (And go buy your candles before they sell out!)



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celebrate the Annunciation. Every August 15 we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin. Every December 8 we celebrate the Immaculate Conception. The same story is told year after year after year.

The Church, like Christ, does things for specific reasons. Although the liturgical year remains the same, we change from year to year. The liturgical year provides a stable calendar amidst an unstable world. Our bodies change; the state of our souls changes; our relationships change; governments rise and fall; weather morphs; Drew Brees gets injured. Yet, Advent will arrive and so will Christmas and Lent and Easter exactly when it means to, every year, despite what might be going on in the history of the world. It is, in a sense, a symbol of God's unchanging nature. Man and the world may be fickle and horribly whimsical, but God is not. "The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold" (Psalm 18:2).

Second, these mysteries, such as the Incarnation and the Resurrection, are deep divine mysteries of which the Church, even in her 2000 year history, have yet to plumb the depths. We might have learned about them as children and have been familiar with them for most of our lives. This familiarity, however, does not necessarily lead to understanding. These are the central mysteries of our faith, and we need to return to them again and again as we continue to grow in understanding, love, and gratitude of God's full self-revelation in Jesus Christ. As you well know, the best way we learn, the best way we grow, is through repetition.

Thirdly, in the liturgical calendar we are drawn out of time into eternity. We celebrate not just the remembrance of Christ's birth, like we would at a birthday party. We celebrate Christ's actual birth both in time and outside of it. His birth and His life here on earth weren't just human but also divine, so they stretch beyond the linear ticking of the clock and into timelessness. So too when we contemplate the mysteries, even make some of them present on the altar during Mass, we are drawn up into the life of God, who is, and was, and always will be. This gift draws us ever closer to Him, and we are invited into it through the worthy celebration of the liturgical year.

I admit the paradox now, but the more we fully enter into the celebration of these ancient mysteries, the more we are made new in the life of Christ. As we begin the season of Advent again, keep these things in mind. God is our stability in an ever-changing world; the mysteries we celebrate have an infinite depth for us to contemplate; and in their celebration, we are drawn out of time into eternity.

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Fr. Kyle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Please pray for:

Billy Alsup; Pat Altentaler; Baldassaro Family; Jim Bradle; Donna Bruney; Johnson Chouest; Flo Clemons; Andrew Darbonne (military-Iraq); Heidi David; Cory Davis; Paula Davis; Maria Fenyess; Jennifer Hartman; Chloe Keaton; Jan LaBorde; Sheila Laurant; Dan LeBlanc; Eve LeBlanc; Henry, Tina Lirette; Keith Long; Christy Lorio; Jean Lugo; Cynthia Marsh; Kalob Morel; Mickey Power; Denise Rednour; Cody Reed; Cathy Shreve; Christine Townsend; Nick Tullier; Jane Varnado.

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 11/30</u> Andrew Apostle, Martyr	Romans 10:9-18 Psalm 19:8-11 Matthew 4:18-22
<u>Tues 12/1</u> Advent Weekday	Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:7-8,12-13,17 Luke 10:21-24
<u>Wed 12/2</u> Advent Weekday	Isaiah 25:6-10 Psalm 23:1-6 Matthew 15:29-37
<u>Thurs 12/3</u> Francis Xavier Priest, Missionary	Isaiah 26:1-6 Psalm 118:8-9,19-21,25-27 Matthew 7:21,24-27
<u>Fri 12/4</u> John Damascene Priest, Doctor of the Church	Isaiah 29:17-24 Psalm 27:1,4,13-14 Matthew 9:27-31
<u>Sat 12/5</u> Ordinary Time Weekday	Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26 Psalm 147:1-6 Matthew 9:35—10:1,5-8
<u>Sun 12/6</u> Second Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 Psalm 85:9-14 2 Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8

The Sanctuary Lamp burns constantly to proclaim the Real Presence of Jesus in the tabernacle.

It also burns
November 29-December 5
in memory of **Frank Scheuerman**
by anonymous request



Mass Intentions

There are no open weekday intentions for the rest of 2020. Please submit weekend Mass intentions at least 10 days in advance.

- 11/28 5 pm †Baldassaro Family
†Harold Carriles
†Toni Carriles Hedrick
†Doug LeBlanc
†Shirley LeBlanc
†Ella Mitchell
- 11/29 8:30 am Our Parishioners
- 11/29 11 am †Jerry Cancienne
†Kreamer / Richoux families
†T. Alayne White
†Souls in Purgatory
- 11/29 3 pm †Drake Spears
- 12/1 5 pm Archbishop Gregory Aymond
- 12/2 5 pm †Rachel Penton
- 12/3 9 am †Cora Truxillo
- 12/4 9 am †Brandi Sander
- 12/5 9 am †Drake Spears

Upcoming events

- 12/1 RCIA 6 pm
- 12/2 Y-Prep 6 pm
- 12/2 CYO 7 pm
- 12/4 Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 am-4:30 pm;
Benediction 4:30 pm
- 12/5 First Saturday Devotion: Rosary 8:30, Mass 9 am
- 12/5 Confessions 3-4 pm
- 12/6 CCD 9:45 am
- 12/8 Immaculate Conception: Mass 5 pm
- 12/8 Altar & Rosary 10 am

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 bookshelf in the church and in the office hallway. Let us know if they're out!

Stewardship Report

November 14-15

regular collection	\$ 2,028.00
building fund	\$ 30.00

November 21-22

regular collection	\$ 3,377.00
building fund	\$ 850.00

Thank you for your sacrificial giving.