ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH

(ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON)

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 26, 2020



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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.

PASTOR:

Rev. Michael K. Saah-Buckman, SSJ **DEACONS:** Michael V. Jenkins Darryl K. Drenon Frank J. Laugermann (Retired) PARISH SECRETARY Shirley M. Foreman.....x113 **DIR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** Unella Baber.....x103 ADULT FORMATION Deacon Michael V. Jenkins SVdP FOOD PANTRY Curtis Jones 713.731.2716 **CONTRIBUTIONS/MEMBERSHIP** Agnes Thompson HALL MANAGER Hilton S. Williams 713.542.0120 PLANT MANAGER Anthony Ray Gobert MAINTENANCE Violet & Harold Champ 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. 7:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m. Holy Days: **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

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



MASS INTENTIONS

ALL MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE SAID BY FATHER MICHAEL IN HIS DAILY PRIVATE MASS. SAT. 04/25/2020 Kristina M. Chaney (D) Family & Friends Joseph Duplechaine/Earlene Duplechaine The Duplechaine Family Rev. August Thompson (D) Levan & Dolores Ledet Marian Richardson (L) Morris & Melanie Washington Deacon Albert Henry (D) – The Family SUN. 04/26/2020 People of the Parish Kristina M. Chaney (D) Family & Friends M/M John Hall Jefferson (D) James & Bonnie Jefferson Justin Smith (L) – Eva Lewis Lauretha Sellers (D) Ben & Delores Catalon Mary L. Zenon (D) – Cheryl Hurts Amy Landry Gallow & Dallas Gallow, Sr. Wanda Dixon/Family John L. Stewart (D) – Sisters & Brother Marshall Thibodeau (D) – Barbara Moses MON. 04/27/2020 *Carl Davis (D)* – Margaret Chaney TUE. 04/28/2020 *Rev Chester Smith. SVD (D)* WED. 04/29/2020 Deacon Darryl Drenon (L) Special Intention 04/30/2020 THUR. *Irene Hutchins (D)* – The Chaney Family FRI. 05/01/2020 Arthur Baltrip, Sr. (D) The Baltrip Family Lynell & Jessie Green – Joy Roy York



Additional Easter Lilies Donations

Harry Alexander......In Memory of Yolanda Alexander

NOTICE!!!

The Parish Office will be Closed until further notice.



There is free COVID-19 testing for all (including those without symptoms and those outside citv

limit). Individuals must first call 832-393-4220 to get an assigned #. There are a few questions and you will be directed to your preferred testing site.

3rd Sunday of Easter

Alfred.



Deacon Alfred Abram, Algy Joseph Broussard. Margaret Cadoree, Mary Augustine Chenier, Nicole

Fontenet, Ursula Gross, Jimmy Harris, Willie Mae Henderson, Craig Jackson, Brooke Joseph, Helen Kennison, JoAnn LaSane, Hazel Lewis, Laurenzia Lewis, Eugene Mallery, Cynthia Ann Malone, Patrick Martell, Ronald Martin, Sr., Shannon Martin, Willie Martin Jr., Dorothy Milstead, Vy. Rev. William L. Norvel, SSJ, Carolyn Ollison, Helen Foreman Orsort, Cynethia Pichon, William Pierre Sr., Victoria Powell, Marcelle Prevost, Carole Pryor, Evelyn Roberts, Oliver Rose, Simon Smith, Joyce Stagg, MacKenzie Swanks, Kennedi Swanks, Erma Taylor, Pamela Thibodeaux, Ronald Walcott, Agnes Williams, Elizabeth 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.



Visit the Parish Website: www.sfxhouston.com and click on the Facebook Icon at the bottom of the page.

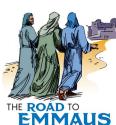
Lord, we pray for all our current military service members and first responders who put their own lives on the line every day in order to protect our families and our country. Army: Barbara Baber, Sade Beck. Wadie Troy Butler, Shanta Charles,

Josiah Charles, Stephen Jones, LaTrov King, Garv Christian Robertson, Anthony Lamar Smith II, David Stagnoli, Jordan T. McCorkle, Essence L. Casteel Navv: Alvin Balthazar, Debreanna Brown, Jermaine Ceaser, Kevin Crockett, Courtney Harris, Nia D. Hawkins,

Randolph J. Navy III, Anthony N. Russell, Christian Johnson, Hope Bethany Johnson Air Force:

Roderick Jones, Joffre Lander, Bena Sellers, Terrance J Valiare, Thomas Q Valiare II Marines Alyssa Dugar, Reginald Ward

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



The Gospel reading that we hear today is a familiar one. A pair of disciples encounter the risen Lord on the road to Emmaus.

