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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.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday (Tue - Fri): 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

CHOIR DIRECTORS:

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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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MASS INTENTIONS

SAT	10/25/2025	5:00PM
<i>Willie Mae Henderson (D)</i> The Henderson Family		
SUN	10/26/2025	7:30AM
<i>Reginald Charles (L) – Charles Family</i>		
SUN	10/26/2025	10:00AM
<i>Audrey Otis (D) – Rita Albert</i>		
TUE	10/28/2025	7:00AM
<i>Vivian Willis (D) - Annette Willis</i>		
WED	10/29/2025	7:00AM
<i>Rev Brian P. Fox, SSJ (D)</i> Theresa Rayme		
THUR	10/30/2025	7:00AM
<i>Earline Lazard Smith (D)</i> Odelia Lazard Vallery		
FRI	10/31/2025	7:00AM
<i>Caroline Sonnier (D) – Bush Family</i>		
SAT	11/01/2025	5:00PM
All Saints Day People of the Parish		



ROBERT EARL ELLIS
1938 - 2025



Harry Alexander passed away on October 18, 2025 at the age of 88 yrs. A Funeral Mass is scheduled for October 29th at 10:00am. Viewing begins at 8:45am. *Eternal rest grant unto his soul, O Lord, and perpetual light shine upon him.*

Johnnie Loran passed away on October 20, 2025 at the age of 94 yrs. A Memorial Service will be held on November 5th at the Eternal Rest Funeral Home Chapel. *Eternal rest grant unto her soul, O Lord, and perpetual light shine upon her.*



Donald Abraham, Akaycia Addison, Azielee & Nathan Addison IV, Emmoree Addison, Kayne Addison, Lauren Addison, Zaneta Addison, Mary Jane Albert, Joseph Alcendor, Clara Barras, Ivy Bobb, Hazel S. Brown, Tommy Burton, Julius Cadoree, Nancy Calvin, Nathaniel Campbell, Sterling Certenberg, Dalton Cooper Jr, Frank Davis Sr, Rev. Henry Davis SSJ, Marlene Davis, Dalton & Julia Dean, Mary Duplechain, Lois Epps, Lawrence Frank, Paul Garrick Jr, Anthony Gobert, Valerie Williams Goode, Betty Goodwin, Stella Goodwin, Mary Gordon, Beulah Hadrick, Mary Hamilton, Mason Harrison, Cheryl Henderson, Donald Henderson, Kenneth Joseph Henderson Jr, Anthony Hicks, Diane Houston, Al Jackson Jr, Crystal Jackson, Angela Johnson, Deacon Irvin Johnson, Natalie Johnson, Brooke Joseph, Serral Landry, JoAnn LaSane, Barbara Laugermann, Hilary & Patricia Ledet, Hazel Lewis, Laurenzia Lewis, Eugene Mallery, Charles Martin, Shannon Martin, Donald May, Diane Miles, Dorothy Milstead, Cookie Mooring, Very Rev. William L. Norvel SSJ, Carolyn Ollison, Angela Pena, Cynethia Pichon, Margie Pichon, Percy Pichon Sr, Robin Pichon-Mosley, Catherine Pierre, Michael Pierre, Mildred Pierre, Marcelle Prevost, Melody Ratcliff, Effie Rems, Elise Richmond, John & Christine Roberts, Louis Robinson, Oliver Rose, Brian Russell, Grace Russell, Very Rev. Michael K. Saah-Buckman SSJ, Kerry Samuels, Kevin Simon, Steven Singleton, Joyce Smith, Joyce Stagg, Jeffery Steptoe, Mackenzie Swanks, Kennedy Swanks, Erma Taylor, Melvin Thomas, Gemma Walcott, Herbert White, Agnes Williams, Patricia Williams, Terrell Wilson, Janice Woods, Alberta Zenon and all the sick and shut-in in our parish family.

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 country.

Army: Sade Beck, Wadie Troy Butler, Patrick Clay Jr, Kalah A. Guidry, Angel Guillory, Kerry Hubbard, Kory Hubbard, LaTroy King, Gary Christian Robertson, Anthony Lamar Smith II **Navy:** Alvin Balthazar, Debreanna Brown, Jermaine Ceaser, Kevin Crockett, Alexander Guillory Jr, Courtney Harris, Nia D. Hawkins-Camp, Xavier Henry, Anthony N. Russell **Air Force:** Samuel Houston, Roderick Jones, Joshua Creeks, Joffre Lander **Marines:** Reginald Ward

THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Centuries before Christ, Sirach writes that the Lord hears the prayers of the lowly, the poor, the weak, and the oppressed. He assures his readers that God will respond. In the Gospel, Jesus applauds those who humbly acknowledge their sinfulness and ask for God's mercy, declaring that God will exalt them. May we realized our own poverty before the Lord as we sing the refrain to the responsorial psalm, "The Lord hears the cry of the poor."

