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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 19, 2019



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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., 12:15 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday: 7:00 a.m.

First Friday: 6:30 p.m.

Holy Days: 7:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 4:15p.m. - 4:45p.m.

Sundays: 6:45a.m. - 7:15a.m.

9:20a.m. - 9:45a.m.

11:35a.m. - 12:00p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT:

First Friday: 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

CHOIR REHEARSALS:

Adult Choirs

Judah Choir:

Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.

God's Chosen Choir:

Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.

Youth Choir:

Saturday-12:00pm (Harris Center)

Thursday before the 4th Sunday-7:00pm (In Church)

BIBLE STUDY/

ADULT CATHECHISM:

Tuesday: 6:30 p.m.

CHOIR DIRECTORS:

Jerry Givens 281.772.9276

Daniel Guerrero 281.723.9948

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.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

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


WELCOME VISITORS AND

NEWCOMERS

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MASS INTENTIONS

SAT.	05/18/19	5:00PM
	<i>People of the Parish</i>	
SUN.	05/19/19	7:30AM
	<i>Mary Mayon Lazard (D)</i> Mayon/Lazard Family <i>Anthony Harris (D)</i> The Harris Family <i>Kristina M. Chaney (D)</i> Family & Friends <i>O'Neal & Alice Duplechain (D)</i> Family <i>Ron Mitchell (D)</i> Nancy Mitchell/Family	
SUN.	05/19/19	10:00AM
	<i>Herbert Goodwin, Jr. (D)</i> The Goodwin Family <i>John Biagas (D)</i> – Patricia Session <i>Bernice Jefferson (D)</i> James & Bonnie Jefferson <i>Kimberly D. Clay (D)</i> Patrick, P.J. & Kiara Clay	
SUN.	05/19/19	12:15PM
	<i>Joan A. Crawford (D)</i> Sisters & Brothers	
MON.	05/20/19	7:00AM
	<i>Josephite Priests & Brothers</i>	
TUE.	05/21/19	7:00AM
	<i>Vivian Willis (D)</i> – Annette Willis <i>Ola Lacy Bell (D)</i> Florence McChristian	
WED.	05/22/19	7:00AM
	<i>Vocations</i>	
THUR.	05/23/19	7:00AM
	<i>John & Mary Buckman (D)</i> <i>Elizabeth Nyankah (D)</i>	
FRI.	05/24/19	7:00AM
	<i>Vocations</i>	

*Mother's Day
Winners*



5:00pm.....Phyllis Moore
7:30am.....Dorothy Scott
10:00am.....Marie Riggs
12:15pm.....Yvonne Randle



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

We encourage parishioners to take the chalice home for a week and pray for vocations. The Sign-up Sheet is located in the vestibule of the Church.



Deacon Alfred Abram, Algy Alfred, Leslie Allen, Margaret Cadoree, Mary Collins, Mable Davis, Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Ursula Gross, Willie Mae Henderson, Tommy Jones, Helen Kennison, JoAnn LaSane, Cynthia Ann Malone, Barbara Martin, Shannon Martin, Dorothy Milstead, Alethea North-William children & family, Carolyn Ollison, Helen Foreman Orsort, Cynethia Pichon, William Pierre Sr., Tanya M. Potier, Oliver Rose, Lillie Sims, Evelyn Smith, Simon Smith, Joyce Stagg, James Stelly, MacKenzie Swanks, Kennedi Swanks, Erma Taylor, Pamela Thibodeaux, Roshonda Henry-Washington, Agnes Williams, and all of the sick and shut-in in our parish family.

Let us Know

Please let us know when you or a family member are ill, in the hospital, or having a surgery, especially if the illness or surgery is serious. Call the Parish Office so that we can put the name on the sick list for prayers and/or visitation if needed. **After 30 days, please call the office to remain on the prayer list.**

Lord, we pray for all our current military service members and first responders who put their own lives on the line every day in order to protect our families and our country.

Army:

Barbara Baber, Sade Beck, Wadie Troy Butler, Shanta Charles, Josiah Charles, Stephen Jones, LaTroy King, Gary Christian Robertson, Anthony Lamar Smith II, David Stagnoli

Navy:

Alvin Balthazar, Debreaanna Brown, Jermaine Ceaser, Kevin Crockett, Courtney Harris, Nia D. Hawkins, Randolph J. Navy III, Anthony N. Russell

Air Force:

Hayden Jacob Jr, Roderick Jones, Joffre Lander, Bena Sellers, Terrance J Valiare, Thomas Q Valiare II

Marines

Alyssa Dugar, Jakob Trahan, Reginald Ward



Bible Study classes are **Tuesday's at 6:30pm.** Come study God's Word and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Bring your Catholic Bible and a friend.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another."
JOHN 13:34, ESV

God has made the world anew for the human race, we hear in Revelation. Key to this new world is the new commandment Jesus proclaims in the Gospel: love one another. With love for one another, wonderful things can happen. Saints Paul and Barnabas complete Christianity's first great missionary journey, preaching the gospel to those far from Jerusalem. As God's word is preached today, let us reflect on how love makes God manifest in ourselves and others.

