

HOLY FAMILY

Catholic Church ♦ Franklinton, LA

Easter Sunday:
The Resurrection of
Our Lord Jesus Christ

April 21, 2019

The right hand of the Lord has struck with power! Alleluia! ~Psalm 118:16

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Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am, 11 am,
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

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of every month
9:30 am - 4:30 pm (Benediction)

Marriages

Contact Fr Kyle at least six
months prior to anticipated date.

Baptisms

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

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.

From Our Pastor: PEACE BE WITH YOU

On Monday, I got a cryptic text from a Protestant friend in Arkansas about Notre Dame with a sad face and flame emoji. I was very confused because Notre Dame didn't play in the Final Four, and she has no idea about Notre Dame Seminary. Soon after, I understood what she was talking about as I saw pictures of Notre-Dame de Paris in flames on my Instagram feed. This famous cathedral, the heart of Paris, and one of the greatest reminders that the Medieval Period couldn't have been the Dark Ages, a building imbued with beauty, was burning. Every bit of space of this building was thought out and meticulously crafted over a 200-year period. It is the pinnacle of Gothic architecture, and it is now a charred carcass of its former self.

I've never seen so many non-Christians care about a church building. We are usually mocked and ridiculed because we spent so much money building the buildings. We are told, "Imagine what we could have done for the poor." Yet, here we are: the whole world mourning the devastation of the church dedicated to Our Lady, Our Mother.

It seems so transitory that something so beautiful, which took two centuries to build and has been cared for by over 800 years of Parisians, could be so destroyed in nine hours. In true French fashion, it's easy to see doom and despair in the ashes of the burned cathedral. If something that has proven the test of time falls, what can remain standing?

I think it is important that it happened on the Monday of Holy Week, when we celebrate the central mystery of our faith, the Paschal Mystery, the death and resurrection of Jesus. I look at it and I see hope—I see Christ rising from the ashes of death and saying, "I have won! I have defeated corruption! I have passed through the veil and returned! I make all things new!" Yes, this news cycle will be chock full of details about the church, but it will wane because the news media has the attention span of a sugared-up seven-year-old in a field full of dogs. However, that this has affected so many people tells us something about the desires of people's hearts: They want beauty; they seek it out; they yearn for it. And there is nothing more beautiful than an intimate relationship with God, something Notre-Dame de Paris symbolizes to the faithful and to the otherwise.

The harvest is abundant. So let us go out in the hungry world and share our Easter Joy. Christ is risen! Death no longer has power over us! We have hope in life eternal! And He says to us, "Peace be with you."

*Holy Family's office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 22.
Regular hours resume on Easter Tuesday, April 23, 8 am - 4:30 pm.
You can still reach Fr Kyle in the event of a sacramental emergency: **985-237-0972**.

A welcome, and an invitation...

Whether you're new to or visiting our area, looking for a new parish home, returning to the practice of your Catholic faith, or interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church, we warmly welcome you to Holy Family Parish, where lots of different people come together for the shared purposes of worshipping God and encouraging each other. We welcome you to our community! We offer opportunities for you and your children to learn, grow, and use your gifts and talents in service to God and to others. We invite you to join us as we worship, learn, and serve together, so we can become true disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world! To connect with our church family: fill out the short form below, detach it, and drop it in the collection or hand it to an usher. Someone will contact you soon. Thanks for being with us today, and God bless you!

Please tell me more about Holy Family

Head(s) of household name(s):

Total number of household members: _____

Address:

Primary phone:

home cell

Primary email:

Married couples retreat, St Joseph Abbey, May 4-5

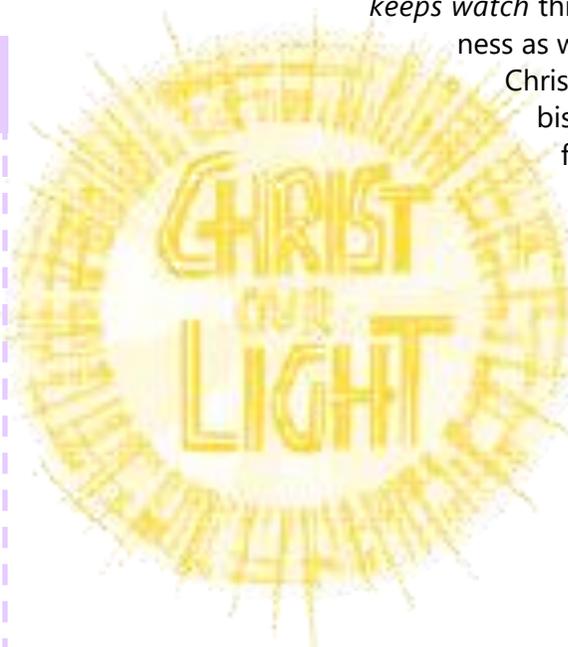
A couples retreat gives you and your beloved an opportunity to find rest, strength, and enrichment, which we all need. A yearly commitment to making a retreat together is a great habit that will bless and deepen your love for God and each other! To register, visit FaithandMarriage.org or call 504-830-3716. A suggested donation of \$275 is requested but not required; cost should never be a reason why a couple can't make a weekend!

