

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH

(ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON)

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 2, 2018



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## PASTOR:

Rev. Michael K. Saah-Buckman, SSJ

## DEACONS:

Michael V. Jenkins

Darryl K. Drenon

Frank J. Laugermann (Retired)

## PARISH SECRETARY

Shirley M. Foreman.....x113

## DIR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Unella Baber.....x103

## ADULT FORMATION

Deacon Michael V. Jenkins

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Mandy Wheatfall 713.731.2716

## CONTRIBUTIONS/MEMBERSHIP

Agnes Thompson

## HALL MANAGER

Hilton S. Williams 713.542.0120

## PLANT MANAGER

Anthony Ray Gobert

## MAINTENANCE

Violet & Harold Champ

## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Sat: Vigil 5:00 p.m.

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

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday: 7:00 a.m.

First Friday: 6:30 p.m.

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

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 4:15p.m. - 4:45p.m.

Sundays: 6:45a.m. - 7:15a.m.

9:20a.m. - 9:45a.m.

11:35a.m. - 12:00p.m.

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED

## SACRAMENT:

First Friday: 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

## CHOIR REHEARSALS:

### Adult Choirs

### Judah Choir:

Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.

### God's Chosen Choir:

Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.

### Youth Choir:

Saturday-12:00pm (Harris Center)

Thursday before the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday-7:00pm (In Church)

## BIBLE STUDY/

## ADULT CATHECHISM:

Tuesday: 6:30 p.m.

## 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.*

## CHOIR DIRECTORS:

Jerry Givens 281.772.9276

Daniel Guerrero 281.723.9948

## 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.

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

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

## WELCOME VISITORS AND

## NEWCOMERS

To register, call, come by the parish office or visit our website at: [www.sfxhouston.com](http://www.sfxhouston.com)

## GIVE without Cash or Check

**FAITH DIRECT**  
Text-to-Give  
Text \$ amount to 281-949-7600



*Save the number as a contact in your mobile phone for easy giving.*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SAT. 12/01/18 5:00PM**

*People of the Parish*

**SUN. 12/02/18 7:30AM**

*Kristina M. Chaney (D)*

Family & Friends

*Emmitt Williams, Jr. (D)*

Theresa Williams

*Earlene Duplechaine (D)*

Pastoral Council

*Henry Bougere (D) – Pat Wiltz*

*Francis Lee Williams (D) – Pat Wiltz*

**SUN. 12/02/18 10:00AM**

*Wesley Wiltz (D)*

Anna Ruth Wiltz & Family

*Irene White (D) – Audrey Otis*

*Ron R. Mitchell (D)*

Nancy Mitchell/Family

*Gaston Joseph, Jr. (D)*

The Joseph Family

*Walter Broussard (D) – Mary Provost*

**SUN. 12/02/18 12:15PM**

*The Goodwin Family (L)*

Stephanie Goodwin

*Julia Williams (D) – Cassandra Batchan*

*Mathilda Batchan (L)*

Cassandra Batchan

*Barbara Yeldell (D) – Roland Yeldell*

*Young Scholars Academy (L)*

Ms. Houston

**MON. 12/03/18 7:00AM**

*Josephine M. Simon (D)*

5:00pm Ushers

*Anthony Foreman (D)*

Shirley & Belinda Foreman

**TUE. 12/04/18 7:00AM**

*Rev. Walter Dayton Salisbury (L)*

Audrey Otis

**WED. 12/05/18 7:00AM**

*Most Rev Dominic Carmon, SVD (D)*

**THUR. 12/06/18 7:00AM**

*Geraldine Lewis (D) – Lewis Family*

**FRI. 12/07/18 6:30PM**

***Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass***

*Willie & Theresa Roy (D)*

Joy Roy York

*Lorenzo “Smitty” Johnson (D)*

The Johnson Family



Deacon Alfred Abram,  
Nathan Addison, Algy Alfred,  
Patricia Ashley, Mary Meg  
Babineaux, Margaret  
Cadoree, Charolette Davis,

