# **ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH**

(ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON)

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**JANUARY 26, 2020** 



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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. 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.

### 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:**

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

SAT. 01/25/2020 5:00PM People of the Parish SUN. 01/26/2020 7:30AM Theresa & Clayton Lemelle (D) Theresa G. Savoy Kristina M. Chanev (D) Family & Friends Alonzo Richardson (D) Marian Richardson & Family SUN. 01/26/2020 10:00AM *Lillian Randle (D)* - Mary Provost *Enola Rabotte (D)* – Mary Provost Melba Camel (D) James & Bonnie Jefferson Artist DeWalt (D) – Ingrid Singleton Charolette Francois Davis (D) Sr. Odessa Stanford SUN. 01/26/2020 12:15PM Lawrence Lewis (D) - Family MON. 01/27/2020 7:00AM Fr. Jose Mundadan (D) TUE. 01/28/2020 7:00AM James Lacy, Jr. (D) Florence & J. B. Holley WED. 01/29/2020 7:00AM Vocations THUR. 01/30/2020 7:00AM Charolette Francois Davis (D) SFX Sisters in the Spirit FRI. 01/31/2020 7:00AM Calvin Forbes (D) 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Death

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

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GERARD SAVOY 1956-2019

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Deacon Alfred Abram, Algy Alfred, Margaret Cadoree, Mary Augustine Chenier, Norah Coleman, Nicole Fontenet, Ursula

Gross, Jimmy Harris, Willie Mae Henderson, Gaston Joseph, Helen Kennison, JoAnn LaSane, Lee Edward Joubert, Hazel 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., Victoria Powell, Leo Prescott, Marcelle Prevost, Evelyn Roberts, Patrice Robinson, Oliver Rose, Evelvn Smith, Simon Smith, Joyce Stagg, MacKenzie Swanks, Kennedi Swanks, Erma Taylor, Pamela Thibodeaux, Lorraine Walker, 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.



Happy Anniversary!

COME, FOLLOW ME, which travel

THIRD SUNDAY IN

**ORDINARY TIME** 



The road on which we travel constantly changes. Isaiah preaches about darkness and distress being replaced by light and rejoicing.

Paul encourages the divided Corinthian community to unite in the name of Jesus. In Matthew, Jesus calls the first apostles who leave their way of life and follow him. As we listen to today's readings, notice how people are changed by the Light of the world.

> READINGS FOR THE WEEK **Sunday – January 26** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 8:23-9:3 Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 Matthew 4:12-23 **Monday** – January 27 Saint Angela Merici, Virgin & **Religious** Founder 2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10 Psalm 89:20, 21-22, 25-26 Mark 3:22-30 **Tuesday – January 28** Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church 2 Samuel 6:12-15, 17-19 Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10 Mark 3:31-35 Wednesday – January 29 2 Samuel 7:4-17 Psalm 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30 Mark 4:1-20 Thursday – January 30 2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29 Psalm 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14 Mark 4:21-25 **Friday – January 31** Saint John Bosco, Priest 2 Samuel 11:1-4, 5-10, 13-17 Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 7, 10-11 Mark 4:26-34 **Saturday – February 1** 2 Samuel 12:1-7, 10-17 Psalm 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 Mark 4:35-41



6th – 10<sup>th</sup> CCE CLASSES



## 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.



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.



. The Stewardship Committee will meet at 6:00pm in the Harris Center, on Wednesday,

January 29<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to attend.

## MARDI GRAS SCHOLARSHIP DANCE



The Mardi Gras Scholarship Dance is Saturday, February 1, 2020, from

**8:00pm to 12:00am** at St. Francis Xavier in the Parish Hall. Donations are \$65 per person or \$520 for a table of eight and include dinner and drinks. Proceeds benefitting Saint Francis Xavier Scholarship Fund. Prizes for best costume, umbrella and mask.



SFX GABRIEL PROJECT Pregnant? Need Help? Call 713-225-5826

# 2019 DSF Update



As of January 20, 2020, we are left with a balance of **\$2,965.17** owed to the Archdiocese.

Thank you to everyone that participated in the 2019 Campaign. The Archdiocese is still tallying contributions, and we will continue to report our status as we receive updates.



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 next payment for the South Africa trip is due **by January 31, 2020**. Final payment is due April 22, 2020. Contact Ronald Ward at <u>heavenlymatched@hotmail.com</u> for more info.



Attendance on January 18<sup>th</sup> and January 19<sup>th</sup> was **527.** Please come worship with us and bring a friend.

## THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend, we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin Many people in Latin America. America and the Caribbean, do not have church programs access to and ministries because of a rising secular culture, difficult terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous to the special collection! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america

## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

# SAVE THE DATE CAFÉ CATHOLICA LITE 2020

The next Café Lite will be on Thursday, March 12 at Our Mother of Mercy Church (4000 Sumpter St., #A, Houston) from 6:00pm-9:00pm Our speaker will be Dr. Ansel Augustine, a national speaker from New Orleans. His topic will be "Unfiltered: Removing our Masks." The night will begin with dinner and social hour from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Then join in the church for an invigorating worship experience, including The *Talk*, from 7:00pm-9:00pm. For more information, contact the Office for Young Adult and Campus Ministry at www.archgh.org/cafecatholica or vacm@archgh.org or 713-741-8778. Save the date for the final Café Lite Talk: May 28 at Christ the Redeemer. Houston.



### ADORERS NEEDED

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held every <u>FIRST</u> Friday of the month, 8:00am - 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.



Please support these businesses. They support our parish and community. For advertising information, contact the Parish Office at (713) 738-2311.