



HOLY FAMILY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

If God is for us who can be against us? — Romans 8:31

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

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Youth Ministry

Fr Kyle: 985-839-4040

Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday, noon.

From Our Pastor

TRULY I SAY TO YOU, TODAY YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE

This second word of Jesus on the cross comes from the gospel of Luke as well, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:43). In it we hear Jesus' response to the profession of faith by the "good thief" traditionally known by the name Dismas.

If you remember, Jesus was crucified with two others, one on his right and the other on his left. I know I've said this before, but this helps us to realize the reality of the crucifixion. It was Rome's form of capital punishment, like hanging, and the guillotine, and the electric chair, after it. It was a public shaming of the criminal in a death that normally lasted several hours, if not days, which makes the later forms of execution seem merciful in their quickness. This is done to deter further criminality and humiliate the criminals deserving of such a sentence. On Good Friday, Pilate chose to execute three men on Calvary. Two were there due to their crimes. We call one of them the good thief because in some sense he "stole" heaven, but Scripture merely calls them criminals.

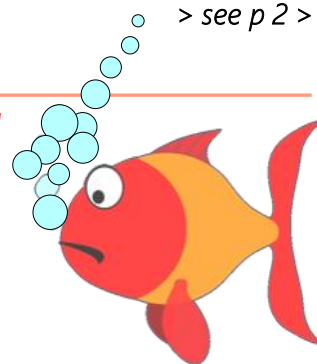
These two criminals' reaction to Jesus really mirror the life of the world and the life of faith. "One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him saying, 'Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us'" (Luke 23:39). He says this after Jesus was mocked by the leading Jews and by the soldiers. This criminal's words aren't words of faith. They're words of doubt and selfishness. "Are you not the Christ?" He's goading Jesus. He's mocking his messianic mission; he tempts Jesus to reveal his divinity and reject "the cup" that his Father wills that he drink. The criminal is saying be divine, but on my terms, not yours. Show you are God by doing what I want you to do. "Save yourself and us."

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Don't *mullet* over too long or you'll miss out!!

Fish Fry 4-7 pm this Friday, just \$10.

**Help the Friends of St Francis
and the Help Center Food Bank, AND
enjoy deliciousness off the *scale!***



From Our Pastor, continued

He's trying to control Jesus, be his superior. He acts in complete disrespect to Jesus' person by only focusing on his power.

How often do we do that? In our prayer don't we try to control God. We ask not for his providence, but rather that he does what we tell him, like he's some sort of divine genie who grants us our wishes. We say to God by our prayers "be divine, but on my terms."

I want to clarify something before continuing. This selfish prayer that I'm speaking about, that couldn't care less about Jesus' person but only about his power, can look and sound just like a good faith-filled lover of Jesus' prayer. Two people can pray the same prayer, "Lord, heal my mother." The prayer on the surface is the same, but the interior of the two people is different. One has the interior of what I describe above, the other has a trusting faith-filled interior that understands that God's will is bigger than him and trusts that no matter how God answers the prayer, he will bring about the greatest good. One is selfish; one is humble.

This leads us to Dismas. "But the other rebuked him saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we are receiving the due reward for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' And he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingly power'" (Luke 23:40-42). His humility is profound. You can hear the faith and trust in his words. He receives the punishment coming to him because of his crimes; he acknowledges he's done wrong. These are words of repentance, an act of contrition before the great high priest. He's also able to see Jesus as he is. He doesn't selfishly command Jesus to save him; he rather just asks to be remembered. He knows he deserves nothing, but he puts his hope in Jesus. His focus is on Jesus not on his power. He also recognizes Jesus' kingdom is not of this world. He's looking forward to his heavenly kingdom. In his prayer, Dismas understands who he is, a criminal justly condemned, and he understands who Jesus is, the messiah who will establish an everlasting kingdom.

This posture of humility is key for us to learn. In it, we don't seek to control God, but rather, in faith, we abandon ourselves to his providence, mercy, love, and goodness. St. Catherine of Siena succinctly put it this way, "You are God and I am not."

Fr. Kyle

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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!

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“Lord, it is good that we are here!”

Peter's words on Mount Tabor in the Presence of the transfigured Jesus are surely true of our every encounter with Him. One of these precious opportunities is yours this Friday 3/5, when Adoration will be held, 9:30 am-4:30 pm. Sign up for an hour or drop in when you can. Come and “Listen to Him.”

You're invited to take part in the First Saturday Devotion, this Saturday, 3/6

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 begins at 8:30 am, with Mass at 9 am. Got questions? Call Mirtha Martin, 225-931-5077.



note new time: 5pm

WAY OF THE CROSS
every Friday in Lent



Truth about the "Equality Act"

This bill goes to the House *next week*. The bill is well-intentioned but ultimately misguided. The Equality Act *discriminates against people of faith* and undermines the common good. To read about it and take action, go to <https://www.usccb.org/equality-act>.

CYO
(YOUTH GROUP)
Wednesdays, 6 pm
in the hall
JUST FOLLOW THE SOUND
OF PEOPLE
HAVING FUN!!

