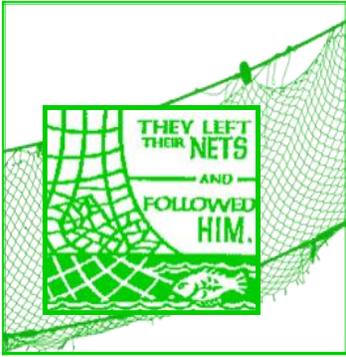


HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ January 24, 2021

"Come after me."

Mark 1:17



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

THE WORD OF GOD IN ECUMENICAL DIALOGUE — REFLECTIONS ON POPE BENEDICT'S *VERBUM DOMINI*

Last week, I wanted to set up the theological concept of ecumenism before we dive into what Pope Benedict says about the role Scripture can have in the ecumenical effort. He sees Scripture as a point of unity among all Christians. It is the place where we all encounter Christ. "Conscious that the Church has her foundation in Christ, the incarnate Word of God, the Synod wished to emphasize the centrality of biblical studies within ecumenical dialogue aimed at the full expression of the unity of all believers in Christ. The Scriptures themselves contain Jesus' moving prayer to the Father that his disciples might be one, so that the world may believe (cf. Jn 17:21)," (VD, 46).

The Holy Father sees the communal encounter with Christ in Scripture to be a vital way in achieving the unity Christ so urgently desires. In the shared listening of the word of God "we experience a real, albeit not yet full communion: 'shared listening to the Scriptures then spurs us on towards the dialogue of charity and enables growth in the dialogue of truth,'" (VD, 46). In the shared listening of say, Psalm 23, all present, Catholic and not, can receive as one body these words of comfort and hope in eternal life. We all know who our Good Shepherd is, who provides for our needs and protects us against evil by the power of his cross. In reception of that good news we're all united.

Benedict goes on to say, we can gain unity not just in shared listening but in communal prayer. "Listening to the word of God, engaging in *lectio divina*, letting ourselves be struck by the inexhaustible freshness of God's word which never grows old, overcoming our deafness to those words that do not fit our own

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opinions and prejudices, listening and studying within the communion of believers of every age: all these things represent the way of coming to unity in faith as a response to hearing the word of God," (VD, 46). In the shared encounter walls can tumble and pathways can open up for unity.

The Holy Father encourages there to be "celebrations of the word of God" because "those celebrations advance the cause of ecumenism and, when suitably carried out, they represent intense moments of authentic prayer asking God to hasten the day when we will all be able at last to sit at the one table and drink from the one cup," (VD, 46). The Archdiocese sponsors events like this every so often, usually around a joint issue of concern. I think it would be good to foster something like this locally to foster communal unity and growth amongst ourselves and the Baptist, Methodist, and Pentecostal communities in the area. Such actions would never replace Sunday Mass, but would rather be done at a separate time. [If you would be interested in helping in this effort, please contact me.]

To close his thoughts on Scripture and ecumenism, Pope Benedict acknowledges the importance of joint translations of Scripture. "We know that translating a text is no mere mechanical task, but belongs in some sense to the work of interpretation ... Promoting common translations of the Bible is part of the ecumenical enterprise," (VD, 46). This talk of translation is an important one in English. We use the Revised New American Bible in the readings at mass. Many of our Protestant brethren are beholden to the King James Version. I have found a joint translation in English is the Revised Standard Version and the Revised Standard Version - Catholic Edition (which has the same translation as the other but has those books Luther decided to take out and other reformers followed). It helps to be working with the same words to foster dialogue and unity and so hear God speak in the same language.

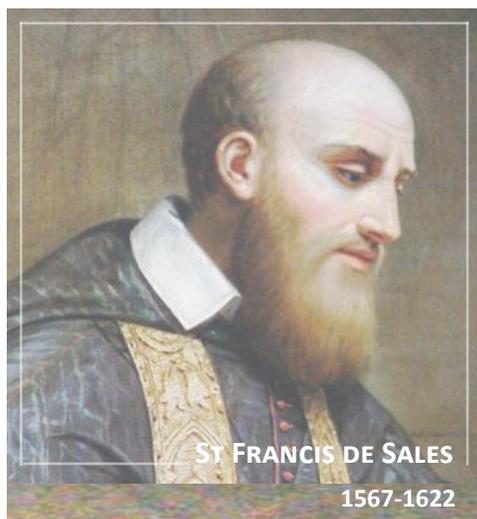
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BIBLE STUDY based on the Sunday readings
every **Sunday, 9:45 am** in the hall

stay after 8:30 / come early for 11 - ALL ARE WELCOME!

50th wedding
anniversary
in 2021?

Call our office,
839-4040.



**All of us can attain to Christian virtue and holiness,
no matter in what condition of life we live,
and no matter what our life work may be.**

**God takes pleasure to see you take your little steps;
and like a good father who holds his child by the hand,
He will accommodate His steps to yours
and will be content to go no faster than you.
Why do you worry?**

Priest, Bishop, and Doctor of the Church - Feast Day January 24

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee,
he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea;
they were fishermen.

Jesus said to them, “Come after me,
and I will make you fishers of men.”

