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Sat: Vigil 5:00 p.m.

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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:**

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SAT. 05/24/2025 5:00PM Joseph Duplechaine (D) The Duplechaine Family SUN. 05/25/2025 7:30AM People of the Parish 05/25/2025 SUN. 10:00AM Mary Mayon Lazard (D) Odelia Lazard Vallery & Family TUE. 05/27/2025 7:00AM Hal Tracy Bobino (D Family & Friends WED. 05/28/2025 7:00AM James D. Johnson (D) – P.A. Piper THUR 05/29/2025 7:00AM Rev. Joseph Benjamin, SSJ (L) Tywanna Navy FRI 05/30/2025 7:00AM Deacon Michael Jenkins (L) Special Intention



05/31/2025

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5:00PM

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Unity Explosion 2025 Region X Conference

"Awake and Evangelize" Through Faith, Hope and Love.

The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston Office of the Vicar for Catholics of African Descent will host the Unity Explosion 2025 Conference evangelization and liturgy June 18-20, 2025. Father Reginald Samuels has extended the Unity Conference early registration of \$150 per person to midnight, May 30, 2025. The rate will increase to \$175 on May 31, 2025. Visit the website below to register:

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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.

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Today's readings reel from the practical to the visionary and back again. In the first

reading, the original apostles, guided by the Holy Spirit, decide what to require of uncircumcised Gentile converts, of which there were many. Next, we hear vision of John's from another Revelation. Finally, Jesus prepares the apostles for the time after he has ascended to the Father. His message is both practical and visionary. God's word also enhance our faith in both ways.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

☐ Sunday – May 25

Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Psalm 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

John 14:23-29

☐ Monday – May 26

Saint Philip Neri, Priest Acts 16:11-15 Psalm 149:1-6, 9

John 15:26—16:4

□□Tuesday – May 27 Saint Augustine of Canterbury,

Bishop

Acts 16:22-34

Psalm 138:1-3, 7-8 John 16:5-11

☐ Wednesday – May 28

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 Psalm 148:1-2, 11-14 John 16:12-15

□□Thursday – May 29

Saint Paul VI, Pope

Acts 18:1-8

Psalm 98:1-4 John 16:16-20

☐ Friday May 30

Acts 18:9-18

Psalm 47:2-7 John 16:20-23

☐ Saturday May 31

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Zephaniah 3:14-18 or

Romans 12:9-16

(Psalm) Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6

Luke 1:39-56





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

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CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Eight (8) of our Ten (10) Graduates were recognized at the 10:00am Mass on May 18, 2025. (L-R): Jason N. Peugh, Joshua V. Peugh, Dalaysha Dozier, Brionne G. Drenon, Tamara M. Armelin, Jailyn Sydnor and Naushua E. Peters. Not pictured are Regis S. Penn and Jamilia C. Sonnier.

MITENDANCE

In-person Mass attendance on Saturday, May 17th and Sunday, May 18th was 448 and the 7:30am Sunday Mass Livestream received 54 views. Please join us via You Tube Livestream, or bring a friend to come worship with us in the church.



FISH FRY REPORT

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make the Lenten Fish Fry a success! The Appreciation Celebration for the Volunteers will take place on Friday, June 13th, at 6:00pm in the Psrish Hall. The financial summary is as follows:

Total Income

\$35,146.16

Total Expenses

\$10,080.33

Net Income

\$25,065.83



St. Francis Xavier St. Vincent de Paul Conference

Join a group of wonderful people like you, working together to serve our neighbors in need. See the people you help face to face and make a direct impact on their lives. Anyone with a heart for service is welcome in the Society. Our actions promote the dignity of the person and alleviate suffering and distress while addressing the conditions that cause them through systemic change. We meet every 4th Tuesday of the month at 2:00pm. Join our meeting to learn more! Next meeting is May 27th at 2:00pm in the Harris Center Auditorium.



Next week, our special collection

supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects Catholics with Christ in the United States using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money we collect remains here in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston to fund local communications efforts. The other half supports the communication activities of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops and some projects across the United States and abroad. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! Learn more at:

www.usccb.org/ccc.

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 vou 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.

Stewardship Reflection That the next time worry, anxiety, or fear

enters our life, make God your first choice and not your last resort. "...Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." (John 14:27) Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we often think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you. Make God your first choice and not your last resort.



