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BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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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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Frank J. Laugermann (Retired)

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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.

WELCOME VISITORS AND

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MASS INTENTIONS

SAT. 01/11/2020 5:00PM
Kristina M. Chaney (D)
 Family & Friends
Leo E. Prescott, Jr. – Wanda Johnson
Lauretha Sellers (D) – Agnes Thompson
Richardson/Thompson Families (L)
 Morris & Melanie Washington
Gilmore/Washington Families (L)
 Morris & Melanie Washington
R.L. Henderson (D)
 Willie Mae Henderson

SUN. 01/12/20 20 7:30AM
Dorothy & Russell Stelly (D)
 Theresa G. Savoy
Kristina M. Chaney (D)
 Family & Friends
Clematis Potts (D) – J. Chynell Fisher

SUN. 01/12/2020 10:00AM
People of the Church

SUN. 01/12/2020 12:15PM
Julian Forté (D) – Mary Ida Reed

MON. 01/13/2020 7:00AM
Vocations

TUE. 01/14/2020 7:00AM
Lauretha Sellers (D)
 Florence McChristian
Thomas Burney (D) – Betty Burney

WED. 01/15/2020 7:00AM
John & Mary Buckman (D)
Elizabeth Nyankah (D)

THUR. 01/16/2020 7:00AM
Josephite Priests/Brothers (L/D)

FRI. 01/17/2020 7:00AM
Beatrice Begron (D) – Audrey Otis



Deacon Alfred Abram,
 Algy Alfred, Margaret
 Cadoree, Mary Augustine
 Chenier, Nicole Fontenet,
 Ursula Gross, Jimmy
 Harris, Willie Mae Henderson, Tracy
 Jackson, Gaston Joseph, Helen Kennison,
 JoAnn LaSane, Lee Edward Joubert, 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, Norman
 Richardson, Evelyn Roberts, 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 January 4th and January 5th was **563**. Please come worship with us and bring a friend.

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BAPTISM OF THE LORD



The Son of God is gradually revealed to the world. Isaiah speaks of the servant of the Lord who brings justice and compassion. Peter preaches to a group of Gentiles, telling them that God was with Jesus as he brought hope and healing to all people. Finally, we hear the Father's voice from the heavens at Jesus' baptism: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." May we see him revealed today in the Word, in the Eucharist, and in each other.

READINGS

FOR THE WEEK

Sunday – January 12

Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Psalms 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

Acts 10:34-38

Matthew 3:13-17

Monday – January 13

Saint Hilary, Bishop &

Doctor of the Church

1 Samuel 1:1-8

Psalms 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19

Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday – January 14

1 Samuel 1:9-20

(Psalms) 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8

Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday – January 15

1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20

Psalms 40:2, 5, 7-8, 9, 10

Mark 1:29-39

Thursday – January 16

1 Samuel 4:1-11

Psalms 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25

Mark 1:40-45

Friday – January 17

Saint Anthony, Abbot

1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22

Psalms 89:16-17, 18-19

Mark 2:1-12

Saturday – January 18

1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1

Psalms 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

Mark 2:13-17



Newly elected Officers of the **55+ Club** were installed at the 7:30am Mass on January 5, 2020.

Herbert "Red" Archer.....President
 Lucille Barriere.....Vice-President
 Michael Dozier.....Secretary
 Theresa G. Savoy.....Treasurer



January 13th6:00pm
6th -10th CCE CLASSES
January 18th 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.



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.



Day of Prayer

Hosted by KPC Unit 138

*Love One Another:
Resolutions for Life*

Guest Speaker, Rev. Stephen Sohe, SSJ
Saturday, January 25, 2020
8:00am – 1:00pm

St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall
Registration form and payment (\$10/person; \$5/person ages 7-17) are due by January 19, 2020. There is NO on-site registration. Registration forms are in the vestibule of the Church. Contact Ingrid Singleton at 832-545-4411 or Gwen Reed-Lamothe at 832-594-5255 for more information.

2019 DSF Update

As of January 9, 2020, we are left with a balance of **\$13,528.19** for our 2019 DSF goal. Thank you to everyone that participated in the Campaign. The Archdiocese is still tallying contributions and we will continue to report our status as we receive updates.

Stewardship Intention Card



We are given the opportunity to again make a financial commitment to St. Francis Xavier parish this year. 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. If you do not receive envelopes, there are 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.



The Christian Women Organization

BAKE SALE will host a bake sale in the Harris Center after the **7:30am** and **10:00am** Masses this weekend. Please give them your support.



The next payment for the South Africa trip is due **January 31, 2020**. Final payment is due **April 22, 2020**. Contact **Ronald Ward** at heavenly-matched@hotmail.com for more info.



ADORERS NEEDED

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held every **First Friday** from **8:00am to 6:00pm**

We are in need of Adorers for the hours of 11:00am, 3:00pm & 5:00pm. Please discern whether you can give an hour of your time to Jesus in Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Sign-up in the vestibule of the Church.



Meetings This Week

Finance Council.....Wed - 6:00pm
55+ Club.....Thur - 2:00pm



When to Take Down Christmas Decorations

The Church's liturgical season of Christmas ends in the Ordinary Form of the Roman Rite with the movable feast of the Baptism of the Lord. After revisions to the missal in 1962, the calendar of the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite marks the end of Christmas on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, fixed to Jan. 13th. Previously, it had been a long standing tradition to mark the end of Christmastime on Feb. 2 — the feast of the Lord's Presentation in the Temple, which is literally 40 days after Christmas, as indicated in Scripture. Our homes are to be domestic churches, where God is at the center of our family life, as our call is to worship Him always and everywhere. And, so it is important for us to live liturgically in the home. So, it's recommended that if we put up Christmas decorations, we should consider keeping them up until the end of the Church's liturgical season of Christmas. But this isn't always possible. While we might need to discard our tree earlier, we can always keep up a Nativity scene longer, until the feast of the Lord's baptism or even until Feb. 2nd. However you choose to keep Christmas alive in your home is ultimately up to you. (Michael R. Heinlein is editor of *Simply Catholic*. Follow him on Twitter @HeinleinMichael.)