Despite Jesus walking right alongside them for miles, they fail to recognize him, distracted as they are by the events of the past three days. As we listen to Peter's and Luke's accounts of events that took place shortly after the Resurrection, let us recognize our Lord in his word.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK **Sunday** – April 26 Third Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14, 22-33 Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 1 Peter 1:17-21 Luke 24:13-35 **Monday – April 27** Acts 6:8-15 Psalm 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 John 6:22-29 **Tuesday – April 28** Saint Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest Acts 2:36-41 Psalm 31:3-4, 6, 7, 8, 17, 21 John 30-35 □ Wednesday – April 29 Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church Acts 7:51-8:1 Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7 John 6:35-40 **Thursday – April 30** Saint Pius V, Pope Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 John 6:44-51 **First Friday – May 1** Saint Joseph the Worker, Priest & Martyr Acts 9:1-20 Psalm 117:1, 2 John 6:52-59 **First Saturday – May 2** Saint Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Acts 9:31-42 Psalm 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 John 6:60-69



The last day for the 2019-2020 CCE Class Year is May 9th. All Home Study assignments must be complete and returned No Later Than May 6th.



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.



in the pandemic can be Life stressful. Catholic Charities has expert bilingual counselors who can help for free during the COVID-19 pandemic. Call Catholic Charities' Mental Health Line from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to request a session, and a licensed counselor will call you back within a day. Call 713-874-6590. Food pantries are open for drive-through food distribution with hours each week at our three locations: Guadalupe Center in Houston; Mamie George Community Center in Richmond; Beacon of Hope Center in Galveston. For hours call the COVID Assistance Line at 713-874-6521.



Remembering our Call to Stewardship

As Catholics, we believe that all we have is a gift from God. Our response in faith is to offer these gifts back to God in gratitude. With gifts of prayer, we pray for our nation, Church, and our parishes. With gifts of treasure, we support our parishes even when we cannot be there in person. Sign up for Faith Direct by visiting www.faith.direct.net/TX632, or text 'Enroll' to 281-949-7600. You may choose to temporarily use this online giving tool until we return to normalcy, then you can discontinue using Faith Direct and return to your original form of giving (check or cash using your church envelope). Contact the Parish Bookkeeper, Edwin Vallery at 281-825-1657.



To everyone on the front line during these challenging times:

CLERGY: Rev. Michael Saah-Buckman, Deacon Michael Jenkins, Deacon Daryll Drenon

HEALTH CARE: Artrica Yvette Dozier, Margaret Drenon, Cassandra Green, Sheila Harris, Barbara Forbes-Moses, Lois Obiozor, Annie Robertson, Dr. Chantee Vavasseur, Felecia Ward

MAIL DELIVERY: Wanda DeBose, Stephanie Jackson

BULLETIN SERVICE: Jenero Mitchell VIDEO SERVICE: Abra Charles PARISH STAFF/VOLUNTEERS:

Unella Baber, Evelyn Briggs, Violet & Harold Champ, Orell Dargin, Michael Dozier, Shirley Foreman, Jerry Givens, JoAnne Henderson, Hope Jackson, Curtis Jones, Agnes Thompson, Edwin Vallery



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today. Right now over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territory because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

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

2020 LENTEN FISH FRY REPORT

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard on the Lenten Fish Fry. Unfortunately, the effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic made a significant impact to our bottom line this year. We look forward to getting back on track in 2021. We have been blessed to do as well as we did in 2020. The financial summary is as follows:

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Fotal Income	\$21,836.00
Fotal Expenses	\$11,044.00
Net Income	\$10,792.00



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 <u>cancel</u> the Unity Explosion-Region X 2020 Conference scheduled for July 15-19, 2020, in Beaumont, Texas. For additional information, please refer to the Unity Explosion website:

www.unityexplosion-regionx.com

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 bevond 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 us. Amen

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 26, 2020 "Were not our hearts burning within us while He spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" Luke 24:32



A Heart Transplant

AS Believers and followers of the Risen Christ, we are called to live our lives differently from non-believers or from those who choose not to follow Christ. We are not to think of ourselves as better than other people-for this is clearly forbidden in Scripture, but we are to live differently. "Do nothing from selfishness or conceit, but in humility count others better than yourselves." Philippians 2:3

In the Gospel readings [Luke 24:13-35], two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus. They were sad and confused about the death of Jesus. As they journeyed, Jesus (now risen from the dead) joins them-but the disciples do not recognize Him. Jesus called them "foolish" for not believing the prophets. As Jesus interpreted the Scriptures relating to Him-the disciples hearts began to "burn". Instead of being filled with gloom and hopelessness, the disciples should have been rejoicing that Jesus was raised from the dead!

