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JUNE 29, 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.

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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

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

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| SAT | 06/28/2025 | 5:00PM |
| <i>Kenneth & Lorita Shields (L)</i> Lorita M. Shields | | |
| SUN | 06/29/2025 | 7:30AM |
| <i>Kristina M. Chaney (D)</i> Family & Friends | | |
| SUN | 06/29/2025 | 10:00AM |
| <i>People of the Parish</i> | | |
| TUE | 07/01/2025 | 7:00AM |
| <i>Michael A. Simpson (L)</i> Red R. Simpson | | |
| WED | 07/02/2025 | 7:00AM |
| <i>Jessie J. Bush (D) – P.A. Piper</i> | | |
| THUR | 07/03/2025 | 7:00AM |
| <i>Arnold B. McKinley (D)</i> Keith McKinley | | |
| FRI | 07/04/2025 | 7:00AM |
| <i>Betty Goodwin (L) – The Goodwin Family</i> | | |
| SAT | 07/05/2025 | 5:00PM |
| <i>Deacon Albert Henry (D) – The Family</i> | | |



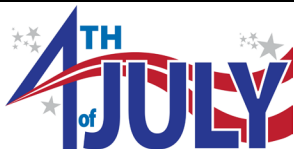
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Three new Josephites were ordained on May 31 at St. Luke church in Washington, D.C. – **Father Chidiebere Dominic, SSJ, Father Linus James, SSJ, and Father Charles Nwamadi, SSJ** – are all natives of Nigeria.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday, July 4, 2025
MORNING MASS..... 7:00am
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WILL BEGIN FOLLOWING MORNING MASS 7:30am to 12:00pm



The Parish Office is Closed on Friday in observance of the July 4th Holiday

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

"YOU ARE THE MESSIAH, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD."
Matthew 16:16, NRSV



Because today we celebrate two saints who lived during the time that the New Testament was written, our readings feature significant events from their lives. We hear how Peter is freed from prison by an angel the night before he is to be executed. Paul, knowing that he would soon give his life for his faith, writes a farewell to his close friend and fellow disciple, Timothy. In the Gospel, Peter proclaims Jesus as the Messiah, the Christ. May their strong faith in the Lord be a model for us.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK**■ Sunday – June 29**

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

Acts 12:1-11

Psalms 34:2-9

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

Matthew 16:13-19

■ Monday – June 30

The First Time Martyrs of the Holy Roman Catholic Church

Genesis 18:1-13

Psalms 103:1-4, 8-11

Matthew 8:18-22

■ Tuesday – July 1

Saint Junipero, Serra, Priest

Genesis 19:15-29

Psalms 26:2-3, 9-12

Matthew 8:23-27

■ Wednesday – July 2

Genesis 21:5, 8-20

Psalms 34:7-8, 10-13

Matthew 8:28-34

■ Thursday – July 3

Saint Thomas, Apostle

Ephesians 2:19-22

Psalms 17:11-2

John 20:24-29

■ Friday July 4

Genesis 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67

Psalms 106:1-5

Matthew 9:9-13

■ Saturday July 5

Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest;

Saint Elizabeth of Portugal

Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29

Psalms 135:1-6

Matthew 9:14-17

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 **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



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



St. Francis Xavier Scholarships will be awarded to students registered to enter a Catholic School (grades 1 through 12) or registered in a Junior College, College, University, Business or Vocational Training School. Applications are available in the vestibule of the church, the Harris Center and the Parish Website (www.sfxhouston.com). (Note: If you are not a registered Parishioner or you have not contributed to St. Francis Xavier Church in the last calendar year, DO NOT APPLY.) Applications must be received in the Parish Office no later June 30, 2025.

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.

Journey to
Second
Chance
MINISTRY



The Journey to Second Chance Ministry will meet on Wednesday, July 2nd at 6:00pm in the Harris Center Auditorium.



Congratulations! to Virginia Williams, winner of the Inner-City Catholic Association (ICA) Gift Basket at the KPC Zyde-Soul Matinee on Sunday, June 22, 2025.



