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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:

Tuesdays: 7:00p.m.

God's Chosen Choir:

Wednesdays: 7:00p.m.

Combined Adult/Youth Choir: SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER **NOTICE**

CHOIR DIRECTORS:

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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.

BIBLE STUDY/ ADULT CATHECHISM: SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER

NOTICE

VISITATION OF THE SICK

Communion for the sick and shut-in is available. Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

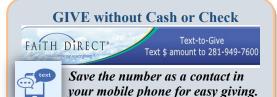
Please call the parish office for information. Preparation classes are required for parents and godparents.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please contact a priest a minimum of six months prior to proposed date.

WELCOME VISITORS AND **NEWCOMERS**

To register, call or come by the parish office or visit our website at:www.sfxhouston.com



MASS INTENTIONS

SAT. 08/28/2021

5:00PM

Kristina M. Chaney (D) Family & F

Family & Friends

Earlene Duplechaine/Joseph Duplechaine
The Duplechaine Family

Deacon Albert Henry (D) – The Family Leroy Forbes (D) – Ruth Celestine Irene Hutchins (D) – Nieces & Nephews

From Fluctures (D) = Nieces & Nepnews SUN. 08/29/2021 7:30AM

Kristina M. Chaney (D)

Family & Friends

Nicholas Toutaglione (D)

Maria S. Jayakumar

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

Agnes Williams (L) – Tywanna Navy My-Chi Family (L) – Susy Suong

SUN. 08/29/2021 10:00AM

People of the Parish **08/30/2021 7:00AM**

MON. 08/30/2

Hutchins & Holdman Family

Mv-Chi (L) – Susy Suong

TUE. 08/31/2021 7:00AM

R.L. Henderson (D)

Willie Mae Henderson & Family

Ruth Celestine (L) – Tywanna Navy **WED. 09/01/2021 7:00AM**

Monique Clark (D) – Tywanna Navy

My-Chi Family (L) – Susy Suong

THUR. 09/02/2021 7:00AM

Bertha Lewis (L) – The Lewis Family

Vernice White (L) - Tywanna Navy FRI. 09/03/2021 7:00AM

Willie & Theresa Roy (D) – Joy Roy York Fr. Jeremiah Brady (D) – M.B. Holland

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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

Navy:

Alvin Balthazar, Debreanna Brown, Jermaine Ceaser, Kevin Crockett, Courtney Harris, Nia D. Hawkins, Randolph J. Navy III, Anthony N. Russell

Air Force:

Roderick Jones, Joffre Lander, Terrance J Valiare, Thomas Q Valiare II

Marines:

Alyssa Dugar, Reginald Ward

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.



Do we take God's word to heart and act upon it? Moses—about to reveal the commandments—calls on the people to observe God's word carefully

and faithfully. In his letter, James asks us to welcome God' word and put it into action. In the Gospel, Jesus warns the scribes and Pharisees that they confuse human tradition with God's commands. Listening to God's word, let us consider how it guides our actions.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

■ Sunday – August 29

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Psalm 15:2-5

James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

■ Monday – August 30

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Psalm 96:1, 3-5, 11-13

Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday – August 31

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 9-11 Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14

Luke 4:31-37

■ Wednesday – September 1

Colossians 1:1-8

Psalm 52:10-11

Luke4:38-44

■ Thursday – September 2

Colossians 1:9-14

Psalm 98:2-6

Luke 5:1-11

□First Friday – September 3

Saint Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

Colossians 1:15-20

Psalm 100:1-5

Luke 5:33-39

First Saturday – September 4

Colossians 1:21-23 Psalm 54:3-4, 6-8

Psaim 54:3-4, 6-

Luke 6:1-15



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Registration CCE is Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 9:30am to 4:00pm. CCE Classes begin on Monday, September 20th for 6th-10th Grade and Saturday, September 25th for Pre-K thru 5th 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. If you have any questions call **713-731-2775**.



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

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday, September 3, 2021

MORNING MASS.....7:00am

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT..... 7:30am to 5:00pm

Stewardship Reflection

That we may not only hear God's word, but also learn to live it every day of our lives. "Be doers of the word and not hearers only..." James 1:22 It's easy to understand the definition of stewardship – living a grateful and generous life. The hard part is doing it! How do your actions reflect God's word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent to help those in need? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?



