

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH

(ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON)

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

AUGUST 15, 2021



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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

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## 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:

Tuesdays: 7:00p.m.

God's Chosen Choir:

Wednesdays: 7:00p.m.

Combined Adult/Youth Choir:

Wednesdays before 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays: 7:00p.m.

## 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: [www.sfxhouston.com](http://www.sfxhouston.com)

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>SAT.</b>	<b>08/14/2021</b>	<b>5:00PM</b>
	<i>People of the Parish</i>	
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>08/15/2021</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>
	<i>Plenny &amp; Ocelia Biagas (D)</i>	
	Patricia Session	
	<i>Else Gersle (D) – Maria S. Jayakumar</i>	
	<i>Leo Ladet (D) – Levan &amp; Dolores Ladet</i>	
	<i>Thanksgiving – Levan &amp; Dolores Ladet</i>	
	<i>Amy Landry Gallow &amp; Dallas Gallow, Sr.</i>	
	Wanda Dixon/Family	
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>08/15/2021</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>
	<i>Kristina M. Chaney (D)</i>	
	Family & Friends	
	<i>Mary Augustine Chenier (D)</i>	
	Odelia Vallery	
	<i>Baltrip Children (D) – Theresa Baltrip</i>	
	<i>Virgie Mire (D)</i>	
	Mire & Knighton Families	
	<i>Mary Theresa Cameron (D)</i>	
	Pamela Johnson/Family	
<b>MON.</b>	<b>08/16/2021</b>	<b>7:00AM</b>
	<i>Audrey Otis (L) – Birthday Blessing</i>	
	<i>Roger &amp; Ella Collins Reed (D)</i>	
	Donald Chambers	
<b>TUE.</b>	<b>08/17/2021</b>	<b>7:00AM</b>
	<i>Jermaine Walker (D) – Theresa Chambers</i>	
	<i>Rogie &amp; Ella Collins Reed (D)</i>	
	Donald Chambers	
<b>WED.</b>	<b>08/18/2021</b>	<b>7:00AM</b>
	<i>My-Chi (L) – Susy Suong</i>	
	<i>Monique Clark (D) – Tywanna Navy</i>	
<b>THUR.</b>	<b>08/19/2021</b>	<b>7:00AM</b>
	<i>Dr. U.W. Watkins, Jr. (D)</i>	
	Tywanna Navy	
	<i>My-Chi Family (L) - Susy Suong</i>	
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>08/20/2021</b>	<b>7:00AM</b>
	<i>Michael V. Johnson (D) – P.A. Piper</i>	
	<i>My-Chi (L) – Susy Suong</i>	



**Therese Jenkins** passed away on August 11, 2021, at the age of 96. Mrs. Jenkins is the beloved Mother of our own Deacon Michael Jenkins. A Funeral Mass is pending. Eternal Rest Grant unto her soul.

**ATTENDANCE**

Attendance on August 7<sup>th</sup> & August 8<sup>th</sup> was **316**. The 7:30am Livestream received **64** views online by. Please join us via Livestream, or bring a friend to come worship with us in the church. Masks will not be required, but they are encouraged.



Deacon Alfred Abram, Michael Albert, Savannah Blackwell, Helen Brown, Julius Cadoree, Margaret Cadoree, Nancy Calvin, Sterling Dotson Certenberg, Dalton Cooper Jr., Frank Davis Sr., Lois Epps, Barbara Forte', Jimmy Harris, Willie Mae Henderson, Delilah "Anne" Jordan, Brooke Joseph, Kennedy Family Members, Helen Kennison, JoAnn LaSane, Theresa Lazard, Roy Lee, Hazel Lewis, Laurenzia Lewis, Eugene Mallery, Cynthia Ann Malone, Charles Martin, Shannon Martin, Diane Miles, Dorothy Milstead, Vy. Rev. William L. Norvel, SSJ, Carolyn Ollison, Helen Foreman Orsot, Cynethia Pichon, Percy Pichon Sr, Marcelle Prevost, Carole Pryor, Melody Ratcliff, Herman Rayme, Elise Richmond, Evelyn Roberts, Oliver Rose, Simon Smith, Joyce Stagg, MacKenzie Swanks, Kennedi Swanks, Erma Taylor, Gemma 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

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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, Terrance J Valiare, Thomas Q Valiare II

