ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH

(ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON)

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

APRIL 5, 2020



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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/

Tuesday: 6:30 p.m.

ADULT CATHECHISM:

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.

CHOIR DIRECTORS:

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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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SAT. 04/04/2020

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Louis C. McChristian (D)

Florence & Wanda

 $\label{eq:loss_equation} \textit{Jasmine N. Johnson } (\textit{L}) - \text{Wanda Johnson} \\ \textit{Joseph Duplechaine/Earlene Duplechaine}$

The Duplechaine Family

Rev. August Thompson (D)

Agnes Thompson

SUN. 04/05/2020

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Loreen Johnson (D) – Chaney Family Margaret Cadoree (L)

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Wanda Dixon/Family

Irma Charles (L) – Charles Family

MON. 040/6/2020

John & Mary Buckman (D)

Elizabeth Nyankah (D)

TUE. 04/07/2020

Raymond Otis (D) – Audrey Otis

WED. 04/08/2020

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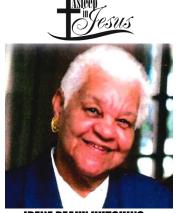
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THUR. 04/09/2020

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FRI. 04/10/2020

GOOD FRIDAY - NO MASS



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Bible Study Classes are **CANCELLED** until further notice.



Deacon Alfred Abram, Algy Alfred, Joseph Broussard, Margaret Cadoree, Nancy Calvin, Mary Augustine Chenier,

Shirley Curette, Nicole Fontenet, Dee Fontenot, Leon Francis, Ursula Gross, Jimmy Harris, Willie Mae Henderson, Brooke Joseph, Helen Kennison, JoAnn LaSane, Hazel Lewis, Laurenzia Lewis, Eugene Mallery, Cynthia Ann Malone, Patrick Martell, Willie Martin Jr., Shannon Martin, Dorothy Milstead, Vy. Rev. William L. Norvel, SSJ, Carolyn Ollison, Helen Foreman Orsort, Cynethia Pichon, William Pierre Sr., Marcelle Prevost, Carole Pryor, Elise Richmond, Evelyn Roberts, Oliver Rose, Simon Smith, Joyce Stagg, MacKenzie Swanks, Kennedi Swanks, Erma Taylor, Pamela Thibodeaux, Agnes Williams, Patricia 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.

Barbara Baber, Sade Beck,
Wadie Troy Butler, Shanta Charles,
Josiah Charles, Stephen Jones,
LaTroy King, Gary Christian Robertson,
Anthony Lamar Smith II, David Stagnoli,
Jordan T. McCorkle, Essence L. Casteel

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

<u>Marines</u>

Alyssa Dugar, Reginald Ward



NOTICE!!!

The Parish Office will be **Closed** until further notice.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



The Last Supper

We've probably heard the narrative dozens of times: Jesus enters Jerusalem to cries of "Hosanna," but just a few days

later the shouts he hears from the crowd are 'Let him be crucified!" As we listen today to Isaiah's prophecy, Paul's testimony, and Matthew's account of the Passion, let our exclamations echo those who came to believe almost two thousand years ago: "Truly, this was the son of God!"

Did you know that Catholics can make an Act of Spiritual Communion?

It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an **Act** of Spiritual Communion which is a source ofgrace. Spiritual Communion means uniting one's self in Christ's praver with sacrifice and worshiping Him in His Body and

The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily. 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.

(Source: Archdiocese of Detroit)



All CCE Classes are cancelled until further notice. Catechists will contact parents with information regarding Home Study.



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults gives provision for the initiation of catechumens and candidates at a time other than the Easter Vigil "because of unusual circumstances and pastoral needs" (RCIA26). It does not appear possible or prudent to attempt to initiate our catechumens at Easter this year. We will schedule initiation at an appropriate time before the year ends.

UNITY EXPLOSION 2020 CANCELED

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic and in the interest of health and safety, the Region X conference planning team, prayerfully and deliberately, made the decision to cancel the Unity Explosion-Region X 2020 Conference previously scheduled for July 2020, in Beaumont, Texas.



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Originally scheduled for Saturday, June 6, 2020 from 7pm-12am is **Postponed Until Further Notice**

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AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

These modifications are to be followed until further notice:

- The public celebration of all weekday and Sunday Masses will be suspended in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston effective March 18, 2020. Churches are to remain open for individual and private prayer observing their normal hours, as discerned by the Pastors.
- Parishes, to the extent they are able, are to inform parishioners of the opportunity to view Masses either through network television or other live stream options over the internet.
- Sunday is still the Lord's Day. Families should gather to pray, read scripture, recite the Rosary. and reflect together on their faith
- The celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism is to be postponed, unless there is danger of death.
- Funerals may take place only in the form of "The Rite of Committal with Final Commendation" (also known as the "graveside"). A memorial Mass can be scheduled appropriately at a later date.

