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JULY 6, 2025



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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.*

## PASTOR:

Vy. Rev. Michael Thompson, SSI

## DEACONS:

Michael V. Jenkins

Darryl K. Drenon

Frank J. Laugermann (Retired)

## PARISH SECRETARY

Shirley M. Foreman.....x113

## DIR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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## ADULT FORMATION (OCIA)

Deacon Michael V. Jenkins

## SVdP FOOD PANTRY

Closed for Restructure

## CONTRIBUTIONS/MEMBERSHIP

Agnes Thompson

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Hilton S. Williams 713.542.0120

## PLANT MANAGER/MAINTENANCE

Curtis Jones

## 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

4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## WELCOME VISITORS/NEWCOMERS

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



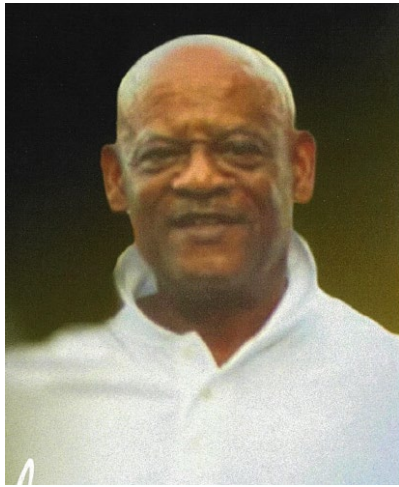
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**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>SAT</b>	<b>07/05/2025</b>	<b>5:00PM</b>
<i>Deacon Albert Henry (D) – The Family</i>		
<b>SUN</b>	<b>07/06/2025</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>
<i>Kristina M. Chaney (D)</i> <i>Family &amp; Friends</i>		
<b>SUN</b>	<b>07/06/2025</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>
<i>Joyce Martell (L) – Martell Family</i>		
<b>TUE</b>	<b>07/08/2025</b>	<b>7:00AM</b>
<i>Helen Foreman Orsot (D)</i> <i>Tywanne Navy</i>		
<b>WED</b>	<b>07/09/2025</b>	<b>7:00AM</b>
<i>Ophelia Lazard (D) – Thersa Rayme</i>		
<b>THUR</b>	<b>07/10/2025</b>	<b>7:00AM</b>
<i>People of the Parish</i>		
<b>FRI</b>	<b>07/11/2025</b>	<b>7:00AM</b>
<i>Calvin &amp; Evenolia Forbes (D)</i> <i>Barbara Forbes</i>		
<b>SAT</b>	<b>07/12/2025</b>	<b>5:00PM</b>
<i>People of the Parish</i>		



**MALCOLM "PETER" NAVY**  
**1957-2025**



**William Arceneaux** passed away on June 26, 2025 at the age of 73. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, July 11, 2025 at 10:00am. Eternal rest grant unto his soul.

**Alphonse Brown, Sr** passed away on June 29, 2025 at the age of 96. A Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 11:00am at the McCoy & Harrison Funeral Home Chapel. Eternal rest grant unto his soul.

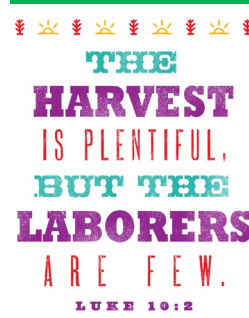


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**Lord, we pray for all our current military service members who put their own lives on the line every day to protect our families and our country.**

**Army:** Barbara Baber, 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, Jordan T. McCorkle, Essence L. Casteel  
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**Air Force:** Samuel Houston, Roderick Jones, Joshua Creeks, Joffre Lander  
**Marines:** Reginald Ward

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Difficulties are many, but our reward is great. Isaiah finds comfort in Jerusalem, our spiritual home, despite the fact that at the time it lay in ruins, leading the Israelites to mourn for its prior greatness. Paul bears the marks of his persecution but boasts in the saving cross. Jesus sends his disciples out like lambs among wolves, but they return rejoicing with their successes. Whatever our difficulties are today, may we, like all the earth, cry out to God with joy.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK****Sunday – July 6**

*Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Isaiah 66:10-14

Psalms 66:1-7, 16-20

Galatians 6:14-18

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

**Monday – July 7**

Genesis 28:10-22

Psalms 91:1-4, 14-15

Matthew 9:18-26

**Tuesday – July 8**

Genesis 32:23-33

Psalms 17:1-3, 6-7, 8, 15

Matthew 9:32-38

**Wednesday – July 9**

*Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs*

Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7, 17-24

Psalms 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19

Matthew 10:1-7

**Thursday – July 10**

Genesis 44:18-21, 23-29; 45:1-5

Psalms 105:16-21

Matthew 10:7-15

**Friday July 11**

*Saint Benedict, Abbot*

Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30

Psalms 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40

Matthew 10:16-23

**Saturday July 12**

Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26

Psalms 105:1-4, 6-7

Matthew 10:24-33



**July 12** – Confirmation Mass 5:00pm  
**August 2** – Post Confirmation Retreat  
 10:00am (Includes last 5 years &  
 OCIA Students)

### KPC SCHOLARSHIPS

KPC Unit #138 Scholarship Applications are available in the vestibule of the church. Applications are due back no later than July 31, 2025.



The Journey to Second Chance Ministry Open Door Day will provide outreach and support to the formerly incarcerated and their families on Wednesday, **July 9<sup>th</sup>**, from **10:00am to 2:00pm** in the Harris Center Room 125. Job placement interviews, clothing & shoes, counseling, partner outreach, and notary services will be provided. In addition, TEXAS DPS Identification and Driver License Services & Financial Support in obtaining & completing the required documentation will be available to help you on your JOURNEY TO SECOND CHANCE.



### THANK YOU!

The Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center and area patients thank you for your participation in the Blood Drive held on Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. Your blood drive results are as follows:

**Donors – 14 Total Units – 15**



### Wellness On Wheels Event (WoW)

**July 18 2025 @ 8AM - 10AM**

World Harvest Outreach Church

10800 Scott St Houston, TX 77047

Harris County Public Health in partnership with the African American Health Coalition will be hosting a free mobile health services initiative called Wellness on Wheels, which aims to increase access to services among communities officials deem a priority.

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**Drawing: October 19, 2025**

**Winner Need Not be Present!**

### BAZAAR TEAM MEETING

The next Bazaar Planning Meeting will be held on **August 5<sup>th</sup>**, at 6:00p.m. in the Harris Center Auditorium.



### LECTORS QUARTERLY MEETING

Lectors will meet on Saturday, **July 12<sup>th</sup>**, at **11:00am** in the Church.



## ATTENDANCE

In-person Mass attendance on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup> was **463** and the 7:30am Sunday Mass Livestream received **47** views. Please join us via You Tube Livestream, or bring a friend to come worship with us in the church.

## 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 ask God how He wants us to use our gifts for the glory of His name and not our own self-interest. "He said to them, 'The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few...'" Luke 10:2 As Catholics we are all called to serve. Each of us has been given "charisms" otherwise known as gifts from the Holy Spirit to help build God's Church. Our charisms can only be used for good. We know that we are using them in the right ministry when we are filled with joy and we want to share stories about our charitable works. Discern how God is calling you to use your charisms. Say "yes" to what God is calling you to do and then do it! Share your joy and invite others to do the same.



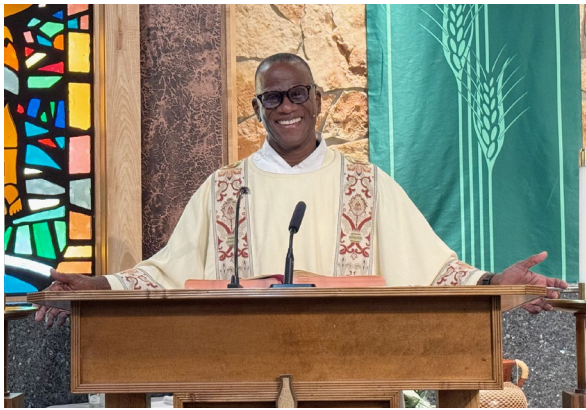
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### BLACK BAG COLLECTION

Please support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Annual Black Bag Collection next weekend, **July 12-13, 2025**. Donations will help the Society provide food and financial assistance to families struggling to make ends meet. With the increasing cost of living, your support can make a difference. Donate or learn more about the Black Bag collection at: [www.svdphouston.org/blackbag](http://www.svdphouston.org/blackbag).

