

Fourth  
Sunday  
of Advent

# HOLY FAMILY

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

December  
20  
2020



The child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.  
– Luke 1:35

**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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### **Office**

985-839-4040  
Monday-Thursday: 8 am - 4:30 pm  
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### **Website**

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### **Parish Email**

holyfamilyfranklinton@arch-no.org

### **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**

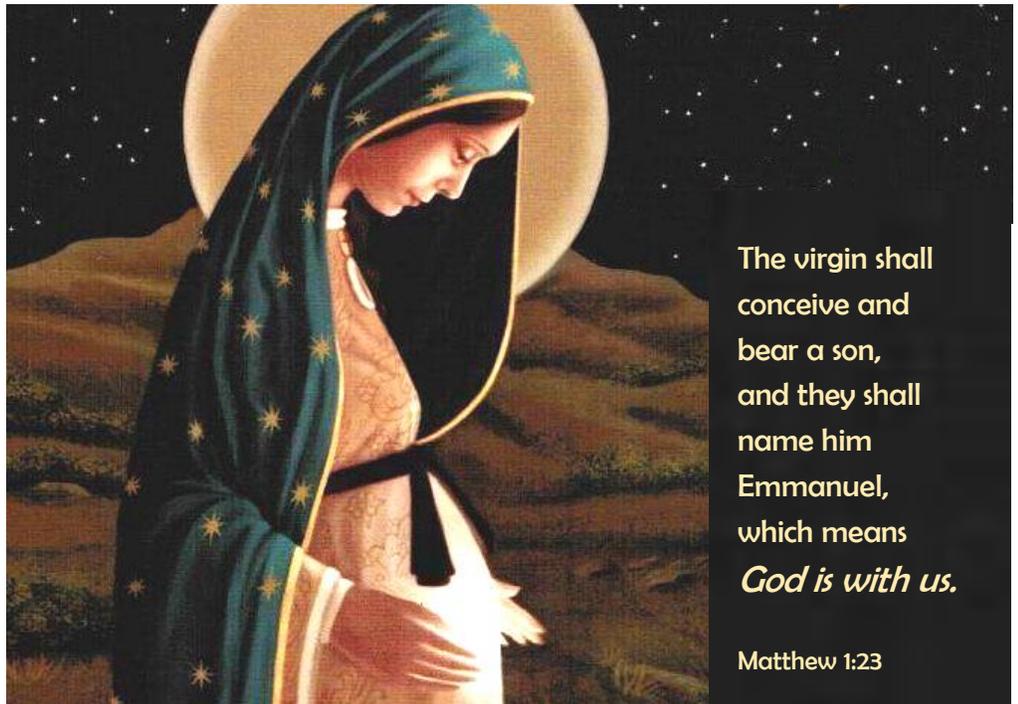
Renée Herbert: 985-630-1121

### **Youth Ministry**

Fr Kyle: 985-839-4040

### **Bulletin Deadline**

Tuesday, noon.



The virgin shall  
conceive and  
bear a son,  
and they shall  
name him  
Emmanuel,  
which means  
*God is with us.*

Matthew 1:23

### **From Our Pastor**

### **JOY TO THE WORLD**

Christmas morning is always one of the most sublime moments in a child's life. The house is covered in lights. Sleep has escaped you because you were too excited about what the next morning held. Dawn was welcomed with open arms and was made even more magical when the sun glistened off fresh snow, so rare, it was treated as preciously as the presents under the tree.

My dad liked to capture Christmas moments on video. He would set up the big video camera that recorded straight to VHS tape. I remember waiting after waking him and my mother up. Waiting for him to set up before we could enter the living room and behold whatever wonders had appeared over the night. Once my dad would give the signal, my sister and I would run down the hall into the living room in

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Office hours this week: 12/21, 12/22: 8-4. 12/23: 8-1. 12/24, 12/25: closed.  
You can still call 985-237-0972 if you have a sacramental emergency.

# **Oops!** Changes to our December calendar—grab a new one!

Our December calendar has been revised. *Of special note are Mass times for Christmas Eve/Day and New Year's Eve/Day.* Please take a new one. You can also view it on our website: [holyfamilyfranklinton.org/parish-calendar](http://holyfamilyfranklinton.org/parish-calendar), or in our app (where it's dated 12/1).



**Kids' Christmas Play  
TODAY! 5:30 pm**

*attendance:*

parents/guardians only

*livestreamed at:*

[facebook/groups/holyfamilyfranklinton](https://www.facebook.com/groups/holyfamilyfranklinton)

## *From Our Pastor, from front page*

this rush of pure excitement and joy. I can still hear those shouts, feel the jockeying with my sister as we angled to get there quicker than the other. The sun shining through the windows into the living room, the lit Christmas tree, the wrapped presents, and the presents on display. It all holds this magical quality in my heart and in the memories of my childhood.

