



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ January 17, 2021

Jesus turned and said to them, "What are you looking for?"

John 1:38

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

Fr Kyle: 985-839-4040

Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday, noon.

From Our Pastor

PRIMER ON ECUMENISM

Pope Benedict knows that when the Church talks about Scripture in the 21st century, she has to acknowledge the fact that she shares this Scripture with millions of Christians who grew up in congregations separated from the Church, and call themselves Christian. "Many Christian communions present themselves to men as the true inheritors of Jesus Christ; all indeed profess to be followers of the Lord but differ in mind and go their different ways, as if Christ Himself were divided."¹ Since 1517 with Martin Luther, and even before that with the Great Schism of 1054 when Orthodox Christians separated from the Church, the Church's witness of Christ has been mitigated by division. "Such division openly contradicts the will of Christ, scandalizes the world, and damages the holy cause of preaching the Gospel to every creature."² For centuries, the Church turned in on itself trying to protect itself from further division. However, one of the gifts of the globalization that began in the early 20th century was a movement of the Holy Spirit toward unity. This movement the Council Fathers called *ecumenism*. "All ... long for the one visible Church of God, a Church truly universal and set forth into the world that the world may be converted to the Gospel and so be saved, to the glory of God."³ So ecumenical activity seeks to find unity between different Christians with the end goal of unity under the one banner of Christ's Church.

To find true unity, we must first acknowledge that actual division exists. It is not in keeping with reality to say Catholics, and Baptists, and Lutherans, and Methodists, etc. are all the same. To deny doctrinal differences is to downplay the doctrines themselves, weakening the content of the faith. If a doctrine can be compromised, it must not be very strong and/or important. Now these differences, in thought and in practice, are not insurmountable obstacles to unity, but are still obstacles, ones that need resolution if Christ's prayer, "I pray that they may all be one," is to be fulfilled.

The Council coined a new phrase to better help us to understand how these men and women, most of whom grew up in these communities and had no part in the separation from the Church that occurred hun-

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dreds of years ago. The Council called these communities *separated brethren*. I'll let the Council itself elucidate our understanding of our separated brethren.

"The children who are born into these Communities and who grow up believing in Christ cannot be accused of the sin involved in the separation, and the Catholic Church embraces upon them as brothers, with respect and affection. For men who believe in Christ and have been truly baptized are in communion with the Catholic Church even though this communion is imperfect. The differences that exist in varying degrees between them and the Catholic Church—whether in doctrine and sometimes in discipline, or concerning the structure of the Church—do indeed create many obstacles, sometimes serious ones, to full ecclesiastical communion. The ecumenical movement is striving to overcome these obstacles. But even in spite of them it remains true that all who have been justified by faith in Baptism are members of Christ's body, and have a right to be called Christian, and so are correctly accepted as brothers by the children of the Catholic Church.

"Moreover, some and even very many of the significant elements and endowments which together go to build up and give life to the Church itself, can exist outside the visible boundaries of the Catholic Church: the written word of God; the life of grace; faith, hope and charity, with the other interior gifts of the Holy Spirit, and visible elements too. All of these, which come from Christ and lead back to Christ, belong by right to the one Church of Christ ... It follows that the separated Churches and Communities as such, though we believe them to be deficient in some respects, have been by no means deprived of significance and importance in the mystery of salvation. For the Spirit of Christ has not refrained from using them as means of salvation which derive their efficacy from the very fullness of grace and truth entrusted to the Church.

"Nevertheless, our separated brethren, whether considered as individuals or as Communities and Churches, are not blessed with that unity which Jesus Christ wished to bestow on all those who through Him were born again into one body, and with Him quickened to newness of life—that unity which the Holy Scriptures and the ancient Tradition of the Church proclaim. For it is only through Christ's Catholic Church, which is 'the all-embracing means of salvation,' that they can benefit fully from the means of salvation. We believe that Our Lord entrusted all the blessings of the New Covenant to the apostolic college alone, of which Peter is the head, in order to establish the one Body of Christ on earth to which all should be fully incorporated who belong in any way to the people of God."⁴ So they are connected to the Church, but are not unified in it. Pope Benedict, knowing this division, sees Scripture as a means to bring unity. We'll talk about his thoughts next week.



¹ Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, *Unitatis Redintegratio*, 1.

² *Ibid.*

³ *Ibid.*

⁴ *Ibid.*, 3.

