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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.

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:

Jerry Givens 281.772.9276

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

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SAT	09/21/2025	5:00PM
<i>Alesha Hooks (D) – Stephanie Hooks</i>		
SUN	09/21/2025	7:30AM
<i>James Milton Vallery, Sr. (D)</i>		
	<i>Edwin Vallery</i>	
SUN	09/21/2025	10:00AM
<i>People of the Parish</i>		
TUE	09/23/2025	7:00AM
<i>Lionel Thomas Evan (D)</i>		
	<i>Willie Mae Evans & Family</i>	
WED	09/24/2025	Private Mass
(NO MORNING MASS)		
<i>Ethel Taylor (D) – Cousins</i>		
THUR	09/25/2025	7:00AM
<i>Wonder Victoria Hamilton (D)</i>		
	<i>Tywanne Navy</i>	
FRI	09/26/2025	7:00AM
<i>Louis Robinson (D)</i>		
	<i>The Robinson Family</i>	
SAT	09/27/2025	5:00PM
<i>Deacon Albert Henry (D) – The Family</i>		



Kooper Joseph Batiste (2mos) received the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, September 14, 2025. Pictured with Kooper are (L-R): Quinten Lawrence (Godfather), Hallie Boudreaux (Godmother), Carlos Boudreaux (Grandmother), Kenneth Batiste (Father), Essie Cooper (Great Grandmother), Wittney Batiste (Mother), Vy. Rev. Michael L. Thompson, SSJ and Senator Gerald Boudreaux (Grandfather).

ATTENDANCE

In-person Mass attendance on Saturday, September 13th and Sunday, September 14th was **470**. The 7:30am Livestream received **78** views. Please join us via YouTube Livestream, or bring a friend to come and worship with us in the church.



Donald Abraham, Akaycia Addison, Azielee & Nathan Addison IV, Emmoree Addison, Kayne Addison, Lauren Addison, Zaneta Addison, Mary Jane Albert, Joseph Alcendor, Clara Barras, Mary Becher, Ivy Bobb, Hazel S. Brown, Tommy Burton, Julius Cadoree, Nancy Calvin, Nathaniel Campbell, Thelma Carmouche, Sterling Certenberg, Dalton Cooper Jr, Frank Davis Sr, Rev. Henry Davis SSJ, Marlene Davis, Dalton & Julia Dean, Joseph Dixon, Mary Duplechain, Lois Epps, Delia Fields, Lawrence Frank, Paul Garrick Jr, Anthony Gobert, Valerie Williams Goode, Betty Goodwin, Stella Goodwin, Beulah Hadrick, Mary Hamilton, Mason Harrison, Cheryl Henderson, Donald Henderson, Anthony Hicks, Diane Houston, Al Jackson Jr, Crystal Jackson, Angela Johnson, Deacon Irvin Johnson, Natalie Johnson, Brooke Joseph, Michael LaMothe, Serral Landry, JoAnn LaSane, Barbara Laugermann, Freda Lawdins, Hilary & Patricia Ledet, Hazel Lewis, Laurenzia Lewis, Eugene Mallery, Charles Martin, Shannon Martin, Donald May, Diane Miles, Jordan Mills, Dorothy Milstead, Cookie Mooring, Vy. 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, Vy. Rev. Michael K. Saah-Buckman SSJ, Kerry Samuels, Kevin Simon, Joyce Smith, Joyce Stagg, Jeffery Steptoe, Mackenzie Swanks, Kennedy Swanks, Erma Taylor, Melvin Thomas, Gemma Walcott, Herbert White, Agnes Williams, Patricia Williams, Eddie Rean Wilson, 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 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's first reading, responsorial psalm, and Gospel speak to the pursuit and use of wealth. Amos decires the merchants who cheat the poor, promising that God will not overlook their selfishness. The psalmist promises that the Lord will lift up the poor and lowly. Jesus teaches his disciples to be trustworthy in handling worldly wealth so that they can be trusted with the true wealth that comes from God. Listening to today's selections from Scripture, let us consider our relationship to material wealth.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK**Sunday – September 21**

The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 8:4-7

Ps 113:1-2, 4-8

1 Tm 2:1-8

Lk 16:1-13 or Lk 16:10-13

Monday – September 22

Ezr 1:1-6

Ps 126:1-6

Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday – September 23

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Ezr 6:7-8, 12, 14-20

Ps 122:1-5

Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday – September 24

Ezr 9:5-9

(Ps) Tb 13:2-4, 7-8

Lk 9:7-9

Thursday – September 25

Hg 1:1-8

Ps 149:1-6, 9

Lk 9:7-9

Friday September 26

Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Hg 2:1-9

Ps 43:1-4

Lk 9:18-22

Saturday September 27

Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15

(Ps) Jer 31:10-12, 13

Lk 9:43-45



CCE REGISTRATION

CCE Registration for the 2025-2026 school year will be accepted as follows:
Tuesdays & Wednesdays..9am-4:30pm
Fridays.....9:00am-3:00pm
 Classes will begin on Monday, September 22nd at 6:00pm for Jr High and High School Students and on Saturday, September 27th at 9:30am for Pre-K and Elementary Students. Call the CCE Office at (713) 731-2775 for additional information.

