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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 23, 2020



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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.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SAT. 02/22/2020 5:00PM
People of the Parish

SUN. 02/23/2020 7:30AM
Kristina M. Chaney (D)
 Family & Friends
Dexter Brown (L) – P.A. Piper

SUN. 02/23/2020 10:00AM
M/M Andouche Cureaux (D)
 James & Bonnie Jefferson
Bettye Connor Hill (D)
 Singleton & Hill Family
Provost Family (L) – Mary Provost
Roger & Ella Reed (D)
 Theresa Chambers
Edward Ray Chavis, Jr. (D)
 Edward R. Chavis Family

SUN. 02/23/2020 12:15PM
Amy Landry Gallow & Dallas Gallow, Sr.
 Wanda Dixon/Family
Leslie Horton (L) – P.A. Piper

MON. 02/24/2020 7:00AM
Beatrice Dugas Foreman (D)
 Shirley & Belinda Foreman

TUE. 02/25/2020 7:00AM
John & Mary Buckman (D)
Elizabeth Nyankah (D)

WED. 02/26/2020 7:00AM
Louis Thompson, Jr. (D)
 Marian Richardson & Family
Joseph Holley (L) – Wanda & Florence

WED. 02/26/2020 12:00PM
COMMUNION SERVICE WITH ASHES

WED. 02/26/2020 7:00PM
People of the Parish

THUR. 02/27/2020 7:00AM
Mary Richard (L) – John Richard

FRI. 02/28/2020 7:00AM
Vocations



Deacon Alfred Abram, Algy Alfred, Paula Bowman, Joseph Broussard, Margaret Cadoree, Mary Augustine Chenier, Nicole Fontenet, Ursula Gross, Jimmy Harris, Stacy Harris, Willie Mae Henderson, Brooke Joseph, Gaston Joseph, Helen Kennison, JoAnn LaSane, Hazel Lewis, Laurenzia Lewis, Eugene Mallery, Cynthia Ann Malone, Patrick Martell, Barbara Martin, Shannon Martin, Dorothy Milstead, Vy. Rev. William L. Norvel, SSJ, Carolyn Ollison, Helen Foreman Orsort, Cynethia Pichon, William Pierre Sr., Marcelle Prevost, Evelyn Roberts, Oliver Rose, Simon Smith, Joyce Stagg, MacKenzie Swanks, Kennedi Swanks, Erna Taylor, Pamela Thibodeaux, Paul Valsin, Agnes Williams, Patricia Williams, Mary L. Zenon 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, Jordan T. McCorkle, Essence L. Casteel

Navy:

Alvin Balthazar, Debreaanna 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

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



In the first line of the first reading we hear God tell Moses, “Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.” Then in the last line of the Gospel Jesus tells his disciples, “Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.” How’s that for a challenge? Not only are we told to be holy, we are told to be perfect! The truth is that we can be neither without God’s help. Listening to today’s readings, note how Father, Son, and Holy Spirit can perfect in us their earthly dwelling.

READINGS

FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday – February 23**
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18
 Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13
 1 Corinthians 3:16-23
 Matthew 5:38-48
- **Monday – February 24**
 James 3:13-18
 Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15
 Mark 9:14-29
- **Tuesday – February 25**
 James 4:1-10
 Psalm 55:7-8, 9-10, 10-11, 23
 Mark 9:30-37
- **Wednesday – February 26**
Ash Wednesday
 Joel 2:12-18
 Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17
 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2
 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
- **Thursday – February 27**
 Deuteronomy 30:15-20
 Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6
 Luke 9:22-25
- **Friday – February 28**
 Isaiah 58:1-9
 Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 18-19
 Matthew 9:14-15
- **Saturday – February 29**
 Isaiah 58:9-14
 Psalm 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
 Luke 5:27-32



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



February 24th6:00pm

6th – 10th CCE CLASSES

Black History Program

February 29th 9:30am

PreK-5th CCE CLASSES

RCIA

What is the Rite of Sending?

Across the entire world, Catholic bishops on the first Sunday of Lent will welcome those sent by the parish to gather together with their godparents and sponsors in what is known as the Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion. The Rite of Sending offers the parish community an opportunity to acknowledge the spiritual progress the catechumens and candidates have made, express approval of their election or recognition, and send them forth to our bishop with assurance of the parish's care and support. To send a catechumen or candidate to the bishop means that a parish has discerned that the person is ready to enter the Catholic church. In Sacred Scripture, the Book of Revelation makes reference to a "Book of Life," in which are written the name of those who have chosen to follow the Lord Jesus and be baptized. In this Rite, those preparing for Baptism are invited to come forward and sign a book, which we call the "Book of the Elect," as a sign of their desire to be numbered among the chosen of God.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, March 28, 2020

10:00am-4:00pm

St. Mary of the Purification
2020 Celebration of Faith for Catholic
Youth of African Descent



Registration is now open - click the link below to Cvent for registration info:

<https://archgh.cvent.com/2020CoFAfr>

Parish access code is needed to register.