We have our share of funerals at St. Francis Xavier. On several occasions, there maybe (understandably) a lot of crying and sadness in the audience. At the beginning of the funeral Mass everyone stands and the Pastor, Father Michael, and I will process down the aisle and stand in front of the steps of the altar. Father Michael will ask everyone to be seated. He reminds those present- that as Believers we are to grieve differently from the world. He will often quote or paraphrase

I Thessalonians 4:13-14, which says: We do not want you to be unaware, brothers [and sisters], about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with Him those who have fallen asleep. Fr. Michael reminds the assembly that we have hope in the Risen Christ. Some Believers at the funeral will often shout "Amen!" What causes this reaction in Believers? Let me illustrate.

On February 14, 2020, *ABC Nightly News* aired a story about a Texas father who listened to his dead son's heartbeat in the chest of a woman who received his heart as a transplant. The father, Jordan Spahn and his son Matthew Spahn were very close. At the age of 21, Matthew (an award-winning runner) was tragically struck by a vehicle walking home and later died in October 2018. Kristi Russ received Matthew's heart. About 20 months later, Kristi held a stethoscope to her chest

so Jordan could listen to his dead son's heartbeat. Jordan didn't want Matthew's death to be in vain. He has donated seven organs, saving the lives of up to five people.

Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of Our Heavenly Father was also tragically killed. He was raised from the dead by Almighty God. Now the Father wants people to receive His Son's heart for eternal salvation. Here is a prayer to receive the Risen Christ.

Dear Jesus Christ, please come into my life and my heart. I believe You died for me and that Your Heavenly Father raised You from the dead. Forgive me of my sins. I receive Your Precious Blood that You shed on the cross. Thank you for coming into my life. Amen!

If God were to take His divine stethoscope and place it on the chest of your life, would He hear the heartbeat of His Risen Son?

Deacon Jenkins <><

MAY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	27 NO CCE	28 Bible Study	29	30 Line Dance Class	1 FIRST FRIDAY	2 NO CCE
Home Missions Collection Visit Parish Website www.sfxhouston.com for list of Online and TV Mass Schedules	CLASSES Parish Office Closed	Cancelled Parish Office Closed	BLESSINGS ON YOUR BIRTHDAY Deacon Drenon's Birthday Parish Office Closed 6:00 PM Stewardship Committee Conference Call	Cancelled Parish Office Closed	ADORATION CANCELLED Parish Office Closed	CLASSES
3 STEWARDSHIP S UNDAY Visit Parish Website www.sfxhouston.com for list of Online and TV Mass Schedules	4 NO CCE CLASSES Parish Office Closed	5 Bible Study Cancelled Parish Office Closed	6 COMPLETE CCE HOME STUDY ASSIGNMENTS Parish Office Closed	7 Line Dance Class Cancelled Parish Office Closed	8 Parish Office Closed	9 LAST DAY for 2019-2020 CCE CLASSES
10 Wisit Parish Website www.sfxhouston.com for list of Online and TV Mass Schedules	11 Parish Office Closed	12 Bible Study Cancelled Parish Office Closed	13 Parish Office Closed	14 Line Dance Class Cancelled Parish Office Closed	15 Pastor is Pastor	16
17 <i>The Spirit of Truth</i> Visit Parish Website www.sfxhouston.com for list of Online and TV Mass Schedules	18 Parish Office Closed	19 Bible Study Cancelled Parish Office Closed	20 Parish Office Closed	21 Scension Line Dance Class Cancelled Parish Office Closed	22 Parish Office Closed	23
24 Visit Parish Website www.sfxhouston.com for list of Online and TV Mass Schedules	25 MEMORIAL DAY Parish Office Closed	26 Happy Anniversary Bible Study Cancelled Deacon Frank J. Laugermann Anniversary Parish Office Closed	27 Parish Office Closed	28 Line Dance Class Cancelled Parish Office Closed	29 Parish Office Closed	30
31 Visit Parish Website www.sfxhouston.com for list of Online and TV Mass Schedules	1 Parish Office Closed	2 Bible Study Cancelled Parish Office Closed	3 Parish Office Closed 6:00 PM Stewardship Committee Conference Call	4 Line Dance Class Cancelled Parish Office Closed	5 FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION CANCELLED Parish Office Closed	6





