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**JULY 5, 2020** 



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NEW WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Sat: Vigil 5:00 p.m. Sun: 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

# WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday: 7:00 a.m. First Friday: 7:00 a.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.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED

**SACRAMENT:** 

First Friday: 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. **CHOIR REHEARSALS:** 

**Adult Choirs** 

Judah Choir:

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God's Chosen Choir:

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Youth Choir:

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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.

# **CHOIR DIRECTORS:**

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Communion for the sick and shut-in is available. Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

# SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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# SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please contact a priest a minimum of six months prior to proposed date.

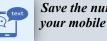
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# **MASS INTENTIONS**

NOTE: THE SUNDAY 12:15PM MASS INTENTIONS HAVE BEEN MOVED TO THE 10:00AM MASS.

SAT. 07/04/2020 5:00PM

Audrene Biagas Clark (D)

Patricia Session

Kristina M. Chaney (D)

Family & Friends

The Burris Family (L)

Stephanie Goodwin

Wesley Wiltz (D) – The Wiltz Family

SIS Doris Arceneaux (D)

Theresa G. Savoy

SUN. 07/05/2020 7:30AM

Gus Savoy (D) - Theresa G. Savoy/Family Kristina M. Chaney (D)

Family & Friends

*Lauretha Sellers (D)* – Dorothy Auzenne

Rev. August Thompson (D)

Madalene White

*Peter Buckman (D)* – Agnes Thompson 10:00AM

SUN. 07/05/2020 Harold Cureaux (D)

James & Bonnie Jefferson

*Jeremiah Harris (L)* – Mary Provost

Dcn. Leonard Lockett (D)

Theresa Baltrip

*Jermaine Walker (D)* – Theresa Chambers

Rev. Joseph J. McKinley, SSJ (D)

People of the Parish

07/06/2020 7:00AM MON.

Jackie Smith (D) – John & Mary Richard

Rev. Frank M. Hull, SSJ (D)

TUE. 07/07/2020

7:00AM Patrick Martell (D) – The Chaney Family

Rev. Joseph J. McKinley, SSJ (D)

07/08/2020 7:00AM

Peter Buckman (D) – Florence & Wanda

Lessie L. Cross (D)

Levan & Dolores Ledet

THUR. 07/09/2020 7:00AM

Rev. Frank M. Hull, SSJ (D)

Rev. Joseph J. McKinley, SSJ (D) 7:00AM

FRI. 07/10/2020

Kristina M. Chanev (D)

Family & Friends

Thanksgiving - Levan & Dolores Ledet



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# 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, Patrick Clay Jr, Stephen Jones, LaTroy King, Gary Christian Robertson, Anthony Lamar Smith II, David Stagnoli, Jordan T. McCorkle, Essence L. Casteel

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Courtney Harris, Nia D. Hawkins,

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

Roderick Jones, Joffre Lander, Bena Sellers, Terrance J Valiare, Thomas Q Valiare II

# **Marines**

Alyssa Dugar, Reginald Ward

# NEW OFFICE HOURS

Monday..... Closed Tuesday......9:00am to 5:00pm Wednesday.... 9:00am to 5:00pm Thursday..... Closed Friday...... 9:00am to 3:00pm

# FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN **ORDINARY TIME**



The demands of discipleship are great, but with God's grace they are not burdensome.

After all, our role model. Jesus Christ, is himself meek and humble of heart. Zechariah

prophesies that the Messiah will come not on a warhorse with force and weapons, but on a beast of burden, offering peace and justice. assures us that God's Spirit dwells in us. Therefore, we can sing the psalm, "I will praise your name forever." God will lighten our burden

# READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday – July 5

The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Zechariah 9:9-10

Psalm 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 Romans 8:9, 11-13

Matthew 11:25-30

Monday – July 6

Saint Mary Goretti, Virgin & Martyr Hosea 2:16, 17-18, 21-22

Psalm 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Matthew 9:32-38

■ Tuesday – July 7

Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13 Psalm 115:3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10

