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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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:

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BIBLE STUDY/

ADULT CATHECHISM:

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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.

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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

SAT. 04/17/2021

5:00PM

Amy Landry Gallow & Dallas Gallow, Sr. Wanda Dixon/Family

Leo E. Prescott, Jr. (D) – Wanda Johnson Thomas Narcisse (D) – Jeanette Steptoe Ruth Celestine (L) – Tywanna Navy Kristina M. Chanev (D)

Family & Friends

SUN. 04/18/2021 7:30AM

People of the Parish 04/18/2021

10:00AM

Kristina M. Chaney (D)

SUN.

Family & Friends

Jermaine Walker (D) – Theresa Chambers Melvin Dudley Allen (D) – Judy Allen Roger & Ella Reed (D)

Don & Theresa Chambers Deacon Albert Henry (D) – The Family MON. 04/19/2021 7:00AM

Augie Magbual (D)

Shirley & Belinda Foreman

Alvie Dean Drenon (D)

The Chaney Family

TUE. 04/20/2021 7:00AM

7:00AM

Agnes Thompson (L)

SFX Sisters in the Spirit

Beverly Williams (L) – Theresa Baltrip WED. 04/21/2021 7:00AM

Agnes Thompson (L)

Special Intention

Patrick Onuorah Nwokobia (D)

The Nwokobia Family

THUR. 04/22/2021 7:00AM

Michael V. Johnson (D)

The Chaney Family

Deacon Darryl Drenon & Family (L)

The Chaney Family

FRI. 04/23/2021

President Joseph Biden (L)

Theresa Baltrip

Anne Bell (D) – M.B. Holland

COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Line Number

Applications began on April 12, 2021 844-684-6333 TTY 800-462-7585

Hours of Operation:

Monday – Friday 8am – 8pm Central Time

PTTENDANCE

Attendance on April 10th & April 11th was 245. The 7:30am Livestream was viewed online by 342. Please join us via Livestream, or bring a friend to come worship with us in the church. You must wear a mask to attend all services in the church.



Deacon Alfred Abram, Michael Albert. Savannah Blackwell. Julius Cadoree. Margaret Cadoree, Nancy Calvin, Sterling

Dotson Certenberg, Nora Coleman, Dalton Cooper Jr., Frank Davis Sr., Barbara Forte', Ursula Gross, Jimmy Harris, Willie Mae Henderson, Crystal Jackson, Barbara Nell Jones, Brooke Joseph, Kennedy Family Members, Helen Kennison, JoAnn LaSane, Hazel Lewis, Laurenzia Lewis, Eugene Mallery, Cynthia Ann Malone, Charles Martin, Taylor Martin, Terrance Drenon, Shannon Martin, Dorothy Milstead, Joe Mott, Vy. Rev. William L. Norvel, SSJ, Carolyn Ollison, Helen Foreman Orsort, Cynethia Pichon, Mae Poindexter, Marcelle Prevost, Carole Pryor, Melody Ratcliff, Elise Richmond, Evelyn Roberts, Jason Robinson, Oliver Rose, Simon Smith, Joyce Stagg, MacKenzie Swanks, Kennedi Swanks, Erma Taylor, Louis Thomas Sr. Jamie Walcott. 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 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, Kerry Hubbard, Kory Hubbard, Stephen Jones, LaTroy King, Gary Christian Robertson, Anthony Lamar Smith II, David Stagnoli, Jordan T. McCorkle, Essence L. Casteel

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

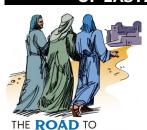
Alyssa Dugar, Reginald Ward

you may call the Parish Office.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

We encourage all parishioners "VOCATION CHALICE to take the chalice home for a week and pray for vocations. You may sign-up in the vestibule of the church, or

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



EMMAUS

Our readings today take us back in time to the days that followed Jesus' resurrection. Peter preached in

the temple, promising forgiveness for those who repent and convert. John wrote to the early Christian community, promising the love of God to those who keep the commandments. Before all this, Jesus appeared to his disciples, assuring them of his bodily presence and charging them to testify in his name to the whole world. Let us listen, knowing we are called to do the same.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

