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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.

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SAT. 06/20/2020 5:00PM All Fathers Living & Deceased

SUN. 06/21/2020 7:30AM All Fathers Living & Deceased

SUN. 06/21/2020 10:00AM

All Fathers Living & Deceased

MON. 06/22/2020 7:00AM Stephanie Campbell (L)

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TUE. 06/23/2020 7:00AM Rev. Michael K. Saah Buckman, SSJ (L)

Special Intention Belinda Foreman (L) – Special Intention

WED. 06/24/2020 7:00AM

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THUR. 06/25/2020 7:00AM

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FRI. 06/26/2020

7:00AM Patrick Martell (D) – Irenaeus Jordan *Arthur Baltrip, Sr. (D)* – Theresa Baltrip



Our Pastor's Birthday Tuesday, June 23rd



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encourage 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.



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

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN **ORDINARY TIME**



When television networks interrupt their regular programming with an urgent report, they close by saying something to the effect of, "We now return you to our

regularly scheduled program already in progress." Today we return to the Gospel of Matthew, already in progress. We have not heard from Matthew in over two months. Were it not for the "special report" of Easter, Pentecost, and other solemnities, we would have just heard Jesus send his twelve disciples on their mission. marching orders are quite intimidating,

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday – June 21

The 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Jeremiah 20:10-13 Psalm 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35

Romans 5:12-15 Matthew 10:26-33

Monday – June 22

Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Saints John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs 2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15, 18 Psalm 60:3, 4-5, 12-13 Matthew 7:1-5

Tuesday – June 23

2 Kings 19:9-11, 14-21, 31-35, 36 Psalm 48:2-3, 4, 10-11 Matthew 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday − June 24

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist Isaiah 49:1-6 Psalm 139:1-3, 13-15

Acts 13:22-26

Luke 1:57-66, 80 Thursday – June 25

2 Kings 24:8-17 Psalm 79:1-2, 3-5, 8-9

Matthew 7:21-29

Friday – June 26

2 Kings 25:1-12 Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 Matthew 8:1-4

□□□Saturday – June 27

Saint Cyril of Alexander, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19 Psalm 74:1-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21

Matthew 8:5-17

Bulletin Deadline: WEDNESDAY @ NOON



July 12.....7:30am

First 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:

www.sfxhouston.com



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Café Catholica ONLINE

The Café Catholica summer series is open to all young adults (ages 18-39) and features dynamic speakers, prayer, and connection. Café Catholica is held on four Mondays in July from 7:00-8:30 p.m. This year's theme is: Fully Alive. Due to concerns with COVID-19, this year's program will be held online. Registration is free, but donations are accepted. To register: https://bit.ly/CafeCatholica2020

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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

Stewardship Reflection

That we have the strength and courage to be joyful witnesses of our Catholic faith in all circumstances. "Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father." Matthew 10:32 Would others know that you are Catholic by the way you act and speak? Do you share your Catholic faith with others? Do you defend your Catholic faith when the situation arises or do you remain silent? Do you pray in public before meals? Pray for the strength and courage to be a joyful witness of our Catholic faith when the opportunity presents itself. Let us become the radiant light and bold witness that we are called to be!

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ATTENDANCE

Attendance on June 14th and 15th was 135. Please come worship with us and bring a friend.



TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A Call For Extraordinary Courage

To minister effectively in his vineyard, Jesus gave us his own body and blood as the spiritual sustenance needed for the work. He asked us to allow him to change us into him if we are to become effective disciples. "Unless you eat my body and drink my blood, you will not have life within you" (Jn 6:53) Jesus says.

This week we reflect on what it takes to work as ambassadors of Christ. Jesus shares with us how we are to work in his vineyard as we bring his message to others in these challenging times where everything is subject to reason.

The feeling of rejection is one of the most serious situations a person can find him/herself. This is most painful when it comes from someone you trust or have the most admiration for. It is most serious if all logical indications point to your being used or duped.

One cannot imagine the level of frustration or depression when the genesis of such feeling is from your family and the people you grew up with, especially if the feeling of disappointment is from the very God who has persistently called you and offered you assurance.

Such is the case of the Prophet Jeremiah. Before this week's reading, Jeremiah has complained to God about being "seduced" into a difficult mission of proclaiming God's word of judgment to a faithless and violent people. The Prophet had tried to walk away from this mission, but like "fire burning" in his heart, he realizes that the word of God must be proclaimed (Jer. 20: 7-9).

Born into a priestly family in a village near Jerusalem, Jeremiah, still a young man, was called to the task of ministering as prophet to King Josiah. Following the death of the King, idolatry returned to Israel, and Jeremiah vehemently opposed it because he saw the impending seal of doom over the nation. With his opposition came arrest, imprisonment, and public disgrace. The people did not like his message, so they decided to not just disgrace him but to kill him.

Despite all the hardships and challenges, Jeremiah still trusted that God would defend him "like a mighty champion". In this Prophet is the depth of suffering in relationship with God, and the heights of trust and hope despite it all. **What courage!**

In the gospel reading, Jesus sends the twelve, and us, out to proclaim the kingdom of God (Mt 28:19). But he warned them and us of oppositions. He knows that our message, like the Prophet Jeremiah's, will not always be well received, and some of us will suffer and die. However, we are to preach with courage and **not be afraid** of what might happen in the face of rejection. Jesus knows that the mess is real. There will be times when we may feel like Jeremiah and use the Prophet's words "You duped me ... and I let myself be duped" as our own. We may even pray Psalm 69 and ask God to come to our rescue and let us not sink.

In such moments, it I important to remember Jesus word of assurance: "**Do not be afraid** ..., **for even the hair on your head has been counted**". Though we may be punched down over and over like Jeremiah, we must keep popping back up because God will rescue the "life of the poor from the power of the wicked".

May the Holy Spirit's gift of fortitude continue to encourage us to get up and keep going. May the Holy Spirit help us to discern our self-care and self-gift so that like Jeremiah and the disciples, we can have the courage to entrust our cause to God who will rescue us from the power of the wicked. Take courage I am with you always, Jesus says!

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3 EASY STEPS

TO KEEPING YOURSELF & OTHERS HEALTHY!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



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WASH YOUR HANDS

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.

DON'T TOUCH YOUR FACE

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.

KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.



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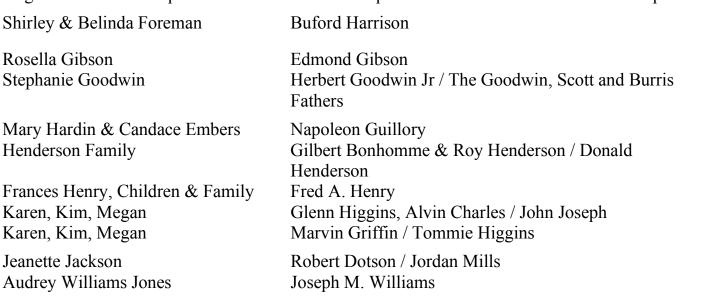
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