UNITY EXPLOSION 2025

St. Francis Xavier Church had twenty-five (25) participants at the Region X Conference in Clear Lake City on June 18-20, 2025. Scan the QR Code for the entire Unity Explosion Event.



BAZAAR TEAM MEETING

The **2025 Fall Bazaar** is scheduled for Sunday, **October 19, 2025**. The next Bazaar Planning Meeting will be held on Tuesday, **July 1st**, at 6:00p.m. in the Harris Center Auditorium. All Team Captains are encouraged to attend. Please provide any updates to your Volunteer List.



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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 remember we are just passing through this life and to live each day with passion and purpose. "I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith." (2 Timothy 4:7) How many of us can say this? St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God doesn't call us to be successful, he calls us to be faithful." How many times have we been blinded by the success of the world at the expense of our faith? Matthew Kelly says, "Take one minute each day to remind yourself that you are just passing through this life and will die one day; you will live more intentionally with a passion and purpose."



BLACK BAG COLLECTION

Please support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Annual Black Bag Collection the weekend of **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.

ATTENDANCE

In-person Mass attendance on Saturday, June 21st and Sunday, June 22nd was **437** and the 7:30am Sunday Mass Livestream received **71** views. Please join us via YouTube Livestream, or bring a friend to come worship with us in the church.



Some reflections inspired by online copyrighted

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul (Year C)

Peter and Paul were two remarkably different people who on at least one principal issue in the early church were seriously at odds with one another. Peter wanted pagans who entered the church to submit to the Jewish Law, while Paul insisted that this was an unnecessary imposition on them. Peter was a fisherman from Galilee, a predominately rural area. Paul was from the university city of Tarsus, in the south of modern-day Turkey. Peter was an Aramaic speaking Jew; Paul was a Greek speaking Jew.

Peter just had the considerably basic education of his time and place; Paul was clearly a very well educated and literate person. Peter, of course, knew Jesus personally and was with him throughout his public ministry. Paul only spiritually encountered the risen Lord. Peter's mission was primarily to preach the gospel to the Jews. Paul's mission was to preach the gospel primarily to pagans.

According to Paul, in his letter to the Galatians, he met Peter for the first time in the city of Jerusalem, some three years after the risen Lord appeared to Paul, 'after three years, I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days.' No doubt, on that occasion, Peter had an opportunity to share with Paul his own experiences of Jesus during his public ministry. Despite their many differences, they were both equally dedicated to serving the Lord. According to the first reading, Peter was imprisoned for his work of preaching the gospel. In the second reading Paul speaks as one who is already 'being poured away as a libation,' a drink offering in the Temple.

They were each put to death because of their faith in Christ during the persecution of the church in Rome ordered by Nero, who blamed the Christians of

Rome for the great fire in the city. The Lord worked very differently but very powerfully through each of them. The Lord wishes to work through each of us and will do so in a way that is unique to each of us. The Lord needs diversity, not uniformity. Yet, he needs us to work in harmony, like the various parts of one body. Sometimes our diversity can cause tension, as happened between Peter and Paul, but such tension can be healthy and can ultimately serve the Lord's purposes. Our tensions can be resolved if, like Peter and Paul, we keep our eyes fixed on the risen Lord whose servants we are.

As written in today's second reading, Paul, writes from prison, fully expecting that he may not get out alive, 'the time has come for me to be gone.' It was a very isolating experience for him. He writes in a verse omitted from our reading, 'all deserted me.' Yet, like Peter, he experienced the Lord's powerful presence. As he says in today's reading, 'the Lord stood by me and gave me power,' and he goes on, 'the Lord will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom.' Like Peter, he experienced the Lord's sustaining presence when he was at his weakest and most isolated.

This is one of the lessons these two great preachers of the gospel can teach us today. The Lord comes to us in our times of weakness and stands by us in our moments of isolation. No matter what distressing situation we may find ourselves in, the Lord is with us to strengthen and sustain us. Even when we are cut off from those who matter most to us, we are never cut off from the Lord, because he is always true to his name of Emmanuel, 'God with us.' That is why, in the final words of today's psalm, "Taste and see how good the Lord is; blessed are we who take refuge in him."

