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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 3, 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

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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.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

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

WELCOME VISITORS AND

NEWCOMERS

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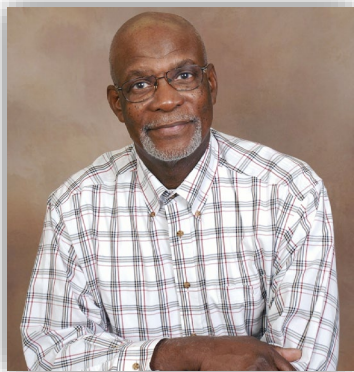
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MASS INTENTIONS

SAT.	11/02/19	5:00PM
	<i>All the Deceased</i>	
SUN.	11/03/19	7:30AM
	<i>Adaire Young (L) – Charles Family</i>	
	<i>Reginald Charles (L) – Charles Family</i>	
	<i>Francis L. Hazzard (D)</i>	
SUN.	11/03/19	10:00AM
	<i>All Deceased Family Members - Family</i>	
	<i>Theresa Cameron (D) – Betty Goodwin</i>	
SUN.	11/03/19	12:15PM
	<i>Wesley Wiltz (D) – The Wiltz Family</i>	
	<i>Sidney & Elizabeth G. Sam - Sam Family</i>	
	<i>Amy Landry Gallow & Dallas Gallow, Sr.</i>	
	<i>Wanda Dixon/Family</i>	
MON.	11/05/19	7:00AM
	<i>Kristina M. Chaney (D)</i>	
	<i>Family & Friends</i>	
	<i>Fred & Beatrice Begron (D)</i>	
	<i>Audrey Otis</i>	
TUE.	11/05/19	7:00AM
	<i>Thomas Burney (D)</i>	
	<i>Florence McChristian</i>	
WED.	11/06/19	7:00AM
	<i>James Epps (D) – Family & Friends</i>	
	<i>Minnie Pearl Richardson (D)</i>	
	<i>Marian Richardson & Family</i>	
THUR.	10/07/19	7:00AM
	<i>Vocations</i>	
FRI.	11/08/19	7:00AM
	<i>Eula Morales Smoots (D) - Ruth Celestine</i>	
	<i>Rev. August Thompson (D)</i>	
	<i>John & Mary Richard</i>	



FRANCIS L. HAZZARD
1951-2019



Pictured is a wreath that was placed by St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in memory of our beloved parishioner, Francis Hazzard.



Deacon Alfred Abram, Algy Alfred, Margaret Cadoree, Mary Augustine Chenier, Mary Collins, Nicole Fontenet, Ursula Gross, Willie Mae Henderson, Helen Kennison, JoAnn LaSane, Lillian LeBlanc, Cynthia Ann Malone, Barbara Martin, Shannon Martin, Dorothy Milstead, Vy. Rev. William L. Norvel, SSJ, Carolyn Ollison, Helen Foreman Orsot, Cynethia Pichon, William Pierre Sr., Marcelle Prevost, Evelyn Roberts, Oliver Rose, Evelyn Smith, Joyce Stagg, MacKenzie Swanks, Kennedy Swanks, Erma Taylor, Pamela Thibodeaux, Agnes Williams, and all the sick and shut-in in our parish family.

Let us Know

Please let us know when you and/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, Debreanna 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, Reginald Ward



Bible Study Classes are Tuesday's at 6:30pm in the Harris Center Auditorium.



Blessing of the Graves will take place at Paradise South and Houston Memorial Gardens on **Sunday, November 3rd at 2:30p.m.**

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Today, let us put ourselves in the shoes of Zacchaeus, so eager to see Jesus that he climbed a tree to see over the crowd. Jesus is with us today, in our neighbor, in our midst as we gather together in his name, and in the bread and wine we offer as it is blessed and broken. We don't need to climb a tree, yet we may find him difficult to see. Let us pray today for the eyes of Zacchaeus, eager to see Jesus wherever he can be found.

READINGS

FOR THE WEEK

Sunday – November 3

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 11:22-12:2

Psalms 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14

2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

Luke 19:1-10

Monday – November 4

Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Romans 11:29-36

Psalms 69:30-31, 33-34, 36

Luke 14:12-14

Tuesday – November 5

Romans 12:5-16

Psalms 131:1, 2, 3

Luke 14:15-24

Wednesday – November 6

Romans 13:8-10

Psalms 112:1-2, 4-5, 9

Luke 14:25-33

Thursday – November 7

Romans 14:7-12

Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14

Luke 15:1-10

Friday – November 8

Romans 15:14-21

Psalms 98:1, 2-3, 4

Luke 16:1-8

Saturday – November 9

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

Psalms 46:2, 3, 5-6, 8, 9

1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17

John 2:13-22



November 4th6:00pm

6th -10th CCE CLASSES

November 9th9:30am

PreK-5th CCE CLASSES

A late fee of \$15.00 will be applied for students that have not yet registered.

