



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ January 31, 2021

The people were astonished, for he taught them with authority.
Mark 1:22

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

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Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday, noon.

**** Feast of St Blaise, this Wed Feb 3: Blessing of Throats at the 5 pm Mass ****

From Our Pastor

THE WORD OF GOD AND SEMINARY TRAINING — REFLECTIONS ON POPE BENEDICT'S *VERBUM DOMINI*

Continuing in the pastoral vein of the last week's thoughts, Pope Benedict also wishes to address specifically how the hermeneutic of faith is incorporated into priestly formation. To understand his pastoral movement towards thinking about seminaries, I think it would be good to understand a little more of the history of priestly formation. Seminaries are a rather new thing in the Church. They began at the impetus of the Council of Trent, in response to the Protestant Reformation of the mid 1500's. Martin Luther saw, rightly in this case, many of the Church's priests were uneducated men, who knew little of the theology of the Church and knew even less how to communicate it well on the pulpit. Parish, or diocesan priests, were formed like apprentices with their local pastor. They attended very little schooling and received mostly what their mentors could give. It was only the religious priests, the Dominicans, Franciscans, Jesuits, Benedictines, etc. who received formal training in theology, philosophy, and Scripture. So many priests really could not fulfill their office well as teachers and preachers.

Seminaries began to be established to form diocesan priests in Scripture and Tradition. Into the 20th Century, it was a sign of the health of a missionary territory that it was able to open seminaries to educate the local population of priests, instead of having to send them far away to receive their theological training. Both St. Ben's and Notre Dame were created to form the men of the south who culturally differed from the men of the northeast, where most American seminaries were.

The Second Vatican Council called for further reforms within seminaries with greater emphasis on the study of philosophy, Biblical exegesis, and pastoral training. "Students should receive a most careful training in ho-

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This Friday, February 5, is First Friday. Eucharistic Adoration will be held in the church, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm.

If you can commit to an hour, please sign the list near the entrance.

If you can't do an hour, stop in when you can and gaze upon Jesus, as he lovingly gazes upon you.

"There is nothing as great as the Eucharist.

If God had something more precious, he would have given it to us."

~ St Jean Vianney ~

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ly Scripture, which should be the soul, as it were, of all theology. After a suitable introductory course, they should receive an accurate initiation in exegetical method. They should study closely the principle themes of divine revelation and should find inspiration and nourishment in daily reading and meditation upon the sacred books."¹ Much more were exegetical methods, especially using historical criticism, taught within seminaries, although sometimes without recourse to the spiritual sense of Scripture.

Then, in the early 90's, in response to a poor understanding of the mode and mission of the Second Vatican Council, Pope St. John Paul II called for another reform within seminaries around the world, in his apostolic exhortation, *Pastores Dabo Vobis*. In speaking of the seminarian's spiritual formation he says, "As essential element of spiritual formation is the prayerful and meditated reading of the word of God (*lectio divina*), a humble and loving listening of him who speaks ... Provided that we approach the word of God and listen to its as it really is, it brings us into contact with God himself ... A loving knowledge of the word of God and prayerful familiarity with it are specifically important for the prophetic ministry of the priest." Then, in speaking about the seminarian's intellectual formation he says, "In reflecting maturely upon the faith, theology moves in two directions. The first is that of the study of the word of God: the word set down in holy writ, celebrated and lived in the living tradition of the Church, and authoritatively interpreted by the Church's magisterium."

In 2005, I remember soon after he was elected pope, Pope Benedict had visitations done of each of the seminaries in the United States to see how they were fulfilling the reform set out by Pope St. John Paul II ten years earlier. I got to watch as that renewal took place in both St. Ben's and Notre Dame in New Orleans. Pope Benedict wanted future priests to receive the best formation they could. That includes the study of Scripture. Here is what he says, "A further consequence of an adequate hermeneutic of faith has to do with its necessary implications for exegetical and theological formation, particularly that of candidates for the priesthood. Care must be taken to ensure that the study of sacred Scripture is truly the soul of theology inasmuch as it is acknowledged as the word of God addressed to today's world, to the Church, and to each of us personally." Then he goes on to say, "students need to have a deep spiritual life, in order to appreciate that the Scripture can only be understood if it is lived." And he ends the paragraph by saying, "It is my hope that, in fidelity to the teaching of the Second Vatican Council, the study of sacred Scripture read within the communion of the universal Church, will truly be the soul of theological studies," (VD, 47).

¹ Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, *Optatum Totius*, 16.

F. Kyle

Archbishop Aymond's response to Biden-Harris statement on Roe v Wade



The statement from President Biden and Vice-President Harris on the anniversary of Roe v Wade is very disappointing. We are made in the image and likeness of God and are called to uphold the dignity of all human life, including the unborn child in the womb. We must pray for our United States leadership and for all people of good will that our hearts will be moved to see human life as sacred and a gift from God. Only God gives life—only God takes life.

+ G. Aymond



You're invited to participate in the First Saturday Devotion - this Saturday, 2/5

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 is prayed at 8:30 am, with Mass at 9. For more information about this monthly event, call Mirtha Martin, 225-931-5077.