☐ Sunday – April 18

3rd Sunday of Easter Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

1 John 2:1-5

Luke 24:35-48

 \square Monday – April 19

Acts 6:8-15

Psalm 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30

John 6:22-29

☐Tuesday – April 20

Acts 7:51-8:1

Psalm 31:3-4, 6, 7, 8, 17, 21

John 6:30-35

□□Wednesday – April 21

Saint Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Acts 8:1-8

Psalm 66:1-3, 4-7

John 6:35-40

☐Thursday – April 22

Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 66:8-9, 16-17, 20

John 6:44-51

Friday – April 23

Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr Acts 9:1-20

Psalm 117:1, 2

John 6:52-59

Saturday – April 24

Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr Acts 9:31-42 Psalm 116:12-17 John 6:60-69

Bulletin Deadline: WEDNESDAY @ NOON



April 19......6:00pm

6th – 10th CCE CLASSES

Pre-K – 5th CCE Classes



Thinking of becoming Catholic?

If you're not a Catholic, or you are a baptized Catholic lacking Confirmation and Eucharist, we invite you to explore the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Registration forms are available in the vestibule of the Church and on the Parish Website at www.sfxhouston.com.

Stewardship Reflection

That we have the courage to do the work God has sent us to do, knowing that this is the true path to peace and joy. "Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' But they were startled and frightened..." - Luke 24:36-37 Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and to "be the face of Jesus" to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide "peace" to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a "God-centered" life and not a "selfcentered" life.



St. Francis Xavier Health Ministry is reorganizing. We are recruiting members, age 16 and up, interested in

promoting awareness about health. will bring back the second Sunday blood pressure check and much more. See the Health Ministry page on the Parish Website (www.sfxhouston.com) for health observances during the month of April. You do not need to work in the health field, just have an interest in helping others. This is an excellent opportunity for those who are considering a career in health. For further information, please Email marysias@att.net and place "Health Ministry" in the subject line. Volunteers must have met all Safe Environment (Virtus) requirements for the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.



Catholic Home **Missions Appeal** Next week, we

will take up the Home Catholic

Missions Appeal. Today, over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/homemissions.

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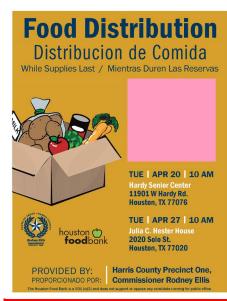
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MOBILE FOOD DRIVE

The University of St. Thomas and the Houston Food Bank are offering Mobile Food Drives once a month. These are open to the entire Houston community and are not limited to UST students. Distribution will be on campus in the Link Lee Parking Lot, 3800 Montrose Blvd. from **4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** on April 30 and May 28. To meet the needs of everyone who attends, we kindly ask that you follow instructions upon arrival. If you have any questions, please contact the University Events Department at: events@stthom.edu.







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 vou 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.



KPC SCHOLARSHIPS

Knights of Peter Claver Council and Court 138 Scholarship Applications are available in the vestibule of the Church Center and the Harris Lobby. Completed applications MUST be received by the Scholarship Committee and Postmarked no later than May 10, 2021.

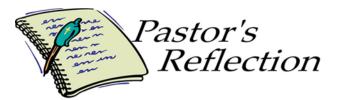


The Finance Council will meet Wednesday, April 21st, at 5:30pm in the

Harris Center Auditorium.



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



Even amid great confusion and guilt, Jesus wishes us Peace (Shalom)

I read a story of a mother whose teenage son came with excitement to tell his mother that he has finally been able to memorize a scripture verse. The mother was so anxious to share the good news with her pastor and could not wait for Sunday School class. When she got the chance to speak with the pastor on Sunday, she told the pastor: "My teenage son has finally learned a Bible verse. It is in Luke 24 verse 41. 'Have you anything to eat'"?

Peter in speaking to a Jewish audience, offered them and us a challenge not to repeat Rome's crucifixion of Christ and the Jewish rejection him. This Jesus Christ is the one who makes healing possible. The crucified and resurrected Jesus is the Child of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. This life affirming Christ is the redeeming and healing agent who has come into our lives to help us transform our violent and devastating ways of life that thwart our pathways of peace and understanding. Jesus Christ is one through whom we overcome our ignorance and confusion.

