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JANUARY 14, 2024



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MISSION STATEMENT

We, with the grace of the Holy Spirit, proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ as expressed in the beliefs and traditions of the Holy Roman Catholic Church. Through a passion for righteousness and consciousness of duty to God, we uphold the faithful worship of God in our mission to our church family and the Sunnyside Community.

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Sat: Vigil 5:00 p.m.

Sun: 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:15pm

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday: 7:00 a.m.

First Friday: 7:00 a.m.

Holy Days: 7:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

One (1) hour before Weekend Masses or by appointment

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

First Friday: 7:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

CHOIR REHEARSALS:

Adult Choirs

Wednesdays: 6:30p.m.

Thursdays: 7:00p.m.

Youth Choir

4th Saturdays: 12:00 Noon

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BIBLE STUDY/ADULT CATHECHISM:

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VISITATION OF THE SICK

Communion for the sick and shut-in is available. Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the parish office for information. Preparation classes are required for parents and godparents. Classes are held on the 1st and 2nd Thursdays of the month from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Call the Parish Office to register for the class.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please contact a priest a minimum of six months prior to your proposed wedding date.

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SAT.	01/13/2024	5:00PM
<i>Jeanette Haller (D) – Pat Hebert</i>		
SUN.	01/14/2024	7:30AM
<i>Judy Simon (D) – Tywana Navy</i>		
SUN.	01/14/2024	10:00AM
<i>People of the Parish</i>		
SUN.	01/14/2024	12:15PM
<i>The Maxie Family – The Mayon Family</i>		
MON.	1/15/2024	7:00AM
<i>Lena LeBlanc (D) – The LeBlanc Family</i>		
TUE.	1/16/2024	7:00AM
<i>Wesley Wiltz (D)</i>		
<i>Anna R. Wiltz & Family</i>		
WED.	1/17/2024	7:00AM
<i>Deacon Albert Henry (D) – The Family</i>		
THUR	1/18/2024	7:00AM
<i>Tamara Sanders (D) – Tywana Navy</i>		
FRI	1/19/2024	7:00AM
<i>Leo E. Prescott (D) – Wanda Johnson</i>		
SAT	1/20/2024	5:00PM
<i>Joseph & Earlene Duplechaine (D)</i>		
<i>The Duplechaine Family</i>		



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the sick and shut-in in our parish family.

Let us Know: Call the Parish Office when you and/or a family member are ill, in the hospital, or having surgery. After 30 days, please call the office to remain on this list.

Lord, we pray for all our current military service members who put their own lives on the line every day to protect our families and our members.

Army: Barbara Baber, Sade Beck, Wadie Troy Butler, Patrick Clay Jr, Kalah A. Guidry, Kerry Hubbard, Kory Hubbard, LaTroy King, Gary Christian Robertson, Anthony Lamar Smith II, Jordan T. McCorkle, Essence L. Casteel

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Marines: Reginald Ward

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



God calls to us in unexpected ways. For young Samuel, it was his whispered name he heard in the night. Jesus called Saul when he was on his way

to persecute Christians in Damascus. Today we hear him, as Paul, speak of our bodies as being temples of the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel, we hear Jesus call two disciples after they had been standing around talking with John the Baptist. As we hear God's word proclaimed, let us listen for what God is saying to us today.

READINGS

FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday – January 14**
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19
Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-10
1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20
John 1:35-42
- **Monday – January 15**
1 Samuel 15:16-23
Psalm 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23
Mark 2:18-22
- **Tuesday – January 16**
1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 89:20-22, 27-28
Mark 2:23-28
- **Wednesday – January 17**
Saint Anthony, Abbot
1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51
Psalm 144:1-2, 9-10
Mark 3:1-6
- **Thursday – January 18**
1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7
Psalm 56:2-3, 9-14
Mark 3:7-12
- **Friday – January 19**
1 Samuel 24:3-21
Psalm 57:2—4, 6, 11
Mark 3:13-19
- □ **Saturday – January 20**
Saint Fabian, Pope, Martyr;
Saint Sebastian, Martyr
2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27
Psalm 80:2-3, 5-7
Mark 3:20-21



Jan 15th
NO CCE - MLK HOLIDAY
Jan 20th9:30am
Pre-K -5th Grades
Jan 22nd6:00pm
6th-10th Grades
Jan 27th9:30am
Pre-K -5th Grades



Travel with Fr. Thompson on a **Pilgrimage to Italy on Oct 13-21, 2024**. We will visit **Rome, Assisi, Milan, Tuscany, Florence** and **Venice**. The cost is

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- Daily Mass
- Airport Taxes, Security Fees & Fuel Surcharges
- Transfers as per itinerary
- Transportation with luxury bus
- 4 or 5 star hotels in downtown areas
- All breakfasts and all dinners. Wine Included with all dinners.
- All tips to driver, hotel, and tour guide
- Guided Tours and Tour Fees
- Luggage handling
- Single Supplement
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www.proximotravel.com.

ATTENDANCE

In-person Mass attendance on Saturday, January 6th and Sunday, January 8th was **481** and the 7:30am Sunday Mass Livestream received **80** views. Please join us via YouTube Livestream, or bring a friend to come worship with us in the church.



