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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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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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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:www.sfxhouston.com



Save the number as a contact in your mobile phone for easy giving.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

SAT. 06/13/2020

5:00PM

People of the Parish

7:30AM

SUN. 06/14/2020

Gus Savoy (D) – Theresa G. Savoy Kristina M. Chaney (D)

Family & Friends

Alonzo Richardson (D)

Marian Richardson & Family Joseph Broussard (D) – Theresa G. Savoy M/M Moses (D) – *The Christian Women* 10:00AM SUN. 06/14/2020

Rev. Michael K. Saah-Buckman, SSJ (L) Special Intention

Alvin Cureaux (D)

James & Bonnie Jefferson

Bernice Murray Caesar (D)

The Murray Family

Patrick Martell (D) – The Chaney Family Nathalee Biagas Reed (D)

Patricia Session

Amy Landry Gallow & Dallas Gallow, Sr. Wanda Dixon/Family

Michael V. Johnson (L) – P. A. Piper Irma Charles (L)

Mary Duplechain/Family Ron Walcott (L) – Victoria Ottley 7:00AM

MON. 06/15/2020 Fred & Beatrice Begron (D)

Audrey Otis

M/M Ron Walcott (L) – Jeanette Steptoe

06/16/2020 TUE. 7:00AM

Rev. Donnell Kirchner, CSsR (D)

Charles & Wanda Johnson (L)

Florence & Jasmine

7:00AM WED. 06/17/2020

Wesley Wiltz (D) – The Wiltz Family Patrick Martell (D) – Irenaeus Jordan

THUR. 06/18/2020 7:00AM

Gabriel Lewis, Sr. (D) – Audrey Otis

M/M Ron Walcott (L)

FRI. 06/19/2020 7:00AM

Kristina M. Chanev (D)

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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:

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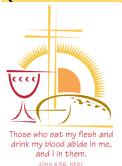
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Monday......Closed Tuesday......9:00am to 5:00pm Wednesday.... 9:00am to 5:00pm Thursday..... Closed Friday..... 9:00am to 3:00pm

THE MOST HOLY BODY & **BLOOD OF CHRIST** (CORPUS CHRISTI) SUNDAY



The readings today not only remind us that God has provided us with food to strengthen and sustain us, but also that this food is unfamiliar and

Moses points out that the unique. manna the Lord provided in the desert was "unknown to you and your fathers." Jesus tells the crowds that the food and drink he provides is his flesh and blood, previously unknown to be food at all. As we receive the Eucharist today, let us appreciate the uniqueness of this true food.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

□ Sunday – June 14

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16 Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20

1 Corinthians 10:16-17 John 6:51-58

■ Monday – June 15

1 Kings 21:1-16 Psalm 5:2-3, 4-6, 7

Matthew 5:38-42

■ Tuesday – June 16

1 Kings 21:17-29

Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 11, 16

Matthew 5:43-48

■ Wednesday – June 17

2 Kings 2:1, 6-14

Psalm 31:20, 21, 24

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

■ Thursday – June 18

Sirach 48:1-14

Psalm 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7

Matthew 6:7-15

☐ Friday – June 19

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Deuteronomy 7:6-11 Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10

1 John 4:7-16

Matthew 11:25-30

☐ Saturday – June 20

The Immaculate Heart of The Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Chronicles 24:17-25

Psalm 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34

Luke 2:41-51



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

We encourage all parishioners to take the Vocation Chalice home for a week and pray for

vocations. The signup sheet is located in the vestibule of the church.



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:

www.sfxhouston.com



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**.



The special collection will be taken at Mass in every parish of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.



The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, June 19th in recognition of the Juneteenth Holiday.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance on June 6th and 7th was **128.** Please come worship with us and bring a friend.



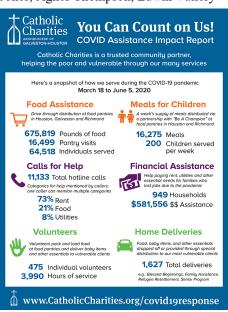
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Did you know that Catholics can make an Act of Spiritual Communion?

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.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, Come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen



National eGiving Day is June 20, 2020 and we need your help. As businesses and churches reopen, we

are beginning the summer season. It is during these months that we depend the most on online giving to continue our ministry. We prayerfully invite you to use eGiving to set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Sign up today using your computer, smartphone, or tablet by visiting faith.direct/TX632, or text the word ENROLL to 281-979-7600. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

Rev. Michael K. Saah Buckman, SSJ

Stewardship Reflection

That we answer God's call to build his kingdom on earth and help each other get to Heaven! "Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread." 1 Corinthians 10:17 As disciples of Jesus, we are called to lead holy lives and invite others to join us. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, serves a twofold purpose. One, it helps build God's kingdom here on earth. Two, it helps us strengthen each other's relationship with God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. It becomes our roadmap to Heaven. Let's help each other get there!