I know everyone's experience of Christmas is different, and may be nothing like what I just described. I invite you though, despite your own history, to put yourself in the feeling of that rush, in that hope, in the luminescent joy of childlike wonder, and receive these words of St. Ambrose, *"Open wide your door to the one who comes. Open your soul, throw open the depths of your heart to see the riches of simplicity, the treasures of peace, the sweetness of grace. Open your heart and run to meet the Sun of eternal light that illuminates all men."*

What we receive at Christmas pales in comparison to the bike or PlayStation or musical instrument I got when entering the living room as a child. The urgency of desire, however, the depth of joy, the overwhelming gratitude, the sweetness of so wonderful a moment as I describe above, is indeed the right reaction to the God of the universe becoming man, the Son of eternal light deciding to stay rather than set and illuminate the darkest parts of our lives.

Christ comes every year. Yes, so does our birthday and April 15th and International Donut Day, but this day is the day of the promise of redemption. It is the day when hope can become the norm, the day when loneliness receives its salve, for God is with us, Emmanuel. And our response need be like the desirous child who runs into the family room on Christmas morn. Our response need be that we are vulnerable enough to open up our hearts to receive the splendor and simplicity of the Christ child.

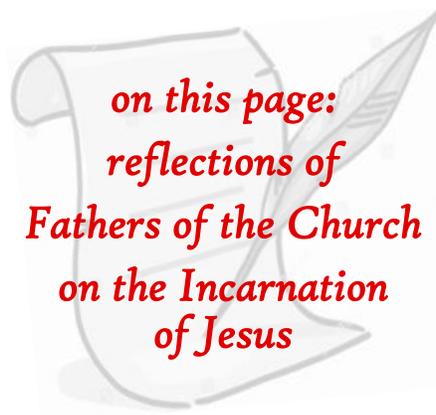
Just imagine heaven on Christmas Eve, the angels furtive, the demons unaware, how great the anticipation, how full the joy at His arrival to announce to the shepherds "Glory to God in the highest." How joyful Mary is to see the gift of the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit as she sees the face of her Son for the first time. Even creation eagerly awaited His coming; the stars announced His presence, the stable animals sang their joyous chorus of noise.

Over this next week, I invite you to pray to the Lord asking that He increase your joy in celebrating the arrival of His Son. 2020 hasn't given us much to be joyful about, but Christ arriving into our messiness, entering into our suffering, entering into the mundaneness of our lives, that is worth rejoicing over. It's worth pouring out our hearts like the super-fan who sees his team win the Super Bowl or watches the concert of her favorite boy band from the first row. Let us hold nothing back and surrender all, for our king, our creator has become man, so man can again fully be images of God.

*Fr. Kyle*

Come, then, let us observe the Feast. Truly wondrous is the whole chronicle of the Nativity. For this day the ancient slavery is ended, the devil confounded, the demons take to flight, the power of death is broken, paradise is unlocked, the curse is taken away, sin is removed from us, error driven out, truth has been brought back, ...a heavenly way of life has been planted on the earth, ...and men now hold speech with angels. *– St John Chrysostom*

Wake up, O man! For it was for you that God was made man. Rise up and realize it was all for you. Eternal death would have awaited you had He not been born in time. Never would you be freed from your sinful flesh had He not taken to Himself the likeness of sinful flesh. Everlasting would be your misery had He not performed this act of mercy. You would not have come to life again had He not come to die your death. You would have perished had He not come. *– St Augustine*



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reflections of  
Fathers of the Church  
on the Incarnation  
of Jesus*



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**Christmas Mass schedule**  
Thurs, Dec 24, Christmas Eve:  
**4 pm, 6 pm, Midnight**  
Fri, Dec 25, Christmas Day:  
**10 am only**  
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**2021:**

***THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH***

On the 150th anniversary of the Proclamation by Pope Pius IX naming St Joseph the Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis has called for a year in honor of St Joseph, which began on December 8 of this year. Over the course of the year, we will have various things in the parish to celebrate the head of the Holy Family. Right now, let us pray the prayer the Holy Father wrote for the occasion.

