ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH

(ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON)

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 15, 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:

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**

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





Text-to-Give Text \$ amount to 281-949-7600



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. 11/14/2020 5:00PM

Kristina M. Chaney (D)

Family & Friends

Sidney & Elizabeth G. Sam (D)

The Sam Family

Jasmine N. Johnson (L) – Wanda Johnson *Geneva Moore (D)* – Phyllis Moore James Epps (D) – The Epps Family

SUN. 11/15/2020 7:30AM

Kristina M. Chaney (D)

Family & Friends

Morris & Melanie Washington (L)

Special Intention

Matilde Fernandes (D)

Maria S. Jayakumar

Yvonne Mullone (D) – Donald Spencer *Mary Duplechain (L)* – Charles Family

SUN. 11/15/2020 10:00AM

People of the Parish

Wesley Wiltz (D) – The Wiltz Family Amy Landry Gallow & Dallas Gallow, Sr. Wanda Dixon/Family

MON. 11/16/2020 7:00AM

Verdie Prejean (D) – Georgia Johnson Earlene Duplechaine (D)

Tywanna Navy

TUE. 11/17/2020 7:00AM

Dr. Ulysses Watkins, Jr. (D)

Tywanna Navy

Invang R. Smart (L) – P.A. Piper 7:00AM

WED. 11/18/2020 Georgia Johnson (L)

SFX Sisters in the Spirit

Irene Hutchins (D) – Holdman Family

THUR. 11/19/2020

Rose Minnick Roberts (D)

Constance House

Lilian Randle (D) – Mary Provost

7:00AM FRI. 11/20/2020

Irene Hutchins (D) – Olivia Holdman

Enola Rabotte (D) – Mary Provost



The Book of Remembrance of the Dead has been placed in the Church for you

7:00AM

to add the names of your loved ones who died between Nov 1, 2019 to Oct 31, 2020, to be remembered throughout the month of November. You may also use your All Souls Envelopes to record the names of your deceased loved ones. These envelopes will remain on the Altar throughout the month of November.



SFX GABRIEL PROJECT **Pregnant?** Need Help? Call 713-225-5826



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

Artrica Dozier, Robert Ellis, Nicole Fontenette, Leroy Forbes, 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, Kobe Merriweather, Dorothy Milstead, Vance Neal, Vy. Rev. William L. Norvel, SSJ, Carolyn Ollison, Helen Foreman Orsort, Cynethia Pichon, William Pierre Sr., Marcelle Prevost, Carole Pryor, 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.

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

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

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN **ORDINARY TIME**



In the reading from Proverbs, a man finds a trustworthy praiseworthy partner, one whose value is "beyond pearls." In the Gospel,

another man finds trustworthy and praiseworthy servants, ones worthy of handling all his possessions. would do well to look at ourselves. Does our spouse or close family member consider us trustworthy and praiseworthy? How about our employer? How about God? As we listen to these readings, let us consider how we can become more trustworthy and praiseworthy in the eyes of those whose perspective we value.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

■ Sunday – November 15

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday – November 16

Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin

Revelation 1:1-4: 2:1-5

Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 Luke 18:35-43

□Tuesday – November 17

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22 Psalm 15:2-3, 4, 5

Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday – November 18

The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles; Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

Revelation 4:1-11 Psalm 150: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Luke 19:11-28

■ Thursday – November 19

Revelation 5:1-10 Psalm 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 9

Luke 19:41-44

Friday – November 20

Revelation 10:8-11

Psalm 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 Luke 19:45-48

□ Saturday – November 21

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Revelation 11:4-12 Psalm 144:1, 2, 9-10 Luke 20:27-40

Bulletin Deadline: WEDNESDAY @ NOON



November 16th6:00pm

6th -10th CCE CLASSES

November 21st 9:30am

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.



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.



LECTORS QUARTERLY Meeting

The Lector's Quarterly Meeting Dates for 2021 are as follows:

March 20 June 19 September 18 December 18

All meetings are 11:30am to 1:00pm.



Finance The Council will meet via Conference Call Wednesday,

November 18th, at 6:00pm.

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 22nd, Christ the King Sunday.

PTTENTANC

Attendance on November 7th & November 8th was 201. The 7:30am Livestream was viewed online by 289. 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.