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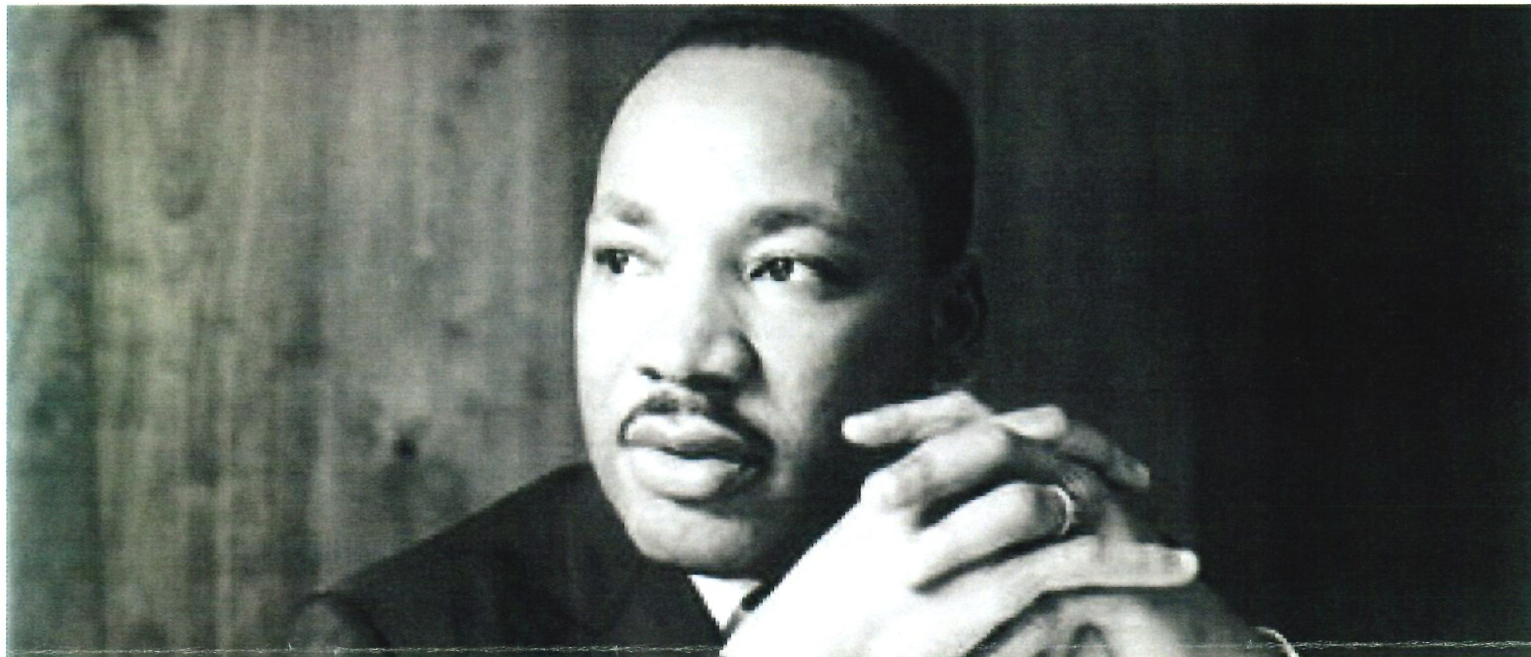
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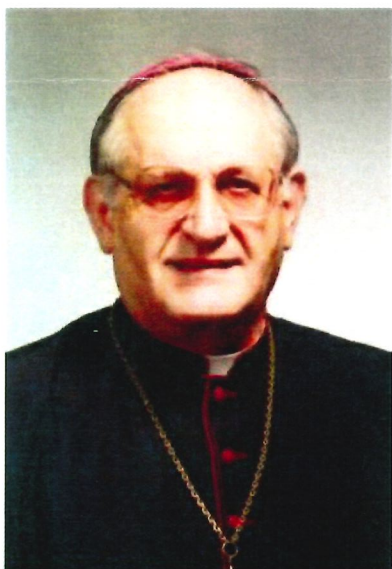
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**SUNDAY
AFTERNOON**

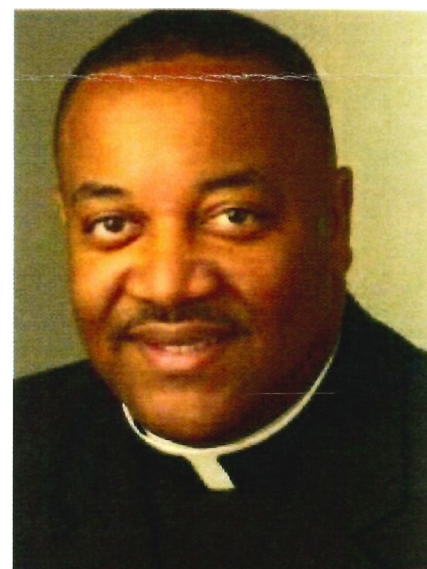
January 19, 2020

3:00PM

Reception to follow in the Cathedral Centre



Most Rev. Joseph A. Fiorenza
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MAIN CELEBRANT



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