READINGS

FOR THE WEEK

Sunday – May 19

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27

Psalms 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13

Revelation 21:1-5

John 13:31-33, 34-35

Monday – May 20

Saint Bernadine of Siena, Priest

Acts 14:5-18

Psalms 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16

John 14:21-26

Tuesday – May 21

Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, Companions, Martyrs

Acts 14:19-28

Psalms 145:10-11, 12-13, 21

John 14:27-31

Wednesday – May 22

Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious

Acts 15:1-6

Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4, 5

John 15:1-8

Thursday – May 23

Acts 15:7-21

Psalms 96:1-2, 3, 10

John 15:9-11

Friday – May 24

Acts 15:22-31

Psalms 57:8-9, 10, 12

John 15:12-17

Saturday – May 25

Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church; Saint Gregory VII, Pope; Saint Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin

Acts 16:1-10

Psalms 100:1-2, 3, 5

John 15:18-21



May 19.....12:15pm
First Communion Mass
May 25.....5:00pm
Confirmation Mass



**NEW ALTAR SERVERS
PRACTICE & PARENT
MEETING**

St. Francis Xavier Church
Date: Saturday, June 1, 2019
Time: 11:00am – 1:00pm

Is God calling you as He called Little Samuel? If so, respond to His call by saying, "Speak Lord for your Servant is listening." Contact Wanda Johnson at 832-492-5088 for more information.

RCIA

✦ If you're not a Catholic, we invite you to explore the possibility of becoming a member of our Catholic Faith and Community through RCIA.

✦ If you are a baptized Catholic lacking Confirmation and Eucharist, RCIA is for you.

To REGISTER contact the Parish Office at 713-738-2311.



**ATTENTION
GRADUATES**

Registration forms for the 2019 Graduates Mass are in the vestibule of the Church. Graduates will be recognized at the 12:15pm Mass on Sunday, May 26th. Please wear your caps and gowns if possible. All graduates may participate, but you must register to receive a gift. Registration ends May 19th.



**HONORING
OUR
VETERANS**

In the past Congressman Al Green has honored our veterans with a special presentation. He will continue this tradition by presenting an American flag that has been flown over the Capital of the United States to the surviving spouse of our deceased service members. Congressman Green will make the presentation on Sunday, May 26th after the 7:30am Mass. Only names that have been submitted by the due date (May 19th) will be part of the presentation during Congressman Green's visit.



KPC Ladies were the PROUD winners of Court of the Year for 2019 at the Texas State Conference in San Antonio, TX on May 4, 2019.



KPC Annual Blood Drive will be held on

Sunday, May 26th from 9:00am to 1:30pm in the Parish Hall. All blood donors will receive a Free Shaved Ice from Bahama Buck's plus additional prizes will be raffled. Please register in advance to receive additional raffle entries. Registration forms are in the vestibule of the church. Contact Donald Sterling for more information.



**PASTORAL
COUNCIL
CORNER**



Congratulations to Ezzard Sam, newly elected President of Pastoral Council. A special thanks to Marilyn Williams for her many years of service as President.



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ARCHDIOCESE**

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JUNE 8-9, 2019**

Enjoy live musical entertainment from Two Stepping DJ's on Saturday, June 8th from 3pm-8pm, and Keyun & The Zydeco Masters on Sunday June 9th from 4pm-9pm. FREE ADMISSION BOTH DAYS. Contact Ben Sampson at 713-962-6503 or Audrey Noble at 713-303-9738.

**SAVE THE DATE - JULY 5-6, 2019
2019 LIFE AWARENESS
PROGRAM**

Thinking about life as a Priest, Sister or Brother? Come to Life Awareness, a 2-day program of discerning about a religious vocation. The program is open to single Men and Women, ages 18- 40. The program will be held at the Holy Name Retreat Center. Contact Henry Majoue at 832-606-1372 and Gary Hilbig at 832-549-4140.

**63rd ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH
CONFERENCE (AYC)
JULY 26-28, 2019**

The AYC will be held at the Hilton Americas in downtown Houston on July 26-28, 2019. This year's theme is "Surrender to God."

**SAVE THE DATE - JULY 30, 2019
ARCHDIOCESAN PRAYER
BREAKFAST**

The annual Archdiocesan Prayer Breakfast is Tuesday, July 30, 2019 at the Marriott Marquis in Downtown Houston (new location). This year's keynote speaker is Gene Kranz, former Nasa flight director. Register at: www.archgh.org/prayerbreakfast



The Youth Choir will rehearse on Thursday, May 23rd, at 7:00pm in the Church and Saturday, May 25th at 12:00 Noon in the Harris Center.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance on May 11th and 12th was 625. Please come worship with us and bring a friend.

