ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH

(ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON)

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 22, 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 Shirlev 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

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 MOVED TO** THE 10:00AM MASS. SAT. 11/21/2020 5:00PM Kristina M. Chaney (D) Family & Friends *Rev* August Thompson (D) Levan & Dolores D. Ledet *Earlene Duplechaine* (*D*) – Lois Epps Mary L. Zenon (D) – Mary Hardin Jasmine Johnson & Family (L) Wanda & Charles SUN. 11/22/2020 7:30AM Kristina M. Chaney (D) Family & Friends Helpless Spirits (D) – Maria S. Jayakumar Mary Theresa Cameron (D) Pam Johnson/Family Roger & Ella Collins Reed (D) Theresa Chambers Jermaine Walker (D) – Theresa Chambers SUN. 11/22/2020 10:00AM *Melvin Coleman* (*D*) – Helen Gobert *Carl D. Clay (D)* Patrick, P.J. & Kiara Clay *James Fisher* (*D*) – Joy Roy York Mr. & Mrs. R. L. Henderson (D/L) Henderson Family Amy Landry Gallow & Dallas Gallow, Sr. Wanda Dixon/Family People of the Parish MON. 11/23/2020 7:00AM *Rica Eaglin* (L) – Henderson Family Devin Taylor (D) – Tywanna Navy TUE. 11/24/2020 7:00AM Hope Jackson (L) – Special Intention Mr. & Mrs. R. L. Henderson (D/L) Henderson Family WED. 11/25/2020 7:00AM Marie White (L) SFX Sisters in the Spirit Dr. Margaret Allen (L) – Marie White THUR. 11/26/2020 9:00AM People of the Parish FRI. 11/27/2020 7:00AM R.L. & Willie Mae Henderson (D/L) The Henderson Family Kristina M. Chaney (D) Family & Friends



Thursday, November 26, 2020 Thanksgiving Day Mass – 9:00am (No 7:00am Mass) Friday, November 27, 2020 Mass – 7:00am (Parish Office is Closed)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Deacon Alfred Abram, Xavier Bowie, Brooks Family, Margaret Cadoree, Nancy Calvin, Sterling Dotson Certenberg, Mary

Augustine Chenier, Dalton Cooper Jr., Rita Darjean, Artrica Dozier, Dubriel Family, Nicole Fontenette, Leroy Forbes, Barbara Forte', Ursula Gross, Jimmy Harris, Hebert Family, Willie Mae Henderson, Brooke Joseph, Kennedy Family Members, Helen Kennison, JoAnn LaSane, Freda Lawdins, Hazel Lewis, Laurenzia Lewis, Eugene Mallery, Cynthia Ann Malone, Odile Malveaux, Rena Malveaux, Shannon Martin, Kobe Merriweather, Dorothy Milstead, Nikita Mitchell, Vance Neal, Vy. Rev. William L. Norvel, SSJ, Carolyn Ollison, Helen Foreman Orsort, Cynethia Pichon, William Pierre Sr., Marcelle Prevost, Carole Pryor, Elise Richmond, Evelyn Roberts, Oliver Rose, Simon Smith, Joyce Stagg, MacKenzie Swanks, Kennedi Swanks, Erma Taylor, Marie White, 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. Armv: 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 Air Force: Roderick Jones, Joffre Lander, Bena Sellers, Terrance J Valiare, Thomas Q Valiare II Marines Alyssa Dugar, Reginald Ward

NEW OFFICE

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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



On this final Sunday of the liturgical year the readings concern the end of time and Christ's role as king and judge. Before Jesus spoke to his disciples about

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separating sheep from goats, Ezekiel prophesied about the sheep God tends and then judges. Paul explained how at the end of time all will be brought to life and death will be destroyed. Finally, we hear Matthew's account of the Last Judgement. As we listen, let us ask ourselves if we can see the face of Jesus in those in need and pray for the grace to respond.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK **Sunday** – November 22 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 Psalm 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 Matthew 25:31-46 Monday – November 23 Saint Clement I, Pope & Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest & Martyr Revelation 14:1-3, 4-5 Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Luke 21:1-4 Tuesday – November 24 Saint Andrew Düng-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22 Psalm 96:10, 11-12, 13 Luke 19:1-10 Wednesday – November 25 Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr Revelation 15:1-4 Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 7-8, 9 Luke 21:12-19 **Thursday – November 26** Sirach 50:22-24 Psalm 138:1-5 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Luke 17:11-19 Friday – November 27 Revelation 20:1-4, 11-21:2 Psalm 84:3, 4, 5-6, 8 Luke 21:29-33 Saturday – November 28 Revelation 22:1-7 Psalm 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7 Luke 21:34-36



6th -10th CCE CLASSES November 28th - NO CCE CLASSES

PreK-5th CCE CLASSES

The CCE Confirmation Class did a virtual All Saints Presentation this year. Participants are pictured below from their respective online locations.







