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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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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: 11:30a.m.

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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 11/07/2026 5:00PM
Deacon Albert Henry (D) - The Family
SUN 11/08/2026 7:30AM
Mable Lee Chavis (D)
The Edward Ray Chavis Family
SUN 11/08/2026 10:00AM
Helen Curl (D) – Belinda Francis
TUE 11/10/2026 7:00AM
Holy Souls in Purgatory (D)
Bonnie Jefferson
WED 11/11/2026 7:00AM
All Military Veterans (L)-Special Intention
THUR 11/12/2026 7:00AM
Kellis Charles Lewis (L) – The Family
FRI 11/13/2026 7:00AM
Earlene Duplechaine (D)
The Duplechaine Family
SAT 11/14/2026 5:00PM
People of the Parish





Thomas Reginal Paige passed away on October 14, 2026, at the age of 75 yrs. A Memorial Service is scheduled for November 14th at 10:00am. Rosary begins at 9:30am.

Victoria L. Eaglin passed away on October 31, 2026, at the age of 92 yrs. A Funeral Mass is scheduled for November 21st at 10:00am. Viewing begins at 8:45am.

Lydia Landry passed away on November 2, 2026, at the age of 93 yrs. A Funeral Mass is scheduled for November 9th at 10:00am. Viewing begins at 8:45am.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Please Pray for... Donald Abraham, Akaycia Addison, Azielee & Nathan Addison IV, Emmoree Addison, Kayne Addison, Lauren Addison, Zaneta Addison, Mary Jane Albert, Arthur Baltrip Jr, Vea Barksdale, Adrienne Barnes, Clara Barras, Monica Bass, Hattie Blackmon, Ivy Bobb, Hazel S. Brown, Tommy Burton, Jimmy Byas, Julius Cadoree, Nancy Calvin, Nathaniel Campbell, Dalton Cooper Jr, Frank Davis Sr, Marlene Davis, Dalton & Julia Dean, Wanda & Joe Dixon, Michael Dozier, Mary Duplechain, Jessica Ebiteh, Agnes Malveaux Egby, Lois Epps, Paul Garrick Jr, E. J. Gary, Valerie Williams Goode, Betty Goodwin, Stella Goodwin, Beulah Hadrick, Lolita Hall, Mary Hamilton, Mason Harrison, Frederick & Geraldine Haskin, Cheryl Henderson, Donald Henderson, Anthony Hicks, Alana Higginbottom, Diane Houston, Al Jackson Jr, Crystal Jackson, Angela Johnson, Dcn Irvin Johnson, Natalie Johnson, Brooke Joseph, Kenneth King Jr, Joseph Landry, Serral Landry, JoAnn LaSane, Barbara Laugermann, Elon Lawdins, Hilary & Patricia Ledet, Theresa Lema, Hazel Lewis, Laurenzia Lewis, Eugene Mallery, Charles Martin, Shannon Martin, Donald May, Diane Miles, Dorothy Milstead, Cookie Mooring, Debbie Morris, Yusuf Muwwakkil, Liz Orphe, Angela Pena, Deborah Peron, Cynethia Pichon, Margie Pichon, Percy Pichon Sr, Robin Pichon-Mosley, Catherine Pierre, Michael Pierre, Mildred Pierre, Melody Ratcliff, Susan Rawls, Effie Rems, Elise Richmond, John & Christine Roberts, Wilson Robertson, Louis Robinson, Oliver Rose, Brian Russell, Very Rev. Michael K. Saah-Buckman, SSJ, Kerry Samuels, Kevin Simon, Joyce Smith, Joyce Stagg, Jeffery Steptoe, Walter Strickland, Mackenzie Swanks, Kennedi Swanks, Erma Taylor, Melvin Thomas, Linda Turner, Deshun Vital, Gemma Walcott, 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 military service members who put their own lives on the line to protect our families and country.
Army: Sade Beck, Jacc Blanks, Wadie Troy Butler, Patrick Clay Jr, Kalah A. Guidry, Angel Guillory, LaTroy King, Essence McMillan, Gary Christian Robertson, Anthony Lamar Smith II **Navy:** Alvin Balthazar, Debreanna Brown, Jermaine Ceaser, Kevin Crockett, Mason Guidry, Alexander Guillory Jr, Courtney Harris, Nia D. Hawkins-Camp, Xavier Henry, Anthony N. Russell, Robert Lee Smith **Air Force:** Samuel Houston, Roderick Jones, Joshua Creeks, Joffre Lander **Marines:** Reginald Ward

