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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: 12:00 Noon

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# YouTube: St. Francis Xavier Houston 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### WELCOME VISITORS/NEWCOMERS

To register, call or come by the parish office or visit our website at:www.sfxhouston.com



#### **MASS INTENTIONS** SAT 08/09/2025 5:00PM People of the Parish **SUN** 08/10/2025 7:30AM Ezzard Sam (D) – Gracie Sam **SUN** 08/10/2025 10:00AM Joseph Nguyen (D) - Kieunhi Nguyen 7:00AM TUE 08/12/2025 Debra Pradia Revis (D) Ariann Marie Pradia WED 08/13/2025 7:00AM Garrett P. McKinley, Sr. (D) Keith McKinley THUR 08/14/2025 7:00AM Helen Kennison (D) – Tywanna Navy FRI 08/15/2025 7:00AM ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Audrey Otis (D) Rita Albert & Theresa Williams FRI 08/15/2025 6:00PM People of the Parish SAT 08/16/2025 5:00PM



Living Family Members —Wanda Johnson

Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 7:00am and 6:00pm. The Parish Office is closed on Friday.



Earline Lazard Smith passed away on August 4, 2025 at the age of 80 yrs. Mrs. Smith is the Sister of Odelia Lazard Vallery. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Port Arthur. Eternal rest grant unto her soul, O Lord, and perpetual light shine upon her.



Donald Abraham, Akaycia Addison, Azielee & Nathan Addison IV, Emmoree Addison, Kayne Addison, Lauren

Addison, Zaneta Addison, Mary Jane Albert, Joseph Alcendor, Clara Barras, Ivy Bobb, Hazel S. Brown, Tommy Burton, Julius Cadoree, Nancy Calvin, Nathaniel Campbell, Sterling Certenberg, Dalton Cooper Jr, Frank Davis Sr, Rev. Henry Davis SSJ, Marlene Davis, Mary Duplechain, Lois Epps, Lawrence Frank, Paul Garrick Jr, Anthony Gobert, Betty Goodwin, Stella Goodwin, Beulah Hadrick, Mary Hamilton, Mason Harrison, Alvin J. Hebert, Cheryl Henderson, Donald Henderson, Anthony Hicks, Diane Houston, Crystal Jackson, Angela Johnson, Deacon Irvin 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, Donald May, Florence McChristian, Diane Miles, Jordan Mills, Dorothy 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, Mary Sias Kevin Simon, Joyce Smith, Joyce Stagg, Jeffery Steptoe, Mackenzie Swanks, Kennedi Swanks, Erma Taylor, Melvin Thomas, Gemma Walcott, Mary Ward, 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: 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

# NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Today's selections from scripture celebrate our forebears for their faith. Abraham's faith was so strong that he was willing to sacrifice his beloved son. Centuries later, the Chosen People have faith sufficient

to courageously make their escape from bondage. Jesus asks his disciples to have faith in his return, for which they should always be prepared. May today's readings remind us to ask ourselves what we need to do to prepare ourselves for that day.

# READINGS FOR THE WEEK

■Sunday – August 10

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 18:6-9
Psalm 33:1, 12, 18-22
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12
Luke 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

☐ Monday – August 11

Saint Clare, Virgin
Dt 10:12-22
Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20
Matthew 17:22-27

**■ Tuesday** – August 12

Saint Janes Frances de Chantal, Religious Dt 31:1-8 (Psalm ) Dt 32:3-4, 7-9, 12 Matthew 118:1-5, 10, 12-14

**■■** Wednesday – August 13

Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyr Dt 34:1-12 Psalm 66:1-3, 8, 8, 16-17

Matthew 18:15-20

**■** Thursday – August 14

St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr
Jos 3:7-10, 11, 13-17
Psalm 114:1-6
Matthew 18:21—19:1

☐ Friday August 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10 Psalm 45:10, 11-12, 16 1 1 Corinthians 15:20-27 Luke 1:39-56

**■**□□Saturday August 16

Saint Stephen of Hungary
Jos 24:14-29
Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11
Matthew 19:13-15



The Josephite Priests and Brothers paid tribute to Father Brian P. Fox, SSJ on August 6, 2025. Very Rev. Ray Bomberger, SSJ, Vicar General of the Josephites officiated the Celebration of Life Mass. Hundreds of parishioners, family and friends were in attendance.



# CCE REGISTRATION

CCE Registration for the 2025-2026 school year will be accepted as follows: Tuesdays, 8/12-9/16, 9am-4:30pm Wednesdays, 8/13-9/17, 9am-4:30pm Fridays, 8/15-9/19, 9:00am-3:00pm Sat & Sun, 8/23-8/24-After all Masses

Registration forms are available in the Vestibule of the Church, the Harris Center and the Parish Website (www.sfxhouston.com). Classes will begin on Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm for Jr High and High School Students and on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am for Pre-K and Elementary Students. Call the CCE Office at (713) 731-2775 for additional information.

# MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY FUNDRAISER



The Ministers of Hospitality will host a Wings & Fries fundraiser on

Saturday,

September 6, 2025 and Sunday, September 7, 2025. Wings & Fries will be sold for \$10.00. Assorted Sodas & Deserts will also be available for purchase. Please come out and support our Ushers and Greeters!