CELEBRATES MAY BJRTHDAYS

MAY 2

Allison Andrews Zachary Daniels Eva Lee Lewis MAY 3 Malcolm Barras **Rose Braxton** MAY 5 Allen Arceneaux Rhonda Bobino Virginia Williams MAY 6 Jeanie Ashiru Ulma Grace **Jasmine Hadrick** Kamryn Johnson Latisha Marshall Mikennah Poullard **Celeste Vershier** MAY 7 Julie Heath MAY 8 Avante' Robertson MAY 9 Anthony Burnett Mellonee H. Faultry Calvin Lockett **MAY 10** Ethel Holloway **MAY 11** Allie Ellis **Roosevelt Elo** Lois Frank

MAY 11

Alfred Nwokobia Deon Roberts MAY 12

Yolanda Braxton **Dalton Broussard Tyler Edwards** Herbert Goodwin III Kennedi Sam-Davis **MAY** 13 **Jacqueline Dominique** Lester Donaie Angela Eugene **Rudy Johnson III** Tony C. Johnson **MAY** 14 Carl Eugene **Carlton Eugene** Tia Parker Sakeia Thomas

MAY 15

Ocie M. Ambres Mary Comeaux MAY 16

Mary Chevis Ida Davis Edward Etienne Andetra Fennie Jesenya Ruiz

MAY 17

Megan Higgins Emily Sam

MAY 18

Anita Asuquo Helena Spain **Edward Taylor MAY 19 Eugene Chevis** Shawn Johnson Alton Mayon **Rosemary Walker MAY 20** LaDonda Chenier Mabel Johnson Naomi Knighten Noah Knighten **MAY 21** Timothy Black Rosella Gibson Mardie Jones **MAY 22** William Citizen, Jr. Landyn Eaglin **Corsondra** Lewis **Ophelia** J. Phillips **MAY 24** Donnie Collier, Jr. Maribel Crespo **Kassadie Neal** Michael Neal, Ir. **MAY 25 Richard Bostic** Svlvia E. Ofordile **Devin** Trim

MAY 26

Kassandra Malveaux Javon C. Mose Madison Newton Charles J. White **MAY 27** Hal Bobino Anthony Brown **Oliver Burbridge Cvd Duplechaine-Peters** Guadalupe Salazar **Curtis Trotman MAY 28 Rewa Fyles Bri Ashley Williams MAY 29 Mylah Elaine Andrus Jeremiah Batiste** Marilda A. Dupree Larry Lewis Randolph Navy, Jr. Victoria Powell Lionel Russell IV **MAY 30 Calvin Campos Donald Green** Aharon Henry **Deacon Michael Jenkins MAY 31** Antoinette Auzenne Nancy Calvin **Orell Dargin**



THE MONTH OF MAY (*IN WEDDING DATE ORDER*)

MAY 2 Russell & Annie Robinson (20 yrs)

MAY 8 Darrell & Natasha Arline (6 yrs)

MAY 5 Benjamin & Delores Catalon (63 yrs)

MAY 6 Joseph & Helen Robert (26 yrs)

MAY 9 Robert & Thelma Carmouche, Sr. (56 yrs)

MAY 12 Raymond & Dollie Moore (36 yrs)

MAY 15

Jimmie & Angela Conway (16 yrs) Wallace & Synora Ledet (12 yrs) Ricky & Laurencia Riles (27 yrs)

MAY 18

Frederick & Geraldine Haskin (57 yrs) Simon & Shirley Smith (63 yrs)

MAY 19

Paul & Norma Rayme (58 yrs)

MAY 20 Reginald & Corliss Ward (28 yrs)

MAY 21 Cyprian & Lois Obiozor (37 yrs)

MAY 26 Anthony & Shelia Jackson (24vrs)

MAY 27

Marcus & Melissa Brewer (24 yrs) Adamaley & Mabel Johnson (20 yrs) Norris & Barbara LeBlanc (50 yrs)

MAY 29

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Joseph & Phoebe Babineaux (38 yrs)



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