ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH

(ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON)

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 18, 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 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

INTENTIONS HAVE BEEN MOVED TO

SFX Sisters in the Spirit

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Family & Friends

NOTE: THE SUNDAY 12:15PM MASS

10/17/2020

Charolette Davis (D) – Lois Epps

10/18/2020

Jerry Givens (L) – Special Intention

Maria S. Jayakumar

All Healthcare Essentials and Their

Families (L) – Grateful Neighbors

10/18/2020

Family & Friends

Sr. Theresa Sue Joseph, SSF

People of the Parish

Amy Landry Gallow & Dallas Gallow, Sr.

Wanda Dixon/Family

10/19/2020

10/20/2020

The Nwokobia Family

10/21/2020

10/22/2020

10/23/2020

Michael V. Johnson (L) – P. A. Piper

Shirley & Belinda Foreman

P. A. Piper

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Family & Friends

Beatrice Harris (D) – Robert Harris

Andrew Onochie Nwokobia (D)

Deacon Leonard P. Lockett (D)

Beatrice Dugas Foreman (D)

Terry & Ruth Johnson, Sr (D)

Duplechaine (D) – The Duplechaine

Joseph Duplechaine & Earlene

THE 10:00AM MASS.

Earnestine Holmes (L)

Kristina M. Chaney (D)

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Francisca Mendes (D)

Gaston Joseph, Sr. (D)

Corlis Simmons (L)

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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Deacon Alfred Abram, Mary Barriere, Bridgett Burnett, Julius Cadoree. Margaret Cadoree, Nancy Calvin, Mary Augustine

Chenier, Nora Coleman, Dalton Cooper Jr., Rita Darjean, Nicole Fontenette, Barbara Forte', Ursula Gross, Jimmy Harris, Willie Mae Henderson, Brooke Joseph, Kennedy Family Members, Helen Kennison, JoAnn LaSane, Ophelia Lazard, Hazel Lewis, Laurenzia Lewis, Eugene Mallery, Cynthia Ann Malone, 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, Evelyn Roberts, Wilson Robertson, Oliver Rose, Simon Smith, Joyce Stagg, MacKenzie Swanks, Kennedi Swanks, Erma Taylor, Louis Thomas Sr, Liz Wiley, Agnes Williams, Patricia Williams, Sharon Zenon 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

Air Force:

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

Marines

Alyssa Dugar, Reginald Ward

NEW OFFICE

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

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN **ORDINARY TIME**



Two famous rulers dominate the readings THAT ARE today: Cyrus Great

MATTHEW 22:21

and Tiberius Caesar In

the first reading we hear Isaiah extol Cyrus as God's anointed. Cyrus was not even Jewish, but he liberated the Jewish people when he conquered Babylon, so Isaiah considered him sent by God. In the Gospel, Jesus distinguishes God's role from Caesar's when asked by the Pharisees about paying taxes. As we listen to the word of God, let us think of what belongs to God in our lives.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK **Sunday – October 18** The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 Psalm 96:1, 3-5, 7-10 1 Thes 1:1-5 Matthew 22:15-21 **Monday – October 19** Sts John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests and Companions, Martvrs Ephesians 2:1-10 Psalm 100:1-5 Luke 12:13-21 **Tuesday – October 20** St Paul of the Cross, Priest Ephesians 2:12-22 Psalm 85:9-14 Luke 12:35-38 Wednesday – October 21 Ephesians 3:2-12 (Psalm) Is 12:2-3, 4-6 Luke 12:39-48 **Thursday – October 22** Saint Paul II, Pope Ephesians 3:14-21 Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 Luke 12:49-53 Friday – October 23 Saint John of Capistrano, Priest Ephesians 4:1-6 Psalm 24:1-4, 5-6 Luke 12:54-59 Saturday – October 24 St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop; BVM Ephesians 4:7-16 Psalm 122:1-5 Luke 13:1-9



SUNDAY. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call – to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.



CCE Classes for Pre-K thru 5th grade are held on **Saturdays** from **9:30am** to **11:30am**. Classes for 6th grade thru High School are held on **Mondays** from **6:00pm** to **8:00pm**. Parents have the option to register your child for virtual as well as live 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. Any questions please call the CCE Dept at (713) 731-2775 on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 9:30am-3:00pm.

RCIA

Thinking of becoming Catholic? RCIA classes are held on *Thursdays*, at **6:00pm** in the Harris Center. Registration Forms are available in the vestibule of the Church, and on the Parish Website.



KPC 138 CANCER AWARENESS

Pick up a pink ribbon and information on Cancer Awareness from the basket in the vestibule of the Church. These tokens will be available throughout the month of October.

Stewardship Reflection

Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." Matthew 22:21 Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance on October 10th & 11th was 201. The 7:30am Livestream was viewed online by 317. 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.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH FALL RAFFLE



Grand Prize! NISSAN SENTRA SV 4DR SEDAN 2nd Prize.....\$1000.00 Gift Card 3rd Prize......\$500.00 Gift Card 4th Prize......\$400.00 Gas Card 5th Prize.\$300.00 Macy's Card

Tickets are \$5.00 each or a book of 20 for \$100.00. Each household is asked to sell at least 2 books.