Prayer in Time of the Coronavirus

Comfort us, O Lord, for we are like your disciples on the storm-tossed seas, unsettled by what lies ahead. We turn to You, our Healer and Guide, to still our hearts in our time of need and hear our prayer: Heal those who are sick with the coronavirus and protect the elderly and most vulnerable.

Give strength to all who tend to our health and wisdom to researchers who work toward a cure.

Open our eyes and hearts, as you did during Hurricane Harvey, that we may look beyond our immediate needs to care for others who need help.

Through the Holy Spirit, guide our leaders to make wise decisions for the welfare of all the people they serve. Grant eternal rest to those who have died from the virus.

May Mary, Our Mother, who has heard our pleas in the storms of our lives, intercede to her Son, that we may find healing and a prompt end to this illness. Mary, Star of the Sea, pray for us. Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior, heal Amen



■ Sunday – April 5

Palm Sunday - Passion of the Lord Isaiah 50:4-7 Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

Philippians 2:6-11 Matthew 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

■ Monday – April 6

Isaiah 42:1-7

Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 John 12:1-11

■ Tuesday – April 7

Isaiah 49:1-6

Psalm 17:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17 John 13:21-33, 36-68

■ Wednesday – April 8

Isaiah 50:4-9 Psalm 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34

Matthew 26:14-25

☐ Thursday – April 9

Thursday of Holy Week Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14

Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-15

Friday – April 10

Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

Psalm

Hebrew 4:14-16; 5:7-9

John 18:1—19:42

☐ Saturday – April 11

Holy Saturday

Genesis 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31

Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14,

24, 35 or

Psalm 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20, 22

Genesis 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9,

10-13, 15-18

Psalm 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11

Exodus 14:15—15:1

(Psalm) Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6,

17-18

Isaiah 54:5-14

Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-13

Isaiah 55:1-11

(Psalm) Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6

Baruch 3:9-15, 32—4:4

Psalm 19:8-11

Ezekiel 36:16-17, 18-28

Psalm 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or

(Psalm) Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 or

Psalm 51:12-15, 18-19

Romans 6:3-11

Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Matthew 28:1-10

PALM SUNDAY



April 5, 2020

"...and they said, Truly, this was the Son of God!"

Matthew 27:54

Offense Reports

I started the Houston Police Academy in February of 1979. Our instructors spent weeks training the cadets on how to write an offense report based on the events we were going to see on different crime scenes. As cadets we learned how to document witness statements, the collection of evidence, weather conditions, and what we actually saw, smelled, and heard.

Some criminal cases would take years before they were presented in court. A detailed offense report, helped officers to recall key events. Because the jury was not at the scene of the crime when it happened, a thorough offense report could help a jury visualize what occurred. Offense reports are often the key for a jury to decide if a person(s) was guilty or innocent.

The Passion of Christ

The Gospel reading for this Palm Sunday is taken from Matthew 26:14-27:66. It is referred to as The Passion of Christ. It is an extremely long reading which documents Jesus' arrest, trial and suffering. It concluded with a stone (Matthew 27:66) being rolled to secure the entrance of the tomb where Jesus had been buried. The word "Passion" comes from the Latin word for suffering.

Present Day

The Passion of Christ is so monumentally important that it is found in all 4 Gospels. I like to refer to the Passion of Christ as an offense report. It is a well documented report, detailing witness statements, the arrest, conviction and execution of Jesus the Christ.

Each year we begin Holy Week by reading these offense reports. You and I are the jury. Since we were not there, we must decide from the offense reports: was Jesus the Son of God who died for our sins, or should we look for another (Matt. 11:3)?

The Foundation

Jesus the Christ, came to earth to die for our sins so we could have eternal life. This is the foundation of our Faith! John 20:31 puts it this way: "But these are written that you may [come to] believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have [eternal] life in His name."

Disconnected/Unrighteous

We come into this world disconnected [out of fellowship] from God because of Adam's sin. The Scripture clearly acknowledges in Psalms 51:7 that we came into this world sinful. "Behold, I was born in guilt, in sin my mother conceived me."

We are unrighteous before God. Our unrighteousness keeps us from having a relationship with God.

How to become righteous enough to please God?

First of all, we do not become righteous enough to please God by observing the law. We can never do enough right things to please God.

