



# HOLY FAMILY

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

Feast of the  
Holy Family  
of Jesus,  
Mary, and  
Joseph

*our God is with us!*

December 27  
2020

**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**

REV. KYLE J. SANDERS  
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**Sacramental emergency: 985-237-0972**

### **Office**

985-839-4040  
Monday-Thursday: 8 am - 4:30 pm  
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### **Location / Mailing Address**

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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.



## **CELEBRATING OUR PATRONAL FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH**

**The Feast of the Holy Family always occurs on the Sunday within the Octave (8 days of festive observance) of Christmas. Today is that feast day — rejoice!**

### **From Our Pastor:**

## **WE ARE HOLY FAMILY**

We are Holy Family. God, in His wisdom and providence, called us to be part of this parish under the patronage of the Holy Family. We've all taken different routes to get here; for some of you this parish is your roots, for others this is your final destination. In all cases, it is God's will that we are here. That fact should not be taken lightly. See, God has plans for us; He desires things for us, as any good parent does for their children. The difference here is that God has the power to make it happen.

I can't speak to what all these plans are; I certainly don't claim to know the mind of God or have unmediated access to His will. I think it no small coincidence though, that He has called us here under the patronage of the Holy Family. Upon my arrival two and half years ago, I noticed a familial

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**Office hours this week: Mon & Tues: 8-4. Wed: 8-1. Thurs & Fri: closed.**  
**You can still call 985-237-0972 if you have a sacramental emergency.**

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atmosphere, especially among the many socials we would have. We're in a small town, with few Catholics, most everyone knows everyone else. That feeling of all being family brought everyone together. You've suffered as a community; you've rejoiced as a community. That has brought you together.

This last year has been difficult. It's as if the parish stood still for awhile at the beginning of Lent. Celebrating Mass by myself in front of my phone was difficult. Mass is intended to be a communal event, the prayer of the Church, and I had to respond to myself "And with your spirit." You had to watch; you couldn't really participate; you couldn't receive Jesus in the Eucharist. I imagine many times it felt artificial and surreal in the lack of true physicality, which is a hallmark of Catholic worship. We pray with our bodies, and through the screen the Mass feels a bit too incorporeal.

Then, when we could have public Mass, numbers were diminished, even still so now. We haven't had a full church since Ash Wednesday, and though we just celebrated Christmas, it feels like we are still in Lent. Because of all of this, we have had little to no social events; no opportunities to grow as a community, as a family, outside of the celebration of Mass. I know you yearn for it, as do I, but the time is not yet right.

So how do we live out the charism of our patronage? How do we, in time of pandemic, live as Holy Family? We start in our own homes, in our domestic churches. We start with our own families. Each household is a microcosm of the parish, as the family goes so does Holy Family. If there is little prayer in the family, there's little prayer at Holy Family. If there's little devotion to the sacraments—especially the Eucharist in Sunday Mass and confession—in the family, there will be little attendance at Mass and less confessions at Holy Family. If no one reads the bible at home, neither will there be great study of it at Holy Family. If there's little thought to the poor and needy in the family, there will be little thought of them at Holy Family. If there's little Christian education going on in the home, there will be little we can do here at Holy Family. As the family flourishes, so too does Holy Family. Yes, the priest can do much to help a parish flourish in his own imitation of Christ as priest, teacher, and shepherd, but the parish isn't just the priest. It is priest and people together, united as one body.

Over this next year, I will do my best to be the best imitator of Christ for you, to be a father as St Joseph was and as caring and compassionate as the Blessed Mother was. I encourage you, indeed almost demand of you, allow 2021 to be the year your family grows in wisdom and grace. See where you are weak, where you fail. Don't allow shame to cause you to hide it. Rather, reveal it before the family and Jesus in honesty, and, as a community, choose to grow in it. Fight the battle of family prayer. Be honest about your finances and be both prudent and generous with them. Allow the weaknesses of fellow family members to be the tutor in your school of virtue as you bear those weakness well. The more we enter into the fullness of our family life at home, the easier it will be to enter into it here at Holy Family. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph never shied away from difficulty. They met it head on and were sanctified by it. It is time we do the same. We are Holy Family.

*Fr. Kyle*

*25th anniversary next year?*



The Archdiocese of New Orleans will host a wedding anniversary celebration for couples married in 1996, on Sun 3/14, 3 pm. To attend, you must register by Thurs 1/14, by calling Holy Family's office, 839-4040. *Please note:* the celebration is a prayer service, not a Mass, so you'll need to fulfill your Sunday Mass attendance obligation elsewhere.



**January's First Friday falls on New Year's Day. Therefore, Fr Kyle will hold Eucharistic Adoration on the second Friday, January 8. The sign-up board will be available next weekend.**



**The Food Bank needs our continued support.**

**Many thanks for your kindness.**





Dear Fr Kyle and parishioners of Holy Family:

With much gratitude, I acknowledge your generous gift in the amount of \$510.00 for those affected by Hurricane Laura. Please know that your gift will reach individuals who are in great need as they rebuild their homes and lives. Bishop Provost of Lake Charles said his diocese in many ways has been devastated. Homes, churches, and schools have been destroyed.