Why is the Easter Vigil so late?

If it started earlier more people would attend!

The *Roman Missal* states that the "entire celebration of the Easter Vigil must take place during the night...so that it begins after nightfall and ends before daybreak on Sunday." The Easter Vigil is not just another "anticipated Mass" (the term for a regular Saturday vigil Mass), nor a "midnight Mass." Rather, it is a true *vigil*—as the Church *keeps watch* throughout the night. We begin in darkness as we wait, and we celebrate the Light of

Christ, which shatters the darkness! Each bishop determines the earliest start time for the parishes in his diocese, typically considering the end of "civil twilight" as the onset of night. Twilight ended last night at 7:55, so Archbishop Aymond asked pastors to begin this year's Easter Vigil no earlier than 8 pm.



Please return your Rice Bowl after Easter weekend. Larger than usual attendance makes us unable to accommodate Rice Bowl collections at that time. Please return your Rice Bowl on April 28 and May 5. Thanks for your help with this.


KEEP CALM AND ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVE
BLOOD DRIVE HERE
SUNDAY 4/28, 9 am-2 pm
STOP IN THE HALL FIRST AND EAT A GOOD BREAKFAST!


Parish Breakfast
next Sun 4/28
9:30 am
Y'all come!

all are welcome to join in praying the Rosary every Friday in the church, 8:30 am

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Happy Easter!
¡Cristo ha resucitado! ¡Sí, él ha resucitado! ¡Aleluya! ¡Feliz Pascua!

***What happened between Jesus' death and his resurrection?
Was this when Jesus "descended into hell"—as in the Apostle's Creed?***

from a second century homily, author unknown:

Something strange is happening—there is a great silence on earth today, a great silence and stillness. The whole earth keeps silence because the King is asleep. The earth trembled and is still because God has fallen asleep in the flesh and he has raised up all who have slept ever since the world began. God has died in the flesh and hell trembles with fear.

He has gone to search for our first parent, as for a lost sheep. Greatly desiring to visit those who live in darkness and the shadow of death, he has gone to free from sorrow the captives Adam and Eve, he who is both God and the son of Eve. The Lord approached them bearing the cross, the weapon that had won him the victory. At the sight of him Adam, the first man he had created, struck his breast in terror and cried out to everyone: "My Lord be with you all." Christ answered him: "And with your spirit." He took him by the hand and raised him up, saying: "'Awake, O sleeper, and rise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.'

"I am your God, who for your sake have become your son. Out of love for you and for your descendants I now by my own authority command all who are held in bondage to come forth, all who are in darkness to be enlightened, all who are sleeping to arise... I did not create you to be held a prisoner in hell. Rise from the dead, for I am the life of the dead. Rise up, work of my hands, you who were created in my image. Rise, let us leave this place, for you are in me and I am in you; together we form only one person and we cannot be separated. For your sake I, your God, became your son; I, the Lord, took the form of a slave; I, whose home is above the heavens, descended to the earth and beneath the earth... For the sake of you, who left a garden, I was betrayed in a garden, and I was crucified in a garden.

See on my face the spittle I received in order to restore to you the life I once breathed into you. See there the marks of the blows I received in order to refashion your warped nature in my image. On my back see the marks of the scourging I endured to remove the burden of sin that weighs upon your back. See my hands, nailed firmly to a tree, for you who once wickedly stretched out your hand to a tree.

I slept on the cross and a sword pierced my side for you who slept in paradise and brought forth Eve from your side. My side has healed the pain in yours. My sleep will rouse you from your sleep in hell. The sword that pierced me has sheathed the sword that was turned against you.

Rise, let us leave this place. The enemy led you of the earthly paradise. I will not restore you to that paradise, but I will enthrone you in heaven. I forbade you the tree that was only a symbol of life, but see, I who am life itself am now one with you. I appointed cherubim to guard you as slaves are guarded, but now I make them worship you as God. The throne formed by cherubim awaits you, its bearers swift and eager. The bridal chamber is adorned, the banquet is ready, the eternal dwelling places are prepared, the treasure houses of all good things lie open. The kingdom of heaven has been prepared for you from all eternity."

Safe Environment seminar [here](#) Tues 4/23, 6 pm... So, why should you plan on coming?

Any involvement at Holy Family that centers around minors—teaching or subbing in Religious Education or in Vacation Bible School, helping with CYO, teaching, serving as a driver to bring kids to a conference, concert, or other outing—requires two things (in addition to your willing heart):

- (1) a background check (which Holy Family pays for; all you have to do is provide some information); and
- (2) Safe Environment certification, the seminars for which normally are held everywhere *but* Franklinton!

