ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH

(ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON)

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 7, 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 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.

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

SAT.	02/06/2021	5:00PM
	People of the Parish	ı
SUN.	02/07/2021	7:30AM
	Joseph, Sr. (D)	
Sr. Theresa Sue Joseph, SSF		
Kristina M. Chaney (D)		
	Family & Friends	
Lawrence Duplechain, Sr. (D)		
The Duplechain Family		
Julian R. Forté (D) – Judy Allen		
Iris Sells (D) – Judy Allen		
SUN.	02/07/2021	10:00AM
Roland Biagas (D) – Patricia Session		
Bernice Jefferson (D)		
James & Bonnie Jefferson		
Rebecca Jiles (D)		
James & Bonnie Jefferson		
Odelia Lazard Vallery (L)		
In Thanksgiving		
Charles	"LaRue" Hill (D)	
	Ingrid Singleton	
MON.	02/08/2021	7:00AM
Herbert	Goodwin, Jr. (D)	
The Goodwin Family		
Mable Murray (D) – P.A. Piper		
TUE.	02/09/2021	7:00AM
Mabel Murray (D) – M. Chaney		
Joan A.	Crawford (D) - Sisters	/Brother
WED.	02/10/2021	7:00AM
Mabel Murray (D) – M. Chaney		
Joan A.	Crawford (D) - Sisters	
THUR.		7:00AM
Michael V. Johnson (L) – P.A. Piper		
C.J. Lucky $(D) - P.A.$ Piper		
FRI.	02/12/2021	7:00AM
Dcn Albert Henry (D) – The Family		
Margaret Chaney (L) – P.A. Piper		



Nicole Fontenette passed away on January 29, 2021 at the age of 48. A Funeral Mass is scheduled for Saturday, February 13, 2021 at 10:00am. Eternal rest grant unto her soul.



EASTER CANDLE

Your family can honor a loved one by sponsoring the Easter Candle. This is the candle that is lit at the Easter Vigil Mass. The cost of the candle this year is \$175.00. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to sponsor this candle.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Julius



Deacon Alfred Abram, Justin Baptiste, Savannah Blackwell, Cadoree. Margaret

Cadoree, Nancy Calvin, Sterling Dotson Certenberg, Dalton Cooper Jr., Barbara Forte', Brianna Goodwin, Stella Goodwin, Ursula Gross, Jimmy Harris, Willie Mae Henderson, Dana Montez Hill, Brooke Joseph, Kennedy Family Members, Helen Kennison, JoAnn LaSane, Hazel Lewis, Laurenzia Lewis, Dr. Herman Mabrie III, Eugene Mallery, Cynthia Ann Malone, Charles Martin, Shannon Martin, Dorothy Milstead, Vy. Rev. William L. Norvel, SSJ, Carolyn Ollison, Helen Foreman Orsort, Cynethia Pichon, Lee Pickney-Rose, William Pierre Sr., Tanya Poitier, Marcelle Prevost, Carole Prvor, Elise Richmond, Evelyn Roberts, Oliver Rose, Simon Smith, Joyce Stagg, MacKenzie Swanks, Kennedi Swanks, Erma Taylor, 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. 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, 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

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



We all encourage parishioners to take the chalice home for a week and pray for vocations.

This week the chalice will continue to reside in the home of Juanita Collins.

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message there also:

for that is what I came

out to do."

In ten days Lent will begin and we will be reminded of Jesus' sufferings, from forty days in the desert to his passion and death, but today we hear Job lamenting the