The Bottom Line

"A man is made righteous not by obedience to the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ."

Galatians 2:16

Brothers and sisters, it is your faith (and belief) in what Jesus has preformed on the Cross that makes you right with God. You and I are right with God because of what Jesus has already done. We are not right with God because of what we do.

Please, read the offense report again. I know we were not there. We must believe that what Jesus done was enough for us to be placed in right standing with Almighty God. >> Deacon Jenkins

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in 2 from top to bottom.

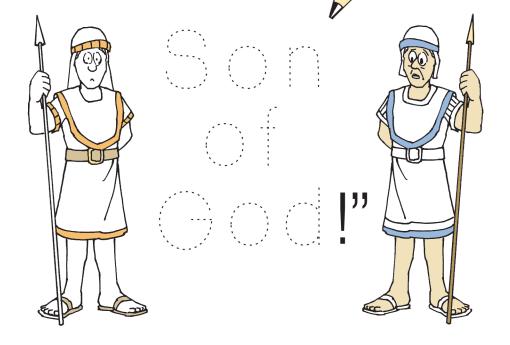
The earth shook.

Trace the letters below.

When the soldiers who were guarding Jesus saw all that had happened, they were very afraid.

They shouted,

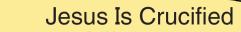
"Surely He was the





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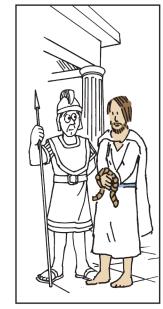


Jesus had been arrested. He stood before Pilate, the governor, who asked Him, "Are You the king of the Jews?" "You have said so," Jesus replied.

Circle the 2 pictures that are the same.







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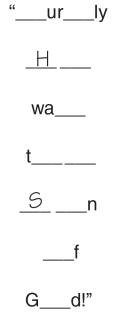
At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook.

Write the letters on the correct blanks below to finish the words. Hint: The letters are NOT listed in order.

EEE OOO &SS MH

When the centurion (Roman soldier) and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed,



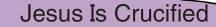




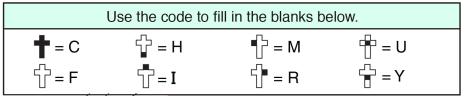


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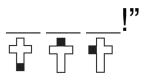
Jesus had been arrested. He stood before Pilate, the governor, who asked Him, "Are You the king of the Jews?" "You have said so," Jesus replied.





When the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, "What shall I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" They all answered,





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APRIL 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Catholic Relief Services Collection	30 NO CCE CLASSES Parish Office Closed	31 Bible Study Cancelled Parish Office Closed	1 IGNITE Campaign Committee Meeting - CANCELLED Parish Office Closed	2 Line Dance Class Cancelled Parish Office Closed RCIA CLASS - CANCELLED	3 FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION CANCELLED Individual Stations Only - In the Prayer Garden Only LENTEN FISH FRY CANCELLED Parish Office Closed	4 NO CCE CLASSES
Visit Parish Website www.sfxhouston.com for list of Online and TV Mass Schedules	6 NO CCE CLASSES	7 Bible Study Cancelled 10:00 AM CHRISM Mass Live Streamed	8 Pastoral Council CANCELLED	Line Dance Class Cancelled Parish Office Closed	Holy Land Collection Individual Stations Only - In the Prayer Garden Only OFFICE CLOSED	EASTER VIGIL NO CCE CLASSES
Visit Parish Website www.sfxhouston.com for list of Online and TV Mass Schedules	13 NO CCE CLASSES	14 Bible Study Cancelled	15 Finance Council CANCELLED	16 55+ Club Meeting CANCELLED Line Dance Class Cancelled Parish Office Closed	17 Office Closes @ 1:00pm	18 NO CCE CLASSES
19 Visit Parish Website www.sfxhouston.com for list of Online and TV Mass Schedules	20 NO CCE CLASSES	21 Bible Study Cancelled	22	23 Line Dance Class Cancelled Parish Office Closed	24 Office Closes @ 1:00pm	25 NO CCE CLASSES
26 Home Missions Collection Visit Parish Website www.sfxhouston.com for list of Online and TV Mass Schedules	27 NO CCE CLASSES	28 Bible Study Cancelled	29 6:00 PM Stewardship Committee Conference Call	30 Line Dance Class Cancelled Parish Office Closed	1 FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION CANCELLED Office Closes @ 1:00pm	2 NO CCE CLASSES

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Private Stations of the Cross may be observed in the Prayer Garden.

Holy Week:

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