Seniors of 2021: apply for this KC award, not limited to college-bound

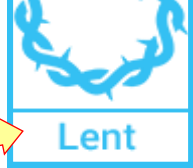
Applications for the Montalbano Patriotic Award can be picked up at the parish offices of Annunciation Catholic Church (Bogalusa) and our own Holy Family Catholic Church. All graduating high school seniors who are members of either parish are eligible to apply. The application/résumé must include a small picture, and a 300 word, double-spaced essay titled, "What it Means to be a Catholic American." The purpose of this essay and application is to highlight the applicant's patriotism and Catholicism. Letters of recommendation may also be included. Deadline for the packet to be turned in to the church office is *4 pm on April 15*. This award is sponsored by Annunciation's KC Council in memory of Frank and Ignatius Montalbano for their dedicated service to the Catholic faith and the Knights of Columbus. There will be two one-time awards of \$250.00 each, one going to a member of Annunciation Parish and one to a member of Holy Family Parish.

*He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all,
how will he not also give us everything else along with him?*

St Paul's letter to the Romans 8:32 ~ today's Second Reading

Fr Kyle hears confessions every Saturday, 3-4 pm. He will offer additional Confession times on the following Lenten Wednesdays: March 10, 17, and 24. Time: 4-4:45 pm and 6-6:30 pm. Or call our office, 839-4040, to set up an appointment with him.

Holy Family's MyParish app enhanced for your Lenten journey

We've added a special Lenten background to our app, and a new dashboard button  by which you can access meditations to assist in your efforts toward a holy, prayerful Lent. To get the app, text **APP to 88202**, then follow the steps in the reply text you get. If you have any difficulty using it, call Sue in the office, 985-839-4040.

Holy Heroes:

helping you bring the joy of faith to your family

Whether you have teens, tweens, or little kids, there's some-thing here to help you bring our Catholic faith alive in your home. Holy Heroes offers many appealing items for sale — books, DVDs, CDs, games, and more — but free resources abound on their website as well. You might find some potential Easter gifts to keep your son or daughter's focus where it ought to be (and replace some of the candy). Visit www.holyheroes.com and be inspired!



every Friday
8:30 am
in the church

now's a good time to join in praying the Rosary together

Please pray for:

Steve Allemore; Sandra Andras; D. Barrois; Baldassaro Family; Phil Bateman; Jim Bradle; Chris Buquoi; Johnson Chouest; Carolyn Combel; Heidi David; Briley Davis; Corey Davis; Paula Davis; Gloria Easley; Bill Ferrante; Tristan Freeman; Frank Gennusa; Roberto Gomez; Ronnie Herbert; Pete Hillebrandt; Gayle Horton and Family; Henry, Tina Lirette; Keith Long; Christy Lorio; Jean Lugo; Geary Molony; Marie Oswald; Mickey Power; Mary (Tiny) Rasch; Jeffrey Reed; Gary Richardson; Joyce Stall; Al Triche; Nick Tullier; Jane Varnado; Lillian Vishno; Stephanie Weeks.

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 3/1</u> Lenten Weekday	Deuteronomy 9:4-10 Psalm 79:8-9,11,13 Luke 6:36-38
<u>Tues 3/2</u> Lenten Weekday	Isaiah 1:10,16-20 Psalm 50:8-9,16-17,21,23 Matthew 23:1-12
<u>Wed 3/3</u> Lenten Weekday	Jeremiah 18:18-20 Psalm 31:5-6,14-16 Matthew 20:17-28
<u>Thurs 3/4</u> Lenten Weekday	Jeremiah 17:5-10 Psalm 1:1-4,6 Luke 16:19-31
<u>Fri 3/5</u> Lenten Weekday	Genesis 37:3-4,12-13,17-28 Psalm 105:16-21 Matthew 21:33-46
<u>Sat 3/6</u> Lenten Weekday	Micah 7:14-15,18-20 Psalm 103:1-4,9-12 Luke 151-3,11-32
<u>Sun 3/7</u> Third Sunday of Lent	Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19:8-11 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 John 2:13-25

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

It also burns **February 28-March 6** in memory of **Jimmy Richoux**



Mass Intentions

2/27	5 pm	+Dot Baldassaro +Shirley LeBlanc
2/28	8:30 am	Aimee and Colin MacIver +Ella Mitchell Stephanie Weeks
2/28	11 am	Our Parishioners
2/28	3 pm	Belinda Schoendorf
3/2	5 pm	+Donna Gilardi Ratliff
3/3	5 pm	Will Busby
3/4	9 am	Sue Boudreaux
3/5	9 am	+Myra Favre
3/6	9 am	Stephanie Weeks

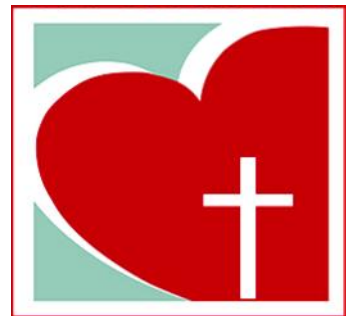
Upcoming events

- 2/28 Bible Study 9:45 am
- 2/28 CCD/Y-Prep 9:45 am
- 3/2 RCIA 6 pm
- 3/3 CYO 6 pm
- 3/4 Adult Formation 6 pm
- 3/5 Rosary 8:30 am
- 3/5 Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 am-4:30 pm
- 3/5 Benediction 4:30 pm
- 3/5 Fish Fry 4-7 pm
- 3/5 Way of the Cross 5 pm
- 3/6 1st Sat. 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.

This week's special collection

Catholic Charities



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All funds from this collection remain local. Catholic Charities provides help for women in crisis pregnancies, the vulnerable, disabled, elderly, and those displaced by natural disasters; also coordinates and facilitates adoptions.

Stewardship Report

regular collection	\$ 2,174.00
building fund	\$ 125.00

Thank you for your generosity.