Marguerite Durall, Kessling Francis, Derella  
Ann Heflin, Willie Mae Henderson, Helen  
Kennison, Lynn Lewis, Cynthia Ann Malone,  
Barbara Martin, Shannon Martin, Jake B.  
Matthews, Dorothy Milstead, Aline Norman,  
Carolyn Ollison, Helen Foreman Orsort,  
Jesse Pena, Cynethia Pichon, William  
Pierre Sr., Tanya Potier, Clematis Potts,  
Herman Rayme, Oliver Rose, Evelyn  
Smith, Joan Strayhan, Mackenzie Swanks,  
Kennedi Swanks, Bessie Swindle, Erma  
Taylor, Pamela Thibodeaux, and all of the  
sick and shut-in in our parish family.

**After 30 days, please call the office to remain on the prayer list.**

**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY**

**Army:**

Barbara Baber, Sade Beck,  
Wadie Troy Butler, Tamika Rochelle  
Carmouche, Shanta Charles, Josiah  
Charles,  
Stephen Jones, LaTroy King,  
Gary Christian Robertson,  
Anthony Lamar Smith II, David Stagnoli

**Navy:**

Debreanna Brown, Jermaine Ceaser,  
Kevin Crockett, Courtney Harris,  
Nia D. Hawkins, Randolph J. Navy III,  
Anthony N. Russell

**Air Force:**

Hayden Jacob Jr, Roderick Jones,  
Joffre Lander, Bena Sellers,  
Terrance J Valiare, Thomas Q Valiare II

**Marines**

Alyssa Dugar, Jakob Trahan,  
Reginald Ward

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**

*Friday, December 7, 2018*

**(NO MORNING MASS)**

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

*8:00am to 5:30pm*

**BENEDICTION - 6:00pm**

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION VIGIL MASS – 6:30pm**



Bible Study Classes are **CANCELLED** for the month of December. Classes will resume on January 8, 2019.



**First Sunday of Advent**

The Gospel on the First Sunday of Advent always concerns the end of the world, when Jesus will return to call us home. How should we prepare for this day that Luke calls an “assault”? Saint Paul’s words to the Thessalonians are no less apt today than they were then: “Conduct yourselves to please God.” May this season concentrate our attention on how we treat each other, for we know that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters, we do for the Lord.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday – December 2**

*First Sunday of Advent*

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalms 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

**Monday – December 3**

*Saint Francis Xavier, Priest*

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4, 5, 6-7, 8-9

Luke 21:1-4

**Tuesday – December 4**

*Saint John Damascene, Priest*

Isaiah 11:1-20

Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Luke 10:21-24

**Wednesday – December 5**

Isaiah 25:6-10

Psalms 23:1-3, 4, 5, 6

Matthew 15:29-37

**Thursday – December 6**

*Saint Nicholas, Bishop*

Isaiah 26:1-6

Psalms 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27

Matthew 7:21, 24-27

**First Friday – December 7**

*Saint Ambrose, Bishop*

Isaiah 29:17-24

Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14

Matthew 9:27-31

**Saturday – December 8**

*Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Mary

Genesis 3:9-15, 20

Psalms 98:1, 2-3, 4

Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12

Luke 1:26-38



**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS**

**Dec 1 – Dec 2**

5:00pm.....The Dargin Family  
7:30am.....Juanita Collins  
10:00am.....Charlotte Black  
12:15pm.....Jimmy/Amber/Ashley  
Byas



First and Second Year Confirmation Candidates Retreat with Deacon Michael Jenkins on November 10, 2018: Jaylon Colley, Jordan Simms, Russell Malone, Lorianne Eaglin, Asiaa McQueen, Joselyn Nunez. Please pray for our candidates to continue being disciples for Christ.



**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Please join us for our Annual KPC Council and Court 138 Christmas Party on **Saturday, December 8, 2018** from **8:30pm-12:30am** in the SFX Parish Hall. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy. Benefiting KPC #138 Scholarship Fund. Donation is \$25.

**CASINO BUS TRIP**



The KPC Coughatta Casino Bus trip is Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. The bus will board at 7:00am and depart at 8:00am from St. Francis Xavier Church parking lot. The cost is \$15 and includes breakfast. Please call 713-733-6210 for more information.

**NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION**

**Archdiocesan Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious**

A donor writes, 'Your flyer touched my heart—seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced.' Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in our life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to next week's second collection.

*Stewardship Sunday*

That we strengthen our relationship with Jesus through the sacrament of Reconciliation. "But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (Luke 21:28) We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await his second coming. In this Advent season, use the sacrament of Reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It's never too late.

**Is Your Pledge?**  
Up to Date?

DSF Status as of 11/29/18

Goal \$62,000.00  
67% Paid

To Pledge/Pay Online:  
[www.archgh.org/dsf](http://www.archgh.org/dsf)



In this season of Advent, we are continuously preparing ourselves for the celebration of Christ's birth. Why not help our own parish prepare for the coming new year by signing up with Faith Direct? By supporting St. Francis Xavier, both you and our parish can save some time and peace of mind this holiday season. To sign-up visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: TX632, or text the word ENROLL to 281-949-7600. Already using Faith Direct? Log in to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account, or text a dollar amount to 281-949-7600 to make a one-time gift today! Thank you for your continued support of our parish family. God Bless You,  
*Rev. Michael K. Saah Buckman, SSJ*



**"CHRISTMAS - A TIME FOR GIVING"**

Parishioners are invited to submit names of families in need of toys for Christmas. You may call the Parish Office during regular business hours. The cut-off for names is **December 14<sup>th</sup>**, no exceptions!

**ATTENDANCE**

Attendance on November 24<sup>th</sup> and November 25<sup>th</sup> was **553**. Please come worship with us and a friend.



**Dates to Remember**

**December 2, 2018**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**Parish Christmas Party - 2:00pm**

**December 3, 2018**  
**Feast of St. Francis Xavier**

**December 7, 2018**  
**The Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass – 6:30pm**

**December 8, 2018**  
**The Immaculate Conception Mass – 8:00am**

**December 9, 2018**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**December 10 – December 12, 2018**  
**Advent Revival – 7:00pm Nightly**

**December 16, 2018**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**Wear pink/rose**  
**Gaudete' Sunday**

**December 23, 2018**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**December 24, 2018 – Christmas Eve**  
**Vigil Mass – 5:00pm**

**December 25, 2018-Christmas Day**  
**Midnight Mass – 12:00am**  
**Morning Mass – 10:00am**  
**(NO 7:00am Mass)**

**Dec 31, 2018-New Year's Eve**  
**Vigil Mass – 5:00pm**

**January 1, 2019 - New Year's Day**  
**Morning Mass–10:00am**  
**(NO 7:00am Mass)**



**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

We encourage parishioners to take the chalice home for a week and pray for vocations. The sign-up sheet is in the vestibule of the church.



# St. Francis Xavier Family



## CELEBRATES DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

### DECEMBER 1

Gloria Dargin  
Jonathan Davis  
Katie Dill  
Tierra Ledet  
Rose Perry  
Mildred Pierre

### DECEMBER 2

Michael Dozier  
Wymond Dozier, Jr.  
Joseph Stelly  
Alice Turner-Perkins

### DECEMBER 3

Joseph C. Alcendor  
Deola Collins  
Kateland Dill  
Laila Gerard  
Kenneth Wiltz

### DECEMBER 4

Catherine Pierre  
Laurencia Riles  
Tara Taylor

### DECEMBER 5

Candice Broussard  
Nevaeh Espinoz  
Marlon Marshall

### DECEMBER 6

Kody Felix  
Thaddeus Perrodin, Jr.  
Vanessa Wiltz

### DECEMBER 7

Evelyn Hebert Briggs  
Lillie Etienne  
Roland Kimble, Jr.  
Tori Parker  
Warren Riggs

### DECEMBER 8

Shannon Chenier  
Madison Davis  
Vanessa Fontenot  
Chukwnweta Nwokobia  
Ronnie Smith, Jr.

### DECEMBER 9

Curtis Graham

### DECEMBER 9

Shannon Marshall  
Travis Washington, Jr.

