## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH

(ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**MARCH 22, 2020** 



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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 <u>before</u> the 4<sup>th</sup> 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: www.sfxhouston.com

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#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

ALL MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE SAID BY FATHER MICHAEL IN HIS DAILY PRIVATE MASS.

SAT. 03/21/2020

People of the Parish

SUN. 03/22/2020

Francis Hazzard (D)

7:30am Choir Members

Kristina M. Chanev (D)

Family & Friends

Elmer Archer (D)

Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Archer & Family Terry & Ruth Johnson (D) – P.A. Piper Gloria Nichols (D) – Patricia Ledet Unella Baber (L) – Special Intention Ron Mitchell (D) – Theresa G. Savoy M/M Joe Roberts (D)

James & Bonnie Jefferson

Mildred Provost (D) – Mary Provost

Oliver Provost (D) – Mary Provost

Amy Landry Gallow & Dallas Gallow, Sr.

Wanda Dixon/Family

James D. Johnson (D) – P.A. Piper Loreen Johnson (D) – Chaney Family

MON. 03/23/2020

Paul Barriere (D) – Lucille Barriere

TUE. 03/24/2020

Terry Johnson, Sr. (D) - P.A. Piper

WED. 03/25/2020

Terry Johnson (D) – Theresa Baltrip

THUR. 03/26/2020

Vocations

FRI. 03/27/2020

Beatrice Dugas Foreman (D)
Shirley & Belinda Foreman



## PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

THE CHALICE We encourage all parishioners to take the chalice home for a week and pray for vocations. The sign-up sheet is in the Harris Center.

#### CRSC COLLECTION

This week, we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC) to help Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide struggling communities with relief and support to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief



Deacon Alfred Abram, Algy Alfred, Joseph Broussard, Margaret Cadoree, Nancy Calvin, Mary Augustine Chenier,

Nora Coleman, Shirley Curette, Nicole Fontenet, Dee Fontenot, Leon Francis, Ursula Gross, Jimmy Harris, Willie Mae Henderson, Harold Hudson, Lucas Jones, Brooke Joseph, Gaston Joseph, Helen Kennison, JoAnn LaSane, Hazel Lewis, Laurenzia Lewis, Eugene Mallery, Cynthia Ann Malone, Patrick Martell, Barbara Martin, Shannon Martin, Willie Martin, Jr. Dorothy Milstead, Vy. Rev. William L. Norvel, SSJ, Carolyn Ollison, Helen Foreman Orsort, Betty Patrick, Cynethia Pichon, William Pierre Sr., Leo Prescott, Marcelle Prevost, Carole Pryor, Elise Richmond, Evelyn Roberts, Oliver Rose, Simon Smith, Joyce Stagg, MacKenzie Swanks, Kennedi Swanks, Erma Taylor, Pamela Thibodeaux, Lorraine Walker, Agnes Williams. Patricia 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, Jordan T. McCorkle, Essence L. Casteel

#### Navy:

Alvin Balthazar, Debreanna Brown, Jermaine Ceaser, Kevin Crockett, Courtney Harris, Nia D. Hawkins, Randolph J. Navy III, Anthony N. Russell, Christian Johnson, Hope Bethany Johnson

#### Air Force:

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

#### **Marines**

Alyssa Dugar, Reginald Ward



Bible Study Classes are **CANCELLED** until further notice.

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



In the first reading God chooses the overlooked son of Jesse, for God sees beyond appearances. In the Gospel, the Pharisees cannot see past the

appearance of sin whereas the man who was formerly blind sees that Jesus is Lord. As we read the Scripture let us think about our "blindness" and the times when we fail to see beyond appearances.