Gilbert Xavier Joseph passed away on January 6, 2024 at the age of 82 yrs. A Funeral Mass was celebrated on January 12th. Eternal rest grant unto his soul.

Shirley Babineaux Smith passed away on January 9, 2024 at the age of 85 yrs. A Funeral Mass is scheduled for January 18th. Eternal rest grant unto her soul.



SUNNYSIDE SUPER NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

JOIN US FOR THE RESTART OF OUR SUPER NEIGHBORHOOD
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6:30 PM

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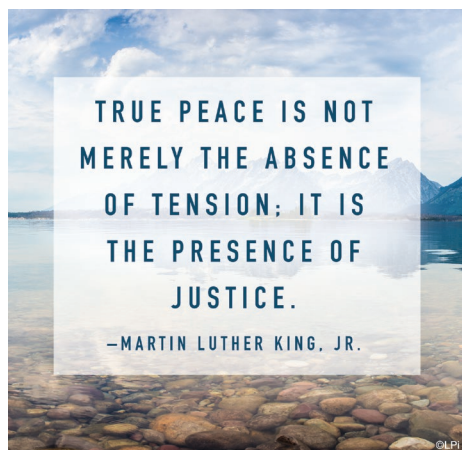


Annual Giving Statements

If you will need a copy of your 2023 contribution statement for tax purposes, please call the Parish Office at **(713) 738-2311**. Statements will be sent only upon request.

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE!

Please note that we will discontinue the 12:15pm Mass beginning **Sunday, February 4, 2024**.



Did you know that Catholics can make an Act of Spiritual Communion?

When unable to receive Holy Communion, pray the prayer below:

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion
My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, Come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

Stewardship Reflection

That we take time, every day, talking to God - praising Him, thanking Him and asking for His guidance. "Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'" - John 1:38 When we recognize who we are, it's easier to find what we are looking for. Once we see ourselves, and others, as children of God, we spend less time looking for the material comforts of the world. Instead, our hearts long for something deeper that can only be filled by God. Ask God daily how He wants you to live the life He intended for you.

Stewardship Intention Card



God has blessed us with another New Year! We thank you for your investment in your parish of St. Francis Xavier. You are invited to commit to giving tithes and offerings by completing a **Call to Stewardship Intention Card**. These cards were mailed in your January Envelope packet. If you do not receive envelopes, we have cards in the vestibule of the church and the Parish Office.

This year we would like to also remind you that you may consider increasing your investment if you are not giving 10 percent of your net income. We never want you to go without, so this is just a reminder.

Also, here at St. Francis Xavier, there are multiple ways to give. We can help you support your parish with Online Giving, the Text-to-Give Program, and of course you may continue using your monthly envelopes.



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ^(B)

January 14, 2024

Jesus turned and saw them following Him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" John 1:38

God calls us first. Why is responding correctly the most important decision in your life?

The Gospel reading describes the detailed calling of Jesus' first disciples. As Jesus was walking by, John the Baptist witnessed that Jesus was the **Lamb of God**. When the two disciples heard John's words, they **followed Jesus**, yet it was Jesus who turned to them and **spoke first**. *"What are you looking for?"* The two disciples responded by **remaining with Jesus**. Andrew (one of the disciples) went further by telling his brother Simon about Christ. Even though Andrew brought Simon (**Peter/Cephas**) to Jesus, it was Jesus who again **spoke first**. Jesus already knew who Simon was, and He already knew who we were. The disciples could have accepted Him or rejected Him. Jesus speaks to us **first**, and we then have a choice in how we respond, **which is the most important decision in our life**. Let me use this illustration. A little boy was watching his Dad go over the insurance policies at the table. "What are those?", the boy asked. "That's car insurance, son", the Father answered. "If something happens to the car-accident or it's stolen we can get it repaired or replaced." "Dad, what is that one?", asked the son as he pointed to another policy. "That's homeowners insurance, son." "If a tornado, hurricane, fire, or something else happens to the house, we are covered." The son points to a third policy. "That's health insurance," answered the Father. "If the family gets sick, it covers the bills."

The son points to the last policy. "That's life insurance." "If something happens to me, and I die, you and your mother will be taken care of." The son said, "I see all these policies, but Daddy, what about your soul?" The Father said, "My soul?" The son, said, "We read in CCE where Jesus said, *'What does it profit a man, if he gains the whole world and loses his soul?'*" (Mark 8:36).

The son asked a straight-forward question, "Daddy, is your soul covered?" The Father wanted to know how he could get his soul covered. It's through the Lamb of God, which John the Baptist introduced in today's Gospel (John 1:36). The Blood of the Lamb cleanses and covers our soul.

Many voices are speaking to us and wanting us to respond. **In the First Reading** (1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19) Samuel (while he was sleeping in the temple) thought Eli the priest and the Judge of Israel was calling him when it was God calling him. Samuel's readiness to serve was evidenced by his swift response to Eli. Samuel *"was not familiar with the Lord"* and did not **recognize God's voice** (I Samuel 3:7). We have got to **learn the voice of the Lord**. I don't have the television on when I prepare for a homily, because I don't want to hear **too many voices**. I just want to hear the one **voice of the Shepherd**.