### St. Francis Xavier St. Vincent de Paul Conference

Join a group of wonderful people like you, working together to serve our neighbors in need. We meet every **4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday** of the month at 2:00pm. Join our meeting to learn more! Next meeting is **July 22<sup>nd</sup>** at **2:00pm** in the Harris Center Auditorium.



## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

**TIME(c)**

July 6, 2025

*[Jesus said] "The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few."*  
**Luke 10:2**

### Things we must remember when *harvesting (as a laborer) for Christ*

Today's Gospel reading is recorded in **Luke 10**. Jesus sent out seventy-two followers **ahead** of Him to locations **where He planned to visit**. Based on Luke's account, what can **we** as modern-day disciples learn from this ancient commissioning?

**1. Introduce people to Christ. (V. 9)** *"Say to them, the kingdom of God is at hand for you."* A while ago, I met an old friend whom I hadn't seen in years. We were talking (I believe) in the vestibule of the church after a funeral. As she and I continued to talk, I noticed a man standing closely behind her. I finally spoke to him: *"Hi brother, how are you?"* My old friend quickly turned around and saw the man standing behind her. She grabbed his hand and said, *"O' Michael, I want you to meet the love of my life, my husband, Paul."* I didn't realize she was married. All that time, her husband had been waiting to be introduced. Christ is with us always (Matt. 28:20). Are you introducing Jesus to your friends, coworkers, parents, even your enemies, or is He just standing there waiting on you to introduce Him?

**2. Prepare people to receive Christ into their lives. Amos 4:12** says, "Prepare to meet your **God**". Other translations say, "Prepare to meet **your Maker**." We are to prepare people to meet Christ. My Mother did that with her caregivers **while in her eighties!** Jesus sent the 72 out to prepare the people to meet **Him!** You are **not prepared to meet your Maker** if you are not doing anything for the **God who made you**.

### **3. Harvesting is only for a short period.**

Jesus is sending them out during a harvest, which is **only for a season**. I enjoy hotels with a Continental Breakfast. When I check in, the receptionist will say, *"From 6 AM to 9 AM tomorrow, we will have a complimentary breakfast in the dining room."* The next morning, it's so difficult to get dressed and go downstairs, but I struggle and get out of bed because I want to take advantage of the **free breakfast!** **Salvation is free, but there is a time limit!** The door will be locked (cf. Matt. 25:10-11). If you don't take advantage of it, it will cost **you your soul!** In Mark 8:36, Jesus asked, *"What does it profit a man, if he gains the whole world and loses his soul?"* Christians have the answer to eternal

life for our souls. Why do we keep quiet?

### **4. Know that we are in enemy territory.**

Jesus said, *"Behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves"* Luke 10:3. **Why did Jesus say that?** St. Paul writes in 2 Cor. 4:4: *"The god of this age [this world] has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, so that they may not see the light of the Gospel."* Jesus is warning us that the god [lower case "g"] has blinded the minds of unbelievers; and they can't receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him (1 Cor. 2:14). Satan is the god of this age! Christians are working **behind enemy lines**.

### **5. Stay humble. (V. 2)** *"The harvest is abundant..."* Jesus is telling us that the harvest is plentiful and ready to be picked, but do you know **when wheat is ready for harvesting?**

How do **you know** if you are ready to work as a laborer for Christ in His fields? When the wheat is **straight up**, it's **not** ready for harvesting. It's too green on the inside. When



the **seed heads are nodding or bending toward the ground**, that's when it's ready to be picked. For us to work in the fields **as laborers for Christ**, we have to be ready to be **harvested ourselves!** Some of us may not be ready for picking because we are **conceited, arrogant, and proud**. *"God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble"* James 4:6. Pride will keep us from being laborers in the field for Christ and will keep our **names** from being written in Heaven (cf. Luke 10:20).

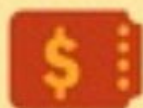
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Rulers  
Scissors - Sharp End  
Tablets - College Ruled

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**Drop-off Locations** – Church Vestibule (Saturday and Sundays before or after Mass) **OR** Parish Office – During office hours for school supplies and financial donations either in person or through the drop box (7 days a week).

***Come on everyone, let's show Sunnyside and surrounding areas how much we care!!!***

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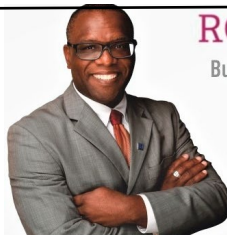
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