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION

St. Mary Seminary Collection

On the **Feast of Corpus Christi** (Sunday, June 14) the total offertory in every parish of the Archdiocese is dedicated to the support of those studying for the priesthood. Your support is needed from this collection to support our seminarians. In gratitude for the incomparable gift of the Holy Eucharist which is inseparably joined to the priesthood, please do your part to help the archdiocese provide priests for the sake of your future by praying daily for vocations and supporting this collection.



Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and blood of Christ. So, you know what you are eating! Bonne Appetite!

The Letter to the Hebrews begins with a reflection on the climax of God's revelation to humans through His Son, Jesus Christ. This divine revelation was in fragmentary and varied ways until the appropriate time when God sent his Son to complete this manifestation. When Jesus came, he fulfilled what the prophets have talked about and invited those who believe in Him and his mission to bring the good news to the ends of the world (Mt.28:19). He promised that he will never abandon those who accept him and that he will be with them always. To give them the energy needed for the work, he gave his own body and blood as food and drink.

Before the Christ event: crucifixion, death and resurrection, Jesus took bread and wine at his last Passover Meal and blessed it and gave it to those reclining at table with him. He said that the bread and wine has become his body and blood. Even though this institutional narrative is not recorded in John's gospel, it is inferred from John's gospel (Jn 6) where Jesus says that the Eucharist is the nourishment needed to continue his ministry.

As we celebrate this solemnity today, Moses asks us to "remember" the journey from Egypt through the Sinai desert. He reminded the Israelites of how God nourished his chosen people. This was the time during which God and Israel got to know each other for forty years. The Book of Deuteronomy tells us that the desert was a vast and dangerous wasteland. Poisonous snakes and scorpions live in this parched and waterless land. It is through this land that God for forty years tested the Israelites by afflictions to find out how committed they are to Him. However, in each affliction, God came to their rescue. In their tests, the Israelites experienced hunger and thirst. God fed them with manna, a food unknown to them or their ancestors. This was to teach them that if they remain faithful, God will continue to provide what they needed from where they least expected. In their thirst, divine instructions directed Moses to provide water from the Sinai rock to quench them.

In a setting where Jews assemble to praise God and study Scripture, Jesus takes up this desert experience and applies this providential feeding to himself. He says that **HE is the living bread** that came down from heaven. He is the **Word** who was living with God in the beginning. He became flesh and lived a human life to bring us to share in His father's glory. He is the source of nourishment needed for growth and sustenance. He is **The Bread** that whoever eats will live forever and not the "manna" which was eaten in the desert.

This claim did not, and still does not make sense or follow human logic. It seems to suggest cannibalism. There are specific laws that forbade the eating of human flesh and animal meat that has been drained of its blood in the Jewish tradition and religion (Lev. 1-7). So, the question ensued as to how Jesus can give his flesh to be eaten. Many, therefore, felt this teaching was too much to accept and left him and returned to their former way of life (Jn 6:66).

To celebrate today's solemnity, we must know the type of food that Jesus is offering us to eat and drink. To nourish and sustain God's life in us, Jesus offers us a spiritual food (John 6). This is where Jesus clearly states that we are to eat his body and drink his blood to have the spiritual nourishment needed to be his disciple and share in his mission. How the bread and wine become the body and blood of Christ is a mystery and defies explanation. There-in this statement lies the test of faith that questions if we really believe in the power of Jesus and the power of his words.

We have celebrated the Christ event i.e. crucifixion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We have been blessed to enjoy his company for forty days after resurrection where he has prepared us for the coming of the Advocate i.e. The Holy Spirit. Last week we were reminded of experiencing the in-dwelling of the Triune God in those who believe. As we remember the power of Jesus words to the blind man, the lame woman and the dead (Lazarus and the Widow's daughter), we also acknowledge our being commissioned "to make disciples of all nations". We, therefore, come to be nourished at the Eucharistic table to get the spiritual strength needed to do his work. May our eating of the body and drinking of the blood of Jesus remind us of all that Jesus did and continues to do for us to keep us in union with himself. May the Eucharistic meal give us the courage to avoid the things that do not reinforce our bond of unity with Christ.

