ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH

(ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON)

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 8, 2020



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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.

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 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: SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE God's Chosen Choir: SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE Youth Choir: SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE **BIBLE STUDY**/ **ADULT CATHECHISM:** SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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

NOTE: THE SUNDAY 12:15PM MASS	
INTENTIONS HAVE BEEN MC	OVED TO
THE 10:00AM MASS.	
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SAT. 11/07/2020	5:00PM
The Goodwin Family (D)	
Stephanie Goodwin	
Kristina M. Chaney (D)	
Family & Friends	
<i>Kelvin D. Earl (D)</i> – Phyllis Mo	ore
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Bernard Potts (D) – J. Chynell	
Deacon Albert Henry (D) – The	e Family
SUN. 11/08/2020	7:30AM
People of the Parish	
SUN. 11/08/2020	10:00AM
Gaston Joseph, Sr. (D)	
Sr. Theresa Sue Joseph,	SSF
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Mary Theresa Cameron (D)	
Pam Johnson & Fami	ly
Roger & Ella Collins Reed (D)	-
Theresa Chambers	
Jermaine Walker (D) – Theresa	Chambers
Jennifer Matheny (D) – Family	
Kristina M. Chaney (D)	
Family & Friends	
Amy Landry Gallow & Dallas (Gallow, Sr.
Wanda Dixon/Family	
MON. 11/09/2020	7:00AM
Deacon Leonard P. Lockett (D)	
Family/Friends	
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Eula M. Smoots (D) – Ruth Cel	
TUE. 11/10/2020	7:00AM
Mary Duplechain (L) – Charles	Family
Irene Hutchins (D) – Olivia Ho	
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WED. 11/11/2020	7:00AM
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Patrick Martell (D)	5
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THUR. 11/12/2020	7:00AM
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The Lewis Family	
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FRI. 11/13/2020	7:00AM
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BLESSING OF THE GRAVES	

Blessing of the Graves at Houston Memorial Gardens and Paradise South was held on Sunday, November 1st.



Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deacon Alfred Abram, Margaret Cadoree, Nancy Calvin, Sterling Certenberg, Mary Augustine Chenier, Dalton Cooper Jr.,

Robert Ellis, Nicole Fontenette, Barbara Forte', Ursula Gross, Jimmy Harris, Willie Mae Henderson, Brooke Joseph, Kennedy Family Members, Helen Kennison, JoAnn LaSane, Freda Lawdins, Ophelia Lazard, Hazel Lewis, Laurenzia Lewis, Eugene Mallery, Cynthia Ann Malone, Odile Malveaux, Rena Malveaux, Shannon Martin, Dorothy Milstead, Vy. Rev. William L. Norvel, SSJ, Carolyn Ollison, Helen Foreman Orsort, Betty Patrick, Cynethia Pichon, William Pierre Sr., Marcelle Prevost, Carole Pryor, Yvonne Randle, Elise Richmond, Marie Riggs, Evelyn Roberts, Oliver Rose, Simon Smith, Joyce Stagg, MacKenzie Swanks, Kennedi Swanks, Erma Taylor, Marie White, Liz Wiley, Agnes Williams, Patricia Williams, and all the sick and shut-in in our parish family.

Let us Know

Call the Parish Office when you and/or a family member are ill, in the hospital, or having a surgery so that we can put the name on the sick list for prayers. 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

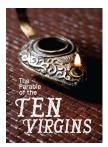
Navy: Alvin Balthazar, Debreanna Brown, Jermaine Ceaser, Kevin Crockett, Courtney Harris, Nia D. Hawkins, Randolph J. Navy III, Anthony N. Russell, Christian Johnson, Hope Bethany Johnson <u>Air Force:</u> Roderick Jones, Joffre Lander, Bena

Sellers, Terrance J Valiare, Thomas Q Valiare II **Marines**

Alyssa Dugar, Reginald Ward

NEW OFFICE

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



In today's Gospel, five wise virgins bring extra oil for their lamps so that they will remain burning well into the night, while five foolish virgins, having neglected to bring more oil,

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carry lamps that flicker out. The wisdom that the five foolish ones disregard was available to all who desired it, resplendent and unfading. Let us use that wisdom now as we listen to the word of God, considering what we can do to brighten the path to God's kingdom.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK **Sunday** – November 8 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Wisdom 6:12-16 Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 or 4:13-14 Matthew 25:1-13 **Monday** – November 9 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 Psalm 46:2, 3, 5-6, 8, 9 1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17 John 2:13-22 **Tuesday** – November 10 Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church Titus 2:1-8, 11-14 Psalm 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29 Luke 17:7-10 **Wednesday** – November 11 Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop Titus 3:1-7 Psalm 23:1-3-4, 5-6 Luke 17:11-19 **Thursday – November 12** Saint Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr Philemon 7:20 Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 10 Luke 17:20-25 **Friday – November 13** Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin 2 John 4-9 Psalm 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18 Luke 17:26-37 Saturday – November 14 **BVM** 3 John 5-8 Psalm 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Luke 18:1-8

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November 14th9:30am

PreK-5th CCE CLASSES

Parents have the option to register your child for Virtual as well as In-Class participation. Registration forms are available on the Parish Website:

www.sfxhouston.com.