Our Saviour, dearly-beloved, was born today: let us be glad. For there is no proper place for sadness, when we keep the birthday of the Life which destroys the fear of mortality and brings to us the joy of promised eternity. No one is kept from sharing in this happiness. There is for all one common measure of joy, because our Lord the destroyer of sin and death...is come to free us all. *– St Leo*

Behold on Christmas a new and wondrous reality. The angels sing and the archangels blend their voices in harmony. The Cherubim hymn their joyful praise. The Seraphim exalt Christ's glory. All join to praise this holy feast...He Who is above now for our redemption dwells here below, and we who are lowly are by divine mercy raised up. Bethlehem this day resembles heaven, hearing from the stars the singing of angelic voices. Ask not how. For where God wills, nature yields. For He willed. He had the power. He descended. He redeemed. All things move in obedience to God. This day He Who is born, and He Who is, becomes what He is not. He is God become man, yet not departing from His Godhead. *– St John Chrysostom*

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*



**Please pray for:**

Pat Altentaler; Adam Authement; D. Barrois; Baldassaro Family; Jim Bradle; Donna Bruney; Johnson Chouest; Flo Clemons; Andrew Darbonne (military-Iraq); Heidi David; Al Davis; Briley Davis; Paula Davis; Maria Fenyess; Keaton Family; Jan LaBorde; Sheila Laurant; Dan LeBlanc; Henry, Tina Lirette; Keith Long; Christy Lorio; Jean Lugo; Kalob Morel; Mickey Power; Denise Rednour; Cody Reed; Cathy Shreve; Violeta Thomas; Al Triche; Nick Tullier; Jane Varnado; Laura Zeringue

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**

Mon 12/21 Song of Songs 2:8-14  
Advent Psalm 33:2-3,11-12,20-21  
Weekday Luke 1:39-45

Tues 12/22 1 Samuel 1:24-28  
Advent 1 Samuel 2:1,4-8  
Weekday Luke 1:46-56

Wed 12/23 Malachi 3:1-4,23-24  
Advent Psalm 25:4-5,8-10,14  
Weekday Luke 1:57-66

Thurs 12/24 Isaiah 9:1-6  
Vigil of the Psalm 96:1-3,11-13  
Nativity of Titus 2:11-14  
the Lord Luke 2:1-14

Fri 12/25 Isaiah 62:1-5  
Nativity of Psalm 89:4-5,16-17,27,29  
the Lord Acts 13:16-17,22-25  
(Christmas) Matthew 1:1-25

Sat 12/26 Acts 6:8-10  
Stephen Psalm 31:3-8, 16-17  
Deacon, Martyr Matthew 10:17-22

Sun 12/27 Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3  
The Holy Family Psalm 105:1-9  
of Jesus, Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19  
Mary, and Joseph Luke 2:22-40

**Upcoming events**

- 12/24 Christmas Vigil Masses: **4 pm, 6 pm, Midnight**
- 12/25 Christmas Mass **10 am only**
- 12/26 Confessions 3-4 pm
- 12/27 Bible Study 9:45 am
- 12/31 Solemnity of Mary Vigil Mass **6 pm**
- 1/1/21 Solemnity of Mary Mass **9 am**
- 1/2 First Saturday: Rosary 8:30 am, Mass 9 am
- 1/2 Confessions 3-4 pm

The current month's calendar is always downloadable at [www.holyfamilyfranklinton.org/parish-calendar](http://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!

The Sanctuary Lamp burns constantly to proclaim the Real Presence of Jesus in the tabernacle. It also burns **December 20-26** in memory of **Louis Corrao** by request of Marita Marks



**2021 Mass/Sanctuary Lamp intention book opens Jan 4**

Please mail, email, or bring your intention list to the office **on or after Jan 4**. Addresses are on front cover. Even if you've submitted a list in previous years, you must submit a new list for 2021. *No phone calls, please.*

**Mass Intentions**

- 12/19 5 pm Breaux family  
†Harold Carriles  
†Susan Corkern  
Guidry/Bolotte families  
†Toni Carriles Hedrick  
†Shirley LeBlanc
- 12/20 8:30 am Fr Peter Hammett, OSB  
Evan Grace Ibarra  
†Doug LeBlanc  
†Katie Westmoreland McCain  
†Brandi Sander  
Fr Kyle Sanders  
†Souls in Purgatory
- 12/20 11 am Our Parishioners
- 12/20 3 pm Aidan Ibarra
- 12/22 5 pm Eddie Boudreaux
- 12/23 5 pm †Souls in Purgatory
- 12/24 **4 pm** †Jerry Cancienne
- 12/24 **6 pm** †Frank Gennusa Sr.
- 12/24 **Midnight** †Souls in Purgatory
- 12/25 **10 am** †Rudy Altentaler

**Stewardship Report**

regular collection \$ 3,163.50  
building fund \$ 150.00

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