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Every Sunday we are invited to the banquet of the Lord, where we receive Christ in the Eucharist. Are we prepared to receive this spiritual food? The foolish bridesmaids in the Gospel were unprepared and so were unable to join the wise bridesmaids and the bridegroom at the feast. The wisdom they lacked is extolled in the first reading, whose author asserts that wisdom is available to all who seek it. As we listen to today's readings, let us pray for the grace to seek and use the wisdom God gives us to prepare ourselves for the heavenly banquet.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday – November 8
Wis 6:12-16
Ps 63:2-8
1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14
Mt 25:1-3

Monday – November 9
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9
1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17
Jn 2:13-22

Tuesday – November 10
Saint Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church
Ti 2:1-8, 11-14
Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29
Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday – November 11
Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop
Ti 3:1-7
Ps 23:1-6
Lk 17:11-19

Thursday – November 12
St. Bishop Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr
Phlm 7:20
Ps 146:7-10
Lk 17:20-25

Friday – November 13
Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
2 Jn 4-9
Ps119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18
Lk 17:26-37

Saturday November 14
3 Jn 5-8
Ps 112:1-6
Lk 18:1-8

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

2026-2027 CCE CLASSES

2026-2027 CCE Registration will be accepted in the CCE Office as follows:

Monday - 6:00pm to 8:00pm
Saturday - 9:30am to 11:30am

A Late Fee of $15 will be applied after December 7, 2026.

Classes are as follows:

November 9……..6:00pm

6th – 10th CCE CLASSES

November 14……9:30am

PreK – 5th CCE CLASSES

November16……..6:00pm

6th – 10th CCE CLASSES
Thanksgiving Program

November 21……9:30am

PreK – 5th CCE CLASSES
Thanksgiving Program

November 23 and November 28
NO CCE CLASSES

2026-2027 OCIA CLASSES

OCIA Classes are every Thursday at **6:00pm**. The Registration Form can be found on the Parish Website: www.sfxhouston.com



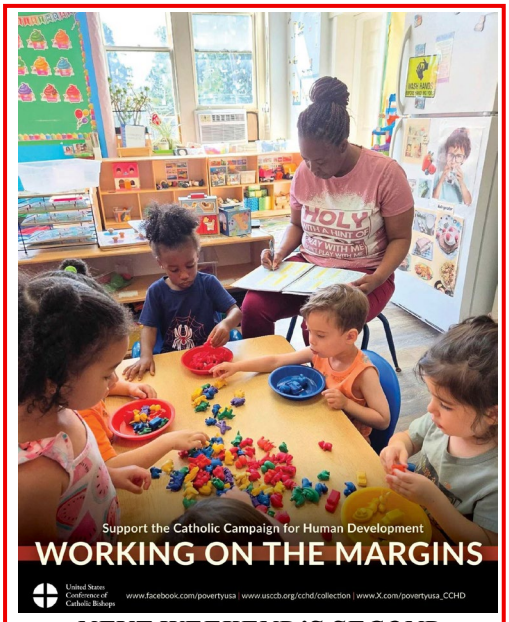


BLESSING OF THE GRAVES
NOVEMBER 1, 2026

The Blessing of the graves took place at Houston Memorial Gardens, led by Father Michael Thompson, and Paradise South Cemetery, led by Deacon Michael Jenkins.



Thank you to the ***Port Arthur Lincoln High Class of 1970*** who met in Houston and chose to celebrate Mass with us on Saturday, October 31st. We look forward to having you worship with us again!



NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Next week our special collection will support the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development.** Nearly 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development** at www.usccb.org/chd

ATTENDANCE

In-person Mass attendance on Saturday, October 31st and Sunday, November 1st was **535**. The 7:30am Livestream received **90** views. Please join us via YouTube Livestream or bring a friend to come and 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.

Stewardship Reflection

That we understand God's call is urgent, in the here and now, in our current circumstances. "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." - Matthew 25:13 Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? Don't delay. None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.



As of November 3, 2026:
Goal - $79,872.00
Paid - $26,447.00
Owed - $53,425.00
Donors - 100

Ministry and Organization Calendars



Your **2027** Ministry and Organization Calendars must be submitted to the Parish Office no later than **November 30th**. Meeting Room requests and Parish Hall reservations will be posted on a first-come, first-served basis. A **$250.00** Refundable Deposit is required for all Parish Hall events posted to the calendar.