Alexa Prudhomme

Cameron Marshall



Isaiah Knighten



RCIA class is cancelled this week for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Classes will resume on Thursday, Dec 3rd at **6:30pm** in the Harris Center. Registration Forms are available in the vestibule of the Church, and on the Parish Website.



Families are invited to sign up again this year to be Advent Candle Lighters during the four (4) weekends of Advent, beginning the weekend of November **28th & 29th** and ending the weekend of **December 19th & 20th**. We have three (3) Masses each weekend, so we will need to have twelve (12) families. The Sign-up sheet will remain in the vestibule of the church until all 12 slots are filled.

St. Francis Xavier Raffle Report

INCOME	\$61,942.30
EXPENSES	
PROFIT	\$39,168.15

The winner of the \$100.00 Cash Prize for Most Tickets Sold is Reggie Russell. **Reggie sold 20 Raffle Books for a total** of \$2000.00.

Thank you to everyone who made this year's raffle a huge success!



The Young Adults Ministry is asking for your support in providing relief to the victims of Hurricane Eta in Honduras. Toiletries and non-perishable 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.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance on November 14th & November 15th was **176**. The 7:30am Livestream was viewed online by 322. 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.





MARY EAGLIN 1922 – 2020



JEANIE P. ASHIRU 1947 - 2020

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.

You Did It For Me



Happy **Christ the King Sunday**! Today we end another Church year with the feast of Christ the King. For weeks Jesus has been teaching us in parables. This last Sunday of the year he does not give us a parable but a scenario, the scene of our last judgement.

The scene Jesus paints today is so simple. There is not much to ponder over theologically. There is nothing to debate about...like which commandment is the greatest. Jesus' scene of judgement is based on one norm only, practical love of

others and loving service to others. St. John of the Cross wrote, "In the evening of life we shall be examined in love." In other words, we shall not be examined on personal status or accomplishments, but on love, our love for others in need of material and spiritual help.

We probably wish our judgement would be based on more than that. If we could rewrite this scene, we would probably include all the masses we have participated in, all the prayers we have said, and all the spiritual exercises we have been so faithful to for years. Don't these things count, Lord?

I imagine Jesus would say, "All your masses and prayers are good, but they are not the norm for your judgement. <u>They are means to an end</u>." They are meant to make us more loving people and that remains the only norm for our judgement. "In the evening of life, we shall be examined in love"

Brothers and sisters, it's in our love that we take action. It's in our love that we do 'works of mercy'.

When the world ends, we are told that God is going to focus on one thing: How did we care for the poor, the sick, the suffering? Nothing else will matter. Just how we treated those who Jesus called "**the least**" among us.

Today's gospel from Matthew, about the day of judgement, has something comparable to the last two gospels we've heard the past two Sundays. The parable of the 10 bridesmaids and the parable of the talents.

They are not stories about doing good or doing evil...no, it's more subtle than that. They are stories doing good as opposed to doing nothing.

Doing good verses doing nothing.

So you may wonder, Deacon Darryl, what do you mean?

If you look at the scriptures, in the parable about the bridesmaids at the wedding feast, there 5 bridesmaids who brought oil with them and the other 5 bridesmaids didn't. The 5 bridesmaids, who didn't have oil, did nothing.

In the parable about the servants with the talents, the 3rd servant didn't squander the money given to him, he buried it. He did nothing. He didn't invest it. That's why Jesus calls him "**You wicked**, <u>lazy</u> servant!"

So in today's gospel, it's the same paradox of doing good versus doing nothing. It was those on the shepherd's left (the sheep) who did good works, who took action. They fed the hungry, gave drink to the thirsty, welcomed the stranger, clothed the naked, cared for the ill, and visited those in prison.

It was those on the right (the goats) who did nothing. They did not feed the hungry, did not give drink to the thirsty, did not welcome the stranger, did not clothe the naked, did not care for the ill, and did not visit those in prison. They did nothing. They did not serve Jesus because of their indifference.