### DECEMBER 10

Tyree Debose, Jr.  
Odile Malveaux  
Devante Reed  
Mia' Rochon  
Joseph Sam, Jr.

### DECEMBER 11

Milton Dominique  
Eric Gerard  
Anna Lancelin  
Curcy Rideaux

### DECEMBER 12

Carolyn Arceneaux  
Malika Davis  
Joanne Henderson  
Angela Samuel Jackson  
Lue Szepieniec

### DECEMBER 13

Joseph Woods  
Frances Henry  
Treyson Johnson  
Cornelia Pickney

### DECEMBER 14

Megan Burnett-Morale  
Robert Ellis  
Roscoe Jones, Jr.  
Tywana Navy  
Brittiney Neal  
Ida M. Noel  
Loretta Sam  
Edwin Vallery  
Karla Vital

### DECEMBER 15

Chiazor D. Ofordile  
William Pierre, Sr.  
Andre Ward

### DECEMBER 16

Percy Brooks, Sr.  
Janice Chilo  
Makai Guerrero  
Norris LeBlanc

### DECEMBER 16

Pamela McKinley  
Mary L. Smith

### DECEMBER 17

Desyre Mitchell  
Gloria Prudhomme  
Rachel Semien  
CMS Frankie Sinclair  
Lee Anna Smith

### DECEMBER 18

Dorothy Bellard  
Jada M. Burwell  
Trinity Johnson  
Christopher Pichon  
James Skipper

### DECEMBER 19

Patrick Kirksey

### DECEMBER 20

Janice Prescott

### DECEMBER 21

Alva Batiste  
Kirkland Castille  
Joe Christopher  
Kory Hubbard  
Chiagoziem Mgbemeje  
Audrey Williams

### DECEMBER 22

John Abraham  
Algy Alfred  
Mary Allen  
Richard Pierre  
Corliss Ward

### DECEMBER 23

Aurthor Bell  
Nicholas Bell  
Lucy Eagleton  
Peyton Lewis  
Valencia Simpson  
Christopher Smith  
Amarie Zeigler

### DECEMBER 24

Adonica Franklin  
Melanie Fuvala  
Bruce Godeau

### DECEMBER 24

Immanuel Juma

### DECEMBER 25

Pamela Evans  
Dana Miller  
Christine Scott  
Jeanette Steptoe  
Sharon Zenon

### DECEMBER 26

Adrian Boutte  
Gertie Dominguez  
Stephan Mgbemeje  
Donna Morale  
Marion Navy  
Donna Savoie  
Anna Viltz

### DECEMBER 27

Junior Beatrice Johnson  
Barbara Neal  
Hilton Williams

### DECEMBER 28

Eva J. Forbes  
Stacy L. Harris  
Joyce Malbrough  
Kori Pounds  
Willie Scott  
Camryn Valiare

### DECEMBER 29

Zachery Davis  
Tiffany Garner  
Sefronia Greene  
Daura Jack  
Maurice Johnson  
Kennedy D. Lewis  
Vance Neal

### DECEMBER 30

Marjory Jordan  
Chiquita Ladet  
Ethan Trim

### DECEMBER 31

Jama Baltrip  
Chloe Briggs  
Elaine Lewis  
Roland Yeldell



# Celebrating

*An Anniversary This Month*



## THE MONTH OF DECEMBER (IN WEDDING DATE ORDER)

### DECEMBER 3

Ronald & Syble Jones (30 yrs)

### DECEMBER 4

Brock & Danyelle Green (2 yrs)

### DECEMBER 5

Ronnie & Tammy Smith, Jr. (10 yrs)

### DECEMBER 6

Lloyd & Ocie M. Ambres (10 yrs)  
William & Carolyn Citizen (49 yrs)

### DECEMBER 7

Edward & Mary Finnell (26 yrs)

### DECEMBER 12

Walter & Elaine Lewis (37 yrs)

### DECEMBER 13

Stacy & Sheila Harris (24 yrs)

### DECEMBER 16

Hillary & Patricia Ledet (51 yrs)

### DECEMBER 18

Robert & Shelia Boone (1 yr)  
Keith & Pamela McKinley (36 yrs)