2027 SUNDAY MISSAL SALES

The New St. Joseph Sunday Missals for 2027 are available for purchase after all Masses. The cost is $5.00 each. Your 2026 Sunday Missals will end on **November 22nd**, *Christ the King Sunday.*

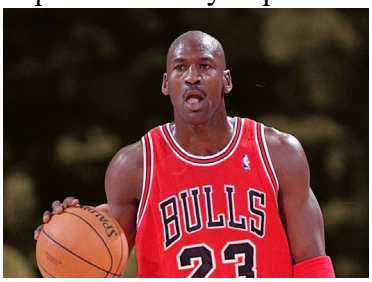


TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME(A)

"Then the door was locked. Lord, Lord, open the door for us! But He said in reply, "Amen, I say to you, I do not know you." Matthew 25:10-12

Will Jesus say to you at the end of your life, *"I do not know you"*?

Jesus tells a parable about **ten virgins**, who are waiting for a bridegroom to arrive at a wedding. The **Bridegroom** represents **Christ, and the ten virgins represent** Christians who are waiting for **His** return. Five of the virgins are **foolish,** and five are **wise.** In the **first reading, Wisdom** is something to be pursued. As Christians, we are called to **"seek her,"** and she can be **"found"** (Wisdom 6:12). Our culture glorifies **intelligence,** but we desperately need **God's wisdom. Intelligence** accumulates information; giant data centers are built to provide us with even more information and knowledge. **Spiritual Wisdom,** however, is knowing **what is pleasing to God.** Intelligence must always be balanced with wisdom. You can have many university degrees, including a Ph.D., and still lose your soul! **Death is the vehicle** that will take us to meet **our Savior, Jesus Christ.** We should not fear death. The **second reading** speaks about death and reminds us that we are "not [to] grieve like the rest, who have no hope (1 Thess. 4:13)." There was a woman who met **Death** one day. She asked, "Oh my, is it my time?" Death replied, "I will let you know when it's your time." The woman said, "Please, give me a warning so that I will know you are coming for me." Death said, "I will." The woman went on her way. Years passed, and finally, one day, she died. After she died, she saw Death again. She said, "I thought you were going to give me a warning that you were coming." Death replied, "I gave you warnings." The woman said, "No you didn't!" Death said, "When your eyesight started getting blurry and you needed glasses; I was giving you a warning that I was coming." "When you started falling and needed a cane to keep your balance, that was me warning you that I was coming." "When your hair started turning gray and you began coloring it, that was me warning you that I was coming. When you started getting aches and pains in your joints and back and needed a walker to get around, that was me warning you that I was coming. We **all** have an appointment with death (Heb. 9:27). **The oil represents our relationship with the Bridegroom.** All ten virgins had oil in their lamps, representing their relationship with Him. However, when the Bridegroom took a long time to arrive, five of the young women ran out of oil. The foolish virgins asked those who had oil, "Give us some of your oil." The wise virgins replied, "No, for there may not be enough for us and you." They essentially told the **foolish virgins** to get their own oil. The **wise virgins** were saying, in effect, "My relationship with the Bridegroom cannot get you into the wedding feast. **You have to know Him for yourself."** Notice what the Bridegroom said when the door was locked and the foolish virgins came and said, "Lord, Lord open the door for us!" The Bridegroom replied, "Amen, I say to you, I do not know you." **He did not say, "you don't know Me."** There is a **difference** between knowing about someone and having that person know you personally. You may know



the basketball icon **Michael Jordan.** You may know his statistics, his position, his height, who drafted him, and the fact that he has six championship rings. But suppose you see him eating at a restaurant and walk over to him, saying, "Mike, what's going on baby? It's me! "Can I sit down and have a meal with you?" He will tell you, **"I don't know you. I have no idea who you** are. **Jesus** is going to say to some of us on that day, "I do not know you." Knowing **about** Him is not enough. We must have a personal relationship with Him. That is the **oil** in our lamps. Jesus tells us that He is standing at the door of our hearts, knocking. If we let Him in, **He will dine and know us personally** (Rev. 3:20). **Trim your wick** (Matt. 25:7). Get rid of things in your life that are not pleasing to God. If you do not have a personal relationship with Him, you will not enter His wedding feast, which is the Kingdom of God!

<>< Dcn. Jenkins



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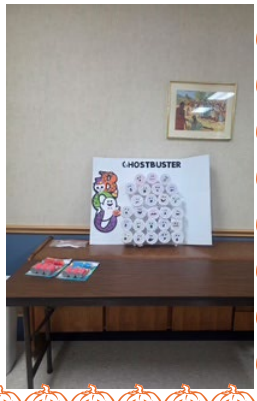






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With gratitude to our church family!







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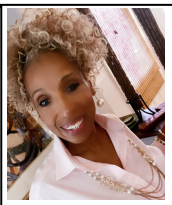
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