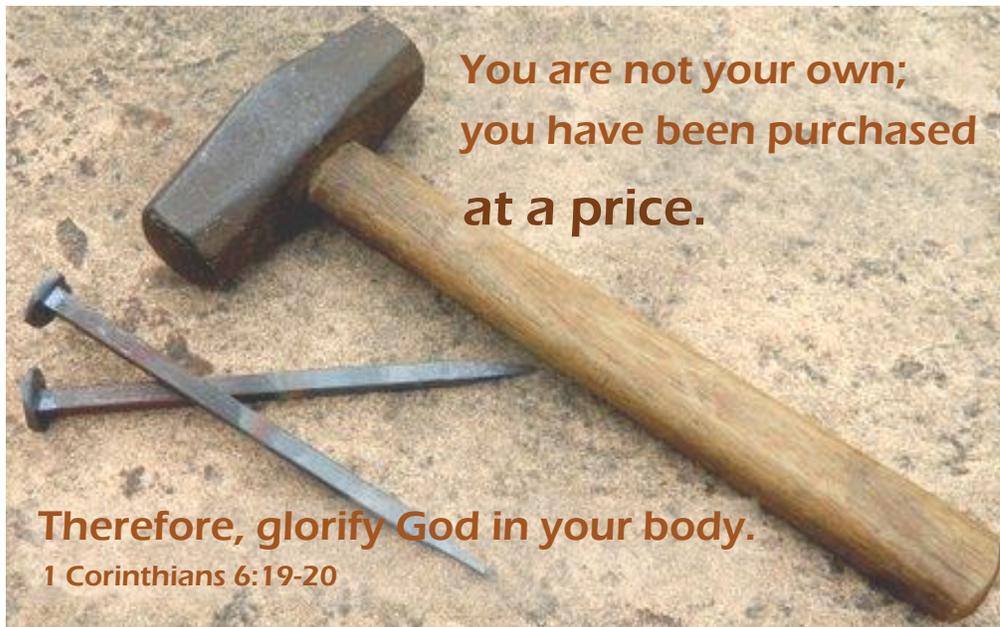
Spending extra \$\$ to become healthier—but still taking a drug that messes with your hormones? Check out Natural Family Planning instead

Natural Family Planning (NFP) is a general term for the scientific, natural, and moral methods of family planning that help married couples either achieve or avoid pregnancy. NFP methods are based on the observation of naturally occurring signs and symptoms to identify the fertile and infertile phases of a woman's cycle. Couples then use this knowledge to act accordingly. No drugs, devices, or surgical procedures needed. Since NFP methods respect the *love-giving* (unitive) and *life-giving* (procreative) nature of the conjugal act, couples fully enjoy God's design for married love!

Benefits of NFP:

- 97-99% Effective in Avoiding Pregnancy
- Enhances Communication and Intimacy
- 100% Natural with No Side Effects
- Can Help Diagnose Reproductive Health Issues
- Inexpensive
- Can be used during postpartum, breastfeeding, and premenopause

An NFP class begins next **Saturday, Jan 23**, at **St Luke, Slidell**. For details and registration, call **504-861-6243**.



**You are not your own;
you have been purchased
at a price.**

Therefore, glorify God in your body.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

For you, Seniors of 2021

Each year, the Knights of Columbus award their Catholic Youth Leadership Scholarship to an outstanding Catholic boy and girl in the graduating class of 2021. Typed applications are preferred; applicants can access and complete it at: www.louisianakc.org >CYLA. *The instructions must be carefully followed.* Your application must be submitted to Mr Sid Zeringue by 1/24. He is also able to answer any questions that may come up; you can reach him at 985-515-0806.

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★ **COVID VACCINES ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT OCHSNER, COVINGTON, FOR THOSE AGE 70+. YOU DON'T HAVE**
★ **TO BE AN OCHSNER-AFFILIATED PATIENT. BY APPT ONLY; NO LINES. CALL 844-888-2772 TO SCHEDULE.**
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FRIENDS OF ST FRANCIS ... an introduction and an invitation

"I wish I could help..."

If you have ever said these words to yourself — you can, whatever your age, whatever your skill.

Friends of St Francis

is a service organization whose aim is to bring social justice and the friendship of true charity to those in need. For, in the "distressing disguise" of the poor, we see Christ.

The work of the **Friends of St Francis** is truly the Gospel message in action:

- I was hungry*
- I was thirsty*
- I was a stranger*
- I was naked*
- I was sick*
- I was in prison...*
- and you cared.**

An invitation

Friends of St Francis is easy to join, and we'd love to have you! No special qualifications are needed, other than **the desire to join with others to help those in need, for the love of God.**

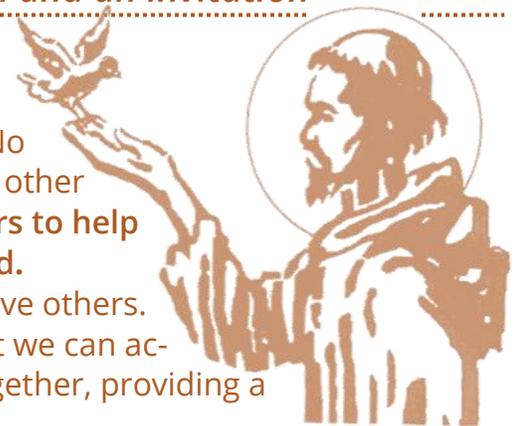
As Christians, we're obliged to serve others. We can do some things alone, but we can accomplish more when we work together, providing a wider range of possibilities.