### DECEMBER 19

Jerome & Cheri Batiste (20 yrs)  
Oscar & Judy Jones (37 yrs)  
Joseph & Lydia Landry (65 yrs)

### DECEMBER 20

Kenneth & Aaronetta Wiltz (2 yrs)

### DECEMBER 21

Louis R. & Bernadine Castleberry (34 yrs)  
Escambiaalexis & Joann Edwards (23 yrs)

### DECEMBER 23

Robert & Reshaneta Washington (10 yrs)

### DECEMBER 26

John & Marie Abraham (48 yrs)  
Lionel J. & Martha Francois, Sr. (32 yrs)

### DECEMBER 27

Dave & Junior Beatrice Johnson (68 yrs)

### DECEMBER 28

Alphonse & Pamela Brown (22 yrs)  
Frank & Helen Davis (44 yrs)

### DECEMBER 29

Cecil & Cornelia Bax (34 yrs)

**JOSEPHITES 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND - NOVEMBER 17-18, 2018**

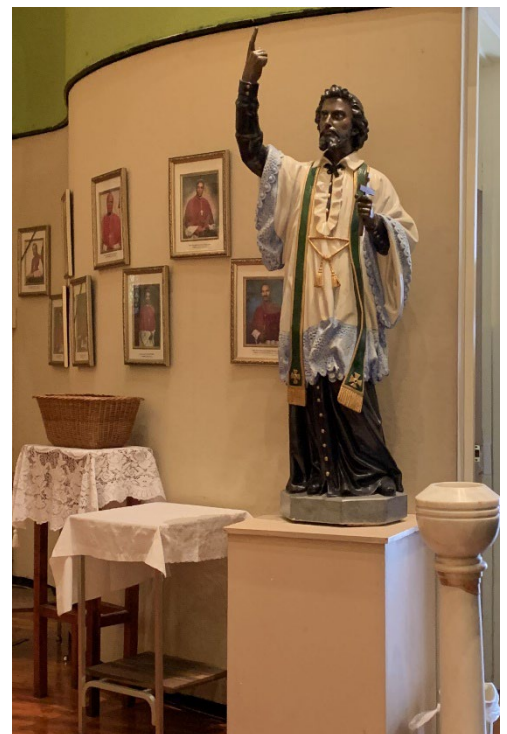


*Celebrating  
125 Years*



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

ON JULY 9, 1793 AT  
3:00 P. M. THERE ARRIVED  
IN THE PORT OF BALTIMORE  
AT FELS POINT A SHIP,  
THE GUINEAMAN, CARRYING  
BLACKS, SLAVE AND FREE,  
FROM SANTO DOMINGO. THEY  
WERE FRENCH SPEAKING AND  
CATHOLIC. THEY FORMED A  
EUCCHARISTIC COMMUNITY THAT  
WOULD BECOME KNOWN AT THE  
TIME OF THE EMANCIPATION  
AS THE PARISH OF ST. FRANCIS  
XAVIER - THE FIRST BLACK  
CATHOLIC PARISH IN THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.



**JOSEPHITES 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY BANQUET  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND  
NOVEMBER 17, 2018**



