

# HOLY FAMILY

Catholic Church ♦ Franklinton, LA

The joyful shout of victory! Alleluia, Alleluia! ~ Psalm 118:15

Second Sunday  
(Octave) of Easter:  
Divine Mercy Sunday

April 28, 2019

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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: THE WORD**

The beauty of human language is that one word can have different meanings depending on context. A word can contain within itself a reference to so many different things. Take, for example, the word "seat." It holds all different sorts of references to the act of sitting. "Have a seat," would mean to sit down. It can hold both positive and negative connotations depending on the tone of the speaker's voice. The parent telling the running child to have a seat at the dinner table is a demand to stop horsing around and join the family. The mentor inviting his charge to have a seat is an invitation to a learning conversation. The friend telling you to have a seat could spell that they have bad news to tell you. "The seat of his pants" refers to the upper back side of someone's trousers. A "judicial seat" or "congressional seat" refers to the station or position of authority of a particular office. "Seat" could also be a reference to anything you can sit on, a chair, a sofa, a beanbag or a barstool. We see this word fluidly used in our speech despite its many meanings.

The synod fathers spoke in this way of the phrase "Word of God," as a symphony of different meanings. I spoke a month or so ago about the way St John uses it as a reference to Christ. Pope Benedict goes further in referencing those other aspects.

The first is what he calls the *liber naturae*, the book of nature. We go deeper into this next week, but what he means is that God reveals Himself even in the midst of creation.

The second we are more familiar with. In salvation history God chose to speak His word through the prophets to the people of Israel. The Word of God is also preached by the apostles and is "thus handed on in the Church's living tradition" (*Verbum Domini*, 7).

And the most familiar aspect is that the Word of God refers to the Scriptures themselves. "All this helps us to see that, while in the Church we greatly venerate the Scriptures, the Christian faith is not a 'religion of the book': Christianity is the 'religion of the word of God,' not of 'a written and mute word, but of the incarnate and living Word'" (*VD*, 7).<sup>1</sup> This separates the way we look at the Scriptures from the way our Protestant brethren do. We see the Scriptures as part of the revelation of the Word of God, but not all of it.

With this in mind, Pope Benedict urges us to better understand these different meanings of expression and their unifying principle. So I plan to go deeper into each aspect and see how it relates to Christ, the Word of God.

<sup>1</sup> St Bernard of Clairvaux, *Homilia super missus est* (*Homily on the Mass*), IV, 11.



KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
ROLL UP  
YOUR SLEEVE

BLOOD DRIVE HERE  
TODAY 4/28, 9 am-2 pm

STOP IN THE HALL FIRST  
AND EAT A GOOD BREAKFAST!

prayer for

**Kaleb Danos,  
Isaac Salinas,  
and Jany Salinas**

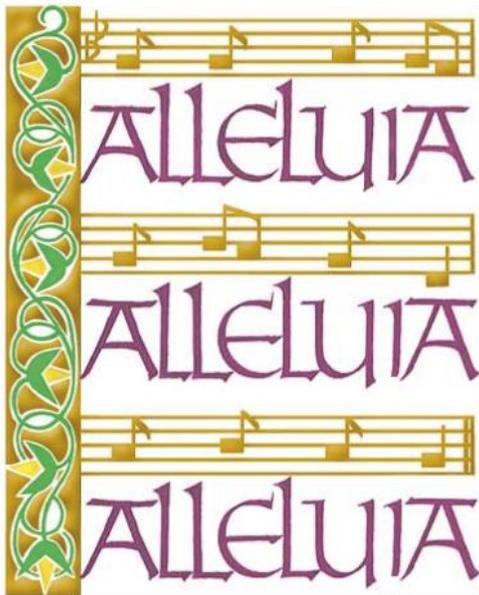
**HOLY FAMILY'S NEW CATHOLICS!**

God of mercy, you wash away our sins in water;  
you give us new birth in the Spirit,  
and redeem us in the blood of Christ your Son.

As we celebrate his resurrection,  
increase our awareness of these blessings  
and renew your gift of life within us.

May the Easter sacraments which  
Jany, Isaac, and Kaleb have received  
live forever in their minds and hearts.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Risen Lord. Amen, **ALLELUIA!**



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

A couples retreat gives you and your beloved a rare 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](http://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!