55+ Club The 55+ Club will have a bus trip to the Coushatta 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: Herbert "Red" Archer (281) 536-8912, or Anne Polk (713) 738-4983.



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BAZAAR T-SHIRTS

Orders are being taken for Bazaar T-Shirts. Sizes range from Youth to 5XL; costs start at \$15.00 up to \$25.00. Color choices are Grey and Pink; V-Neck or Scoop Neck.

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 Offfice for a registration form or visit the Parish Website 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. Red Beans, Cabbage, Rice & Gravy, and Corn Bread. The cost is \$15 per plate. Phone orders for delivery and Pre-Paid orders for Curb-side pick-up will be provided.

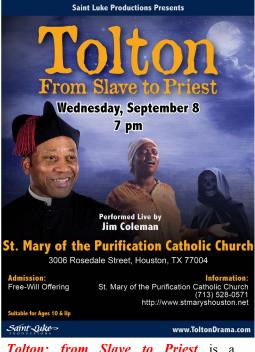
SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

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.

The next Bazaar Team Meeting is scheduled for *Tuesday*, *September* 7th 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 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 vou. Amen.



Tolton: from Slave to Priest is a powerful new production based on the life of Fr. Augustus Tolton, the first African American priest. This compelling true story of courage, forgiveness, and reconciliation resonates deeply with modern American audiences. Bishop Joseph Perry of Chicago, postulator for Fr Tolton's canonization cause, is calling Tolton a production that will "inspire a new era of peace, hope and forgiveness in America".

PTTENTANCE

Attendance on August 21st & August 22nd was 289. The 7:30am Livestream received 100. 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.



Marching Orders to the Jews and Followers of Christ

Before a game or war begins, even though there has been a lot of preparation, there is always a talk to the players or soldiers. Such talks sometimes come from the coach directly to the players or down the military chain of command. Sometimes it is an exaltation and other times a command. Many of us do the same thing when our children are going to school or undertaking new adventures of life. Often such talks become the catalyst for success.

The Book of Deuteronomy gives us an insight to the marching orders given by Moses as the Israelites entered the promised land. Having recalled their escape from Egypt and the journey through the Sanai desert, the book of Deuteronomy re- emphasizes the privilege of the Hebrew people, chosen by God from all other people to enter an unprecedented relationship with Him. Moses knew that he would die before the crossing and that he would not cross the Jordan into the Promised Land with them. So, he had some words of encouragement and command for the people before his departure.

He urged them to fulfill the Law that God had given, for these Laws are reminders that God's might and goodness are present among them. They were to fulfill the law with its commandments, customs and statutes as a way of life. If they follow this plan of God's salvation, they will receive inheritance, which is understood as peaceful life in the land. This is because God loves his people and wants them to prosper, and this will happen only if they keep God's law. For Moses, those who do the right thing will be blessed by God; and those who choose not to do so will suffer the consequences of their choices. Since the Law of God brings life, Moses, advised them to choose life and they and their descendants will live (Deut. 30:19). To encourage the right choice, Moses shared with the people the advantages of observing the Law, namely: The law brings life; a land of their own; wisdom and intelligence; and closeness to God. Thus, their survival and sanctity depend on keeping the law.

Over time and with the Persian, Hellenistic and Roman occupations, this Mosaic law became the object of increasing restatement and elaboration. The legal compilation became known as "Oral Law" or "the Traditions of the Elders" which governed almost every aspect of life including "how to walk" and "wash hands."

Writing to a non-Jewish audience Mark sought to explain these Jewish customs and traditions. Even though these customs and traditions are not scripture based, according to the Pharisees they were deemed to be sinful should one not observe them. Jesus, speaking with divine authority, not only points out the contradiction of the Tradition to the Law, but also told them: "Nothing that enters a person from outside can defile that person." Nothing from outside can make a person sinful. Thus, even though there may be some values in the customs and traditions, they cannot by themselves make a person sinful.

Reacting to the controversy concerning the relationship between the Law and the Gospel, James addressed the misunderstanding of Paul's idea that: (1) the law no longer has value and so no place in the life of a disciple of Jesus, and (2) that faith is all you need for salvation, and (3) the works of the law were not necessary. For James, works are necessary aspects of lived faith. Thus, he charges the followers of Christ to be doers of the word and not hearers only.