# CHRIST THE KING PROCESSION

## November 25, 2018





# **ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH**

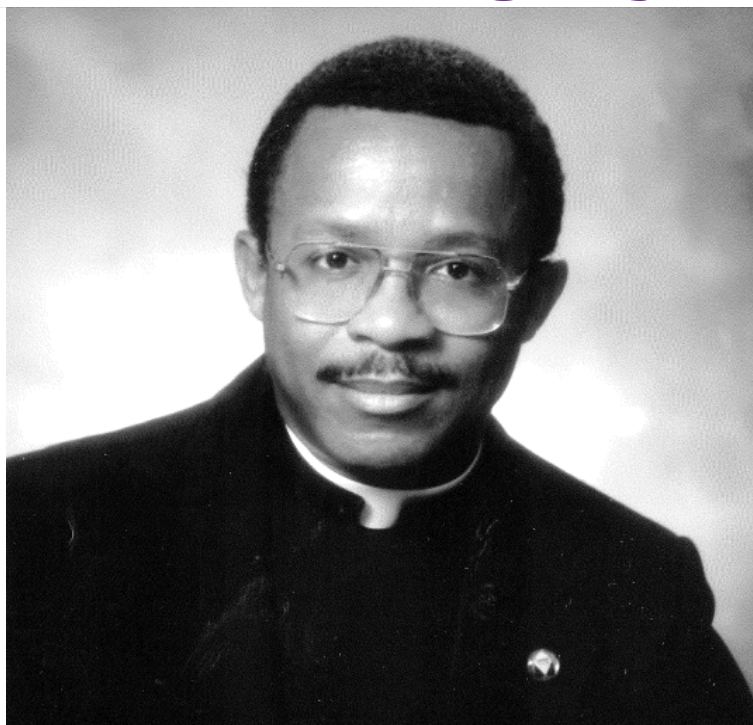
**4600 Reed Rd Houston, TX 77051 (713) 738-2311**

## **ADVENT REVIVAL**

**Theme: “Face To Face With Grace”**

**December 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00PM Nightly**



**Guest Revivalist**

















**Rev. John Judie**

**Archdiocese of Louisville, Kentucky**

Rev. John Judie is an ordained priest in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Louisville, Kentucky. He was ordained in 1987. He is now retired from active ministry. Father Judie established “*Father John Judie Ministries, Inc.*”, a non-profit organization which provides assistance of various types for our brothers and sisters in East Africa, including a seminarian sponsorship program. Fr. Judie has served as minister of music in various churches, has developed and directed choirs and has worked with individual vocalists for over thirty years.