**Marines:**

Alyssa Dugar, Reginald Ward

**ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

When the angel Gabriel visited the young Virgin Mary with the momentum, shocking news that she would be the mother of God's Son, she responded faithfully,

"May it be done to me according to your word." When a woman spontaneously praised his mother, Jesus told the crowd, "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it." As we listen to God's word today, let us consider how we assent to God's will and incorporate God's word in our lives.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**☐ **Sunday – August 15**

*Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
Revelation 11:19; 12:1-6, 10  
Psalm 45:10-12, 16  
1 Corinthians 15:20-27  
Luke 1:36-59

☒ **Monday – August 16**

*Saint Stephen of Hungary*  
Judges 2:11-19  
Psalm 106:34-37, 39-40, 43, 44  
Matthew 19:16-22

☒ **Tuesday – August 17**

Judges 6:11-24  
Psalm 85:9, 11-14  
Matthew 19:23-30

☒ **Wednesday – August 18**

Judges 9:6-15  
Psalm 21:2-7  
Matthew 20:1-6

☒ **Thursday – August 19**

*Saint John Eudes, Priest*  
Judges 11:29-39  
Psalm 40:5, 7-10  
Matthew 22:1-14

☐ **Friday – August 20**

*Saint Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church*  
Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22  
Psalm 146:5-10  
Matthew 22:34-40

☐ **Saturday – August 21**

*Saint Pius X, Pope*  
Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17  
Psalm 128:1-5  
Matthew 23:1-12





CCE Registration is **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 9:30am to 4:00pm**. CCE Classes begin on **Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>** for 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Grade and **Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>** for Pre-K thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. Please bring: **Birth Certificate, Baptism Certificate and First Communion Certificate** if already celebrated. The Registration Form is available on the Parish Website, [www.sfxhouston.com](http://www.sfxhouston.com). If you have any questions call 713-731-2775.

## RCIA

### 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](http://www.sfxhouston.com)



### August is National Immunization Awareness Month

which is an annual observance to highlight the importance of vaccination of all ages. Immunizations are not just for children. Adults need to keep their vaccinations up to date because immunity from childhood vaccines can wear off. We are also at risk for vaccine preventable diseases as an adult due to age, work, travel, or general health conditions. **Immunizations help prevent getting and spreading serious diseases.** The St. Francis Health Ministry is hosting another Zoom Health Seminar on Immunization, Saturday, **August 28, 2021**. See the flyer next weekend for additional information.

### Stewardship Reflection

That just like Mary, we too reflect the light Christ to the world! "And Mary said, 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior.'" Luke 1: 46 After Jesus, we look to Mary as our model of stewardship. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's will. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we too are called to reflect Christ to the world. We do this by living grateful and generous lives. We do this by putting other's needs before our wants.



### ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH FALL RAFFLE



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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 17, 2021**

**Winner Need Not be Present!**

### VENDOR BOOTHS

There will be a limited number of outside Vendor Booths available for the Bazaar. There will be NO booths inside the Parish Hall. The fee for booths is \$100.00. Contact the Parish Office for a registration form or visit the Parish Website [www.sfxhouston.com](http://www.sfxhouston.com).

### PRE-BAZAAR DINNER SALES

The Bazaar Team is hosting a Pre-Bazaar Dinner Sale on the weekend of **September 11 - 12**. The menu will include: Chicken or Pork Steak, Green Beans, Cabbage, Rice & Gravy, and Corn Bread. The cost is \$15 per plate. Phone orders for delivery and Pre-Paid orders for Curbside pick-up will be provided.

### SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston requires that all clergy, employees, volunteers, members of groups, and organizations over the age of 18 who work, volunteer or participate in any capacity are required to complete the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Training and a criminal background check. This applies to all Bazaar volunteers. Please see the Bulletin inserts for detailed information on the Safe Environment Policy and Mandatory Training.

The next **Bazaar Team Meeting** is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00p.m. in the Harris Center Auditorium.

### 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.**

### 55+ Club



The 55+ Club will have a bus trip to the Coshatta Casino on **September 11, 2021**.

The bus will load @ **7:30am** and leave @ **8:00am**. The cost per person is **\$30.00**. To reserve your seat contact: **Herbrt "Red" Archer (281) 536-8912, or Anne Polk (713) 738-4983**.

