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KEEP A GRATITUDE JOURNAL People who "count their blessings" are happier than those who don't. During Ordinary Time, using a notebook and dedicated pen, write at least three things you are thankful for each day. Notice the tangible, practical ways God shows His providence. They don't have to have wow-factor; "a cup of tea" suffices. As the days go by, our eyes are opened to God continually showering abundance on us. We find daily joy in seeing what new gift He has for us that day. Life-changing things don't need to be big. Often they are as simple as a record of our blessings to look back on in times of difficulty.

Ordinary Time is ordinary only if we think of it that way! Rather than as long boring stretches between the "good stuff," if we think of these weeks as a time to refocus our energies on our spiritual growth, it can be a rewarding time of year.

~ adapted from: www.osv.com/MyFaith/Vocation/Article/Ordinary-Time-Growing-in-Faith-Throughout-the-Year

This week's Scripture readings

<u>Mon 1/21</u> Agnes Virgin and Martyr	Hebrews 5:1-10 Psalm 110:1-4 Mark 2:18-22
<u>Tues 1/22</u> Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	Hebrews 6:10-20 Psalm 11:1-2, 4-5, 9-10 Mark 1:23-28
<u>Wed 1/23</u> Ordinary Time Weekday	Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17 Psalm 110:1-4 Mark 3:1-6
<u>Thurs 1/24</u> Francis de Sales Bishop, Doctor of the Church	Hebrews 7:25-8:6 Psalm 40:7-10, 17 Mark 3:7-12
<u>Fri 1/25</u> Conversion of Paul Apostle	Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22 Psalm 117:1-2 Mark 16:15-18
<u>Sat 1/26</u> Timothy and Titus Bishops	2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5 Psalm 96:1-3, 7-8, 10 Mark 3:20-21
<u>Sun 1/27</u> Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10 Psalm 19:8-10, 15 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Website
www.holyfamilyfranklinton.org

Eucharistic Adoration
First Friday of every month
9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Charitable Outreach
Friends of St Francis
(985) 515-2944

Religious Education
Renée Herbert: 985-630-1121

Youth Ministry
Eddie Boudreaux: 985-630-9997

Bulletin Deadline
Tuesday, noon.

Please pray for:

Special Intention, Curtis Allemore, Lauren Authement, Ginger Barber, Renée Bergeron, Linda Boos, Lamar Bourgeois, Paula Davis, Ann Estave, Bonnie Evans, Fr Peter Hammett, Ed Hannan, Darlene Hartman, Bonnie Henderson, James Jambon, Clare Jones, Patricia Lachney, Ernest LeBlanc, Henry and Tina Lirette, Jean Lugo, Cheryl Morse, Juanita Muhs, Ross Mule, Tina Nunenmacher, Erica Parrack, Jessica Patridge, Bertha Pitcher, Gail Richoux, Matthew Schridder, Tommy Seal, Allen Simms, Nick Tullier, Jenna Varnado, Lori Voss, Carolyn Watson, Christian Wood, Genevieve Zeringue

Names remain on the list for three months. To add or keep someone on the list, call 839-4040.

Stewardship Report

regular collection \$ 2,920.00
building fund \$ 405.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Third
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time

HOLY FAMILY

Catholic Church ♦ Franklinton, LA

January 20
2019

His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." — John 2:5

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985-237-0972

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Mon-Thurs 8 am - 4:30 pm
Fri 8 am-1 pm

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Franklinton, LA 70438

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holyfamilychurchfranklinton@yahoo.com

Weekend Masses
Saturday Vigil: 5 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am, 11 am,
and 3 pm (en español)

Weekday Masses
no Mass on Monday
Tuesday, Wednesday: 5 pm
Thursday, Friday: 9 am

Confessions
Saturday 3:30 - 4:15 pm
and by appointment

Marriages
Contact Fr Kyle at least six months before your anticipated date.

Baptisms
Contact Fr Kyle when you are ready to have your child baptized.

Ordinary Time: more than meets the eye

Advent has wreaths, candles, hymns—all of which culminate in Christmas. Lent has ashes, fasting, Stations of the Cross—and Easter, the Resurrection. It's easier to be engaged with our faith during the High Holy Days. But Ordinary Time? It's just so ... ordinary.

It's tempting to think that Ordinary Time got its name because it is "ordinary" or non-exceptional, but that's not the case. Ordinary Time means *ordered* or *numbered* time; it's derived from "ordinal" numbers (first, second, third, etc.) as opposed to "cardinal" numbers (one, two, three). Beginning on the Monday after the Baptism of Our Lord, it is counted sequentially until Lent. On the Monday after Pentecost, the count resumes where it left off and goes until the end of the liturgical year. Then the cycle starts over with the First Sunday of Advent.

So how do we stay involved and engaged when the Sundays seem to run together? Here are some ideas:

KEEP THE SABBATH Create family rituals that make Sunday a special day to anticipate. These don't have to be elaborate. Stop at the donut shop on the way home from Mass and let each child pick one — *voilà*, a new "tradition." Return to the tradition of a sit-down family dinner on Sundays, even if you're eating Popeye's. Read aloud, or listen to an audiobook. Just find something your family enjoys and save that activity for the Sabbath, making it special above the other days of the week.

