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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

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THUR 06/12/2025 7:00AM Joseph Zenon (D) – The Zenon Family FRI 06/13/2025 7:00AM Gloria Lazard (D) – Theresa Rayme SAT 06/14/2025 5:00PM All Fathers – Living and Deceased



#### **Prayer for Pentecost**

Holy Spirit of God — Disturb this room with your presence today, filling us, empowering us. emboldening us. Descend upon us with your gifts, your inspiration, and your promptings. Lead us to where we should go, stirring within us the movement of God.

Amen. ©LPi



#### ATTENDANCE

In-person Mass attendance on Saturday, May 31st and Sunday, June 1st was 434 and the 7:30am Sunday Mass Livestream received 57 views. Please join us via You Tube Livestream, or bring a friend to come 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, Clara Barras, Hazel S. Brown, Tommy Burton, Julius Cadoree, Nancy Calvin, Nathaniel Campbell, Sterling Certenberg, Dalton Cooper Jr, Shelton Dartez, Frank Davis Sr, Rev. Henry Davis SSJ, Marlene Davis, Dalton & Julia Dean, Mary Duplechain, Lois Epps, Lawrence Frank, Paul Garrick Jr, Anthony Gobert, Betty Goodwin, Stella Goodwin, Beulah Hadrick, Mary Hamilton, Mason Harrison, Alvin J. Hebert, Donald Henderson, Anthony Hicks, Diane Houston, Crystal Jackson, Angela Johnson, Deacon Irvin Johnson, Ernest & Jennifer Johnson, Natalie Johnson, Brooke Joseph, Shirley Ann Joseph, Serral Landry, JoAnn LaSane, Barbara Laugermann, Elon Lawdins, Freda & Shirley Lawdins, Hilary Ledet, Hazel Lewis, Laurenzia Lewis, Eugene Mallery, Charles Martin, Shannon Martin, Florence Diane Miles, Dorothy McChristian. Milstead, Cookie Mooring, Vy. Rev. William L. Norvel SSJ, Carolyn Ollison, Angela Pena, Cynethia 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, Kennedi 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: 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 Navv: 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

#### **PENTECOST** SUNDAY



Today's readings express the joy and wonder of the Holy Spirit, from the moment the Holy Spirit comes down upon the first disciples to all the wonderful gifts through which the Holy Spirit is made

manifest. One can tell from listening to these writers how overwhelmed they were by the Spirit's presence. May God's word help us realize the workings of the Holy Spirit in our own lives and in our world.

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**■ Sunday – June 8** 

Pentecost Sunday Acts 2:1-11 Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 or Romans 8:8-17

John 20:19-23 or

John 14:15-16, 23-26

☐ Monday – June 9

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church Genesis 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14 Psalm 87:1-3, 5-7 John 19:25-34

■Tuesday – June 10

2 Corinthians 1:18-22 Psalm 119:129-133, 135 Matthew 5:13-16

■ Wednesday – June 11

Saint Barnabas, Apostle Acts 11:21-26; 13:1-3 Psalm 98:1-6 Matthew 5:17-19

■ Thursday – June 12

2 Corinthians 3:15—4:1, 3-6 Psalm 85:9, 10-14 Matthew 5:20-26

☐ Friday June 13

Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church 2 Corinthians 4:7-15 Psalm 116:10-11, 15-18 Matthew 5:27-32

■□ Saturday June 14

2 Corinthians 5:14-21 Psalm 103:1-4, 9-12 Matthew 5:33-37



June 23.....6:00pm

10th Grade Additional CCE Class



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



Everyone is invited to join the Fathers of St. Francis Xavier for breakfast after the 7:30am and 10:00am Masses on Father's Day, June 15<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast is free for

all Fathers. A **\$5.00** donation per person is requested for Family and Friends.



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.



Saturday May 17, 2025 Hosted by: KPC Unit #138 and SFX Youth Ministry Supported by HPD Representatives Vanessa & Jeneda Wiltz



Marylyn Kimble passed away on May 30, 2025 at the age of 78 yrs. A Funeral Mass is scheduled for Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 10:00am. Visitation begins at 8:25am. Eternal rest grant unto her soul.