RCIA

RCIA classes are *Thursday's* at 6:00pm in the Harris Center.



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

We encourage all parishioners to take the chalice home for a week and pray for vocations. The signup sheet is located in the vestibule of the Church.

Is Your Pledge?
Up to Date?

DSF Status as of 10/28/19
56% Paid

Goal \$62,000.00

To Pledge/Pay Online:
www.archgh.org/dsf



DONATION DRIVE FOR U.S. VETS
KPC Unit 138 will host a donation drive for U.S. VETS-Houston on **November 2-16, 2019**, at SFX. We are accepting the following donated items for adult men and women: toiletries, toilet tissue, socks, packaged undershirts, packaged underwear, kitchen utensils, dishes & towels. Donations may be dropped off in the vestibule of the Church.



We would like to remind those registered for the South Africa trip through Heavenly Matched Travel that the 2nd installment of \$1,000.00 was due **Friday, November 1, 2019**, and the next payment is due **by January 21, 2019**. Contact Ronald Ward at heavenly-matched@hotmail.com or 713-520-8005 for more information.



The Tuesday after Thanksgiving each year is Giving Tuesday, a day to thank God for the blessings he has bestowed upon us during the year and to look within ourselves to see how we can best use our talent and treasure to help others. This year, St. Francis Xavier is building upon that feeling of generosity and compassion by asking our parishioners to prayerfully consider enrolling in eGiving for your recurring weekly offering. By using eGiving you are supporting our parish's shared mission to give back to others and spread the word of God. We are excited about Giving Tuesday and all the miraculous work our parish can do in our community, with your support. Enrolling in eGiving is safe, secure and easy—just visit faith.direct/TX632 or text the word ENROLL to 281-949-7600. Your gifts and your participation are a blessing to us, and I ask you prayerfully consider making a donation to St. Francis Xavier using Faith Direct on Giving Tuesday, December 3, 2019.
Rev. Michael K. Saah Buckman, SSJ

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

The Collection for Retired Priests is conducted annually on the weekend of the first Sunday in November. The purpose is to better fund the Archdiocesan Pension Plan for our retired Priests. This Second Collection will further enhance the Archdiocesan Priest and the Chancery. Thank you for your support of our retired Priests.

RECOGNIZING OUR VETERANS

On May 25, 2014 twenty-three (23) Military Veterans were recognized in the first *SFX Veterans Recognition Ceremony*. Many of our veterans received awards and medals that were due to them for their Military Service. All Military Service Veterans are invited to turn out at the **12:15pm** Mass on **Sunday, November 10th**.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance on October 26th and October 27th was **531**. Please come worship with us and bring a friend.

Stewardship Sunday

That we may joyfully share the abundant gifts God has given to us. "But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over.'" Luke 19:8 We are all called to gratefully give back to the Lord in proportion to the blessings we have been given. This means everyone isn't called to give the same amount, but is called to give equal sacrifice. No amount is too small or insignificant! Open your heart, how is God calling you to be more generous with your financial resources and possessions?

2020 SUNDAY MISSAL SALES

The New St. Joseph Sunday Missal for 2020 are available for purchase after all Masses. The cost is \$3.00 each, or 2 for \$5.00. Your 2019 Sunday Missals will end on November 24th, *Christ the King Sunday*.

2020 MASS INTENTIONS

Requests for Mass Intentions for the year 2020 are now being accepted. Please use the *Mass Intention Request Forms* for your requests.

All Ministries and Organizations



Your 2020 Calendars may be submitted to the Parish Office at this time.

Meeting Room requests and Parish Hall reservations will be posted on a first come, first served basis. Parish Hall dates will be opened to the public beginning **December 1st**.

SFX CHRISTMAS PROGRAM Calling All Youth!



We need every child, pre-teen and teenager in the parish to help make this year's Christmas program a success! Rehearsals will be held every **Saturday in November** between **9:30am and 11:30am**. Parents are needed, as well, for the Program Planning Committee. Interested parents may sign up in the vestibule of the church.

**WE REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DECEASED PARISHIONERS
FROM NOVEMBER 1, 2018 THRU OCTOBER 31, 2019**

**DORIS EARL MAXWELL
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FRANCIS L. HAZZARD**



God's Garden

***God looked around His garden and found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the earth and saw your tired face.
He put His arms around you and lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful; He always takes the best.
He saw the road was getting rough, and the hills were hard to climb.
So, He closed your weary eyelids and whispered, "Peace be thine."
It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone,
For parts of us went with you the day God called you home.***

Save the Date: Registration Forthcoming!

The Office of Aging presents a
VETERANS' BENEFITS SEMINAR

Date: Wednesday, November 6, 2019

Check-in/Light Refreshments: 9:30 a.m.

Event: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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