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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

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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.

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	01/17/2026	5:00PM
	<i>Deacon Albert Henry (D)</i>	– The Family
SUN	01/18/2026	7:30AM
	<i>Vocations</i>	
SUN	01/18/2026	10:00AM
	<i>Deliverance/Protection for the Charles Family</i> – Cynthia Charles	
TUE	01/20/2026	7:00AM
	<i>Deliverance/Protection for the Charles Family</i> – Cynthia Charles	
WED	01/21/2026	7:00AM
	<i>Mandy Jackson-Wheatfall (L)</i>	
	Special Intention	
THUR	01/22/2026	7:00AM
	<i>Deliverance/Protection for the Charles Family</i> – Cynthia Charles	
FRI	01/23/2026	7:00AM
	<i>Timothy Martell (L)</i> – Martell Family	
SAT	01/24/2026	5:00PM
	<i>People of the Parish</i>	

Asleep in Jesus



VALERIE BALTHAZAR THOMAS
1958 - 2025



Phyllis Moore passed away on January 13, 2026 at the age of 74 yrs. Phyllis has served as a Minister of Hospitality for the 5:00pm Vigil Mass and a Catechist in the Religious Education Program. Funeral arrangements are pending. Eternal rest grant unto her soul.

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

We have several open dates available for Mass Intentions. Access the online software via this link:

https://web4ucorp.com/massintentions/sfx_houston



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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: Sade Beck, 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, 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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



Today we are reminded to listen for Jesus' call to follow him. Isaiah realized God's call of service, referring to himself as God's servant, commissioned to proclaim God's salvation to the ends of the earth. Paul recognized that God willed him to be an apostle and today we hear him tell the members of the church in Corinth that God calls them to be holy. John the Baptist points to Jesus as the Lamb of God and Son of God, the one to follow instead of him. May we listen for his call so that we may respond, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

■ Sunday – January 18

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5-6
Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10
1 Cor 1:1-3
Jn 1: 29-34

■ Monday – January 19

1 Sm 15:16-23
Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21,23
Mk 2:18-22

■ ■ ■ Tuesday – January 20

Saint Fabian, Pope, Martyr;
Saint Sebastian, Martyr
1 Sm 16:1-13
Ps 89:20-22, 27-28
Mk 2:23-28

■ Wednesday – January 21

Saint Agnes, Virgin, Martyr
1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51
Ps 144:1-2, 9-10
Mk 3:1-6

■ ■ ■ Thursday – January 22

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7
Ps 56:2-3, 9-13
Mk 3:7-12

■ ■ ■ Friday January 23

Saint Vincent, Deacon, Martyr;
Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin
1 Sm 24:3-21
Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11
Mk 3:13-19

■ Saturday January 24

Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop,
Doctor of the Church
2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5
Ps 96:1-3, 7-8, 10
Mk 3:22-30



January 19

NO CCE CLASSES – MLK HOLIDAY

January 24.....9:30am

PreK – 5th CCE CLASSES

January 26.....6:00pm

6th – 10th CCE CLASSES

January 31.....9:30am

PreK – 5th CCE CLASSES

2025-2026 OCIA CLASSES

January 22.....6:00pm

January 29.....6:00pm



First Year Confirmation Retreat

L-R: Aylrial Robertson, Jason Peugh, Louis Hill (Catechist), Camille Phillips, Joshua Peugh, Wymond Dozier, Mason Guerrero, Deacon Michael Jenkins (Facilitator)



YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL

The Youth Choir will

rehearse on Saturday, January 24th, at 11:30am in the Harris Center Room 125.

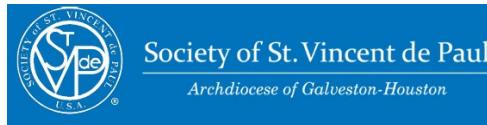
EMHC FORMATION SESSION

Join us Saturday, January 31st, for an *Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion* Formation Session. The Office of Worship is hosting a formation session in both English and Spanish. Click the following Link to register: <https://capernaum.leadlms.com/course/119>

Early registration is \$30 until Sunday, January 25th, at Midnight.

ATTENDANCE

In-person Mass attendance on Saturday, January 10th and Sunday, January 11th was **483**. Please join us via YouTube Livestream, or bring a friend to come and worship with us in the church.



The St. Francis Xavier St. Vincent de Paul Conference will meet on Tuesday, **January 27th**, at 2:00pm in the Harris Center Auditorium. The Conference is still in the development stage and anticipates going operational after the 2nd quarter of the year.

Let's Talk About Love

A Discernment Conference for Singles, Dating, and Engaged Couples

Are you single, dating, or engaged? Join us for "Let's Talk About Love," a unique discernment conference that explores the true meaning of love and offers practical guidance to help you build lasting, meaningful relationships.

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- Community & Connection

Who Should Attend?

- Singles seeking clarity and direction in their relationships
- Couples who are dating and want to discern their future together
- Engaged couples preparing for a lifelong commitment
- Anyone interested in a deeper, richer understanding of love!