Vy. Rev. Michael L. Thompson, SSJ

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|---|---|---|--|---|
| 29 Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles  Paul White Bake Sale - CANCELLED Second Collection - Peter's Pence 7:30am Sunday Mass 8:30am Blood Drive 10:00am Sunday Mass 11:30am Ministers of Hospitality Meeting | 30 Parish Office Closed Scholarship Applications Due! 6:00pm Drexel Meeting | 1 7:00am Weekday Mass  5:30pm Empire Building Maintenance 6:00pm Bazaar Team Meeting | 2 7:00am Weekday Mass Journey to Second Chance  6:00pm Journey to 2nd Chance Ministry Meeting 6:30pm Sunday Choir Rehearsal | 3 7:00am Weekday Mass Parish Office Closed  6:00pm Baptism Class (Part 1) 6:00pm Line Dance Class 7:00pm Saturday Choir Rehearsal | 4 7:00am Weekday Mass 7:30am First Friday Adoration  OFFICE CLOSED 5:30pm Empire Building Maintenance | 5 12:00pm Private Hall Rental - Repast 5:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass |
| 6 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time  7:30am Sunday Mass 9:00am Christian Women Org Turn-Out (No Meeting) 10:00am Baptism - Ashly Marie Aubrey 10:00am Sunday Mass 12:00pm KPC JR's Convention Practice | 7 Parish Office Closed | 8 7:00am Weekday Mass 10:00am Red Cross Shelter Survey 5:30pm Empire Building Maintenance | 9 7:00am Weekday Mass  6:00pm KPC JR's Convention Practice 6:30pm Sunday Choir Rehearsal | 10 7:00am Weekday Mass Parish Office Closed  6:00pm Baptism Class (Part 2) 6:00pm Line Dance Class 7:00pm Saturday Choir Rehearsal | 11 7:00am Weekday Mass 5:30pm Empire Building Maintenance 6:00pm Confirmation Practice | 12  55+ Casino Bus Trip - Private Hall Rental SVdP Black Bag Collection 11:00am Lector's Quarterly Meeting 5:00pm Confirmation Mass |
| 13 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time  SVdP Black Bag Collection 7:30am Sunday Mass 10:00am Scholarship Award Presentation 10:00am Sunday Mass 12:00pm KPC JR's Convention Practice | 14 Parish Office Closed | 15 7:00am Weekday Mass 5:30pm Empire Building Maintenance | 16 7:00am Weekday Mass  10:30am Sick Visits 6:30pm Sunday Choir Rehearsal | 17 KPC CONVENTION 7:00am Weekday Mass Parish Office Closed  2:00pm 55+ Club Meeting - Movie Day 6:00pm Line Dance Class 7:00pm Saturday Choir Rehearsal | 18  KPC CONVENTION 7:00am Weekday Mass 5:30pm Empire Building Maintenance | 19  KPC CONVENTION 5:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass |
| 20 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time  KPC CONVENTION 7:30am Sunday Mass 10:00am Sunday Mass | 21  KPC CONVENTION Parish Office Closed | 22  7:00am Weekday Mass KPC CONVENTION 2:00pm SVdP Conference Monthly Meeting 5:30pm Empire Building Maintenance | 23 KPC CONVENTION 7:00am Weekday Mass  6:30pm Sunday Choir Rehearsal | 24 7:00am Weekday Mass Parish Office Closed  6:00pm Line Dance Class 7:00pm Saturday Choir Rehearsal | 25 7:00am Weekday Mass 1:00pm Sick & Shut-In Meeting 5:30pm Empire Building Maintenance 6:00pm KPC Ladies Board Meeting | 26  CCE Registration Begins Health Fair 11:30am Youth Choir Rehearsal 5:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass |
| 27 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Youth Sunday  CCE Registration Begins 7:30am Sunday Mass 9:00am KPC Joint Meeting 10:00am Sunday Mass | 28 Parish Office Closed | 29 7:00am Weekday Mass 5:30pm Empire Building Maintenance | 30 7:00am Weekday Mass  6:30pm Sunday Choir Rehearsal | 31 7:00am Weekday Mass Parish Office Closed  6:00pm Line Dance Class 7:00pm Saturday Choir Rehearsal | 1 7:00am Weekday Mass Eucharistic Adoration 7:30am First Friday Adoration 5:30pm Empire Building Maintenance | 2 10:00am Post-Confirmation Retreat 1:00pm NAUW Meeting 5:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass |



St. Francis Xavier Family CELEBRATES JULY BIRTHDAYS

JULY 1

Mathilda Batchan

JULY 2

Juarita Green

Helen Griffin

Lee Roy Stagg

JULY 3

Andre' Broussard

Reginald Ward, Sr.