Thursday, November 26, 2020

Thanksgiving Day Mass - 9:00am (No 7:00am Mass) Friday, November 27, 2020

Mass - 7:00am (Parish Office is Closed)



The Young Adults Ministry is asking for your support in providing relief to the victims of Hurricane Eta in Honduras. The Guerrero Family is from the Honduras and their family and friends are among those affected by this disaster. We are appealing for toiletries and non-perishable items as well as monetary donations. Items can be dropped off in the box in the vestibule of the church until Dec. 6, 2020. For monetary donations, go to:

www.sfxhouston.com and click on the Honduras Hurricane Eta Relief Fund or make your check payable to St. Francis Xavier Church. Please specify "Honduras Hurricane Relief" in the memo.

Thank for your support.



This Thanksgiving we are expecting unprecedented number of people throughout our community to turn

to St. Francis Xavier for warm meals, comfort, and shelter. No one in need should be turned away, which is why we are reaching out to our parishioners. Your generous online donations now will help sustain Thanksgiving ministries that reflect God's love and mercy. The unemployment and distress caused by COVID-19 give these ministries added importance, and your kindness will help families all around us. We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Sign up today 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



Craig Jackson passed away at the age of 61. Craig is survived by his wife, Crystal Jackson. A Memorial Service was celebrated at Waddell's Funeral Home on Sunday, November 15th, at 11:00am.

Mary Eaglin passed away on November 9, 2020 at the age of 97. Her funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Francis Xavier on Wednesday, November 18th.

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for **Human Development (CCHD)**. Forty million people in the United States live in This collection supports poverty. programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at:

www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Stewardship Reflection

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities." Matthew 25:21 God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, use them wisely and be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us.

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

When unable receive Holy to 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.

Bulletin Deadline: WEDNESDAY @ NOON



Well done, my good and faithful servant; come share your master's joy

With his end of time teaching, we hear Jesus talking about the return of the master (the Lord) at the last judgment. He asks us, his followers: "what did you do with the talents I gave to you". These talents are the gifts God has given to us his servants. Talent, according to commentators and scholars, are not the ability to carry a tune or the instinct to hit the jackpot or make fortunes on the stock market. It is rather a measure of weight. It is typically the weight of a soldier's pack (about 75-100 pounds). When we interpret a talent in terms of valuable coins, it is an awesome amount that was entrusted to the servants. In today's monetary terms, it is in the millions of dollars. The master handed all this money to his trusted servants. He did not tell the servants what to do with the money. He simply gave the money to the servants in the amount commensurate with each one's ability. These servants were specially chosen because of their knack for the master's business. He did this because he wanted his work to continue when he left town.

Matthew records this end of time teaching two days before the passion of Jesus Christ to teach us how we should use Jesus' investments in us. The master in the parable represents Jesus. He goes on a journey "when he dies," and he "returns "after a long time," at the end of time. Before his departure, Jesus entrusted a huge amount of divine goods to the followers.

The servants who received two and three talents strategized how to use their talents to benefit their master. They took initiative and risks and immediately went to work and doubled the money. They emulated their master's operational method and achieved similar results like their master. They doubled the fortune by showing their attachment to the master's enterprise. Their master was ecstatic about what those servants had done and exuberantly shouted "well done good and faithful" servants. These are the words that every believer in Christ wants to hear.

The question is: "how did two servants get accolades and the third got kicked out?" All three servants know their master. They have learned and understood the way their master operates to earn his fortune. Two did what their master did. The third did not only fail to invest like the rest, he repudiated the master and his occupation. He hid the money and ignored everything he had learned in his master's service. By burying the money, he brought shame on his master. To add insult to his master's wounds, he made a scathing critique of the master's whole enterprise. Given the master's affluence, the insult was far worse than the loss of potential profit he could have made. The servant brought a logical conclusion to the process he himself has set in motion. It was, therefore, not possible for him to share the master's joy. The master ordered him to be thrown out into the darkness outside. To shake the Christians out of their complacency before it is too late, Matthew, with this story, persuades us not to behave like the lazy servant.

With this story Jesus teaches us his secrets to success and failure. The master taught the selected servants the secrets to his trade. Those who got two and three talents did what their master did and got the same result. The third servant, by not doing what the master did, failed. As Jesus tells us "no servant is greater than the master" and by repeating after the master, they become like the master.

Again, the master did not tell the servants what the talent was for, neither did he inform them how to use it. As we come to the end of the church year, we reflect on our service in the mission of Christ, how we have invested the talents (gifts) God has given to each of us; and our longing to share our story with Christ.

As the "Ideal Woman" in Proverbs 31 models for us, we do not have to invest in big ventures. We just have to fulfill our vocation and to understand our lives in terms of its ultimate purpose. Then we will hear the master's booming voice saying: "Well done, my good and faithful servant... come, share your master's joy".