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

□■ Sunday – March 22

Fourth Sunday of Lent 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 Psalm 23:1-4, 5, 6

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

■Monday – March 23

Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop Isaiah 65:17-21

> Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 John 4:43-54

**■Tuesday** – March 24

Saint Oscar Romero, Bishop & Martyr Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12

Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9

John 5:1-16

☐ Wednesday – March 25

The Annunciation of the Lord Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10

Psalm 40:7-8, 9, 10, 11

Hebrews 10:4-10

Luke 1:26-38

■Thursday – March 26

Exodus 32:7-14

Psalm 106:19-20, 21-22, 23

John 5:31-47

Friday - March 27

Wisdom 2:1, 12-22 Psalm 34:17-18, 19-20, 21, 23

John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

■ Saturday – March 28

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Bulletin Deadline: WEDNESDAY @ NOON

Psalm 7:2-3, 9-10, 11-12 John 7:40-53



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All CCE Classes are cancelled until further notice. Catechists will contact parents with information regarding Home Study.

## 2020 Celebration for Catholic Youth of African Descent Update

This event has been rescheduled for March 27, 2021. Details will follow.



#### Thinking of becoming Catholic?

- ♣ If you're not a Catholic, we invite you
  to explore the possibility of becoming
  a member of our Catholic Faith and
  Community through RCIA (the Rite
  of Christian Initiation of Adults).
- ♣ If you are a baptized Catholic lacking Confirmation and Eucharist, RCIA is for you.

To **REGISTER** contact the Parish Office at **713-738-2311**.

# YOUNG ADULT

Due to the Overwhelming outbreaks of the coronavirus, I will cancel the Young Adults Turn-Out, outings, and the rest of the March events.

I would like for everyone to stay safe and stay away from large crowds. We will start fresh in April. Stay safe. Hopefully, everything will be back to normal in April.

Thank you, Rica Eaglin-Rellford

#### Does your baby need formula?



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For our hours and address, Call us **713.528.6044** or Visit

#### www.lifehouston.org/locations

Please bring:

- Photo ID of parent
- Baby's birth certificate
- Some formulas (like Sensitive, Neosure, or for Spit Up) will need a prescription.

# FISH FRY! Every Friday during Lent in the Parish Hall

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## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update March 17, 2020

These modifications are to be followed until further notice:

- The public celebration of all weekday and Sunday Masses will be suspended in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston effective March 18, 2020. Churches are to remain open for individual and private prayer observing their normal hours, as discerned by the Pastors.
- Parishes, to the extent they are able, are to inform parishioners of the opportunity to view Masses either through network television or other live stream options over the internet.
- Sunday is still the Lord's Day.
   Families should gather to pray,
   read scripture, recite the Rosary.
   and reflect together on their faith
- The celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism is to be postponed, unless there is danger of death.
- Funerals may take place only in the form of "The Rite of Committal with Final Commendation" (also known as the "graveside"). A memorial Mass can be scheduled appropriately at a later date.



Private Stations of the Cross may be observed in the Prayer Garden. Holy Week

Particular directives will be given for Holy Week in the event the coronavirus crisis continues through that time period.



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## Charity Gala

Saturday, June 6, 2020, 7pm-12am SFX Parish Hall at 4600 Reed Road Donation: \$45

Contact Helen Gobert at **281-450-9713** or Curtis Jones at **713-417-8341** for tickets.

#### SUNDAY OFFERINGS ALTERNATIVE

In spite of the coronavirus pandemic, our Parish expenses continue. We encourage you to *temporarily* use the church's online giving tool "*Faith Direct*". Once we return to normalcy, you can discontinue Faith Direct and return to your original form of giving (check or cash using your church envelope). Getting set up is easy, contact the Parish Bookkeeper, Edwin Vallery at 281-825-1657. Stay Safe and God Bless!

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Stewardship Committee meeting is Wednesday at 6:00pm. Instead of an in-person meeting this month, we

will meet via conference call and set up a dial-in number. Instructions for dialing in will be emailed to all committee members.

### ATTENDANCE

Attendance on March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> was **361.** Please come worship with us and bring a friend.

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