The Christopher Pichon II Foundation, St. Francis Xavier Parish Organizations, UT Health Stroke Institute and Congressman Al Green (Honorary Sponsor) will host the 15th Annual Health Fair on July 26, **2025** from 9:00am to 1:00pm in the Parish Hall.





Some reflections inspired by online copyrighted

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year C)

The Gospel passage today reminds us that the Holy Spirit, abiding within us, is our Teacher, our Advocate, and the Source of our peace and joy. The passage offers a vision of hope as well. Jesus promises his followers that the Holy Spirit will come and instruct them in everything they need to know. There is no need to be afraid anymore.

Let us be aware of the abiding presence of God within us: We live in the New Covenant of Jesus, daily facing uncertainty, conflict, and temptations. It is the abiding presence of God within us that enables us to face the future with undying hope and true Christian courage. The Holy Spirit, Whom the risen Lord asked His Father to send upon His Church, prompts us to turn to His Holy Scriptures for support and encouragement, enables us to learn the Divine truths, and always grants us His peace. However, to be able to receive these gifts, it is necessary for us to spend a little time each day in personal prayer, talking to God and listening to Him. The Gospel of John continues to recount Jesus' farewell discourse after they shared the Last Supper.

Today's Gospel passage gives us a foreshadowing of the indwelling of the Holy Trinity in our souls, and the special role of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Jesus affirms the Apostles that even though He will no longer be visibly with them, he will continue to be present among them through the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of Truth will continue teaching them and helping them to understand and to build on what Jesus has already taught them. The Advocate will bring no new revelation because God has already revealed Himself through Jesus. But the Advocate will deepen their understanding of the revelation given by Jesus.

He gives his apostles, and us his missionary disciples four gifts: First, he gives his Love, which will enable us to keep his word. Second, he gives us the Holy Spirit, who will guide us in everything we need to know. The Holy Spirit is the abiding Love of God available to us, enabling us to accept the friendship of Jesus, while imitating him with spiritual gifts, and obeying his commands as the Christ. Third, he gives us his Peace to strengthen us on our journey of faith against fear in the times of trouble. This "Peace" is not just the absence of conflict, but also the far wider Deacon Drenon's lesson of "In Spite of Love," we heard last

Sunday. This is the total well-being of the personal love of self and community. The promise of the Holy Spirit, will bring a peace that will lighten our fears on the difficult journey ahead. The Holy Spirit is available as Comforter and Guide to those who believe in Jesus and follow in his way.

God-the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit – IS pure Love. This Love, in the Triune God, comes and lives in us, it takes up residence in us and lives in our soul. When God's unconditional love lives in us, and we live in Him, there is much more peace in our hearts, our families, our Churches, our offices, our workplaces, our schools, and, in our world. Fourth, Jesus rewards us with the assurance of his second coming. We live in the New Covenant of Jesus, daily facing uncertainty, conflict, and temptations. It is the enduring presence of God within us, through the Holy Spirit that enables us to face the future. Using the Spirits' gift of undying Hope and Christian Courage. The Holy Spirit at Pentecost, sent upon all believers by God the Father, at the request of our Risen Lord Jesus, prompts us to turn to His Holy Scriptures for support and encouragement, enabling us to learn through the Spiritual gifts it brings, and always grants us His peace.

However, to be able to receive these gifts, it is necessary for us to spend a little time each day in personal prayer, talking to God and listening to Him. We must deepen our relationship with Jesus, learn to communicate with him, and love him. When we listen to the Holy Spirit, we will know the plan for our life and the solutions for whatever problems we face. We will be able to love our brothers and sisters in Christ, and there will be a presence of Peace within us. The Holy Spirit teaches us through the Scriptures and preaching during the Holy Mass as well as in our communal prayer and our private reading of Scripture. Jesus loves us and comes to continually be in Communion with us. As we celebrate this Eucharistic meal at this our Holy Mass, let us celebrate in a distinct way the price Jesus paid for our redemption. May this Eucharistic celebration empower us to lead a true Life of the Spirit. Knowing that the Lord Jesus is with us always. When the Mass is ended, we are told to go forth in the peace of Christ – and all this takes place under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

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