Completed forms can be mailed to the Parish Office or dropped in the Harris Center Mailbox.

RCIA

Thinking of becoming Catholic? RCIA classes are held on *Thursdays*, at **6:30pm** in the Harris Center. Registration Forms are available in the vestibule of the Church, and on the Parish Website.



Pastoral Council Conference Call is scheduled for Wednesday, November 11th, at 6:00pm.



Young Adults Ministry Service Project this month will take place at the Star of Hope

Mission on Saturday, **November 14th**, from 10:00am to 4:00pm.

All Ministries and Organizations

Your 2021 Calendars may be submitted to the Parish Office at this time. Many dates were cancelled in 2020 and your method of meeting may have changed. Please indicate if you would like your Zoom or Conference Calls posted on the Parish Calendar.

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>

Attendance on October 31st & November 1st was **199**. The 7:30am Livestream was viewed online by **301**. Please join us on Facebook, or bring a friend and come worship with us in the church. You must wear a mask to attend all services in the church. AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESES

ARCHDIOCESE OF DENVER *"Tolston's Legacy A Roadmap to Unity"* Saturday, November 14, 2020 Virtual Doors Open - 9:30am Program Starts - 10:00am Free Admission: www.thrite.com/c/122111517937

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We believe that the life example of Venerable Father Augustus Tolton can be used as a road map to achieve healing and direction. Join us for a time of prayer, presentations and dialogue as we strive to educate and inspire in the hopes of eradicating racism in the Church that we love.



Archbishop Bishop Joseph Wilton Gregory Perry, Chair

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO *"Celebrating the Cloud of Witnesses Race/Resilience/Renewal"*

November 14: Henriette Delille & Augustus Tolton November 21: Julia Greely and Thea Bowman

Virtual Doors Open - 1:30pm Program Starts - 2:00pm Free Admission: eventbrite.com/e/122107178859

Join the **Tolton Ambassadors-DC**, in collaboration with the USCCB, the Archdiocese of Washington, and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, as we strive to inspire the Christian faithful through the witness of the Story of Six Saintly Men and Women. We promise to have a focused dialogue in the areas of authentic worship, racism, ageism, poverty and more. We will celebrate how experience triumphed over tragedies.





TheBookofRemembranceoftheDeadhasbeenplacedintheChurchforyou

to add the names of your loved ones who died from **Nov 1, 2019 to Oct 31, 2020,** to be remembered throughout the month of November.

Stewardship Reflection "Therefore, stay awake, for you know

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Matthew 25:13 Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. Don't delay. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION

The Collection for Retired Priests is conducted annually in November. The purpose is to better fund the Archdiocesan Pension Plan for our retired Priests. This Second Collection will further enhance the Archdiocesan Priest and the Chancery. Thank you for your support of our retired Priests.

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.

2021 MASS INTENTIONS

Requests for Mass Intentions for the year 2021 are now being accepted. Please use the *Mass Intention Request Forms* for your requests.

2021 SUNDAY MISSALS

The New St. Joseph Sunday Missal for 2021 are available for purchase after all Masses and from the Parish Office. The cost is **\$3.00** each, or **2 for \$5.00**. Your 2020 Sunday Missals will end on November 22^{nd} , *Christ the King Sunday*.



THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Cycle A)

November 8, 2020 [Jesus said] "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Matthew 25:13

How do you <u>stay awake</u> and be <u>prepared</u> to meet the Lord?

Years ago I was invited to do a revival in Beaumont Texas. My Mom rode with me from our home in Pearland to Beaumont during the revival. Because we didn't stay at the church rectory; I drove 188 miles round trip (per day) for 5 straight days. As I was driving home on the final night of the revival, I fell asleep at the wheel between Winnie and Anahuac on I-10 west. As my vehicle drifted to the right of the highway, I was awaken by a loud thumping sound! I was able to steer my SUV back on the road. Mom who had been sleeping since we left Beaumont-never woke up. What was the loud thumping sound? My tires had rolled over rumble or alert strips. These deliberately placed grooves on the side or center of the highway alert drivers that they are drifting off of the road

I call the account of the 10 Virgins (in today's Gospel) a **Rumble parable**. Jesus used this parable to alert the listeners that they maybe drifting off the road of their faith. Just as the rumble strips woke me up on I-10, Jesus wanted His followers to wake up and be ready to receive Him (the Bridegroom). Five of the virgins were wise because they were prepared to meet the Bridegroom, and five were foolish because they were not prepared to meet the Bridegroom. How can we stay awake and be prepared to meet the Lord at our death?