Then they abandoned their nets and followed him.



College-bound seniors: scholarship deadline is TODAY

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. Your application must be submitted to Mr Sid Zeringue **by this evening**. He is also able to answer questions; you can reach him at **985-515-0806**.

January 22, 1973: the other date that will live in infamy

This past Friday marked the 48th anniversary of the infamous Supreme Court decision, Roe vs Wade, which legalized abortion in all 50 states for any reason and at any stage of pregnancy. Since that grim day, providers have performed over 62 million abortions—roughly 4,200 unborn children destroyed every day. Tragic, staggering numbers. Yet, the real figures exceed them, as some states rely on voluntary reporting, some had legal abortion before that case, and some have not submitted any data at all for over a decade.

But every abortion claims *at least* two victims: the unborn child, and the pregnant mother who believed—or was pressured into accepting—that ending her child’s life was her only option in a difficult dilemma. In many situations other victims are forgotten: a father denied legal standing to prevent or contest the killing of his child, grandparents who grieve. The decision to abort rarely comes easily, and often has lifelong psychological and spiritual repercussions. “Together Strong: Life Unites” was chosen as the theme for this year’s March For Life (which takes place this Friday in Washington, though mostly virtually), clearly proclaiming that love and support for mothers in crisis not only advances the goal of fewer abortions, but most faithfully represents the Gospel response to them.

Norma McCorvey, the Jane Roe whose case opened the floodgates, herself deeply regretted her involvement (though she never actually obtained the abortion she sought because of the long legal process). In her two books, *I Am Roe* and *Won By Love*, she recounts her naiveté at age 22, how she was duped and exploited by those pushing the abortion agenda, and her subsequent abortion advocacy (even as a “clinic” employee)—until in 1995 some Christian pro-life workers befriended her and won her over to the truth by their love and example. She became staunchly, actively pro-life and remained so until her death in 2017. She said, “The entire abortion industry is based on a lie. I am dedicated to spending the rest of my life undoing the law that bears my name. It has brought destruction to me and to millions of women. Jane Roe has been laid to rest. I am serving the Lord and helping to save women and babies.”

Let us pray for an end to abortion, all abortion. It harms everyone it touches.

PRAY TO
PROTECT
HUMAN LIFE!

9 DAYS FOR LIFE
JANUARY 21 - 29, 2021



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Please pray for:

Steve Allemore; Pat Altentaler; Adam Authement; D. Barrois; Baldassarro Family; Phil Bateman; Jim Bradle; Donna Bruney; Chris Buquoi; Johnson Chouest; Flo Clemons; Heidi David; Al Davis; Briley Davis; Paula Davis; Gloria Easley; Bill Ferrante; Tristan Freeman; Frank Gennusa; Roberto Gomez; Darlene Hartman; Ronnie Herbert; 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 1/25</u> Conversion of St Paul, Apostle	Acts 9:1-22 Psalm 117:1-2 Mark 16:15-18
<u>Tues 1/26</u> Timothy and Titus Bishops	Titus 1:1-5 Psalm 96:1-3,7-8,10 Luke 10:1-9
<u>Wed 1/27</u> Angela Merici Virgin, Religious Founder	Hebrews 10:11-18 Psalm 110:1-4 Mark 4:1-20
<u>Thurs 1/28</u> Thomas Aquinas Priest, Doctor of the Church	Wisdom 7:7-10,15-16 Psalm 24:1-6 Matthew 23:8-12
<u>Fri 1/29</u> Ordinary Time Weekday	Hebrews 10:32-39 Psalm 37:3-6,23-24,39-40 Mark 4:26-34
<u>Sat 1/30</u> Ordinary Time Weekday	Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19 Luke 1:69-75 Mark 4:35-41
<u>Sun 1/31</u> Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 95:1-2,6-9 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 Mark 1:21-28

The Sanctuary Lamp burns constantly to proclaim the Real Presence of Jesus in the tabernacle. It also burns **January 24-30** in memory of **Doug LeBlanc** by request of Eve LeBlanc.



Mass Intentions

1/23	5 pm	†Doug LeBlanc †Shirley LeBlanc †Craig Estave, Sr.
1/24	8:30 am	Our Parishioners
1/24	11 am	†Joseph Corrao Marguerite Corrao †Linda G. Schomberg
1/24	3 pm	†Cindy Marsh
1/26	5 pm	Lillian Vishno
1/27	5 pm	Paul Boudreaux
1/28	9 am	†Andy Gutierrez
1/29	9 am	†Cindy Marsh

Next week's special collection



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Provides assistance to children whose families cannot afford Catholic school tuition, thus making Catholic education more available to more children. Envelopes are available on the bookshelf. Thank you.

Upcoming events

1/24	CCD 9:45 am
1/26	RCIA 6 pm
1/27	Y-Prep 6 pm
1/27	CYO 7 pm
1/28	Pastoral Council 6 pm
1/29	Rosary 8:30 am
1/30	Confessions 3-4 pm
1/31	CCD 9:45 am
2/2	RCIA 6 pm
2/3	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	\$ 2,714.00
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Thank you for your sacrificial giving.	