**We welcome Father Judie to St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church as our Advent Revivalist.**

## December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>25</b> Krystal Willis Gumbo Sale Youth Sunday 12:15 PM Christ the King Procession 1:00 PM Drexel Presentees Rehearsal	<b>26</b> 6:00 PM NO CCE CLASSES	<b>27</b> 5:00 PM Mardi-Gras Planning Meeting- CANCELLED 6:30 PM Bible Study/Adult Catechism 7:00 PM Judah Choir Rehearsal	<b>28</b> 6:00 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting 6:30 PM KPC Jt Entertainment Committee 7:00 PM God's Chosen Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM KPCLA Financial Team	<b>29</b> 6:30 AM KPC Making Boudain 6:30 PM Line Dance Class 6:30 PM RCIA CLASS	<b>30</b> Office Closes @ 1:00pm	 <b>9:30 AM</b> CCE Classes (Prek-5th) <b>10:00 AM</b> KPC Peter Claver Missionaries Activity <b>12:00 PM</b> Ministers of Hospitality Meeting <b>5:00 PM RCIA Candidates Rite of Welcoming</b>
<b>2</b>  Church Christmas Party First Sunday of Advent 7:30 AM Christian Women Turnout/Meeting 12:00 PM Drexel Presentee Tea	<b>3</b> <b>FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER</b> 6:00 PM CCE Classes (6th-10th)	<b>4</b> <b>NO BIBLE STUDY</b> 10:00 AM Funeral Service - Doris Maxwell 7:00 PM Judah Choir Rehearsal	<b>5</b> 2:00 PM KPC Peter Claver Missionaries Activity 6:00 PM Pastoral Council 7:00 PM God's Chosen Choir Rehearsal	<b>6</b> Baptism Class (P1) - CANCELLED 6:30 PM Line Dance Class 6:30 PM RCIA CLASS	 <b>Eucharistic Adoration</b> Office Closes @ 1:00pm 8:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 PM Benediction 6:30 PM Vigil Mass - Immaculate Conception	 <b>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION</b> 7:00 AM KPC Casino Bus Trip 8:00 AM Mass 9:30 AM CCE Classes 9:30 AM Sacramental Prep #1 8:30 PM KPC Christmas Party
 <b>9</b> BAKE SALE Second Collection - Retirement Fund for Religious 9:00 AM Christian Women Bake Sale 10:00 AM ICA Presentation 1:00 PM Drexel Presentees Rehearsal	 <b>10</b> CCE Classes (6th-10th) 7:00 PM Advent Revival - Rev. John Judie, Revivalist	 <b>11</b> <b>NO BIBLE STUDY</b> 7:00 PM Advent Revival - Rev. John Judie, Revivalist	 <b>12</b> 7:00 PM Advent Revival - Rev. John Judie, Revivalist	<b>13</b> 6:00 PM Baptism Class (P2) - CANCELLED 6:30 PM Line Dance Class 6:30 PM RCIA CLASS 7:00 PM ICA Christmas Meeting	<b>14</b> Office Closes @ 1:00pm	<b>15</b> Second Collection - DSF 9:00 AM Funeral Repast - Michael Forbes 9:30 AM CCE Classes 10:00 AM Funeral Mass - Michael Forbes 11:30 AM Lector's Christmas Meeting @ Luby's
 <b>16</b> Altar Servers Turkey Leg Sales Second Collection - DSF 9:00 AM KPC Meeting	 Poinsettia Delivery 6:00 PM CCE Classes (6th-10th)	<b>18</b> <b>NO BIBLE STUDY</b> 7:00 PM Judah Choir Rehearsal	<b>19</b> 6:00 PM Stewardship Christmas Social 7:00 PM God's Chosen Choir Rehearsal	 <b>20</b> 2:00 PM 55+ Club Christmas Luncheon 6:30 PM Line Dance 6:30 PM RCIA CLASS 7:00 PM Youth Choir	<b>21</b> First Day of Winter Office Closes @ 1:00pm	 <b>22</b> 9:30 AM CCE Classes 12:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal 1:00 PM Angels Surviving Cancer
 <b>23</b> KPC Selling Boudain Youth Sunday	 <b>24</b> OFFICE CLOSED 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 12:00 AM Midnight Mass	 <b>25</b> 10:00 AM Christmas Day Mass	<b>26</b> OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 PM God's Chosen Choir Rehearsal	<b>27</b> 6:30 PM RCIA CLASS	<b>28</b> Office Closes @ 1:00pm	<b>29</b> NO CCE Classes (Prek-5th)
<b>30</b> KPC Selling Boudain 1:00 PM Drexel Presentees Rehearsal	 <b>31</b> OFFICE CLOSED 5:00 PM New Year's Vigil Mass	<b>1</b> OFFICE CLOSED 10:00 AM New Year's Day Mass	<b>2</b> 6:00 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting	<b>3</b> 6:00 PM Baptism Class (P1) 6:30 PM RCIA CLASS	<b>4</b> 8:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 PM Benediction 6:30 PM Mass	<b>5</b> Bazaar Team Gumbo Sale 9:30 AM CCE Classes (Prek-5th)

# A Stewardship Minute

Inspiring a deeper understanding of true giving  
An introduction of **Stewardship** to the congregation

December 2018

An article in this month's Stewardship describes birds in Australia called Bowerbirds. They are called that because the male birds build "bowers" that are large shelters made of almost anything handy: straws, flowers, moss, etc. Some nests are three feet high and fascinating to see. They create these nests because they want a protected chamber where a female can lay eggs, and where babies can be born and live safely.

The article draws an analogy to John the Baptist, who prepared the way for someone special about to appear. John believed that Jesus was about to begin his great ministry, so John kept telling everyone to "Prepare the way of the Lord..." (Mk 1:3) Advent is a time to prepare to celebrate the coming of Jesus. The meaning of Christmas is about God loving the people of the world so much that he gave his Son as Savior. There has never been, nor will there ever be, a greater gift than God's gift of Christ to every person on earth.

The question is this: How should we respond to such magnanimous grace? Should not our response be giving of ourselves unstintingly back to God? Surely God's love should beget our love back to God and to all of God's creation, including other people on Earth? Shouldn't we give a healthy portion of our time, talent, energy, and financial resources to the many arms of God's Church that help the sick, the poor, the orphans, the hungry, the unemployed and others in need?

**Prayer:** O Lord, prompt us to respond lovingly to you and to please you in all things. Amen.

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