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Go to: https://www.church.faithdirect.net/forms/index/632 or Scan the QR Code to purchase Tickets online.



Drawing: October 19, 2025
Winner Need Not be Present!

The next Bazaar Team Meeting is scheduled for **September 2, 2025**. This is the final day to place your Volunteer T-Shirt Order.

# 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 invest more of our time and our

That we may invest more of our time and our talent in building up our treasure in heaven. "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." Luke 12:34 Jesus encourages us to build up our treasure in heaven. The world encourages us to build up our treasure in real estate, investments, and material goods. How much time are you investing in building up a worldly treasure? How much time are you investing in building up a heavenly treasure? To invest more in the things of heaven, you must let go of some of the things of this world.

# Less Cry Out with JOY THE LORD!

True joy in the Lord compels us to give back and share what we have. When we *Cry Out with Joy to the Lord!* we are inspired to open our hearts and hands, supporting ministries that bring hope and help to those in need. Our Parish Goal this year is \$74,300.00. We have paid 35% of our goal, \$25,750.31. We have a balance of \$48,549.69. Please consider making your gift today! Pick up a pew envelope in the church, or go to SCAN HERE TO GIVE

www.archgh.org/dsf, or scan the QR Code to make a donation. No matter the size of your gift, every dollar goes a long way!



# ATTENDANCE

In-person Mass attendance on Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> was **472**. The 7:30am Livestream received **64** views. Please join us via YouTube Livestream, or bring a friend to come worship with us in the church.



# NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

August 10, 2025

[Jesus said to His disciples:] "You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." Luke 12:40offered up Isaac and he who had received the promises was ready to offer his only son."

# Remember, we are still on the clock!

As followers and disciples of Christ, we must know our purpose. Why am I here? Why am I alive? Why am I on this planet? Through the Word of God in Colossians 1:16, it says, "all things were made by Him, and for Him." You are here for God. God made you, and you were made for God. God is saying you are here because I wanted you here. In the Gospel reading for today, we see the words "Master" and "servants". We are here to serve God! In 2 Timothy 4:7, the Apostle Paul wrote these words near the end of his life, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." You have a race to run; don't let anyone hinder you from running your race. The Scripture says in **Jeremiah 29:11**, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." We also have to realize that we are the Body of Christ, and Christ is the **Head** of the Body. Later in the Colossians passage (verse 18) it says, "And He (Jesus) is the head of the Body, the church." The body just has one job: that's to carry out the orders of the Head. As servants, Jesus wants us to have a different mindset about our "belongings" and "money". "Sell your belongings and give alms" (Lk. 12:33).

Never ask God for anything that you are not willing to give back to Him! If you are not willing to give it back to Him, you can make a god out of what He gave you. When you give it back to Him, you are telling God, "The Giver is more important than the gift." You are also saying, "The Blesser is more important than the blessings!" In the Second Reading (Hebrews 11:17), "By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac and he who had received the promises was ready to offer his only son."

Jesus warned His disciples that when He returns, He wanted them to be doing His business instead of their own (Cf Luke 12:40). How can we accomplish this?

For years, I had taken care of my Mom. It consumed every day of my life. I had to take her on doctor appointments, cook her meals, bathe her (when the sitter wasn't there), daily give her an insulin injection and other meds, etc. When she died on **August 11, 2021** (four years ago), there was a huge void in my life and a **question:** "What do I do now?"

In high school, I worked at the grocery store

In high school, I worked at the grocery store chain called *Safeway*. My shift was from 4:00pm until the store closed at 10:00pm during the week and midnight on the weekend. When the employees would arrive at work, we would head straight to the break room, find our time card, and "punch in" for work. Before we went home, we would "punch out". The Holy Spirit brought that vision of working at Safeway to remind me that I am still on the clock; I haven't punched out to go home [Heaven] yet! You may be retired, your spouse may have died, your mobility may be challenging, but if you are reading this article, then you must realize



that we are still on the clock for our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ! Are you doing His Will? Jesus may come for all of us this week, or He may come just for you! Rev. 2:10 is clear for the Christian: "Be thou faithful unto death."

Con. Jenkins

# ST FRANCIS XAVIER FALL BAZAAR

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MAIN EVENT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>
GATES OPEN @ 10:00AM \$5 ENTRY FEE
RAFFLE DRAWING @ 8:00PM - TICKETS \$5
GRAND PRIZE: TOYOTA COROLLA SE!

DJ "T Mike" and Jammin J - Noon - 4:30pm

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Why do we need to be ready?

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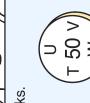
# Children's Worship Bulletin

Ages 7+

August 10, 2025 • Luke 12:32-40

# Waiting for the Master's Return

Jesus said, "Do not be afraid." He said something is waiting for us. What is it?



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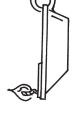




Jesus said, "Be dressed ready for service, and keep your lamps burning, like servants waiting for their master ..

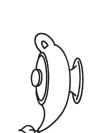
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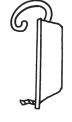






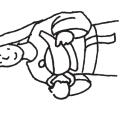












... because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect Him."

# Children's Worship Bulletin

August 10, 2025 • Luke 12:32-40

Ages 3+

Waiting for the Master's Return

He said, "Do not be afraid, little flock." Jesus comforted His followers.

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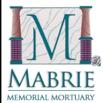
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