It's just like the parable of the Good Samaritan. If you remember, it was the Jewish priest and a Levite who passed by and avoided the man who was stripped of his clothing, beaten, and left half dead on the side of the road. They were indifferent. They didn't do evil; they just did nothing.

The goats on the right, the Jewish priest, and the Levite did not love and serve Jesus because they did not do for the "**least ones**". And Jesus says, "**and these will go off to eternal punishment**."

This reminds me of Mother Teresa who always told her sisters to remember the "Gospel on Five Fingers." She would quote Jesus' words, "**You did it for me**", as she held up each finger of her hand. These are the words from Matthew's gospel today. As you know, Mother Teresa lived her life this way, wholeheartedly believing that each person she served was Jesus himself. She tirelessly served out of her love.

Brothers and sisters, as we celebrate the feast of Christ the King, let us serve Christ in His kingdom. We serve Him in His kingdom when we serve those in need. We want to be the sheep on the left.

Will we do good or do nothing?

We are in the King's court when we work for the relief of the deprived, the oppressed, and the outcast.

Which kingdom will you serve...today and for eternity? The world which passes away? Or God's kingdom which lasts for all time?

Deacon Darryl Drenon



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON

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: <u>https://www.biddingowl.com/Auction/home.cfm?auctionID=24622</u>

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 <u>www.archgh.org/employment</u>.

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

Meeting ID: 835 7792 1613 Password: 405387

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**.

Catholic Schools Parent Survey – 6th Grade and Above

The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston is currently developing plans for a technical secondary education option for students by looking at the feasibility of a Catholic Career-Technical High School or CCTHS. The Development Committee of the CCTHS Advisory Board has planned an initial curriculum offering based on 10-year job projections for high-wage, high-demand careers within the Houston metroplex, as well as throughout the country. Our goal is to provide a truly unique, Catholic centered, technical high school education to students who may be looking to develop skills that will allow them to enter the workforce directly out of high school or move on to the college experience of their choice.

Your input will help us to better evaluate curriculum offerings and potential attendance in the new high school. Please take a few minutes to complete our Interest Survey by clicking the link below.

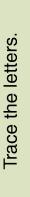
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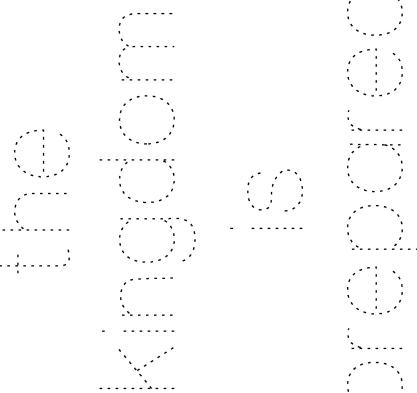
If you are interested in learning more or in being a Corporate Sponsor, please email CCTHS@archgh.org. Thank you! CCTHS Advisory Board

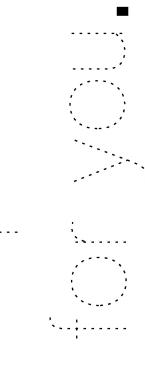
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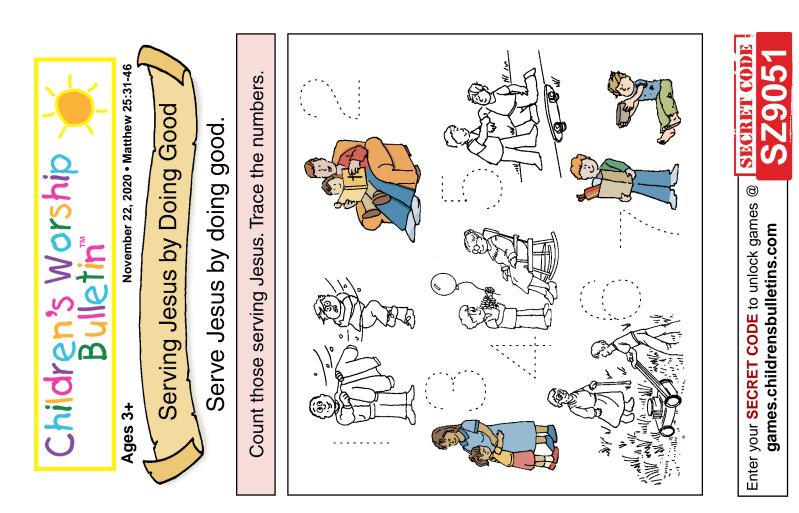


Jesus will say to those who have served Him, "Come, you who are blessed by My Father ...









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