

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH

(ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON)

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 16, 2018



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**Fri 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

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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

## SVdP FOOD PANTRY

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

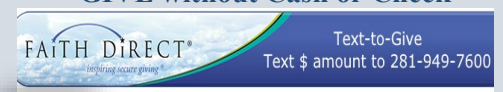
Please contact a priest a minimum of six months prior to proposed date.

## 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



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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SAT. 12/15/18 5:00PM**  
*Kristina M. Chaney (D)*  
 Family & Friends  
*Raymond Otis (D)*  
 Theresa Williams  
*Emmitt Williams, Jr. (D)*  
 Theresa Williams  
*Earlene Duplechaine (D)*  
 Pastoral Council  
*Francis Lee Williams (D) – Pat Wiltz*  
**SUN. 12/16/18 7:30AM**  
*O'Neal & Alice Duplechain (D)*  
 Family  
*Sandra Savoie Arceneaux (D)*  
 Francis & Theresa  
*Kristina M. Chaney (D)*  
 Family & Friends  
*Bernard Thompson (D)*  
 Marian Richardson Family  
 Deceased *Barriere Family (D)*  
 Rose B. Johnson  
**SUN. 12/16/18 10:00AM**  
*People of the Parish*  
**SUN. 12/16/18 12:15PM**  
*Carl Clay (D)*  
 Patrick, PJ & Kiara Clay  
*Herbert Goodwin, Jr. (D)*  
 Pamela R. Johnson  
*Barbara Yeldell (D) – Roland Yeldell*  
**MON. 12/17/18 7:00AM**  
*Joseph Duplechaine (D)*  
 Georgia Johnson  
**TUE. 12/18/18 7:00AM**  
*Rev. John J. McBrearty, SSJ (D)*  
**WED. 12/19/18 7:00AM**  
*Vocations*  
**THUR. 12/20/18 7:00AM**  
*Linda Journet (D) – Ruth Celestine*  
**FRI. 12/21/18 7:00AM**  
*John & Mary Buckman (D)*  
*Elizabeth Nyankah (D)*



Deacon Alfred Abram,  
 Nathan Addison, Algy Alfred,  
 Bridgette Delana Burnett,  
 Margaret Cadoree,  
 Charolette Davis, Kessling

Francis, Willie Mae Henderson, Helen Kennison, Lynn Lewis, Cynthia Ann Malone, Barbara Martin, Shannon Martin, Jake B. Matthews, Dorothy Milstead, 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, Rosa Vital, 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.**



**Third Sunday of Advent**

John the Baptist challenges the crowds in today's Gospel. Eager to follow him, they ask what they should do. John responds with practical guidance: share your food and clothing, act honorably, be honest. We are not told what they do, but we are told they were filled with expectation. As we listen to God's word, filled with expectation with a week and a half until Christmas, let us take John's guidance to heart.

**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

**READINGS**

**FOR THE WEEK**

- **Sunday – December 16**  
*Third Sunday of Advent*  
 Zephaniah 3:14-18  
 Psalm 12:2-3, 4, 5-6  
 Philippians 4:4-7  
 Luke 3:10-18
- **Monday – December 17**  
 Genesis 49:2, 8-10  
 Psalm 72: 1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 17  
 Matthew 1:1-17
- **Tuesday – December 18**  
 Jeremiah 23:5-8  
 Psalm 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19  
 Matthew 1:18-25
- **Wednesday – December 19**  
 Judges 13:2-7, 24-25  
 Psalm 71:3-4, 5-6, 16-17  
 Luke 1:5-25
- **Thursday – December 20**  
 Isaiah 7:10-14  
 Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6  
 Luke 1:26-38
- **Friday – December 21**  
*Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church*  
 Songs 2:18-24 or Zephaniah 3:14-18  
 Psalm 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21  
 Luke 1:39-45
- **Saturday – December 22**  
 1 Samuels 1:24-28  
 Psalm 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8  
 Luke 1:46-56



**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS**  
 Dec 15 – Dec 16

5:00pm.....Mary Sias  
 7:30am.....Herbert Archer  
 10:00am.....Warren Riggs  
 12:15pm.....Staci Broussard

**GAUDETE SUNDAY**

On this weekend during the Advent season we celebrate "Gaudete" which means "Rejoice" by wearing something rose or pink colored. The pink candle of the Advent wreath will be lit.



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

**DSF Status as of 12/10/18**  
**Goal \$62,000.00**  
**74% Paid**

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

As of December 13, 2018, only 186 families have pledged or contributed to this year's DSF campaign. We are left with **\$16,276.00** to reach our DSF goal. If you have not yet had an opportunity to donate, please consider sending your donation this week. You can mail it directly to the Archdiocese at PO Box 4681, Houston, TX, 77210-4681. Write **St. Francis Xavier** on your payment.



**SFX GABRIEL PROJECT**  
**Pregnant? Need Help?**  
**Call 713-225-5826**



December 17.....6:00pm  
 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> CCE Classes  
 December 22, 24, 29, & 31, 2018:  
 NO CCE - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

# RCIA

RCIA classes are **Thursday's** at **6:30pm** in the Harris Center.



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



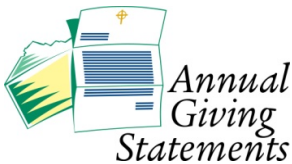
## PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

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.



## MLK Mass

The MLK Mass of Remembrance will be held Sunday, **January 13, 2018**, at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 1111 St. Joseph Parkway Houston, TX 77002 at 3:00 p.m. For more information contact the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston @ 713-652-8203. Reception immediately following in the Cathedral Centre.



If you will need a copy of your 2018 contribution statement for tax purposes, please call the Parish Office after **December 31<sup>st</sup>** at (713) 738-2311. Statements will be sent only upon request. **Please note: contributions received after December 31<sup>st</sup> will not be reflected on statements for 2018.**

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance on December 8<sup>th</sup> and December 9<sup>th</sup> was **484**. Please come worship with us and a friend.



## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

### SAVE THE DATE SHINING STARS GALA

On Saturday, January 12, 2019, Fr. John H. Dorsey Grand Assembly & Inez Y. Bowman Grand Chapter No .2 is hosting its first joint Gala – Shining Stars Gala. Enjoy dining, dancing and entertainment featuring music from Ron Cole & Collage. The event will be held at the Power Center. Attire: Men in Tuxedos and Ladies, Floor Length Evening Gowns. Donation is \$65/person. Please see a Fourth Degree Knight or Lady of your parish.

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## Dates to Remember

**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)



## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Please remember to use your Christmas Flowers/Decorations envelope to sponsor the Christmas Poinsettia in Honor or in Memory of your loved one. The minimum donation is **\$10.00**.



The Youth Choir will rehearse on Thursday, **December 20<sup>th</sup>**, at **7:00pm** in the Church and Saturday, **December 22<sup>nd</sup>** at **12:00 Noon** in the Harris Center.



## BOUDAIN SALE

KPC Council and Court 138 will sell boudain after all Masses on **Sunday, December 23, 2018** in the SFX Parish Hall. Please give them your support.

## STOCK/GIFT DONATION

Many parishioners donate annually during this holiday season with gifts of stock. Contact the Parish Office at (713) 738-2311 for assistance in making a gift or stock donation to St. Francis Xavier. Consider leaving a lasting legacy in your will to your parish.



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