Sr Mary Ellen Wheelahan, Safe Environment Coordinator for the archdiocese, will be [here](#) to give a certification seminar. Once you are certified, you're good for 3 years, and from then on, renewal is easily obtained online.

It'll never be easier to get this done! RSVP to our office, 985-839-4040.

Mass Intentions

- 4/20 ***8 pm** Phyllis Baracco
 †Jerry Dick
 †Shirley LeBlanc
 Jean Lugo
 Cynthia Marsh
 †Emily Sampey
- 4/21 8:30 am Patsy Clesi
 †Normie Miller
 †Lenix Morel
 †Brandi Sander
 Fr Kyle Sanders
 Matthew Schrider
 †Marilyn Seckinger
 †Katie Westmoreland McCain
- 4/21 11 am Our Parishioners
- 4/21 3 pm †Fernando Motta
- 4/23 5 pm †Marilyn Seckinger
- 4/24 5 pm †Lynne Truxillo
- 4/25 9 am †Lynne Truxillo
- 4/26 9 am †Brandi Sander

Please pray for:

Lauren Authement, Donald Bergeron, Harry Boquet Jr, Virginia Cambias, Patsy Clesi, Beverly Creel, Faye Danos, Paula Davis, Bonnie Evans, Keith Giles, Diane Gill, Peggy Harris, Darlene Hartman, Tra-Lynn Hartman, Pat Lachney, Henry and Tina Lirette, Jean Lugo, Manny Malone, Kalob Morel, Cheryl Morse, Richard Newman, Tina Nunenmacher, Jules Owen, Linette Pourciau, Jeffrey Reed, Birtieree Schilling, Tia Seeley, Nick Tullier, Donel Tullos, Genevieve Zeringue

Names stay on the list for three months. To add someone to the list, call 839-4040, or email holyfamilychurchfranklinton@yahoo.com.

“Why do you seek
 the living one
 among the dead?
 He is not here; he is risen;
 remember what he said.”

Luke 24:5-6



The Sanctuary Light
 will burn April 21-27
 in memory of
Brandi Sander
 by request of
 Jan and René LaBorde



Kindly keep in
 your prayers
 †*Molly Jean
 LaBauve*,
 wife of Jules
 LaBauve.
 Her name came
 in after our
 Easter flower
 memorials were
 printed.

Upcoming events

- 4/21 Easter Sunday: Masses at 8:30 am, 11 am, and 3 pm (español)
- 4/24 Y-Prep 6 pm
- 4/26 Rosary 8:30 am
- 4/27 First Communion 10 am
- 4/27 Confessions 3:30-4:15 pm
- 4/28 Blood Drive 9 am-2 pm
- 4/28 Parish Breakfast 9:30 am
- 4/28 CCD 9:45 am
- 4/28 Comida después de la Misa en español 3 pm
- 5/1 Y-Prep 6 pm
- 5/1 CYO 7 pm

This week's Scripture readings

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| <u>Mon 4/22</u>
Easter
Monday | Acts 2:14, 22-23
Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-11
Matthew 28:8-15 |
| <u>Tues 4/23</u>
Easter
Tuesday | Acts 2:36-41
Psalm 33:4-5, 18-20, 22
John 20:11-18 |
| <u>Wed 4/24</u>
Easter
Wednesday | Acts 3:1-10
Psalm 105:1-4, 6-9
Luke 24:13-35 |
| <u>Thurs 4/25</u>
Easter
Thursday | Acts 3:11-26
Psalm 8:2, 5-9
Luke 24:35-48 |
| <u>Fri 4/26</u>
Easter
Friday | Acts 4:1-12
Psalm 118:1-4, 22-27
John 21:1-14 |
| <u>Sat 4/27</u>
Easter
Saturday | Acts 4:13-21
Psalm 118:1, 14-21
Mark 16:9-15 |
| <u>Sun 4/28</u>
Second Sunday
of Easter
(Divine Mercy) | Acts 5:12-16
Psalm 118:1-2, 13-15, 22-24
Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19
John 20:19-31 |



Our Help Center needs our help

The Help Center Food Bank is in great need of food and monetary donations; we need to step up! You may place cash or a check in our weekend collection; cash should be in a marked envelope, and checks **must** be made out to **Help Center** or **HCOC**. Most needed items are **tuna** and **peanut butter**; however, all donations are appreciated. Help your family form a habit of bringing one item per family member, anytime you come to Holy Family for Mass, CCD, or other activities. Let's shower our neighbors with generosity!

Thank you. Your kindness changes lives.

Stewardship Report

regular collection \$4,081.00
 building fund \$ 460.00
 Thank you for your sacrificial giving.