Saturday, February 21, 2026

8:30 am – 1:00 pm

St. Albert of Trapani Catholic Church

Registration:

<https://luminaschooloflove.org/relationships-discernment/>

Special Collection for the Church in Latin America

Since 1965, Catholics in the United States have built relationships of unity and love with Catholics in Central and South America and the islands of the Caribbean through their participation in the annual special collection for the Church in Latin America. On the weekend of **January 24-25**, Archdiocesan parishes will take up this collection in order to support ministries that bring Christ's mercy to prisoners, train catechists in remote rural areas, and build up pastoral programs that address the crucial needs of refugees and victims of natural disasters. Please be generous.

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 may faithfully live as God's stewards, fulfilling the plan He had for each of us as He formed us in the womb. "Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb..." Isaiah 49:5 God have given each of us different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do, and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and become the saint that God is calling you to be.

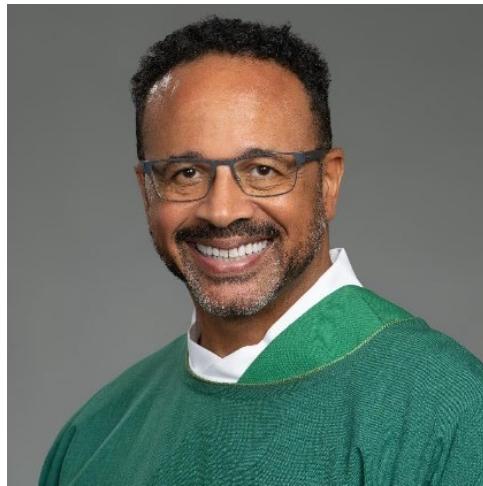
Stewardship Intention Card



As we begin the new year, let's take time to reflect on the Blessings we have received in 2025. You are invited to commit to giving back in the new year by completing a **Call to Stewardship Intention Card**. These cards were mailed in your January Envelope packet. If you do not receive envelopes in the mail, we have yellow intention cards in the vestibule of the church.



If you will need a copy of your 2025 contribution statement for tax purposes, please call the Parish Office at **(713) 738-2311**. Statements will be sent only upon request.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)

January 18, 2026

A Christian Does Not Go on Vacation During Ordinary Time

Happy Sunday! When the Church enters Ordinary Time, it is easy to misunderstand what that means. The word *ordinary* does not mean unimportant or uneventful. It means *ordered*, a season focused on living out what we have received from Christ.

When we say that a Christian does not go on vacation during Ordinary Time, we are speaking **figuratively**, not literally. Rest, renewal, and family time are good and necessary. What we are cautioned against is taking a *spiritual vacation*; stepping back from prayer, discipleship, and responsibility simply because the season feels less dramatic.

After Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, and the Baptism of the Lord, Ordinary Time begins as a season of mission. These sacred moments formed us, strengthened us, and reminded us of who we are as baptized believers. Now the question becomes: *What will we do with what we have received?*

In today's first reading, the prophet Isaiah reminds us that God's people are called to be "**a light to the nations.**" This calling is not seasonal. It does not pause between major feasts. The light we receive from Christ is meant to be carried into everyday life.

Brothers and sisters, Ordinary Time is where faith becomes practical. It is where discipleship moves from celebration to consistency. It is easy to be joyful during Christmas and hopeful at Easter. Ordinary Time challenges us to remain faithful when life feels routine, demanding, or uncertain.

This is the season where fruit is grown. Christian maturity is formed in patience, integrity, forgiveness, and quiet acts of love. These ordinary moments are where the Gospel becomes visible.

The good news is that God never sends us without strengthening us. The same Christ who forms us through the sacraments also empowers us to live as witnesses in the world.

At St. Francis Xavier, we are called to be light, not only during special seasons, but every day. Ordinary Time reminds us that faith is not something we pause; it is something we live.

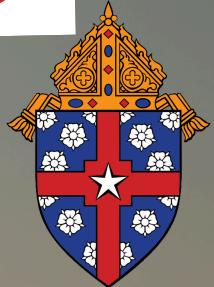
Let us embrace this season not as ordinary, but as essential. Amen.

Deacon Darryl

Celebration of Catholic Youth of

AFRICAN

Descent Day



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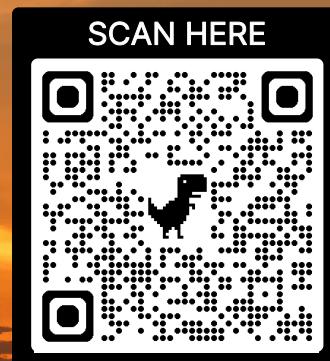


FEBRUARY 21, 2026

9:00 am - 6:00 pm

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\$15/person (lunch included)



But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not
grow weary, they will walk and not faint. **ISAIAH 40:31**

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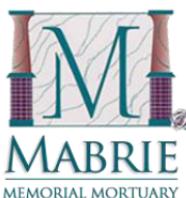
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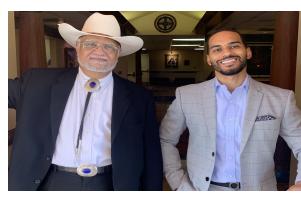
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