"Bonne Appetite"

Bulletin Deadline: WEDNESDAY @ NOON

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston



Office of The Vicar for Catholics of African Descent



The National Black Catholic Congress® Statement regarding the Death of George Floyd by the Most Reverend Roy E. Campbell, Jr. President of the National Black Catholic Congress

June 3, 2020

My fellow citizens of these United States of America, we have witnessed in graphic video detail, racism on display in the twenty-first century in the killing of George Floyd, an arrested, unarmed, hand-cuffed and subdued black man by a white police officer, who refused to acknowledge a fellow human being's cries of distress.

The National Black Catholic Congress (the Congress) joins the nonviolent calls and protests for a complete and transparent investigation of the killing of Mr. Floyd in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Along with a call for investigation and justice, the Congress echoes Archbishop Bernard Hebda, of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, in which he states in part, "...Let us pray for comfort for his grieving family and friends, peace for a hurting community and prudence while the process moves forward. We need a full investigation that results in rightful accountability and veritable justice..."

Justice is what Mr. Floyd and his family and friends deserve. Justice through equal and fair treatment under the law is what every person in this country deserves. Justice brings about Peace, and Peace allows Love to Flourish. This is what the founding fathers of this country tried to promote in the Constitution and what this nation fought a Civil War to uphold, that ended one hundred and fifty-five years ago. However, the racism brought on by the enslavement of Black Americans in the years leading up to the establishment of the United States of America to the Civil War, still exists and all too frequently displays its ugly effects today in racist attitudes and actions that discriminate one people from another.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once wrote: "Discrimination is a hellhound that gnaws at Negroes in every waking moment of their lives to remind them that the lie of their inferiority is accepted as truth in the society dominating them." He also wrote: "Law and order exist for the purpose of establishing justice and when they fail in this purpose, they become the dangerously structured dams that block the flow of social progress."

Today, as we seek justice for George Floyd and his family, each of us must commit ourselves to the untiring pursuit of Justice, Peace and Love for every person in this country; because, together every person in this country makes us the United States of America.

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disciples out to do special work among the people. Jesus was sending His

instructions to heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the people of Israel. He gave them some specific Jesus prepared the 12 disciples to go out to those with leprosy and drive out demons. Then He said,

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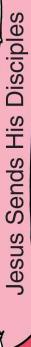






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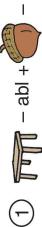
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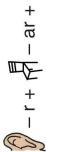












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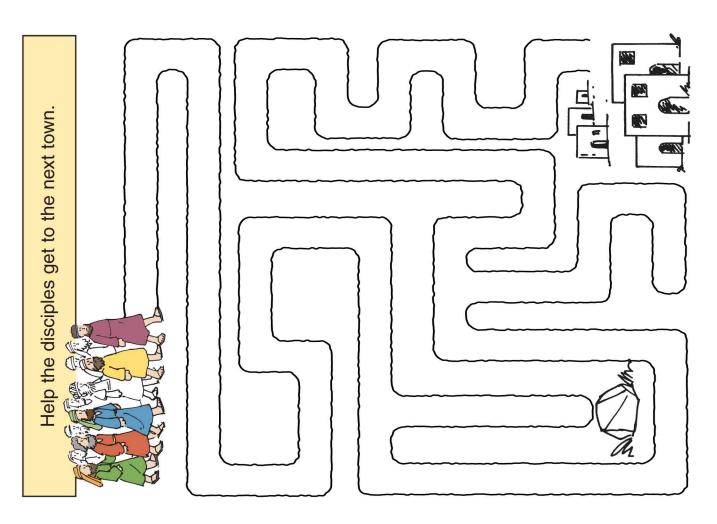
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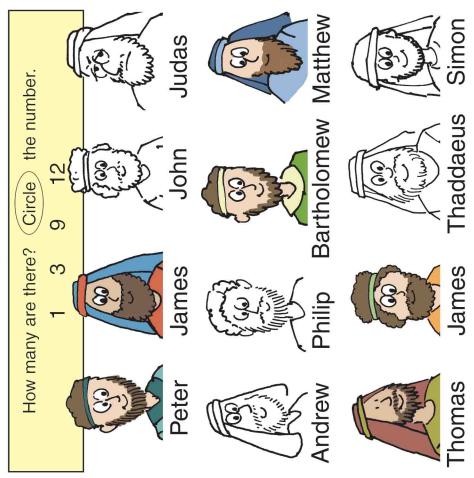




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Jesus called His "special helpers" together.







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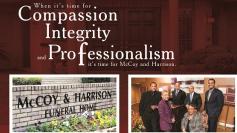
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