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9 Day Novena to the Holy Spirit



*Come and share in an hour of prayer
and praise in giving thanks to God
for the **Gifts of the Holy Spirit***

***Friday, May 31, 2019
through
Saturday, June 8, 2019***

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Friday – May 31st, 7:00PM

Rev. Ruben A. Morales, Holy Lion of Judah Christian Ministries

Saturday – June 1st and Sunday, June 2nd (Regular Mass Schedule)

Monday through Friday, June 3rd – 7th, 7:00PM

06/3/18 **SIS Janice M. Abram**, Sisters in the Spirit, St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

06/4/18 **Rev. Ayo Efodigbue, MSP**, Pastor of Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church in Ames, Texas and Sacred Heart Church in Raywood, Texas

06/5/18 **Rev. Reginald W. Samuels**, Pastor, St. Hyacinth Catholic Church

06/6/18 **Rebecca Victoria Savoy**, Higher Dimension Church

06/7/18 **Sr. Odessa Stanford, SFCC**, St. Phillip Neri Catholic Church

Saturday – June 8th, 5:00 PM (Regular Mass Schedule)



Ruben A. Morales is a lifelong Houstonian, husband and father of two children. Working as a Deputy Sheriff since 1990, patrolling the streets of Harris County, it was in the year of 2001 that Ruben answered the divine call to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ as a member of Kingsland Baptist Church. Pastor Alex B. Morrison of Houston Christway Ministries licensed him to preach the gospel on April 14, 2002. There he preached the gospel and developed a passion for street evangelism and caring for the needs of Houston's homeless community. In 2004 he was led to step out on faith, establishing Holy Lion of Judah Christian Ministries. Rev. Morales has pastored two different churches and today continues his growth and service through biblical education, outreach ministerial endeavors and pastoral experience.



Janice Marie Abram is a proud long-time member of St. Francis Xavier Church and a true disciple of Christ. Janice is a well-known devoted prayer warrior, uplifting vocalist, servant leader and unwavering believer for God. Whether singing in the church choir on Sunday or helping the homeless, Janice's ministry is aimed at encouraging, inspiring and emboldening believers and non-believers alike. Through spoken and physical expressions of love, hope and faith Janice seeks to uplift the human spirit in everything she touches. Janice is an honored to be a member of the St. Francis Xavier Ladies Auxiliary, Court #138, Sisters in the Spirit of Houston, The St. Francis Xavier Choir and the Catholic African American Mass Choir, also known as CAAM.



Rev. Ayo E. Efodigbue, Ph.D., MSP is an avid lover of the Holy Spirit who has conducted revivals in numerous countries, including Nigeria, Botswana, Liberia and England, as well in the U.S. in the cities of Baltimore, Maryland and Flint, Orange, Beaumont, Houston and Galveston, Texas. Rev. Dr. Ayo studied at the Missionary Seminary of St. Paul, Abuja, Nigeria earning his B.Phil., in 1990 and M.Div., in 1994. He completed his second Master's Degree (Magna Cum Laude) in Pastoral Studies at Loyola University, New Orleans in May 2012. He received his Ph.D. in Theological Studies from Graduate Theological Foundation. He is currently the pastor of Our Mother of Mercy, Ames, Texas and Sacred Heart, Raywood, Texas.



Reverend Reginald Samuels is the newly appointed Vicar for Catholics of African Descent for the Archdiocese of Galveston - Houston. He is originally from Washington, Georgia and was ordained to the diocesan priesthood in 2009. He has served in several parishes and a variety of ministries since being ordained. Fr. Samuels is also currently the Pastor of St. Hyacinth Catholic Church in Deer Park, Texas.



Rebecca Victoria Savoy became a licensed and ordained Minister at Higher Dimension Church where she has been faithfully leading in ministry since 2007. She is currently the Director of the Grow Ministry which encompasses all Discipleship courses offered at the church, Connect Groups and Higher University. When it comes to serving in God's house Rebecca has done it all from leading Celebrate Recovery, a 12-step program for those with habits, hang-ups, and hurts, to Children and Youth Principal, Welcome Home Team Lead, Lead Teacher for New Member Orientation, as well as Team Lead for the Intercessory Prayer Ministry. Prayer is definitely her passion. She has been serving on the First Metropolitan Prayer Team every day for the past 8 years.



Sr. Odessa Stanford, SFCC, is a member of St. Phillip Neri Catholic Church. She comes to us having had vast educational, religious, social, community and work experiences. She was a Mortgage Lenders Court Records Researcher for Credo of Houston. She was a teacher and served in various leadership positions at Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart. Currently she is a full-time staff support personnel for the Harris County Department of Education. She was the first African American religious sister to serve as principal of two historical Catholic schools: St. Charles Borromeo in Harlem, New York, and St. Mary of The Purification in Houston, TX.



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