What's the commitment?

We meet on the second Thursday of each month, from 9:30-11 am, here at Holy Family. Each member's recent client encounters are reported and discussed, necessary actions are taken, and plans for any follow-up are agreed upon. All matters discussed are strictly confidential.

How do I join?

A simple phone call to **985-201-5882** will put you in touch with a current member. You can find out more, be invited to the next meeting, or give your name and contact information. If you're at an event where our members are present, just walk up and introduce yourself. We welcome you!



"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

~ Matthew 25:40

Please pray for:

Steve Allemore; Pat Altentaler; Adam Authement; D. Barrois; Baldassaro Family; Phil Bateman; Jim Bradle; Donna Bruney; Chris Buquoi; Johnson Chouest; Flo Clemons; Carolyn Combel; Heidi David; Al Davis; Briley Davis; Paula Davis; Gloria Easley; Tristan Freeman; Frank Gennusa; Roberto Gomez; Darlene Hartman; Gayle Horton and Family; Keaton Family; Sheila Laurant; Henry, Tina Lirette; Keith Long; Christy Lorio; Jean Lugo; Geary Molony; Marie Oswald; Mickey Power; Denise Rednour; Cody Reed; Joyce Stall; Violeta Thomas; Al Triche; Nick Tullier; Jane Varnado; Lillian Vishno.

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

This week's Scripture readings

<u>Mon 1/18</u> Ordinary Time Weekday	Hebrews 5:1=10 Psalm 110:1-4 Mark 2:18-22
<u>Tues 1/19</u> Ordinary Time Weekday	Hebrews 6:10-20 Psalm 111:1-2,4-5,9-10 Mark 2:23-38
<u>Wed 1/20</u> Ordinary Time Weekday	Hebrews 7:1-3,15-17 Psalm 110:1-4 Mark 3:1-6
<u>Thurs 1/21</u> Agnes Virgin, Martyr	1 Corinthians 1:26-31 Psalm 40:7-10,17 Matthew 13:44-46
<u>Fri 1/22</u> Ordinary Time Weekday	Hebrews 8:6-13 Psalm 85:8,10,11-14 Mark 3:13-19
<u>Sat 1/23</u> Ordinary Time Weekday	Hebrews 9:2-11,13 Psalm 47:2-3,6-9 Mark 3:20-21
<u>Sun 1/24</u> Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jonah 3:1-5,10 Psalm 25:4-9 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20

The Sanctuary Lamp burns constantly to proclaim the Real Presence of Jesus in the tabernacle. It also burns **January 17-23** in memory of **Pauline Pittman Lipps** by anonymous request.



Mass Intentions

1/16	5 pm	Bolotte/Guidry families †Jennifer Cossé †Shirley LeBlanc †Cindy Marsh Luis Martinez †Bobby Joe Smith
1/17	8:30 am	†Lib Keller Lillian Vishno
1/17	11 am	Our Parishioners
1/17	3 pm	Carol M. Rider
1/19	5 pm	†Cindy Marsh
1/20	5 pm	†Cindy Marsh
1/21	9 am	†Cindy Marsh
1/22	9 am	Lillian Vishno

This week's special collection

HOLY FAMILY'S FRIENDS OF ST FRANCIS

The Friends of St Francis is our parish's charitable outreach to those in need (similar to, but not affiliated with, the St Vincent de Paul Society). Because there is no administrative overhead, every penny received is used to assist local families and individuals with utilities, medications, and other emergency expenses. Take an envelope from the bookshelf or make your check out to Friends of St Francis.

Upcoming events

1/19	RCIA 6 pm
1/20	Y-Prep 6 pm
1/20	CYO 7 pm
1/21	Novena For Life - day 1
1/21	Adult Formation 6 pm
1/22	Rosary 8:30 am
1/23	Confessions 3-4 pm
1/24	CCD 9:45 am
1/26	RCIA 6 pm
1/27	Y-Prep 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 bookshelf in the church and on the table in the office hallway.

Stewardship Report	
regular collection	\$ 4,347.00
building fund	\$ 1,050.00
Thank you for your generosity.	