READINGS FOR THE WEEK**■ Sunday – October 26**

The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23

2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18

Lk 18:9-14

■ Monday – October 27

Rom 8:12-17

Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7, 20-24

Lk 13:10-17

■ Tuesday – October 28

Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles

Eph 2:19-22

Ps 19:2-5

Lk 6:12-16

■ Wednesday – October 29

Rom 8:26-30

Ps 13:4-6

Lk 13:22-30

■ Thursday – October 30

Rom 8:31-39

Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31

Lk 13:31-35

■ Friday October 31

Rom 9:1-5

Ps 147:12-15, 19-20

Lk 14:1-6

□ Saturday November 1

ALL SAINTS

Rev 7:2-4, 9-14

Ps 24:1-4, 5-6

1 Jn 3:1-3

Mt 5:1-12



October 26.....2:00pm-4:00pm
TRUNK OR TREAT!

October 27.....6:00pm
6th – 10th CCE CLASSES

November 1.....9:30am
PreK – 5th CCE CLASSES – All Saints Prayer Service

November 3.....6:00pm
6th – 10th CCE CLASSES – All Saints Presentation

November 8.....9:30am
PreK – 5th CCE CLASSES

November 10.....6:00pm
6th – 10th CCE CLASSES

November 15.....9:30am
PreK – 5th CCE CLASSES

November 17.....6:00pm
6th – 10th CCE Thanksgiving Program

November 22 & November 29
NO CCE CLASSES

2026 MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

Mass Intention Request Forms for 2026 will be available on **November 1st**. We can accept only one intention per Mass. Each Mass is said for one (1) person, living spouses or one (1) family. To allow everyone an opportunity to get Mass Intentions approved, please note the guidelines on the back of the request form when submitting your requests. The suggested donation for each Mass is \$10.00.



Blessing of the Graves will take place at Paradise South and Houston Memorial Gardens on **Sunday, November 2nd at 2:30p.m.** Please use your *All Souls Day Envelopes* (November 2nd) to remember your loved ones who are deceased. These envelopes will remain on the Altar throughout the month of November.

ATTENDANCE

In-person Mass attendance on Saturday, October 18th and Sunday, October 19th was **437**. The 9:00am Livestream received **58** views. Please join us via YouTube Livestream, or bring a friend to come and worship with us in the church.



Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this year's Bazaar a success! Final numbers are being tallied for the wrap-up meeting to be announced.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH FALL RAFFLE WINNERS!



Grand Prize Winner!
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5th Prize.....\$300.00 Macy's Card
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WHEN: October 17-28, 2026 **WHERE:** Pretoria, Ladybrand, Bloemfontein, Magaliesburg & Johannesburg **COST:** \$5999.00 Per person double occupancy, airfare from anywhere in the US included. Also included airport taxes, security fees & fuel surcharges, 4 & 5 star hotels, all breakfasts & dinners (wine included with dinner), transportation on a luxury bus, luggage handling, all gratuities, guided tours and tour fees.

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 may kneel before God every day, humbly recognizing that everything we have is a gift and asking God to guide us in the ways we use and share His many gifts. "...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Luke 18:14 Pride and ego are the root causes of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable or your talent is better than anyone else or your money gives you status is another way of making those things "gods" before God. Pride is the opposite of humility. Remember, all that we have and all that we are is a gift from God. We should be humbled by God's incredible generosity and be grateful for all we have been given. Ultimately, gratitude leads us to humility.

OCTOBER Is BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



2025

Breast Cancer Campaign

St. Francis Xavier Church is partnering with the S.T.E.A.M. Unit to donate Hydration Gift Packs to patients, thrivers and survivors of Breast Cancer in the Sunnyside and South Park Communities. You can support by:

- Donating \$40 per hydration gift package
- Sign up current patients or survivors of breast cancer via the sign-up sheet at St. Francis Xavier Church (in lobby) during the month of October
- Hydration Packs will be donated to women and men survivors/patients. Distribution early November.

We appreciate your support in our 4th Year of this needed Community Outreach Project!

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME^(C)

"I tell you, the latter went home justified, for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Lk: 18:14

Take a Knee in Victory Formation

Jesus tells a parable (an earthly story with a spiritual meaning) *"to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else"* Lk. 18:9. A Pharisee and a Tax Collector both approached God in prayer. The Pharisee was convinced that his righteous acts caused him to be in right standing with God. The Tax Collector knew he was sinful and begged God for mercy.