Drawing: October 18, 2020 after the 10:00am Mass.

Winner Need Not Be Present

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.

⁺LivingwithChrist

Living with Christ Daily Mass Missalettes are available for purchase in the vestibule of the church after all weekday and weekend Masses or the Parish Office during regular business hours. The cost is **\$2.00**.



October is "Respect Life Month" Please remember the many lives unjustly lost, whether through abortion, the death penalty, murder, or any other ungodly manner.





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DON'T FORGET TO VOTE



Oct 13-Oct 30...Early in-person voting Oct 23.....Last day to request an athome ballot

Nov 3.....Election Day 24-hour voting from 7 a.m., Thursday, October 29 to 7 p.m., Friday, October 30, 2020 at 7 locations:

- 1. Kashmere Gardens Multi Service Center
- 2. Juergen's Hall Community Center
- 3. Victory Houston
- 4. Tracy Gee Community Center
- 5. McGovern Texas Medical Center Commons
- 6. NRG Arena

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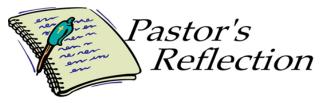
7. East Harris County Activity Center

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

CHALTCE We encourage all parishioners to take the chalice home for a week and pray for vocations. The signup sheet is located in the vestibule of the Church.

Eucharistic Adoration by Candlelight

You are invited to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life each 4th Monday of the month from **7:00pm** to **8:00pm**. Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 1111 St. Joseph Pkwy, Houston, 77002. Upcoming evenings: **Oct. 26**th and **Nov. 23**rd.



Give to God what belongs to God

This statement, "Give to God what belongs to God…" in Matthew 22:21 is amazingly simple to understand upon first hearing but exceedingly difficult to implement. We protect and defend at all cost when someone questions our integrity, prestige and intelligence when asked about our understanding of what belongs to God. Many of us see what belongs to God in material ways and so we give financial and material assistance to churches and other agencies. While not negating the material needs of the proclamation of the Word of God, Jesus today shares with us what is important and belongs to God.

There is an Arabic adage that says: "*I fight my brother, my brother and I fight a friend, my brother and I team up with a friend to fight an enemy.*" This statement is realized in the gospel reading today. Jesus uses this adage in the story of paying taxes to the Emperor to teach what is important to God. He has come to Jerusalem for the celebration of the Passover Feast. With his teachings, he has questioned the moral and spiritual conscience of the religious leaders and authorities. The hostilities towards Jesus reached the boiling point when he cleansed the temple and charged the chief priests and elders of making "my father's house a den of thieves instead of a house of prayer" (Mt. 21:13). These activities are happening during the Passover week and visitors from all over the Empire have come to Jerusalem for the celebrations. The atmosphere was charged, and Jesus' vibrant preaching and actions did not offer any relief.

They had had enough of this Galilean preacher and would rather see him silenced than continue his escapade. All attempts to set him up or implicate him with something have failed. He has outwitted them at every one of their game plans. Jesus continues to anger the Pharisees and other leaders by using parables to tell them that they are losing the Kingdom of God.

So, the Pharisees came up with a brilliant, "bullet proof", trap that seemed to have no escape route. They teamed up with their archenemy, the Herodians, to trap Jesus on the question of the Census Tax. This approach is significant because the Pharisees hated the Romans who were ruling Israel. The Herodians, however, were favorable towards the Romans and cooperated with them. That the Pharisees and Herodians teamed up against a common enemy, Jesus, is where the Arabic adage is realized. They left Jesus with no room for escape, so they thought. He would be in trouble with either group on this question.

Their malice prevented them from realizing that inherent in the question they presented is its own answer. The coin in question is a Roman coin with the image of the emperor and has an inscription which reads "Tiberius Caesar, noble son of the divine Augustus, high priest". So, in line with the prohibitions written in the first Commandment, the Pharisees and many Jews were against images as well as referring to Caesar Augustus as divine. However, despite their hatred for the tax, they still had to carry the Caesar Augustus coin with them to pay the tax.

Jesus realized the twofold implications of the question and while allowing for limited cooperation with the Romans, ruled out cheating God of what rightfully belongs to him. In other words, since the coin has the emperor's emblem and inscription on it, it belongs to him. But you should not forget to give to God what rightfully belongs to God, namely: love, prayer, sacrifice, and obedience.

In the second reading, Paul, in his letter to the Thessalonians (1-5), reminded the Church that by their baptism into the triune God their lives were intertwined with not just their own community but others as well. They have been called to share in the mission of God, the father of Israel who anointed Cyrus, the Persian King, to free Israel from the Babylonian bondage (Isaiah 45 1-6). This same God is the Father of Jesus Christ who Paul presented to the Church.

With indirect reference to the payment of census tax to the emperor, Paul tells us that the characteristics of the community of believers who proclaim the gospel are faith, love, and hope. Faith is demonstrated by action; love is a labor fraught with difficulties, and hope assures the believer that Christ lives and will return.

