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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:

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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. 01/04/20 5:00PM
Kristina M. Chaney (D)
 Family & Friends
Herbert Goodwin, Jr. (D)
 Stephanie Goodwin
Jasmine N. Johnson (L) – Wanda Johnson
R.L. Henderson (D)
 Willie Mae Henderson
Lauretha Sellers (D) – 5:00pm Ushers
Mary T. Cameron (D)
 Pamela Johnson/Family
Pamela Johnson (L) – Special Intention

SUN. 01/05/20 7:30AM
People of the Parish

SUN. 01/05/20 10:00AM
Kristina M. Chaney (D)
 Family & Friends
M/M Charles Camel (D)
 James & Bonnie Jefferson
Enola Smith (D) – Singleton Family
Rev. August Thompson (D)
 Marian Richardson & Family
Clarence & Lena Clement (D)
 Lorita Shields

SUN. 01/05/20 12:15PM
Rev. Sylvester Essien (D)


MON. 01/06/20 7:00AM
Beatrice Foreman Dugas (D)
 Shirley & Belinda Foreman

TUE. 01/07/20 7:00AM
John & Mary Buckman (D)
Elizabeth Nyankah (D)

WED. 01/08/20 7:00AM
Josephine Ama Buckman (D)


THUR. 01/09/20 7:00AM
Joseph Duplechaine (D)
 The Duplechaine Family

FRI. 01/10/20 7:00AM
Lucille Barriere (L)
 SFX Sisters in the Spirit



Bible Study Classes 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.

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.



Deacon Alfred Abram, Algy Alfred, Margaret Cadoree, Mary Augustine Chenier, Marie Green Cooper, Nicole Fontenet, Ursula Gross, Jimmy Harris, Stacy Lamar Harris, Willie Mae Henderson, Tracy Jackson, Gaston Joseph, Lee Edward Joubert, Helen Kennison, Markitha Labbe', JoAnn LaSane, Hazel Lewis, 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., Leo Prescott, Marcelle Prevost, Thomas Randle, Norman Richardson, Evelyn Roberts, Wilson Robertson, Oliver Rose, Evelyn Smith, Simon Smith, Joyce Stagg, MacKenzie Swanks, Kennedi Swanks, Erma Taylor, Pamela Thibodeaux, Deborah Elaine Wilder, 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

ATTENDANCE

Attendance on December 28th and December 29th was **464**. Please come worship with us and bring a friend.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



A light shine for all to see, revealing God's glory and drawing people from all over. In Isaiah the light is in Jerusalem, the holy city, attracting kings and caravans. In the Gospel, the light is in the sky over Bethlehem, attracting magi from the east. Paul preaches that the light shines equally for all, Jews and Gentiles, "copartners" in the promise of salvation. Let us listen today from all the foreign places and peoples. They enable us to sing, "every nation on earth will adore you."

READINGS

FOR THE WEEK

Sunday – January 5

Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

Monday – January 6

Saint Andre Bessette, Religious

1 John 3:22-4:6

Psalms 2:7-8, 10-12

Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday – January 7

Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

1 John 4:7-10

Psalms 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8

Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday – January 8

1 John 4:11-18

Psalms 72:1-2, 10, 12-13

Mark 6:45-52

Thursday – January 9

1 John 4:19-5:4

Psalms 72:1-2, 14, 15, 17

Luke 4:14-22

Friday – January 10

1 John 5:5-13

Psalms 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20

Luke 5:12-16

Saturday – January 11

1 John 5:14-21

Psalms 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 9

John 3:22-30



January 6th6:00pm

6th -10th CCE CLASSES

January 11th 9:30am

PreK-5th CCE CLASSES

RCIA

Who is RCIA for?

1. Persons in need of Baptism.
2. Persons baptized in another Christian tradition who desire to become Catholic.
3. Persons baptized Catholic in need of First Communion and/or Confirmation.

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



KPC Day of Prayer Committee

Day of Prayer Committee will meet **Wednesday, January 8th at 7:00pm** in the Harris Center.

KPC, Jr.'s Day of Prayer meeting is **Sunday, January 5th at 11:30am** in the Harris Center.

Pastoral Council Meeting

is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 8th at 6:00pm**. Please call the Parish Office to be placed on the agenda.



Ministers of Hospitality will meet on **Thursday, January 9th**, at **6:30pm** in the Harris Center Auditorium.



The Christian Women Organization

will host a bake sale in the Harris Center after the **7:30am** and **10:00am** Masses on **Sunday, January 12th**. Please give them your support.

Stewardship Intention Card



God will soon bless us with another New Year! Just as in the past, you are given the opportunity to again make a financial commitment to St. Francis Xavier parish. You are invited to commit to giving tithes and offerings by completing a **Call to Stewardship Intention Card**. These cards were mailed in your January Envelope packet and will be collected during all Masses this weekend (*Stewardship Intention Weekend*). If you do not receive envelopes, we will have cards in the pews and in the vestibule of the church. Giving to God is a wonderful practice throughout a believer's life. It is so because it means that we are serious about showing our appreciation to God, who has enabled us to have all the blessings we enjoy daily. It is also an indication that we love God and want to show it by what we give. What every tither seems to learn is that tithing is not a hardship, but a genuine joy.

Thank you in advance for renewing your financial commitment to God and to your church family.

STOCK/GIFT DONATION
 Many parishioners donate annually during this holiday season with gifts of stock. Contact the Parish Office at **(713) 738-2311** for assistance in making a gift or stock donation to St. Francis Xavier.



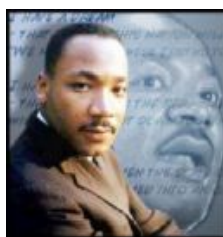
By supporting St. Francis Xavier, both you and our parish can save some time and peace of mind with Faith Direct or eGiving. To sign-up visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: **TX632**, or text the word **ENROLL** to **281-949-7600**. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family. God Bless You, *Rev. Michael K. Saah Buckman, SSJ*



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Stewardship Sunday

That we are generous with all of our gifts, especially the one thing that means the most to us. "Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Matthew 2:11 The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you.



MLK Mass

The MLK Mass of Remembrance will be held Sunday, **January 19, 2020**, at **3:00pm** at the Co-Cathedral of the

Sacred Heart, 1111 St. Joseph Parkway Houston, TX 77002. Most Rev. Joseph A. Fiorenza, Archbishop Emeritus will be the main celebrant. Rev. Reginald Samuels, Vicar for Catholics of African Descent will be the Homilist. For more information contact the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston @ 713-652-8203. Reception immediately following in the Cathedral Centre.

DAY OF PRAYER | SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2020
 HOSTED BY: KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER - UNIT 138

Save the Date

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 Love One Another... Just As I Have Loved You... John 13:34

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