**Sign up by June 11 for Holy Family retreat, St Joseph Abbey, July 17**

Holy Family's Altar & Rosary Society invites you to a retreat titled "How Faith and Suffering Bring Hope" by Fr Paul Hart. Beginning at 8:30 am and ending at 3 pm, this retreat is for both men and women, all ages. The cost is \$35 and includes lunch. Since we need to meet a minimum headcount, there's a deadline of June 11 to bring/send your registration to our office. We hope to see many of you there!

**St. Gregory the Great: Thomas' disbelief has done more for our faith than the faith of the other disciples**

Thomas, one of the twelve, was the only disciple absent when Jesus came. On his return he heard what had happened but refused to believe it. The Lord came a second time; He offered His side for Thomas to touch, held out His hands, and showing the scars of His wounds, healed the wound of Thomas' disbelief.

Dearly beloved, it was not by chance but in God's providence that this chosen disciple was absent, then came and heard, heard and doubted, doubted and touched, touched and believed. In a marvelous way God's mercy arranged that the disbelieving disciple, in touching the wounds of his Master's body, should heal our wounds of disbelief.

Thomas' disbelief has done more for our faith than the faith of the other disciples. As he touches Christ and is won over to belief, every doubt is cast aside and our faith is strengthened. So the disciple who doubted, then felt Christ's wounds, becomes a witness to the reality of the resurrection. Touching Christ, he cried out: 'My Lord and my God.' Jesus said to him: 'Because you have seen me, Thomas, you have believed.'

Paul said: 'Faith is the guarantee of things hoped for, the evidence of things unseen.' It is clear, then, that faith is the proof of what cannot be seen. What is seen gives knowledge, not faith. When Thomas saw and touched, why was he told: 'You have believed because you have seen me'? Because what he *saw* and what he *believed* were different things. God cannot be seen by mortal man. Thomas saw a human being, whom he acknowledged to be God, saying: 'My Lord and my God.'

Seeing, he believed; looking at one who was true man, he cried out that this was God, the God he could not see. What follows is reason for great joy: 'Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.'

There is here a particular reference to ourselves: we hold in our hearts the One we have not seen in the flesh.

— St. Gregory the Great, c. 600 A.D.

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

### Thank you, Randel Burris

There's a lovely new table in the office hallway, made with care and skill by Randel Burris, one of our parishioners, who is also an usher. Now there's more space to display seasonal prayer booklets, flyers, and current calendars. The Lord has given Randel a talent, and he has used his gift generously to serve our parish family. Thank you, Randel!

### Eucharistic Adoration this Fri 5/3, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

"[Before the prayers], there is only bread and wine. But after the great and wonderful prayers have been completed, then the bread is become the Body, and the wine the Blood, of our Lord Jesus Christ" (St Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, c. 373 AD). Sign up for an hour (near the church entrance) or just drop in to be with Jesus.

### Prayers and best wishes to our Communion class!

Six children made their First Holy Communion yesterday. We give thanks for the wonderful gift Jesus has given them (and all of us) of His very Presence, and we ask His blessing on each one. Here are their names:

Avery Bernard  
Camille Hadley  
Kenzie Keaton  
Allen Tovar  
Rocky Watson  
Laurel Westmoreland

**ADMIT ONE**

**Movie & Munchies Sat 5/4, 6:30 pm**

The KCs invite everyone to enjoy May's movie: **RISEN** (a Roman soldier's search for the body of Jesus). Popcorn and iced tea are free! Other food, drink, and snack items will be available for sale. Guaranteed family-friendly!

**ADMIT ONE**

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### After the fire

There's something strange we believe, very deeply and without being told to believe it: that some earthly things, especially the most beautiful and beloved and ancient, are permanent.

We believe it so deeply that we mistakenly assign to the manmade what is actually true about *man*.

We stand beneath the towering columns that seem to weigh more than all the planets, and we mistake their heaviness, their oldness for the eternal. A single tumbling stone would be enough to crush us. We mistake our vulnerability, our fragility, for fleetingness.

Our hearts break when our deepest desire, for something eternal, is confronted, shaken with the truth that all things pass away. It's unsettling, remembering that nothing remains.

But the breathtaking stone and glass—and I really mean that, the sight is literally breathtaking—they were always meant mostly to teach us not about the marvels of history or man's imagination or his capacity for beauty, but the marvel of man himself.

You are more enduring than vaulting stone, more exquisite than stained glass, more precious than centuries of labor. A thousand dazzling cathedrals could not equal the splendor of your existence.

Deep down, I think we sort of believe an ancient cathedral is more than any single man. But man is the only cathedral that endures forever.