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**"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;**

**my spirit rejoices in God my Savior**

**for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.**

**From this day all generations will call me blessed."**

**- Lk 1:46-48**



## **Mary, the Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, was First to be in Heaven, Body and Soul**

We celebrate our belief that the Blessed Ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, was taken body and soul to heaven when her earthly life was over. This is one of the few beliefs, dogmas, that is not Scripture based. This dogma began with historical events which Scriptures only allude to and this doctrine has been believed in the Church for 2,000 years. It has been passed down in the oral tradition of the Church and has developed over the centuries. From its inception, it has been believed by the Catholic faithful.

Pope Pius XII declared on November 1, 1950, that “the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory” (Munificentissimus Deus #44), thus, making the teaching of Mary’s Assumption a dogma for Catholic Faith. Even though there is no direct mention of Mary’s assumption in the Scriptures, prayerful devotions of the early Christians drawn upon the stories of Jesus’ resurrection created the description of this event. Pope Pius XII used Genesis (3:15) as scriptural support for the doctrine of Mary’s victory over sin and death through her intimate association with her son Jesus Christ, the “new Adam”. St Paul alludes to this in his first letter to the Corinthians (15:54) when Paul wrote “then shall come to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory”.

In Christian symbolism, Mary is referred to among many as the Ark of the New Covenant. Her womb is the Tabernacle that held the Word of God. As the Ark of the Covenant housed the special presence of God with the people during the Jewish sojourn so Mary carried within her womb Jesus, the Incarnate Word of God during the Incarnation.

The Ark of the Covenant was a unique symbol of God’s presence with Israel during their sojourn from the Sanai desert to the Promised Land. The Ark was not only often taken to the battle fields throughout the journey, but it also accompanied Israel to the

Promised Land. In the same manner the Incarnate Word of God accompanies the believer in his/her earthly sojourn.

St Paul laid out the significance of Jesus’ resurrection to help the Christians in Corinth who felt that it was marginalized to the gospel. These Christians emphasized the spiritual message of faith and dismissed the value of the material body of the resurrected Christ. For them there is no hope in any future bodily resurrection of the dead. St. Paul wrote to correct this error by insisting that “if there is no resurrection of the dead, then neither has Christ been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then empty too is our preaching; empty too, your faith” (1Cor 15:13-14). He writes to assure all who hope for Jesus’ return and their own resurrection from the dead that God’s plan is on schedule. Paul draws the biblical imagery of the “first fruits” of crops which the farmer offers to God as a sign of one’s faith in God who provides bountiful harvest. Christ the “first fruit” is already with his Father, and all who belong to Christ will join him at the end, just like Mary has done.

The assumption of Mary, therefore, presents us a mirror of Jesus’ resurrection, and with scripture and tradition, suggests that what happened to Jesus will happen to us also, but Mary first. We believe that Mary is fully united with her son in glory. She remains his mother and he, her son. This mother-son relationship is extended to us by Our Lord Jesus at the foot of the cross when he told his mother “Woman, behold your son” and to John, “behold your mother”. So, we pray to Mary, our mother asking her to intercede with her son on our behalf.

To give hope to the Christians who were suffering for their commitment to Christ, the Book of Revelation was written to confirm their belief that Jesus was really raised from the dead and he rules over the whole of creation. The baptized should live like Christ, the Lord and God, the author of the heavenly vision set before them.



Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

*Office of Child and Youth Protection*

## **SAFE ENVIRONMENT POLICY**

The Archdiocese strives to implement policies, procedures, and training that may help protect the safety of children, young people and vulnerable adults who are enrolled in our parish schools, religious education classes, and other programs. Priests, deacons, clergy, employees, and volunteers are called at all times to engage in Christ-Centered and professional behavior. The background screening and Safe Environment training of all priests, deacons, clergy, employees, volunteers, groups, movements, and organizations is a requirement of the Archdiocese and assists in upholding our Safe Environment Policies.

Abuse of children is immoral and reprehensible and will not be tolerated by the Archdiocese. The law requires that anyone who has cause to believe that a child's physical or mental health or welfare has been or may be adversely affected by abuse or neglect must report his or her suspicions to the Texas Department of Human Services or a local state law enforcement agency. When Archdiocesan personnel are involved in child abuse, the Archdiocese's ability to carry out its mission is undermined.

All Archdiocesan personnel must comply with applicable laws regarding incidents of actual or suspected child abuse including abuse involving child on child conduct.