The Easter Saturday night event brought a great deal of confusion and uneasiness. Early on the Sunday morning, Jesus' tomb was found to be empty. Peter and John also came and saw the empty tomb with nothing in it. Some women, who were also followers of Jesus, claimed that they had talked with an angel who assured them that Jesus is alive for he has risen. So much had taken place within the short time that it was overwhelming. Mary Magdalene talked about seeing Jesus later in the day. Jesus appeared to two disciples and not only walked with them but had joined in their conversation only to disappear after breaking bread with them. When these same disciples returned to tell their story, Jesus suddenly appeared to them even though the doors were locked. We can imagine the overwhelming surprise, shock, and disbelief, not mentioning how terrified they may have been. We cannot also discount their embarrassment and the feeling of guilt since they had abandoned him, their master, in his greatest time of need after his arrest. Some even denied knowing him. It is no wonder the disciples reacted to the appearance of the resurrected Lord among them with "disbelief" and "wonder".

It is within this mixed bag of emotions that Jesus, dispelled their doubts and greeted them: "Peace be with you". He then assures them that he is alive, and they are not seeing a ghost. He invited them to feel his hands and side because a ghost does not have flesh and bone. He enlightened the disciples and then commissioned them to preach the gospel to all. The resurrection of Christ thus becomes the object of the church's faith and the centerpiece of the proclamation of the new life in Christ.

It is this new life in Christ that Peter and John proclaimed in the Temple area to the lame man who asked them for money. The lame man accepted the invitation to receive Christ. He was excited, jumped, and danced praising God, to the amazement of the people in the temple. This commotion offered Peter the opportunity to testify to Christ's resurrection and called his audience to repentance.

The resurrection of Jesus has become the most wonderful life-changing event in human history. Because Jesus rose from the dead, our world is a different world even though evil and hatred, as well as suffering, still hang around trying to inflict us with its poison. The sting of death is neutralized, and death no longer has power over us. Fear can no longer hold us down because Jesus has offered us his "peace" (Shalom). As "witnesses of these things" we have his peace. It behooves us, while experiencing this peace, even amid our confusion and guilt, to proclaim his peace (shalom). So, can we more fully witness the resurrection of Jesus Christ to our brothers and sisters? Can you be counted among the "witnesses of these things"?

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AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON

Year of St. Joseph

The Archdiocesan website has a page dedicated to the Year of St. Joseph, which began in December and runs through the liturgical year. Please visit https://www.archgh.org/resources/year-of-st-joseph/, which includes the history of St. Joseph in the church, prayers of devotion and more.

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.

Joe's Masterclass Video Series for Men

The Office of Family Life Ministry has a new resource for the men: *Joe's Masterclass*, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dNIN8xc7DWw is a video series about the spirituality of St. Joseph, as we begin the Year of the Family. In this series of short videos, designed for social media sharing, Deacon Ly Nguyen will cover different aspects of manhood in a relaxed and profound way. Topics include righteousness, active prayer, work ethic, protection, and many others. A new video will be released every Friday for twelve weeks. We hope you find these videos useful for the men in your communities.

Café Catholica Lite: May 27

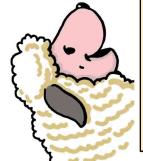
The next *Café Catholica Lite* will be held online on **May 27**, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Our speaker is Fr. Nathan Cromly from the Congregation of St. John and founder of Eagle Eye Ministries. His topic will be "*Why a Year of St. Joseph?*" The night will include the talk, Q&A, and communal prayer. To register go to: https://bit.ly/CafeLite2021. The Café Catholica program seeks to help young adults (ages 18-39) encounter Christ and his Church. All young adults are invited to join us for Café Catholica Lite throughout the year. For more information, contact the Office for Young Adult and Campus Ministry at www.archgh.org/cafecatholica or Email yacm@archgh.org or Call 713-741-8778.

New Fully Online Marriage Preparation Program

Great news for our engaged couples! At the Family Life Office we have completed the revision of the Online Marriage Preparation Program from Agape Catholic Ministries, and it is now available for our couples to check it out and register. For more information, please see https://www.archgh.org/media/14926/ca081320agape.pdf. If you have any questions, contact Ricardo Medina, Director of Family Life Ministry, at rmedina@archgh.org or 713-741-8709.