When a **quarterback puts their hands**



over the sides of their helmet, it is known as **muffling**".

It's a technique used to block out external noise and improve their ability to hear their coach (**the only voice that matters**). Jesus speaks to us **first**, *"What are you looking for?"* Our response should be, "I am looking for and have found the Messiah (the Christ); **the one who can cover and save my soul!**

◁▷ Dcn. Jenkins

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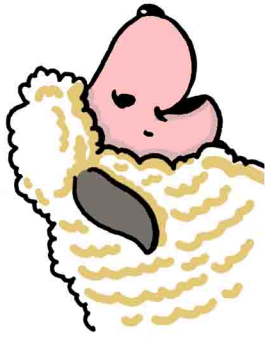


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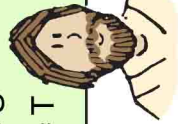
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Jesus spoke to Nathanael. He said, "Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is nothing false." What did Nathanael say?

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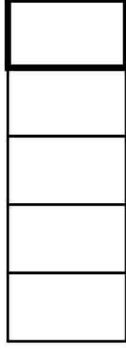
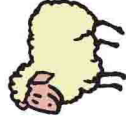
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Jesus Calls His First Disciples



Jesus was leaving for Galilee with Peter, Andrew, James and John. He found someone and said, "Follow Me." Who was this new disciple?

Write the name of each picture in the squares. The darker boxes will hold the answer.



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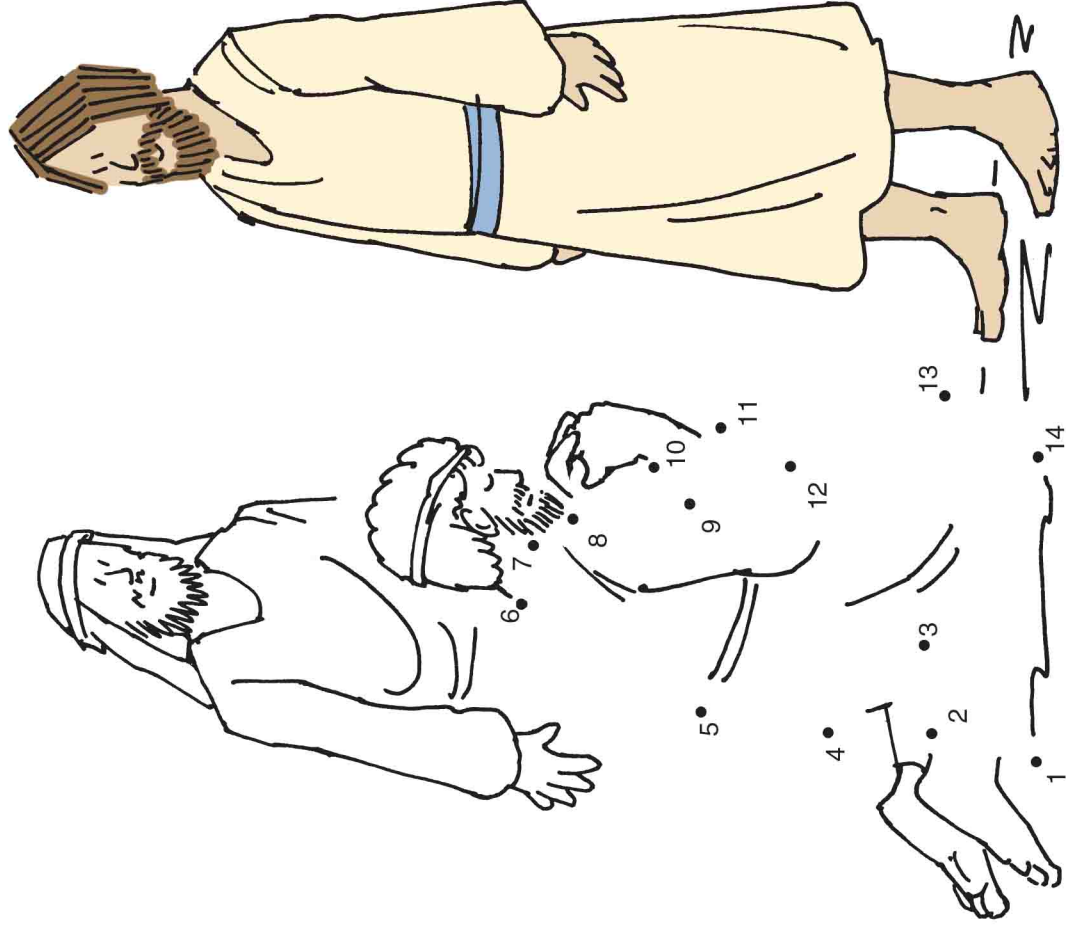
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Nathanael said to Jesus,
"You are the Son of God."

Connect the dots.

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Jesus Calls His 1st Disciples

Jesus called a man named Philip.

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