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ROSARY RALLY

October 11, 2025 10:00am

ALL MINISTRIES ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE. ROSARY WILL BE LEAD BY THE ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHRISTIAN WOMEN ORGANIZATION AND ASSISTED BY THE KPC FAMILY UNIT 138, CCE STUDENTS, AND OTHER MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY.

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Date: October 26th Time: 2:00 - 4:00 PM

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<https://www.church.faithdirect.net/forms/index/632> or Scan the QR Code below to purchase Tickets online.



Drawing: October 19, 2025

Winner Need Not be Present!

The next Bazaar Team Meeting is scheduled for **September 30, 2025**. This is the final day to place your Volunteer T-Shirt Order.

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 recognize everything we have is a gift from God, including our money, and to generously share our wealth to support the mission of our Church, locally and around the world. "No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)." Luke 16:13 Jesus knows that for many of us, God and money run "neck and neck" as top priority. Is money a "god" that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from becoming a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all that we need.

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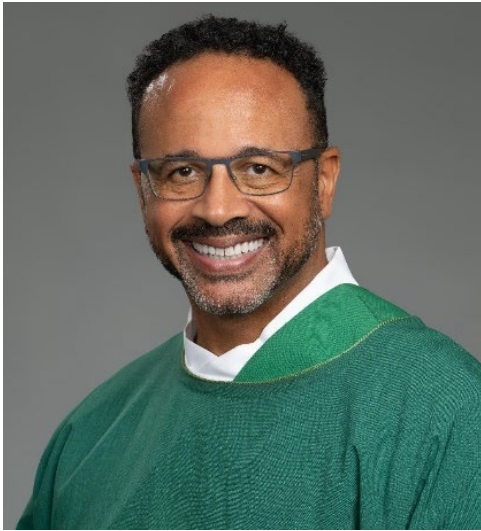
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THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

September 21, 2025

God Wants Us to Come to Our Senses and Make a Change

Happy Sunday! Brothers and sisters, today's Gospel gives us a puzzling parable. A dishonest steward squandered his master's property. When caught, he quickly reduced the debts owed by others. Strangely, the master commended him, not for dishonesty, but for prudence.

Why? Because the steward had enough sense to act decisively for his future. In cutting the debts, he was really cutting his own commission. He gave up temporary profit to gain something lasting...security in relationships that would help him later.

Jesus uses this example to teach us a greater truth: if only we were as shrewd about our eternal salvation as the steward was about his earthly future! If only we would **come to our senses and make the changes** necessary for eternal life.

We see this in our world, too. A small business owner once had the chance to raise prices during a crisis. Instead, he chose to lower his profit so struggling families could afford what they needed. Some said he was foolish, but he said, "I'd rather lose a little money than lose my soul." That act of integrity won him lasting trust, something no profit margin could buy.

Coming to our senses means asking the hard questions: How am I using my time, talents, and treasure? Am I wasting them on myself, or investing them in the Kingdom of God? The steward acted quickly because he knew time was short. Brothers and sisters, our time is also short. None of us knows the day or the hour.

That is why Jesus says, "**You cannot serve both God and mammon.**" We must choose. Money and possessions promise much but cannot save us. Only God can.

The good news is that when we **come to our senses**, we find mercy. The Father welcomes us home. The Cross of Christ lifts us up. The Spirit strengthens us for the journey.

So don't wait until tomorrow. Tomorrow is not promised. Today is the day to wake up. Today is the day to make a change. And with God's grace, change is always possible.

Amen.

Deacon Darryl



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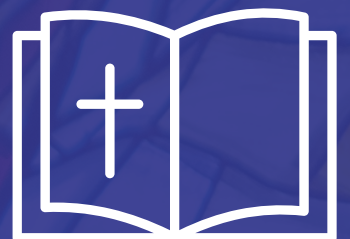
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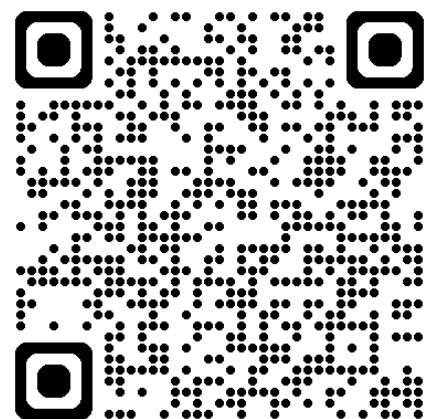
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