Elder Abuse

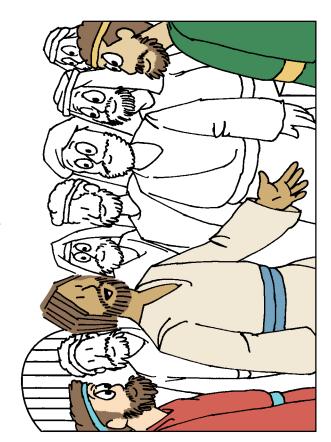
Elder abuse can happen to anyone and it can take many different forms. Most cases of abuse reported to Adult Protective Services involve "self-neglect." Many of these people are vulnerable to abuse because they live alone or are dependent on someone else for their care. Texas requires by law the reporting of elder abuse or the suspicion of elder abuse. If you know of someone who cannot care for himself/herself, or who is being abused, neglected or exploited, whether they live alone or with a spouse or caregiver, Texas law requires that you report the abuse. The number is **1-800-252-5400**; your report will remain confidential. For additional information, please contact the Office of Aging at **713-741-8712**.



Jesus did something else. What was it? Remove all A's, U's and F's from the string of letters below to fill in the blanks.

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the Scriptures.





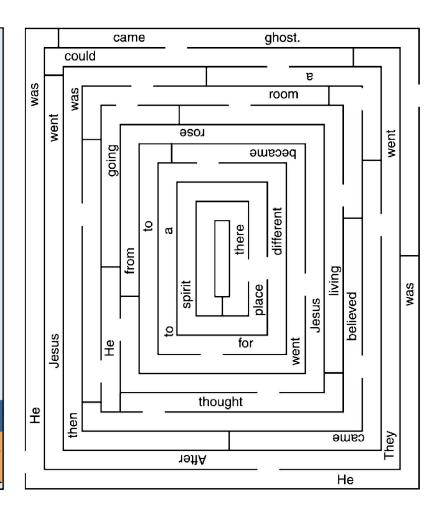
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Jesus Helps the Disciples Understand Scripture

After Jesus had been crucified, He appeared to His disciples. What did they think at first?

Find the right path through the maze and read the words along the way.

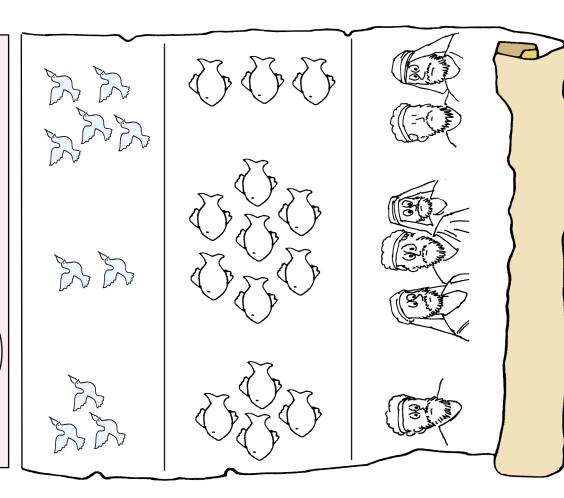






He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will ... rise ... on the 3rd day ... and forgiveness will be preached in His name. ... You are witnesses of these things."

Circle) the group of 3 in each row.





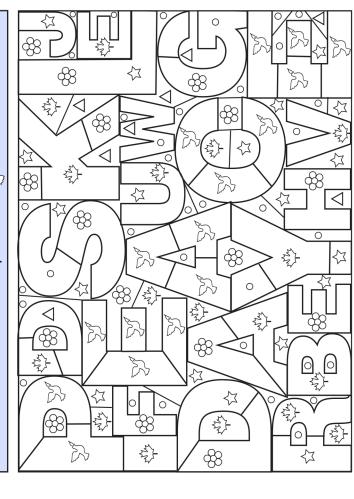
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Jesus Appears to the Disciples

While His followers were talking, Jesus Himself stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." They were afraid, thinking they saw a ghost.

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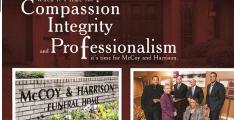
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