Matthew 9:32-38

**■ Wednesday – July 8** 

Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12

Psalm 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Matthew 10:1-7

Thursday – July 9

Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest & Companions, Martyrs

Hosea 11:1-4, 8-9

Psalm 80:2, 3, 15-16

Matthew 10:7-15

Friday – July 10

Saint Thomas, Apostle Hosea 14:2-10

Psalm 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 17, 17

Matthew 10:16-23 ☐ Saturday – July 11

Saint Benedict, Abbot Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 93:1-2, 5

Matthew 10:24-33



**1st Communion Mass** 



The initiation of catechumens and candidates will be scheduled at an appropriate time before the year ends. Registration for the 2020-2021 Class is available on the Parish Website:

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# CONGRATULATIONS 2020 SFX SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

# \$400.00 Award Recipients

Wymond D. Dozier II Brionne Grace Drenon Jason Nicholas Peugh Joshua Vincent Peugh Mackenzie Ariana Peugh

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Bryan K. Patterson
Mikayla Verona Peugh
Natica Yetrece Sam
Jordan Maurice Sydnor
Krystal Aaliyah Willis



# KPC SCHOLARSHIPS

Knights of Peter Claver Council and Court 138 Scholarship Applications are available in the vestibule of the Church and the Harris Center Lobby. The deadline to submit applications is Monday, **July 20, 2020**.

# ATTENDANCE

Attendance on June 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> was 95. Please come worship with us and bring a friend. You must wear a mask to attend our Sunday services.



**Arthurine Williams-Brown** passed away on June 30, 2020 at the age of 70. She is survived by her husband, James and son, Errol. Arrangements are pending.



In 1833, Blessed Frederic Ozanam founded the Society of St. Vincent de Paul along with 6 friends. To fund the activities to help the poor, they took a secret collection using a black bag. They passed it from person to person until each one had given their share. Because the Society does not receive DSF funding, Bishop Markovsky allowed us to have our first Black Bag collection in 1970; 50 years later, we continue the tradition of the Black Bag Collection. We ask that you join and donate to our Annual Black Bag Collection July 11-12, 2020.



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MEETING NOTICE: The Young Adults will meet and socialize on Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

> Join Us: 19-39 years Service Projects

Worship/ Social Events Contact the Parish Office at 713-738-2311

# 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.

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Rev. Michael K. Saah Buckman, SSJ

# Stewardship Reflection

That, in gratitude for all that God has given us, we joyfully return a portion of His gifts to help build His kingdom of earth. "For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." - Matthew 11:30 When we think of being good stewards, we may think that God is asking too much of us when He calls us to generously share our time, talent and treasure. However, we must remember that we are not "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. All He is asking is that we give back a small portion, in gratitude, of what He has already given to us.

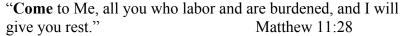
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# Leave the yoke of baggage behind!

In 2012 I went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land for 15 days! It was a trip that I had only dreamed about. I had read about Jesus of Nazareth since my catechism days as a child. In my adult life I continued to study about the Son of God at the University of St. Thomas. Now, I was about to visit the same land that Jesus walked and taught in. I would be able to see places that I had only read about in Scripture. I was going to experience the land of the Bible.

The tour was lead by two Franciscan priests (one of them was a good friend of mine).

I had never been overseas, nor had I ever been away from my home town of Houston for this long. The tour brochure explained that we should pack as light as possible because we would be changing hotels quite frequently and too much luggage would quickly weary the traveler. I had never packed for a 15 day trip so I was clueless to what the brochure was trying to indicate. Needless to say, I overpacked.

My other twenty-three companions were seasoned travelers and each one had less luggage than I had. Some travelers only had one suitcase. I wondered (to myself) how can you pack 15 days of clothing into just one suitcase? Every 2-3 days we would change hotels. We would load our luggage on the luxury bus in the morning and head to another region or town such as: Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, just to name a few. My excessive luggage had become a yoke and a burden on me. A yoke is a wooden bean generally used between a pair of oxen. Working in pairs it allows the animals to pull a load together. I needed to learn how to pack efficiently like my tour-mates.