Thank you for being so kind as to reach out to our sisters and brothers there. Certainly, we in the Archdiocese of New Orleans understand how much the charity of others and their prayers helped us in a very dark time. Please continue to pray for the people of our state and especially the Diocese of Lake Charles. Your gift is a sign to them that Christ cares and reaches out through you. In the Gospel, Jesus tells us, "When I was hungry you gave me food, when I was thirsty you gave me something to drink" (Mt 25:35). You have certainly done that through this gift. I thank God for you and for your generosity.

Wishing you God's blessings, I am

Gratefully in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond  
Archbishop of New Orleans



**MASS SCHEDULE FOR SOLEMNITY OF MARY**

**Thurs, 12/31**  
**New Year's Eve**

**6 pm**

**Fri, 1/1/20**  
**New Year's Day**

**9 am**

*You're invited to participate in the First Saturday Devotion this Saturday, 1/2/21*



Celebrating Saturday as the day of Mary has long been a devotion in the Church, dating back at least to the 700's, when Roman Christians would process to the Church of St Mary Major to honor the Blessed Virgin. We chose First Saturdays because Our Lady of Fatima encouraged Sister Lucia (the only one of the three visionary children of Fatima to live a long life) to pray a five Saturday devotion in reparation for sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Many people throughout the world mock, ridicule, and attack the dignity of the Blessed Virgin, so she asks her children to offer up prayer in reparation for those sins. In particular, she asks for four actions: (1) go to Confession, (2) receive Holy Communion, (3) recite the Rosary, and (4) meditate 15 minutes on one of the mysteries of the Rosary.

The Rosary will be prayed at 8:30 am, with Mass beginning at 9. You are welcome to participate in the Rosary and Mass even if you don't want to enter into this devotion. If you are interested, a pamphlet will be available, to help guide you in fulfilling this devotion.

More details on the Five First Saturdays Devotion can be found at <http://www.themostholysrosary.com/appendix2.htm>. For more information about Holy Family's monthly event, call Mirtha Martin, 225-931-5077.

**LECTORS: your workbooks for the new liturgical year have arrived and are available during office hours.**

**Please pray for:**

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

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).

**This week's Scripture readings**

<u>Mon 12/28</u> <i>The Holy Innocents Martyrs</i>	1 John 1:5—2:2 Psalm 124:2-8 Matthew 2:13-18
<u>Tues 12/29</u> <i>Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas</i>	1 John 2:3-11 Psalm 96:1-6 Luke 2:22-35
<u>Wed 12/30</u> <i>Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas</i>	1 John 2:12-17 Psalm 96:7-10 Luke 2:36-40
<u>Thurs 12/31</u> <i>Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas</i>	1 John 2:18-21 Psalm 96:1-211-13 John 1:1-18
<u>Fri 1/1</u> <i>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</i>	Numbers 6:22-27 Psalm 67:2-3,5-6,8 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21
<u>Sat 1/2</u> <i>Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen Bishops, Doctors of the Church</i>	1 John 2:22-28 Psalm 98:1-4 John 1:19-28
<u>Sun 1/3</u> <i>Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</i>	Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-13 Ephesians 3:2-6 Matthew 2:1-12

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

It also burns

**December 27-January 2**  
in memory of **Larry Denmark**  
by request of Marita Marks



**2021 Mass book opens Jan 4**

Please mail, email, or bring your Mass 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**

12/26	5 pm	Archbishop Aymond †Jessie Andras †Connie Bychurch †Harold Carriles †Toni C. Hedrick †Shirley LeBlanc †Audrey Morel
12/27	8:30 am	Our Parishioners
12/27	11 am	†Jerry Cancienne Eliska Ibarra Launo Moore Joyce Stall
12/27	3 pm	†Souls in Purgatory
12/29	5 pm	†Souls in Purgatory
12/30	5 pm	†Gloria Murray
12/31	9 am	†Patsy Clesi
12/31	<b>6 pm</b>	†Harold Carriles
1/1	<b>9 am</b>	Jill Boudreaux
1/2	9 am	†Patsy Clesi

**Upcoming events**

12/29	Bible Study 9:45 am
12/31	Vigil of Solemnity of Mary - Mass <b>6 pm</b>
1/1/21	Solemnity of Mary - Masses <b>9 am</b>
1/2	First Saturday: Rosary 8:30 am / Mass 9 am
1/2	Confessions 3-4 pm
1/5	RCIA 6 pm
1/6	Y-Prep 6 pm
1/6	CYO 7 pm
1/8	Rosary 8:30 am
1/8	Adoration 9:30 am-4:30 pm
1/8	Benediction 4:30 pm



The current month's calendar is always available 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.

**Stewardship Report**

regular collection	\$ 3,452.06
building fund	\$ 150.00

*Thank you for your sacrificial giving.*