Contact Demetra Lewis @ 832-978-4247

or Unella Baber @ 713-731-2775 for the SFX Parish Code.

Join us Saturday, March 7, 2020

At 10am for

Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church
Annual

Women's Day

Mass & Celebration

Homilist - Fr. Rodney J. Armstrong,
SSJ

Speaker - Evelyn Wagner-Wright
Topic: **Black Women in the Catholic Church**

Ministers of Music-Men's Choir,
Directed by Toni Dunn
Fellowship in Social Center after Mass.
Our color this year is black w/white
pearls.

Please come out and bring a friend as
we celebrate the work of women in the
church and praise the might God we
serve.

Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church
4000 Sumpter St. Houston, TX 77020

NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend all parishes in the Archdiocese will take up the **Collection for Black and Indian Missions**. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection as we have an opportunity to be part of the Church's missionary work and your gifts help share the faith by providing lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, as well as other programs.



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

We encourage all 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. This week the Chalice will reside in the home of **Theresa & Herman Rayme**.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance on February 15th and February 16th was **499**. Please come worship with us and bring a friend.



SFX GABRIEL PROJECT

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Ash Wednesday – February 26
Mass.....7:00am/7:00pm
Communion Service with Ashes
12:00pm (Noon)

Lenten Revival:

March 2, 3, 4

7:00pm

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent

6:00pm

Holy Week

Palm Sunday – April 5

Palm Procession - Prayer Garden to Church

Holy Thursday – April 9

Mass7:00pm

(No Morning Mass)

Good Friday – April 10

Passion Play 3:00pm

Outdoor Stations..... 4:00pm

Good Friday Service.....5:00pm

(No Mass)

Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)

April 11

Mass.....8:00pm

(No 5:00pm Mass)

Easter Sunday - April 12

Regular Mass Schedules

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LENTEN REVIVAL

The Father's Embrace - Luke 15:20

March 2nd 3rd and 4th

7:00PM



**Guest Revivalist
Rev. Dr. Ebenezer Akeseh
University of Notre Dame
South Bend, Indiana**

Rev. Ebenezer Akeseh, a diocesan priest of the Catholic Archdiocese of Accra, Ghana was ordained in 2002. As part of his ministry, Fr. Ebenezer spent 7 years at the University of Ghana, Legon as chaplain to the Catholic community in and around the University. He has a PhD in Moral Theology from the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana. His heartfelt desire is expressed in the following prayer: "Lord keep my lamp burning. May it be a ray of hope for someone traveling in the dark."

We welcome Father Ebenezer to St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church as our Lenten Revivalist.



Kickoff Newsletter

Today we begin our participation in the IGNITE: Our Faith, Our Mission campaign!

What to expect in the coming weeks:

Every parish household will be invited to a Campaign Reception to learn more about the IGNITE Campaign. These educational gatherings will provide parishioners an opportunity to learn more about the campaign and how it will benefit our parish, and to ask any questions about the project.

We will be hosting our receptions on the following days at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall:

Wednesday, March 18th
Thursday, March 19th

What is IGNITE?

This campaign is about supporting our future by focusing on our parishes, our future priests, Catholic Education and Faith Formation as well as Rebuilding in Light of Harvey and ensuring a Future Disaster Fund. The \$150 million will be used for the following purposes:



Each parish will receive 33% of all funds raised! Please attend one of our campaign receptions and find out what St. Francis Xavier will use its 33% return for.

Questions? Want to RSVP To a Reception? Contact the Parish Office!

Our parish will be working with Bryan Bedoya from Guidance In Giving throughout this project. If you would like to contact him he can be reached by phone, or email here at the parish office!



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Saturday, February 22, 2020



Smoked Turkey Legs

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Sunday February 23, 2020

(After all Masses)

Smoked Turkey Legs

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**Sausage, Red Beans &
Rice \$5.00**



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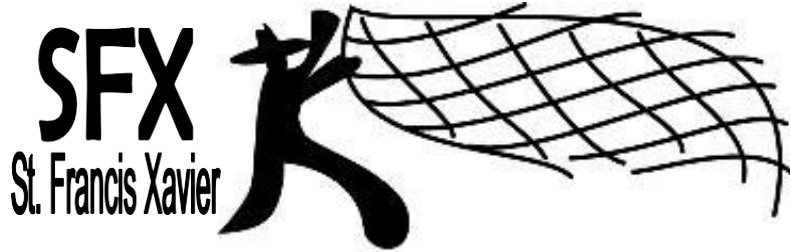
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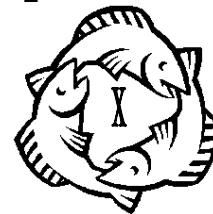
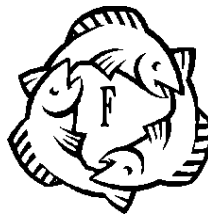
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LEAST 2 HOURS NOTICE)**

Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020

and Every Friday During Lent

11:00am - 6:00pm

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