This was my problem. When I packed my luggage for the 15 day trip, I packed a lot of "what if" items. What if it got cold? Then I would

pack a large coat. What if my shoes got wet? Then I would pack 2 to 3 pair of shoes. The list went on and on. I also packed a lot of "maybe" items. Maybe I needed extra socks. Maybe I would need extra underwear. During my entire time in the Holy Land, I never used those "what if" and "maybe" items. My traveling friends only packed the essentials. Therefore they only had one or two suitcases.

Jesus in Matthew 11:28-29 tells His followerscome to Him and He will give them rest from their labor and burdens. Our labor and burdens could be things we worry about--the "what if's" and the "maybe's" of life. What if I catch COVID-19? Maybe I will loose my job during this pandemic? What if I run out of food? "Come unto me" also means that Jesus is at another location. He wants us to leave where we are and come to Him. Jesus wants us to leave the excessive baggage (our yoke in life) and take His "yoke" (vs. 29) and learn from Him. Jesus' teachings were straight-forward and uncomplicated. He summed it up for the lawyer in Matthew 22:37-39 "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself". Jesus gave us the essentials of being His disciples.

My Mom made 95 years old on July 5th. I have chosen not to tell her about COVID-19. I didn't want her to be worried or carry a yoke of baggage about something she couldn't do anything about. Each morning (and at night) she prays and during the day she tells me and her provider (her neighbors) that she loves us for taking care of her. She is fulfilling those two commandments-with the help of Jesus who said, "For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." Matthew 11:30.

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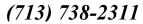
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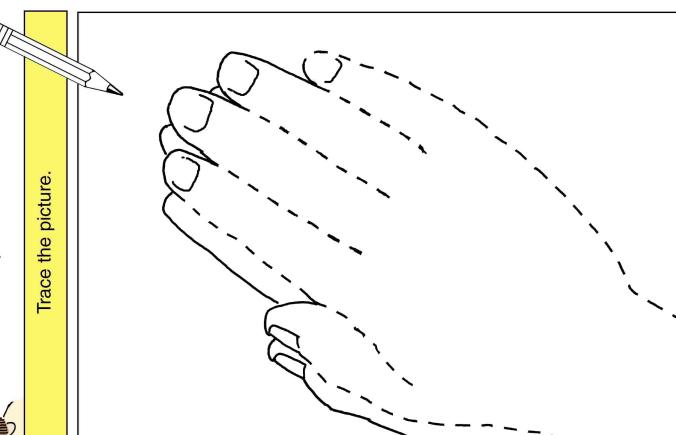
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Jesus said, "Learn from Me."





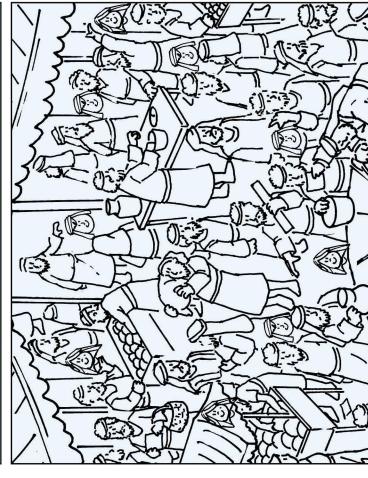
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Jesus Speaks and Prays

Jesus said some people were like children sitting in the marketplace.







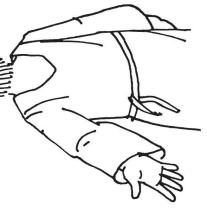




Jesus spoke some comforting words to His followers. What did He say?

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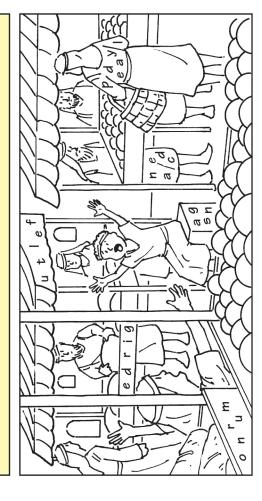
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# Jesus Thanks His Father

John the Baptist. Jesus said that this generation was like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling something out to others. What was it? Jesus spoke to a crowd about

Unscramble the hidden letters to fill in the blanks.



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