With the story of the Census tax and Paul's Thessalonian letter we heard what belongs to God. What belongs to God are fitting praise and service. We are to return these to God with conviction of heart through love, prayer, sacrifice, and obedience.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER ROSARY RALLY October 11, 2020



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Bulletin Deadline: WEDNESDAY @ NOON



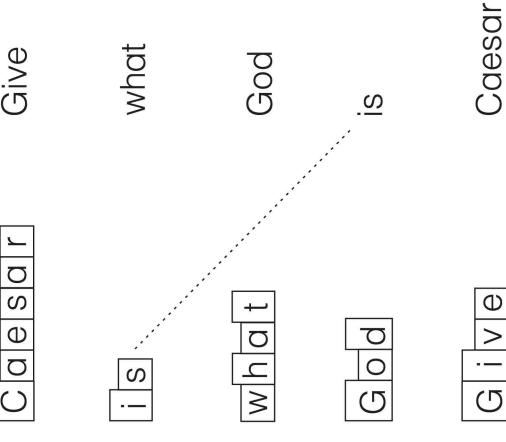
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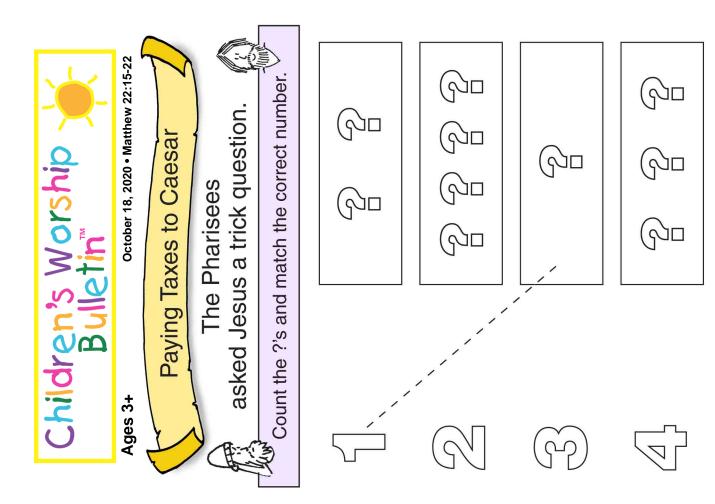
Since the COVID_19 Pandemic started we have been mailing the Parish Bulletin to every household in the Church database. To enhance communicating information to you and your family, we want to add Text messages to your Cell Phone and/or Email. Please complete the information requested below and return this form (via mail, drop-box or collection basket) as soon as possible. We hope to start sending the electronic communications in November 2020.

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Draw a line from the boxed letters to the word it matches.





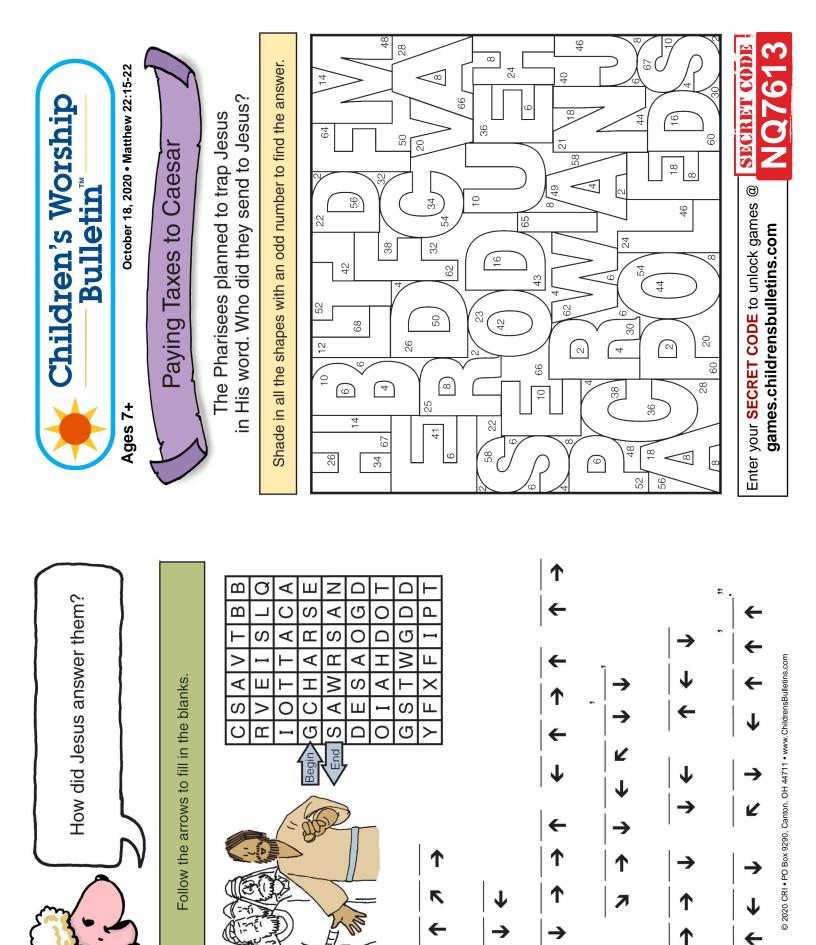
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