1. Realize that earth is not our permanent home, and that we are only here for a few days.

Hebrews 13:14 (NLT) says, "For this world is not our permanent home; we are looking forward to a home yet to come." Job 14:1 says, "Man who is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble." We are only on this earth for a few days, especially when its compared to eternity. Three score years and ten is 70 years, but only 25,500 days. If you live to 80 years-that's 29,200 days. We are to keep in mind that our existence on earth is very brief. James 4:14 says our life is but a *"mist"* or vapor. We appear for a little while, then we are gone.

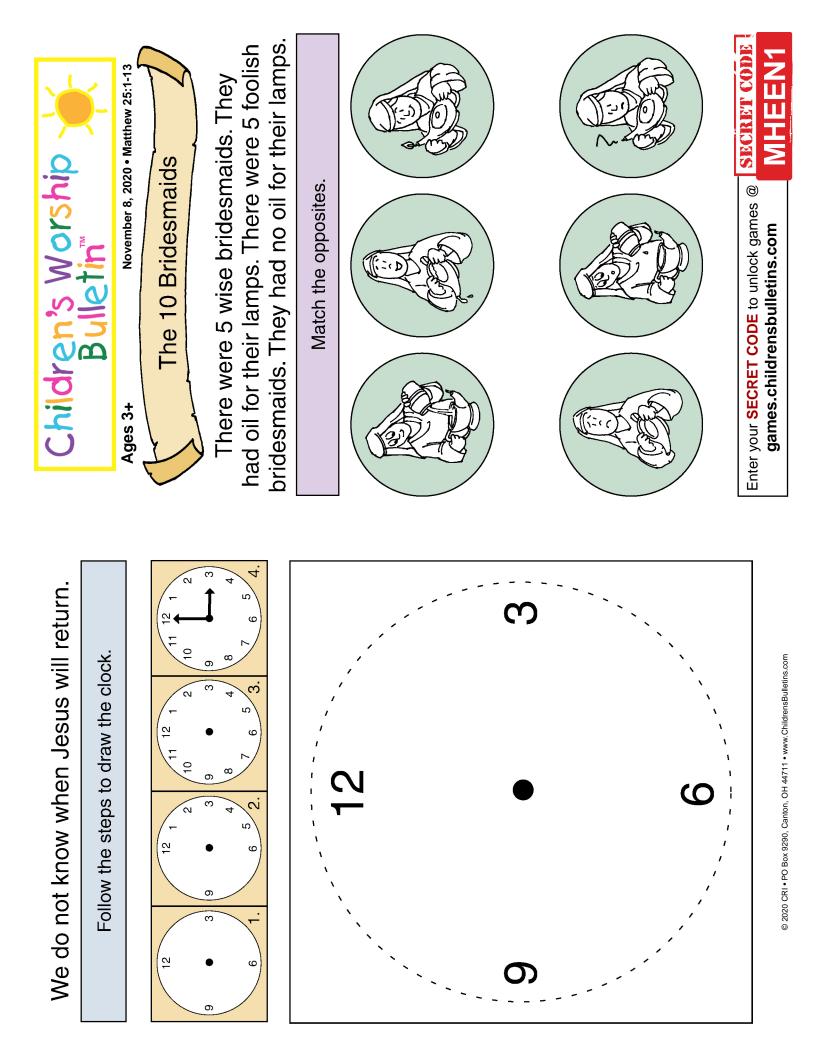


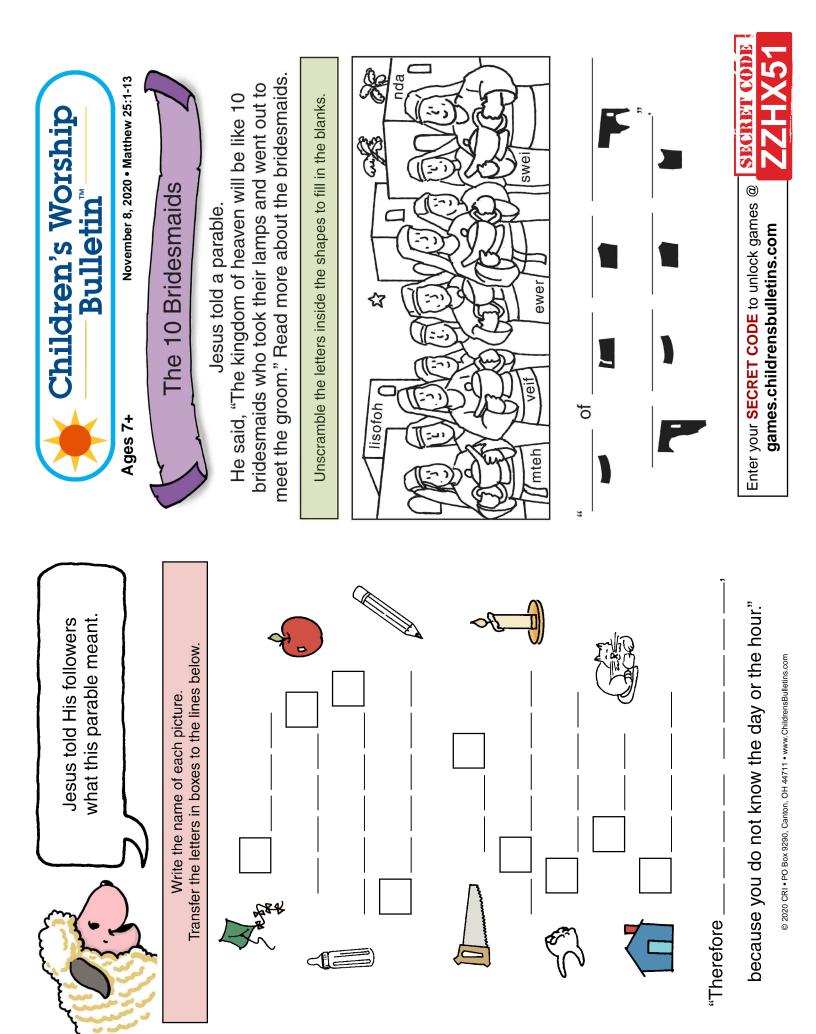
2. Get your house in order. Make sure your business affairs have been handled and addressed. Do you have a will? Are your beneficiaries current on legal documents? Families become so burden when a deceased member doesn't have their affairs in order. Jesus made sure His mother was taken care of before He died (Jn. 19:26-27). Are your relational affairs in order with people and God? Have you told the people you have hurt and offended, "I am sorry, please forgive me"? Have you placed your soul under God's protection? Jesus commended [entrusted] His Spirit to His Heavenly Father, before He died (Luke 23:46).

3. Be aware of who is waiting for you at the end of the journey. A man was on a long train trip. He was becoming very tired and weary. The train had already went through valleys and hills and still had not reached its destination. The frustrated traveler looked across