We should let earthly beauty capture us, move us, pierce us. That vaulted stone, those impossible windows, the bells, the candles, the organ that melts your limbs—they are among the most powerful teachers.

And sometimes, we should even let the loss of earthly beauty sadden us, because it opens up a great and trembling truth:

All things pass away. God never changes. God alone suffices.

—Aimee Boudreaux MacIver

## Mass Intentions

- 4/27 5 pm †Jessie Andras  
Phyllis Baracco  
†Jerry Dick  
†Doug LeBlanc  
†Shirley LeBlanc  
Cynthia Marsh  
†Brandi Sander
- 4/28 8:30 am Our Parishioners
- 4/28 11 am †Jerry Cancienne  
†Jimmy Richoux  
†Torry Richoux  
†Christene Ullom
- 4/28 3 pm †Fernando Motta
- 4/30 5 pm Fr Peter Hammett
- 5/1 5 pm †Lynne Truxillo
- 5/2 9 am †Lynne Truxillo
- 5/3 9 am †Brandi Sander

## Please pray for:

Lauren Authement, Donald Bergeron, Harry Boquet Jr, Virginia Cambias, Patsy Clesi, Beverly Creel, Faye Danos, Paula Davis, Richard Dennison, Bonnie Evans, Keith Giles, Diane Gill, Peggy Harris, Pat Lachney, Henry and Tina Lirette, Jean Lugo, Manny Malone, Kalob Morel, Richard Newman, Tina Nunenmacher, Billy Parker, Linette Pourciau, Jeffrey Reed, Birtieree Schilling, Tia Seeley, Nick Tullier, Donel Tullios, Genevieve Zeringue

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



Now's the time to return your Rice Bowl. Please put it in the marked box in church or hand it to one of our ushers. Thanks.

The Sanctuary Light will burn April 28-May 4 in memory of **Torry Richoux** by request of **A Friend**



## Upcoming events

- 5/1 Y-Prep 6 pm  
5/1 CYO 7 pm  
5/3 Rosary 8:30 am  
5/3 Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 am-4:30 pm (closes with Benediction)  
5/4 Confessions 3:30-4:15 pm  
5/4 Film With the Family 6:30 pm  
5/5 CCD 9:45 am  
5/5 Rosary at the Prayer Garden 9:45 am

For more events, see our May calendar enclosed with this bulletin. The current monthly calendar is always downloadable at [www.holyfamilyfranklinton.org/bulletins](http://www.holyfamilyfranklinton.org/bulletins), where they're dated the 1st of the month. You will find printed copies on the shelf in the back of the church and on the \*new!\* table in the office hallway.

## This week's second collection:

### THE CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Monies donated by Catholics all over the U.S. are distributed to our poorer dioceses, to support their efforts to provide essential pastoral care, including religious education, evangelization, seminarian education and formation, youth ministry, and more. Envelopes are available near the church entrance. Thank you for your sacrifices.

Keep bringing in peanut butter and tuna for the Help Center! Your support has been *fantastic*. Thank you!

Kindly keep in your prayers  
†Mr & Mrs Pat Edwards, †Mr & Mrs Robert Roberts  
and †Mr & Mrs Alvin Triche Sr,  
family members of Cathy and Al Triche.  
Their names came in after our  
Easter lily memorials were printed.

## This week's Scripture readings

<u>Mon 4/29</u> St Catherine of Siena	Acts 4:23-31 Psalm 2:1-9 John 3:1-8
<u>Tues 4/30</u> Easter weekday	Acts 4:32-37 Psalm 93:1-2, 5 John 3:7-15
<u>Wed 5/1</u> Easter weekday/ Joseph the Worker	Acts 5:17-26 Psalm 34:2-9 Matthew 13:54-58
<u>Thurs 5/2</u> Athanasius: Bishop, Doctor of the Church	Acts 5:27-33 Psalm 34:2, 9, 17-20 John 3:31-36
<u>Fri 5/3</u> Philip and James, Apostles	1 Corinthians 15:1-8 Psalm 19:2-5 John 14:6-14
<u>Sat 5/4</u> Easter weekday	Acts 6:1-7 Psalm 33:1-5, 18-19 John 6:16-21
<u>Sun 5/5</u> Third Sunday of Easter	Acts 5:27-32, 40-41 Psalm 30:2, 4-6, 11-13 Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19

## Stewardship Report

regular collection \$ 3,371.67  
building fund \$ 195.00  
Thank you for your generosity.