READ SOMETHING WITH VALUE Have you ever read *The Confessions* by St Augustine? *Introduction to the Devout Life* by St Francis de Sales? *Father Elijah* by Michael O'Brien? While the Church is not preparing for a major feast, we can read what others have written about God, faith, and the meaning of life. Reading morally and intellectually engaging literature is one of the best ways to keep our faith vital and vibrant. Fr Kyle is working on a list of recommended books which he will post on our website.

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Upcoming events

- 1/22 Scripture Study 6 pm
- 1/23 Y-Prep 6 pm
- 1/23 CYO 7 pm
- 1/25 Rosary 8:30 am
- 1/26 Confessions 3:30-4:15 pm
- 1/27 Parish Breakfast 9:30 am
- 1/27 CCD 9:45 am
- 1/27 Cena después de la Misa en español 3 pm
- 1/30 Y-Prep 6 pm
- 1/30 CYO 7 pm
- 2/1 Rosary 8:30 am
- 2/1 Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 am-4:30 pm
- 2/2 Confessions 3:30-4:15 pm
- 2/2 Film with the Family 6:30 pm

Attention, lectors

Every year, Holy Family provides workbooks to help equip you to proclaim the Word. There are still six workbooks in the office; you may pick yours up during regular hours.



Father-Son program in Covington

11-13 year old young men and their fathers are invited to attend the archdiocesan Father-Son Program hosted by St Peter Parish on **Sat 2/2**, 6-8 pm. Spots do fill up quickly. To register, or if you'd like to learn more, visit: www.stpeterparish.com/father-son-program.

Graduating this May?

Each year, the Knights of Columbus award their Catholic Youth Leadership Scholarship to an outstanding Catholic boy and girl. Typed applications are preferred; you can access it at the KCs' state website: www.louisiana.kc.org > CYLA. *Instructions must be carefully followed.* Applications must be submitted by **1/25** to Mr Sid Zeringue, **985-839-5146**. He can answer any of your questions.

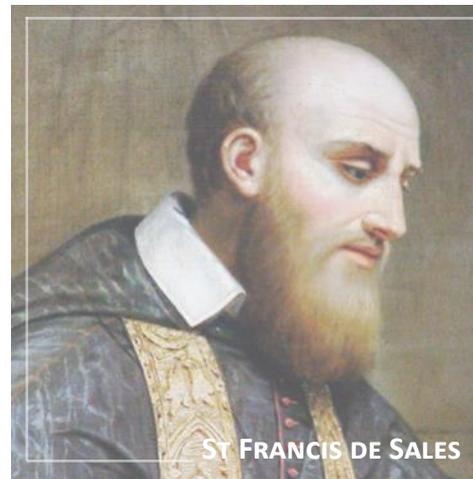
Mass Intentions

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| 1/19 | 5 pm | +Shirley LeBlanc
+Reuben Pitcher
+Melba Walker |
| 1/20 | 8:30 am | +Brandi Sander
Donald G. Williams |
| 1/20 | 11 am | Our Parishioners |
| 1/20 | 3 pm | Nick Tullier |
| 1/22 | 5 pm | +Gregory Newman |
| 1/23 | 5 pm | +Brandi Sander |
| 1/24 | 9 am | +Souls in Purgatory (JV) |
| 1/25 | 9 am | +Doug LeBlanc |

2019 Mass book is open

Please mail, email, or bring your Mass intention list to the office (see addresses in sidebar on first page). Even if you have submitted a list in previous years, you must submit a new list for 2019. Please be aware: *each individual Mass intention is a \$5 offering.* Please don't call to take care of more than three intentions. Thanks.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn
January 20 - 26
in memory of
Doug LeBlanc
by request of
Eve LeBlanc



ST FRANCIS DE SALES

Scripture Study

The Scripture Study group meets at 6 pm this Tues 1/22, in the library.

Be reconciled!

"Make your confession humbly and devoutly every week, ... even though your conscience is not burdened with mortal sin; for in confession you not only receive absolution for your venial sins, but you also receive great strength to help you in avoiding them henceforth, clearer light to discover your failings, and abundant grace to make up whatever loss you have incurred through those faults. You exercise the graces of humility, obedience, simplicity and love, and by this one act of confession you practice more virtue than in any other" (St Francis de Sales). Fr Kyle is available for Confession **every Saturday, 3:30-4:15 pm**. You always have the option for anonymous or face-to-face Confession. *Be not afraid!*

Music teacher sought

A parishioner is looking for someone to teach her elderly mother some introductory piano lessons. These would be informal lessons, just to show her some basic pointers so she can enjoy her piano on her own. Feel free to pass this along to a musically inclined friend. Please call the 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?”

*St Francis de Sales (1567-1622)
Priest, Bishop, and Doctor of the Church
Feast Day - January 24*

What is a "Doctor of the Church"?

The Catholic Church gives this title to certain saints recognized for a particularly important contribution to theology or doctrine.

Magnificent spiritual reading

It's a challenge to highlight just one quote from the writings of St Francis de Sales (see above) because of his profound melding of simplicity, deep spirituality, and practical grounded-ness. Here are some titles by him, all of which (along with several others) are available online and are highly recommended:

*Introduction to the Devout Life
Roses Among Thorns
Finding God's Will For You
The Art of Loving God*