



HOLY FAMILY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. — Psalm 19:8

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

WOMAN, BEHOLD YOUR SON! BEHOLD YOUR MOTHER!

Those third words from Jesus on the cross come from the gospel of John, who is the only one of the four gospel writers to be a personal witness of Jesus' crucifixion, and indeed this word is spoken to him. "When Jesus saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing near, he said to His mother, 'Woman, behold, your son!' Then, He said to the disciple, 'Behold your mother!'" And from that hour the disciple took her into his home" (John 19:26-27).

I admit, I have to stop myself. There is so much subtext in those two verses. There's so much to unpack from a scholarly perspective in social customs and in theological richness. And although I get extremely excited about such things, I don't want this to be a dry read for you. So I will rein in my bible geekery a bit to be your pastor. ;)

First we have to acknowledge that Mary was present for Jesus' crucifixion. I know in Catholic iconography we take for granted her presence, and we couldn't really imagine a crucifixion scene without Mary. But let the gravity of that reality sink in. A mother watches her only son, a son whom she knows is divine, whom she knows is the Messiah, the one spoken of and hoped for by generations of her people. She sees the crown of thorns on his head, the blood it draws blurring his vision. She sees the nails in his hands, the scourged back, his body laid bare in shame before all of Jerusalem; the same body she bathed when he

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Got an af-FIN-ity for fresh fried catfish?

**Then you'll love our Fish Fry, 4-7 pm
this Friday, just \$10.**



Help the Food Bank and the Friends of St Francis!



Archbishop Aymond on the Moral/Ethical Considerations of the Covid Vaccines

For Catholics there has been much discussion and debate about moral and ethical questions around the development of the Covid vaccines regarding their use of morally compromised cell lines created from two abortions that occurred, one in the 1970s and one in the 1980s.

The Archdiocese of New Orleans, in light of guidance from the Vatican, the U.S. Bishops, and The National Catholic Bioethics Center affirm that though there was some lab testing that utilized the abortion-derived cell line, the two vaccines currently available from **Moderna and Pfizer do not rely on cell lines from abortions in the manufacturing process and therefore can be morally acceptable** for Catholics as the connection to abortion is extremely remote.

It is under the same guidance that the archdiocese must instruct Catholics that **the latest vaccine from Janssen/Johnson & Johnson is morally compromised as it uses the abortion-derived cell line in development and production of the vaccine as well as the testing.**

We maintain that the decision to receive the COVID-19 vaccine remains one of individual conscience in consultation with one's healthcare provider... In doing so, we advise that **if the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine is available, Catholics should choose to receive either of those vaccines rather than the new Johnson & Johnson vaccine because of its extensive use of abortion-derived cell lines.**

From Our Pastor, continued

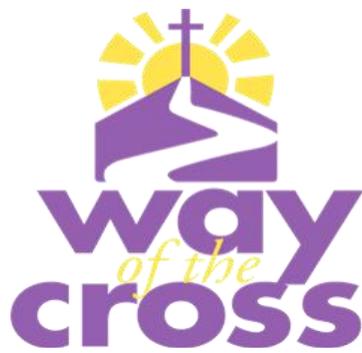
was a child; the body she bore in her womb for nine months. The prophecy of Simeon in the gospel of Luke, "a sword will pierce your own soul" (Luke 2:35), comes to fulfillment. Many cannot bear such suffering, so deep and multitudinous as it was; they would have collapsed under the weight. There Mary stands before her crucified son, not daring to leave his side as a caring mother and faithful disciple, as a lover of his human nature, which she bore, and his divine nature, which she adored.

Then you have John, the beloved disciple. His best friends abandoned him as he followed Jesus through his passion. Peter went with him as far as the outside gate of the house of the high priest, where he left dejected having thrice betrayed Jesus with his words. John had spent three years with these men following Jesus, eating with him, watching perform miracles, spending every day together. The apostles abandoned Jesus along with John, who followed his Lord all the way to Calvary, faithful in good times and in bad. John stood before the crucified Christ as the one who loved Jesus unto the end.

Both Mary and John persevere in the midst of great personal suffering to be present with Jesus at his place of seeming abandonment. This also is witness for us. There are certainly times when God calls us to be of support or to suffer with a family member or friend or even stranger when we ourselves are suffering. Such an act is an act of great charity, where we surrender our own ego for the sake of another.

Jesus knows they are both suffering. Despite his own severe suffering he sees them, and he loves them. He entrusts them to each other, they who know how to suffer well, who love deeply, who maintain great hope. We can't imagine that Christ would be thinking of us when he hung there upon the cross, but he did. He knew our experience of abandonment, those who have forgotten us or the world which tosses aside as quickly as it elevates. He knew our suffering and did not leave us alone. He gave us the Church, just as he gave John and Mary to each other in mutual care. We have the Church. Our faith is not supposed to be lived alone but in community, nor are we asked to suffer alone. The Church community is the place where we can suffer in community, to be reminded of God's presence by fellow parishioners. To stand with our fellow Christians in living and in dying.

F. Kyle



**way
of the
cross**
Fridays in Lent
5 pm
followed by
a guest speaker,
Eucharistic Adoration,
and Benediction

**CYO
(YOUTH GROUP)**

Wednesdays, 6 pm
in the hall

JUST FOLLOW THE SOUND
OF people
Having Fun!!

Remember to set your clocks
AHEAD next Saturday night.

DEBUNKED

REASONS SOME PEOPLE AVOID CONFESSION

1. It's embarrassing! I struggle with the same sins over and over. We all do; even the priest himself does. The Sacrament isn't just for the forgiveness of past sins; we also receive grace to resist sin in the future.
2. I'm not sure what to confess, or even how to do it. It's been awhile. Holy Family, like many parishes, provides a guide for going to confession, and on the back you will find a good "examination of conscience" to help you discern your sins. Any priest is able and happy to help you.
3. I don't need to tell my sins to anyone else, even a priest. I know God will forgive me if I ask Him.