JULY 4

Lloyd Ambres

Ashlyn Aubrey

Maria Crespo

Syble Jones

JULY 5

Patrick Clay

Sheena Marcelin

JULY 6

Cassandra Batchan

Floria Dew

Shanette Langs

Joyce Martell

Arylal Robertson

JULY 8

Cecelia Nero

Vincent Norman

JULY 9

Christine Henry

Theresa Mayon

JULY 10

Derrick Embers

Mary Finnell

Peggy Hollie

Herman Mabrie III

Ronnie Smith

Theresa Williams

JULY 11

Charles J. Guerrero

JULY 12

Celeste Stafford

JULY 13

Kerry Griffin

Mary Zenon

JULY 14

Barbara LeBlanc

Debra Melton

JULY 15

Azielee Addison

Rita Albert

Joseph Hamilton, Jr.

Jeffery Steptoe

JULY 16

Jaalen Guilbeaux

Donald Henderson

Leticia Kamga

JULY 17

Janice Eugene

Helen Robert

JULY 17

Kim Charles-Salinas

Christine Stoot

JULY 18

Bernard S. Fontenot

Chelsea Frand

Johnathon James

Kimberly Johnson

Earline Joseph

Charles Kimble

Damon Pitre

JULY 19

Jason Peugh

Joshua Peugh

JULY 20

Jessie Hobbs

JULY 21

Roy Lee Johnson

Rudy Johnson, Jr.

Natacha Woerth

JULY 22

Jose Crespo

Suraiya Johnson

JULY 24

Robert J. Fennie

JULY 25

Mary Charles

Debra DeBose

JULY 26

James Broussard

Barbara Taylor

JULY 27

Sandy Duplechaine

Roland Kimble, Sr.

Chandrika Smith

JULY 28

Evelyn Boutte

Leo Boutte

David Eaglin

Paul Eaglin

Adrian Garrison

Rosa L. Vital

JULY 29

Kevin Andrews

Brionne Drenon

Helen Gobert

Anthony Julian

Vera Olivier-Caine

JULY 30

Rosey Chevis

Barbara Nash

Alexis Robertson

JULY 31

Agnes Egby

Mary Hardin

Ernestina G. Karikari

Please call the Parish Office @ (713) 738-2311 if your Birthday is not listed.

Celebrating

An Anniversary This Month



THE MONTH OF JULY (IN WEDDING DATE ORDER)

JULY 1

Ronald & Philtherian Haynes, Sr. (45 yrs)
Thomas & Yvonne Randle (53 yrs)

JULY 3

Keith & Lisa Williams (23 yrs)

JULY 5

Carlos & Renee Ruff (23 yrs)

JULY 7

Bernard & Alzina Fontenot (46 yrs)
Michael & Gwendolyn Lamothe (24 yrs)

JULY 9

Gerald Franklin & Yolanda Bourgeois (32 yrs)

JULY 12

Herbert & Delores Archer (25 yrs)
Christopher & Hilda Smith (52 yrs)

JULY 13

Darrell & Clarissa Frand (37 yrs)
Renay & Marion Jackson (42 yrs)

JULY 20

Charles & Lee Anna Smith (57 yrs)
Ronnie & Barbara Smith (57 yrs)

JULY 21

Gary & Angela Buchanan (35 yrs)
Samuel & Elizabeth Wiley (52 yrs)

JULY 24

Leroy & Kassandra Evans (4 yrs)

JULY 26

Alvin & Eleanor Chenier (38 yrs)
Danny & Theresa Thomas (56 yrs)

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