So today we are reminded of the marching orders Moses gave to the Israelites before they crossed the Jordan, namely: observe the Law. Jesus has striped the customs and traditions that have blurred the Law of Moses. Despite their usefulness, these customs and traditions do not have the capability to defile a person. St. James asks us to be doers to the Law not just hearers of the law. In other words, put the law in our daily life by practicing the corporal works of mercy. We must be doers of the word of God with love and not just out of duty else we go wrong. This is living the faith of Jesus Christ.

SEPTEMBER 2021





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CELEBRATES SEPTEMBER BJRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER 1

Rachel Perez Jamie Strange **Bruce Westbrook**

SEPTEMBER 2

Rome Bougere Marvlvn Kimble Bertha Lewis Patricia Lewis Sharon T. Singletary **Shirley Smith** John Williams

SEPTEMBER 3

Harry Alexander Wanda Johnson Christopher Smith

SEPTEMBER 4

Edward Chavis, Sr. Sonya Fields Lawrence Guidry Tiona Pate Carlos Ruff

SEPTEMBER 5

Shelia Chavis **Austin Fisher** William Jones LaNiya Joseph Rena Malveaux Melody Threadcraft Sharyn Winborn

SEPTEMBER 6

Wavne Dawson II Cvdnee Fields Mayola Gibbs Clarence Jenkins Joseph Mayon Shirley Mayon

SEPTEMBER 7

Leon Evans Michael Neal **Bryan Patterson**

SEPTEMBER 8

Eugenia Forbes Lawrence Grace Leon Lee

SEPTEMBER 9

Cheryl Pratts Tenaka Basile Nwoye **Jamilah Citizen** Kerry Hubbard Oliver Rose Simon Smith

SEPTEMBER 10

Jared Ambres Theresa Chambers **Adoria Charles** Demond Johnson Kathleen Larry

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Martin Davis Jessie Dozier III **Beverly Fransaw** Monica Frazier D'Angelia Goodwin Ogochukwu Mgbemeie Alvvia O'Neal John Savoie

SEPTEMBER 12

Mose Collins Carolyn Garrison **Anita Guillory Dorothy Scott Hazel Strange**

SEPTEMBER 13

Dwain Donaie Reilly Owusu **Betty Patrick** Ronald Stelly

SEPTEMBER 14

Alicia Anthony Izola Arceneaux Tamara Armelin **Beverly Delasbour** Edwina Johnson Judy Jones

Albany Willis Ashiru

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Theresa Baltrip Joyce Smith Lois Smith Rufus Zeigler

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James Jones Craig Valiare Lydia Wilson

SEPTEMBER 17

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Brandon Baber Helen Brown Elizabeth Davis

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Mary Fontenot Lawrence Forbes Sheila Harris Georgia Henry Cyril Obiozor

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SEPTEMBER 28

Allassia Burns

SEPTEMBER 29 Kennedi Bell

Crystal Chavis Wesley Forte Cheryl Hurts Larry Laurent, Jr. Stacie Boisseau-Moody Michael Rochon

SEPTEMBER 30

Cornelia Bax Jared Campbell Shahlu Kemp Lorena Kev



THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER (IN WEDDING DATE ORDER)

SEPTEMBER 3

Daniel & Maria T. Guerrero (33 yrs) Anthony & Tempie Julian (27 yrs)

SEPTEMBER 4

Cleveland & Evonne Thompson (11 yrs)

JANUARY 5

Kenneth & Pam West (40 yrs)

SEPTEMBER 7

Orell & Gloria Dargin (58 yrs)

SEPTEMBER 10

Kelvin & Allison Andrews (16 yrs)

SEPTEMBER 11

Roscoe & Brenda Jones, Jr. (28 yrs)

SEPTEMBER 12

Victor & Vanessa Fontenot (24 yrs)

SEPTEMBER 14

Donald & Theresa Chambers (17 yrs) Allen & Izola Arceneaux (31 yrs)

SEPTEMBER 15

Ryan & Katrina Guilbeaux (14 yrs)

SEPTEMBER 20

John & Christine Roberts (50 yrs)

SEPTEMBER 23

Lionel & Willie Mae Evans (53 yrs)

SEPTEMBER 27

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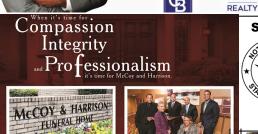


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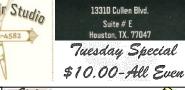


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