Here are lessons we can learn:

1. Stop comparing yourself with other people. My professor used to say, *"The favorite indoor sport of the Christian is to compare ourselves with each other."* *"I am not as bad as her; I am not as horrible as him."* The Apostle Paul said that when we compare ourselves with one another, *"In so doing, it is not wise"* 2 Cor. 10:12. I was on my way to Mass and at the McDonald's (on the corner) across the street from the church was the familiar young man with no shirt on dancing like Michael Jackson as the cars passed by. I remarked to myself, *"Look at that fool!"* The Holy Spirit spoke to my heart and said, *"Jenkins, if it wasn't for Me, you would be on that corner!"* In A.A. there is no comparing because the members realize they all need help and are recovering from alcohol or drugs. Religious folk tend to look down on others.
2. Your righteousness alone is not enough for Salvation. The Pharisee was full of his own righteousness; he had no need or room for God's righteousness. The Tax Collector was clearly aware of his need for God's righteousness and humbly begged and prayed for it, *"O God, be merciful to me a sinner"* Lk. 18:13. *"A person is made righteous not by obedience to the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ"* Gal. 2:16. *"Our righteousness are like filthy rags"* Isaiah 64:6. *"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not works, lest anyone should boast"* Eph. 2:8-9.

In a college football game the Miami Hurricanes were leading the Georgia Tech Yellowjackets by a score of 20-17. There was 34 seconds left on the clock before the end of the game. Georgia Tech had no time-outs. It was third down and the only thing Miami had to do was

get into a victory formation. The victory formation is when the quarterback gets under center, and the center hikes the ball to the quarterback. Behind the quarterback are two players; generally two running backs who are close to the quarterback. All the quarterback had to do was get the ball from the center and take a knee. If the Miami Hurricanes' quarterback had received the ball and took a knee in the victory formation; they would have won the game. Instead, they got a call from the sideline to keep running plays; rather than getting into the victory formation.

Because they ran plays; the running back fumbled the ball. Georgia Tech recovered the ball with 26 seconds left on the clock and in two passing plays, and no time outs-the Yellowjackets won the football game. It wasn't because of the brilliance of the Yellowjackets. The Miami Hurricanes lost the entire game because they refused to take a knee in the victory formation! Some of you are still running around comparing yourselves with others; trying to impress God with your righteous acts. We have the victory by Jesus dying on the cross. *"Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ"* I Cor. 15:57. Jesus wants us to humble ourselves by taking a knee before Him (Phil. 2:10-11). *"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land"* 2 Chron. 7:14.

That's the victory formation!

◇◇ Dcn. Jenkins



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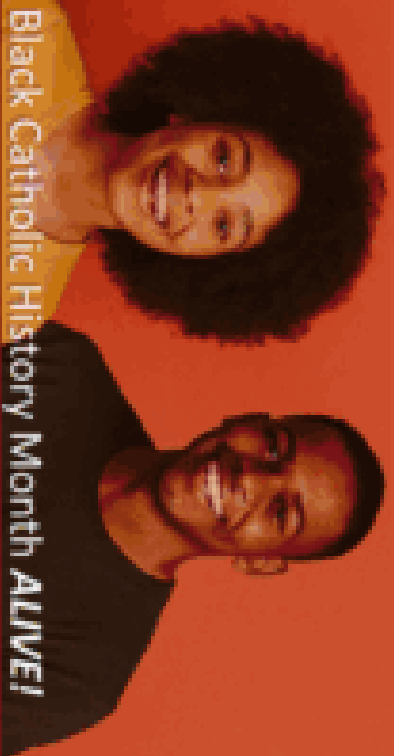
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GENERATION V(OCATIONS)

A DISCUSSION ABOUT UNDERSTANDING,
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GENERATION OF BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRY
LEADERS

WEBINAR

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH
7pm CENTRAL / 8pm EASTERN

PANELISTS:

Dr. Amseel Augustine
Fr. Robert Boxie III
Fr. Joshua Johnson
Sr. Josephine Garnet, CSFN
Tyler Hunt

Dea. Michael Parker
JaVaunda Parker

MODERATORS: Leighton Batista
Shaylyn Cothron



Don't miss this chance to hear from
dynamic voices and share your perspective!

- *What does "vocation" mean to you in 2025 and beyond?*
- *Have you ever wondered what it takes to lead in ministry today?*
- *Who inspired YOU to serve your community?*
- *How can we uplift and empower the next generation of Black Catholic Ministry Leaders?*
- *How can we support young adults who are in ministry now?*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13th
7 pm CT / 8 pm ET

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