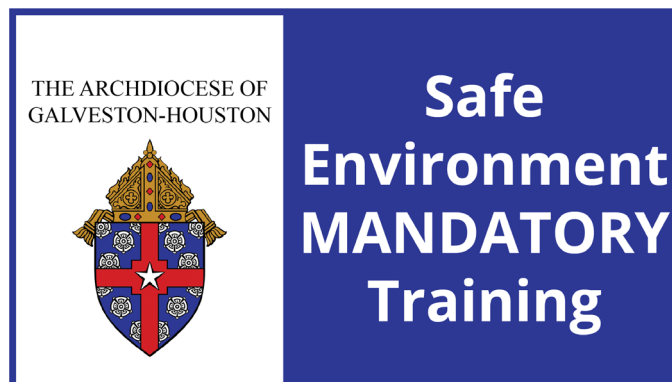
Failure to report suspected physical or mental abuse or neglect of a child in Texas is a crime punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both.

**PERMISSION TO MAKE A REPORT IS NOT REQUIRED OR EXPECTED. ERR ON THE SIDE OF MAKING A GOOD FAITH REPORT RATHER THAN FAILING TO DO SO. Use the following link to access the Office of Child and Youth Protection reporting requirements: [www.archgh.org/ocyp](http://www.archgh.org/ocyp)**

Education is a key element of the Safe Environment program. All clergy, employees, contracted school personnel, volunteers, members of groups, movements, and organizations over the age of 18, who work, volunteer or participate in any capacity are required to complete the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Training and a criminal background check before they may begin employment, volunteer, or participate with ministries, groups, movements, and organizations. In addition, the mandatory renewal training must be completed every 5 years and a new background check submitted before the 5 year expiration of prior training. **The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston Safe Environment compliance training and renewal training is a condition of employment and for volunteer ministry in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.**

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#### Getting Started:

1. Go to <https://galvestonhouston.cmgconnect.org/>

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**Previous VIRTUS training?** Click the “Sign In” button in the upper right corner of the page and use your VIRTUS username and password: **1234**. You will be prompted to update to a more secure password. Once signed in, you can update your account information from the “Edit Profile” tab.

2. Your dashboard will show you the required and optional training curriculums that have been customized for your particular category within the Archdiocese.
3. Click **Start** under **Safe Haven Training - Mandatory for all employees and volunteers** to begin.
4. On the last page of the curriculum, submit your background check information. Please enter your name as listed on your government issued identification.  
**NOTE:** The training will show as **Resume** until your background check is processed and reviewed by the Archdiocese. This can take up to 7-10 business days.

For more information, please use your FAQ or Support tab at the top of the screen.

Please contact [cmgconnect@catholicmutual.org](mailto:cmgconnect@catholicmutual.org) or click  if you need assistance accessing your account.

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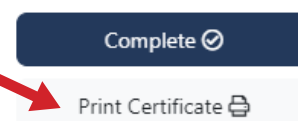
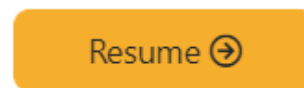
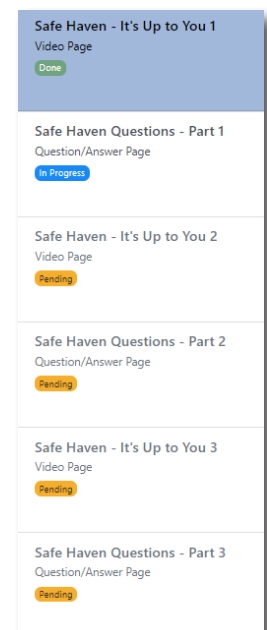
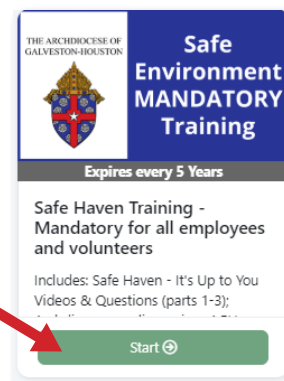
Complete each training page—as you work through, they will show as **Done** in each box.

When finished, click **Dashboard**. Your curriculum will show as *Resume* on your dashboard until your background check is processed and approved.

**NOTE:** Background checks can take up to 7-10 business days to process.

After you are certified, you can log in to your account to access your completion certificate. Click the gray **Print Certificate** button under the completed training.

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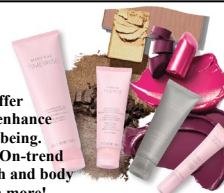


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