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESES

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"Celebrating the Cloud of Witnesses Race/Resilience/Renewal"





Julia Greely and Thea Bowman

November 21, 2020

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.

St. Monica Catholic Church Virtual Silent Auction

St. Monica is hosting a Virtual Silent Auction. Copy the URL link below to go directly to the bidding: https://www.biddingowl.com/Auction/home.cfm?auctionID=24622

This event will continue through **November 30th**, so please join in. You may see something that you can't do without! Please tell all your friends on Social Media; they'll want to bid too! Blessings, Janet Sampson, Finance Chair

Assistance for Parishioners in Need

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston continues to serve people in need during the COVID-19 pandemic through all of its programs. Food pantries are open for drive-through food distribution with hours each week at our three locations: Guadalupe Center in Houston; Mamie George Community Center in Richmond; Beacon of Hope Center in Galveston. For hours or other information, visit www.catholiccharities.org/covidfooddistribution or call the COVID Assistance Line at 713-874-6521.

Employment Opportunities

The Archdiocese has job openings in **Family Life Ministry**, **Young Adult & Campus Ministry**, and in parishes and schools across the diocese. See the job postings online at www.archgh.org/employment.

Undoing Racism Rosary Prayer

Join the Newman Center at Texas Southern University for a rosary prayer to combat the sin of racism via Zoom every Tuesday at **12 Noon**.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83577921613

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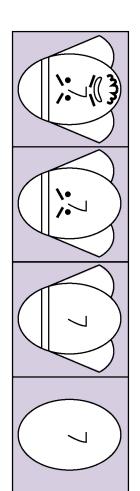
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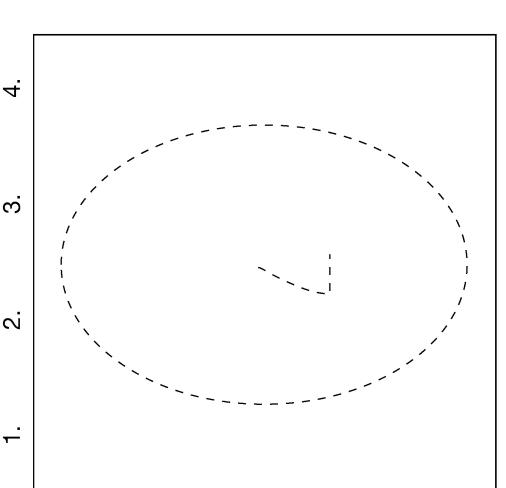
Parenting Help?

The office of Family Life Ministry has trained eight professionals around the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston to provide services to parents who are willing and need help raising their children. The program is designed to offer advice, support, and formation to parents with common developmental and behavioral problems in children. To obtain more information please contact us at **713-741-8711**.

servant who did nothing with the gold. The master was not pleased with the

Follow the steps to draw the unpleased master.



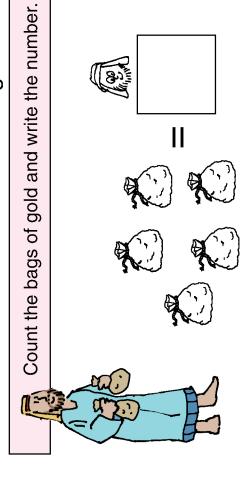


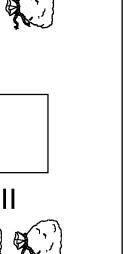


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The Parable of the Talents

A man was going on a journey. He gave his servants different amounts of gold.







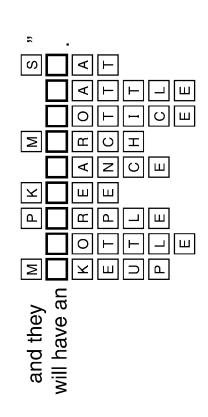




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third. What did he say? each word to fill in the blanks. Fill in the missing letter in

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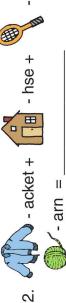
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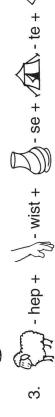
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Jesus told His followers a parable.

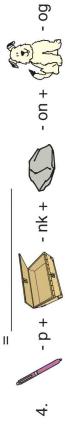
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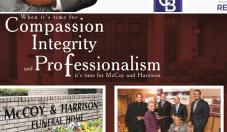
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