When we sin, we damage our relationships with God *and* with others who are members of His people. Jesus Himself established confession as the ordinary way to ask for and receive absolution: from a priest, who represents both God and the community.

4. I did something so bad that I don't think God could ever forgive me. I'm afraid He's angry with me.

God Himself said, "Come, let us set things right... Though your sins be like scarlet, they may become white as snow." God positively longs for reconciliation and restoration with you!

Fr Kyle hears Confessions every Saturday, 3-4 pm, on the church porch, and also by appointment; just call our office, 839-4040. On Wed 3/10, 3/17, and 3/24, every parish in the archdiocese will offer evening Confessions. Our times: 4-4:45 pm and 5:45-6:30 pm (5 pm Mass in between).



Healing After Loss to Overdose or Suicide

HALOS is an informal, Christian support group for family and friends grieving a loved one lost to overdose or suicide. The group, led by Deacon Chris Schneider, is committed to supporting one another by embracing feelings, sharing conversations, and nurturing one another through spiritual guidance. Our mission is to help each other transform mourning and grieving into a journey of healing. Join us on the 2nd Monday of every month, 7 pm, at St Margaret Mary (Evan Building), Slidell. To learn more, call Donna, 985-201-2143.

next meeting
of **HALOS**:
Mon 3/8, 7 pm

Seniors of 2021: apply for this award sponsored by Bogalusa KCs, not limited to college-bound

Applications for the Montalbano Patriotic Award can be picked up at the parish offices of Annunciation Catholic Church in Bogalusa and here at Holy Family. All graduating seniors who are members of either parish are eligible. The application/resume must include a small picture and a 300-word, double-spaced essay titled, "What it Means to be a Catholic American." The purpose of the essay and application is to highlight your patriotism and Catholicism. Letters of recommendation may be included. It must be returned to our office by April 16. The award is given by the Fr Hubert Bordenave Assembly Patriotic Degree in memory of Frank and Ignatius Montalbano for their dedicated service to the Church and the Knights of Columbus. There are two one-time awards of \$250.00 each, one for a member each parish.

Please pray for:

Steve Allemore; Sandra Andras; Baldassaro Family; Phil Bateman; Bennett Family; Jim Bradle; Chris Buquoi; Johnson Chouest; Heidi David; Corey Davis; Paula Davis; Gloria Easley; Bill Ferrante; Tristan Freeman; Frank Gennusa; Roberto Gomez; Ronnie Herbert; Pete Hillebrandt; Gayle Horton and Family; Dan, Dana LeBlanc; Henry, Tina Lirette; Keith Long; Christy Lorio; Jean Lugo; Geary Molony; Marie Oswald; Mickey Power; Mary (Tiny) Rasch; Jeffrey Reed; Gary Richardson; Richard Sonier; Joyce Stall; 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 3/8</u> Lenten Weekday	2 Kings 5:1-15 Psalm 42:2,3; 43:3,4 Luke 4:24-30
<u>Tues 3/9</u> Lenten Weekday	Deuteronomy 3:25,34-43 Psalm 25:5-9 Matthew 18:21-35
<u>Wed 3/10</u> Lenten Weekday	Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9 Psalm 147:12-16,19-20 Matthew 5:17-19
<u>Thurs 3/11</u> Lenten Weekday	Jeremiah 7:23-28 Psalm 95:1-2,6-9 Luke 11:14-23
<u>Fri 3/12</u> Lenten Weekday	Hosea 14:2-10 Psalm 81:6-11,14,17 Mark 12:28-34
<u>Sat 3/13</u> Lenten Weekday	Hosea 6:1-6 Psalm 51:3-4,18-21 Luke 18:9-14
<u>Sun 3/14</u> Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)	2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23 Psalm 137:1-6 Ephesians 2:4-10 John 3:14-21

Upcoming events

- 3/7 Bible Study 9:45 am
- 3/7 CCD/Y-Prep 9:45 am
- 3/9 Altar & Rosary Society 10 am
- 3/9 RCIA 6 pm
- 3/10 Confessions 4-4:45 pm and 6-6:30 pm
- 3/10 CYO 6 pm
- 3/11 Friends of St Francis 6 pm
- 3/11 Knights of Columbus 7 pm
- 3/12 Rosary 8:30 am
- 3/12 Fish Fry 4-7 pm
- 3/12 Way of the Cross 5 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.

Remember loved ones with Easter lilies
 Easter lilies, the *Alluvia* of the plant kingdom, beautify and even symbolize our celebration of the Resurrection. If you wish to make a memorial donation towards our Easter flowers: mail or bring your offering to the office, or place it in the collection. If your request is received **by noon on March 29**, your memorial will appear in our Easter Sunday bulletin.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns constantly to proclaim the Real Presence of Jesus in the tabernacle. It also burns **March 7-13** in memory of **Mary Lou Gennusa** by request of Debby Gennusa



Mass Intentions

3/6	5 pm	+Dot Baldassaro +Robert Estave, Jr +Shirley LeBlanc
3/7	8:30 am	Our Parishioners
3/7	11 am	+Jerry Cancienne +Nelson Chaisson +Jimmy Richoux +Linda Gennusa Schomberg
3/7	3 pm	Aidan Ibarra
3/9	5 pm	+Dot Baldassaro
3/10	5 pm	+Dot Baldassaro
3/11	9 am	+Bateman, Weidenbacker, and Herbert families
3/12	9 am	+Robert Estave, Jr

Stewardship Report

regular collection	\$ 2,188.00
building fund	\$ 70.00

Thank you for your generosity.