#### 2025 LENTEN 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 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall.

# 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 allow the Holy Spirit to fill our

That we allow the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts and transform our lives. "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." (John 14:26) The materialism of our society lures us to concentrate more on what we want than on what God wants for us. The relativism of our world tells us that we should be tolerant of all things, that there is no absolute truth. Pray to the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and to guide our thoughts, words and actions. What you put in your mind, heart, and soul affects your actions. Put good things in and good things will come out.

## LORD!

To *Cry Out with Joy to the Lord!* is to recognize and thank Him for His abundant gifts. As we cultivate gratitude, we create space for even greater joy in our lives. Please consider making your gift in the parish, or online at <a href="www.archgh.org/dsf">www.archgh.org/dsf</a>, and join our mission to be Christ's hands and heart in our community.

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#### Pentecost Sunday (Year C)

"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth."

Today is Pentecost Sunday, for us Pentecost culminates our journey to Easter. The journey began with Lent and ends with the outpouring of love the Savior promised us as he completed his mission on Earth. Jesus did not abandon his apostles, even when leaving from this world to return to his Father in heaven. Ten days later, at Pentecost one of his most significant promises – the promise to send the Holy Spirit in abundance on them – was extraordinarily realized.

After Pentecost, the apostles were never again the same. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit affected dramatically on their convictions and on their enthusiasm to carry out Jesus' wishes. The effects were at once noticeable to the watching and listening crowds.

The apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit and given the gift of speech. As they spoke, their listeners – many of whom were foreigners – could hear and understand them in their own languages. The apostles now acted as members of a united and committed community. Although Christ had established the Church while still on earth, at Pentecost it became manifest in the world for the first time. It became obvious that God was working powerfully through the Church.

At Pentecost, the Church earnestly began its mission to the entire world. This mission centers on preaching about the saving name of Jesus and about the wonders of God. God's greatest wonder is that, through the suffering and death of Jesus the Messiah, people are saved from the consequences of their sins: (alienation from God). Jesus' fundamental promise to his apostles was that they would never be without his presence and his help. He knew that they would be unable to contribute successfully to the universal mission that he had given them unless he sent the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit would bring courage to his disciples and restore unity and harmony between people. There is evidence of this in John's Gospel when Jesus, after rising from the dead, said to his apostles: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those, whose sins you retain, they are retained' (*Jn* 20:22-23).

Significantly, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church at its beginning corresponds to the earlier coming of the Holy Spirit on Jesus at the beginning of his public ministry when he was baptized in the River Jordan. In the same way that Jesus was always accompanied and guided by the Holy Spirit during his earthly life, so too is his Church as it brings repentant sinners to him. Repentance is necessary for salvation.

The feast of Pentecost celebrates a promise realized. It acknowledges that the Holy Spirit is at the heart of the Church's life. Because that is so, the Church cannot ultimately fail in its task of witnessing to Jesus' death and resurrection. It will eventually succeed in communicating the message of God's salvation to everyone in the world.

The sacrament of confirmation, which celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and its gifts in our sacramental lives is the sealing of the graces, also given in baptism. We received this Grace as our personal Pentecost experience when we are transformed into witnesses to the teaching and example of Jesus and his Church. We willingly take on the responsibility to share our Catholic faith with others.

The Feast of Pentecost is a wonderful celebration of the missionary Church. Let us reflect on our call to missionary discipleship putting forth our spiritual gifts in our homes, schools, and workplaces. We must be willing to show that we are serious about our confirmation (Pentecost) responsibilities. Using the gifts of the Holy Spirit, to be sent as missionary disciples, leading us to make the urgency of the gospel message of salvation a reality for everyone we meet on our journey.

\*Vy. Rev. Michael L. Thompson, SSJ\*



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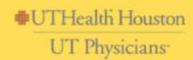
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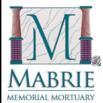
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