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The Power of St Joseph

How much attention do you give to Joseph, the man who was the earthly adoptive father and protector of Jesus, and virtuous husband of Mary? Imagine how much Jesus and Mary love him. He had to be the holiest man who ever walked the earth, having been chosen to live under the same roof with God and the Mother of God. Imagine that!

"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective" (*James 5:16*). Prayers to St Joseph must be very powerful and effective. The Catholic Church considers him the Protector of the Universal Church. He is also known as the "Terror of Demons," and the patron of fathers and families. How could we *not* call on him?

Apparitions of St Joseph

There are two-Church approved apparitions in which Joseph appeared: Knock, Ireland, in 1879 and Fatima, Portugal, in 1917. In Knock, on the evening of August 21, fifteen people witnessed a vision of the Blessed Mother wearing a golden crown, St John wearing a bishop's mitre and holding a Bible, and St Joseph with a gray beard and robed in white. Behind them appeared an altar with a cross and lamb on it.

During the final vision in Fatima, St Joseph appeared holding the baby Jesus. St Lucia recounted: "When Our Lady disappeared in the immense distance of the sky, next to the sun we saw Saint Joseph holding the Child Jesus and Our Lady dressed in white with a blue mantle. Saint Joseph and the Child seemed to be blessing the world making the sign of the cross."

St Joseph's protection must be great indeed for God to entrust him with protecting the Holy Family. With families today under attack in so many ways, we should call on him often throughout the day.

St Joseph Gems

Father Donald Calloway, in his recent book, *St Joseph Gems*, has gathered the largest collection of quotes about St Joseph ever published in one place, selected from the writings of popes, saints, blessed, and venerables of the Church, shedding light on St Joseph's incredible example and his power as an intercessor. Here are a few of those quotes:

"There are many saints to whom God has given the power to assist us in the necessities of life, but the power given to St Joseph is unlimited: It extends to all our needs, and all those who invoke him with confidence are sure to be heard." — *St Thomas Aquinas*

"Jesus and Mary themselves obey and offer their homage to St Joseph, for they reverence what the hand of God has established in him, namely, the authority of spouse and authority of father." — *Pope Pius XI*

"Jesus and Mary bent their whole wills to Joseph's, for he was the head of the Holy Family, and they lovingly surrendered their hearts to him as well." — *St Peter Julian Eymard*

"To fathers of families, Joseph is a superlative model of paternal vigilance and care." — *Pope Leo XIII*

"The growth of Jesus 'in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man' (Luke 2:52) took place within the Holy Family under the eyes of Joseph, who had the important task of 'raising' Jesus, that is, feeding, clothing, and educating him in the Law and in a trade, in keeping with the duties of a father." — *St John Paul II*

Please pray for:

Steve Allemore; Pat Altentaler; Sandra Andras; 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; Bill Ferrante; Tristan Freeman; Frank Gennusa; Roberto Gomez; Ronnie Herbert; Pete Hillebrandt; 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; Special Intention (RL).

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 2/1</u> Ordinary Time Weekday	Hebrews 11:32-40 Psalm 31:20-24 Mark 5:1-20
<u>Tues 2/2</u> Feast of the Presentation of the Lord	Malachi 3:1-4 Psalm 24:7-10 Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40
<u>Wed 2/3</u> Blaise Bishop, Martyr	Hebrews 12:4-7,11-15 Psalm 103:1-2,13-18 Mark 6:1-6
<u>Thurs 2/4</u> Ordinary Time Weekday	Hebrews 12:18-24 Psalm 48:2-4,9-11 Mark 6:7-13
<u>Fri 2/5</u> Agatha Virgin, Martyr	Hebrews 13:1-8 Psalm 27:1-9 Mark 6:14-29
<u>Sat 2/6</u> Paul Miki and Companions Martyrs	Hebrews 13:15-21 Psalm 23:1-6 Mark 6:30-34
<u>Sun 2/7</u> Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Job 7:1-7 Psalm 147:1-6 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23 Mark 1:29-39

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It also burns **January 31-February 6** in memory of **Dorothy Halligan Estave** by anonymous request.

If you wish to reserve the Sanctuary Lamp, please call our office, 839-4040. Over half of 2021 is already reserved.



Mass Intentions

1/30	5 pm	+Dot Baldassaro Joe Baldassaro, Jr Phyllis Baracco and Family +Jill LeBlanc +Shirley LeBlanc +Cindy Marsh
1/31	8:30 am	+Lib Keller +Ella Mitchell Special Intention (RL)
1/31	11 am	Our Parishioners
1/31	3 pm	+André Cerigny
2/2	5 pm	+Cindy Marsh
2/3	5 pm	+Cindy Marsh
2/4	9 am	+Julie Womack
2/5	9 am	Phyllis Baracco and Family
2/6	9 am	+Cindy Marsh

Upcoming events

- 2/3 Feast of St Blaise - Throat blessings at 5 pm Mass
- 2/2 RCIA 6 pm
- 2/3 Y-Prep 6 pm
- 2/3 CYO 7 pm
- 2/4 Adult Formation 6 pm
- 2/5 Rosary 8:30 am
- 2/5 Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 am-4:30 pm
- 2/5 Benediction 4:30 pm
- 2/6 1st Saturday devotion: Rosary 8:30 am, Mass 9 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 on the table in the office hallway.

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