the aisle and noticed a man who was smiling and looking out the window and enjoying the train ride. The fatigued man said to the smiling traveler, "you and I got on this train at the same time." "It is an extremely long train ride and I'm so tired, but you are smiling." "Why are you so happy?" The smiling man answered, "When this train pulls into the station, my father whom I have never met, promised that he would be waiting for me at the train station, and I am excited to meet him." As Christians we are to know that at the end of this earthly journey, our Heavenly Father will be waiting for us! <>< Dcn. Jenkins

*************** ******* **Rev. Mr. Alfred Abram** Lauretta Abram Salute Algy Alfred, Sr. (Deceased) OUR VETERANS Elmer W. Archer (Deceased) Hampton Armelin (Deceased) **Arthur Baltrip, Sr (Deceased)** Wesley J. Boliver, Jr. (Deceased) **Roland J. Bourgeois, Jr. (Deceased) Rome B. Bougere Leo Patrick Boutte Joseph L. Carrier (Deceased) James E. Charles Andrew Davis Edward A. Davis Calvin Dillard, Jr** Willie B. Davis (Deceased) **Michael Dozier Rev. Mr. Darryl K. Drenon** Wendell Keith Duplechaine **Sandy Cashe Duplechaine Rodnev Ellis** James A. Epps (Deceased) **Rodnev Garrison** Herbert Goodwin, Jr. (Deceased) **George Lee Green (Deceased) Daniel Guerrero, Jr.** Maj. Beulah Alexis Hadrick **Joseph Paul Hamilton Robert Harris** Francis L. Hazzard (Deceased) **Darryll Ingram** Victor Jenkins (Deceased) Ltc. (Ret) Dave M. Johnson Lorenzo "Smitty" Johnson (Deceased) Pamela R. Johnson Weldon McClendon Johnson **Roscoe Jones. Jr**

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