tragedies that have come to define his His sufferings are, to him, life. incomprehensible. He has lost all hope. None of us suffer as greatly as Job, but we have reason to hope. The psalmist reassures us that the Lord heals the wounded and brokenhearted. Paul willingly embraces his difficulties for the gospel. Jesus places the healing of the sick and troubled at the heart of his As we listen to today's ministry. readings, let us look for hope in the Lord.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK **Sunday** – February 7 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Job 7:1-4, 6-7 Psalm 147:1-6 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 Mark 1:29-39 Monday – February 8 Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin Genesis 1:1-19 Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35 Mark 6:53-56 Tuesday – February 9 Genesis 1:20--2:4 Psalm 8:4-9 Mark 7:1-13 **Wednesday – February 10** Saint Scholastica, Virgin Genesis 2:4-9, 15-17 Psalm 104:1-2, 27-28, 29-30 Mark 7:14-23 Thursday – February 11 Our Lady of Lourdes Genesis 2:18-25 Psalm 128:1-5 Mark 7:24-30 Friday – February 12 Genesis 3:1-8 Psalm 32:1-2, 5-7 Mark 7:31-37 Saturday – February 13 Genesis 3:9-24 Psalm 90:2-4, 5-6, 12-13

Mark 8:1-10

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RCIA

Thinking of becoming Catholic? RCIA classes are held on *Thursdays,* at **6:30pm** in the Harris Center. Registration Forms are available in the vestibule of the Church, and on the Parish Website.

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.

Stewardship Reflection

That - just as Jesus rose early to pray we, too, may find time in our day to be with God and to receive strength and nourishment from Him. "Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.""(Mark 1:35, 38) In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.



"Walk in the Light of Christ" 2021 Diocesan Services Fund This weekend is the

2021 Diocesan Services Fund (DSF) kick-off weekend. Cardinal DiNardo invites us to make our annual commitment to help those parishes and ministries that need our help. This week, all registered parishioners will receive a letter from Cardinal DiNardo, along with a personalized response card, inviting you to Walk in the Light of Christ. Complete the enclosed response card and return it via mail, bring it to Mass next weekend or online go at www.archgh.org/dsf. Your generosity will allow our Catholic community to continue many vital programs and services through 60 important ministries.



This year ashes will not be imposed on the forehead in the manner to which we are accustomed. On

January 12, 2021, the Holy See published a directive (cf. Prot.N. 17/21) that on Ash Wednesday the celebrant will impose ashes by sprinkling. The celebrant blesses the ashes and then he addresses all those present saying "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return". He then cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask and distributes the ashes to those who come to him. He takes the ashes and sprinkles a pinch of ashes on the crown of each person's head saving anything. without This directive applies to Ash Wednesday in 2021 only.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance on January 30th & January 31st was **163**. The 7:30am Livestream was viewed online by **338**. 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.



Ash Wednesday – February 17 Mass......7:00am/6:00pm Communion Service with Ashes 12:00pm (Noon)

> *Lenten Revival: February 22, 23, 24* Livestream Available 6:00pm

Outdoor Stations of the Cross (In the Prayer Garden) Every Friday during Lent 5:30pm

Holy Week

Palm Sunday – March 28 Palm Procession - Prayer Garden to Church

> Holy Thursday – April 1 Mass6:00pm Livestream Available (No Morning Mass)

Good Friday – April 2

Outdoor Stations...... 2:00pm Passion Play 3:00pm Good Friday Service.....4:00pm (No Mass)

Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)

April 3 Mass......8:00pm (No 5:00pm Mass)

Easter Sunday - April 4 Regular Mass Schedules



Young Adults Ministry is hosting free Zumba Classes beginning

Saturday, **February 20th**, from 9:30am to 10:30am in the Parish Hall. Classes will be held every 3rd Saturday of the month at this time.



The Pastoral Council will meet via Conference Call on Wednesday, February 10th, at 6:00pm.



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Cycle B) February 7, 2021

"So I have been assigned months of misery, and troubled nights have been allotted to me" Job 7:3

Job shows us how to deal with loss

Job teaches us what to do when we suffer loss. He lost his ten children (Job 1:18-19), his health (Job 2:7), and his livelihood. His helpmate (wife) even lost confidence in him (Job 2:9). In his grief, he said, "I shall not see happiness again" Job 7:7. Job lost everything, **but his faith**. In his lowest moment, he still, "fell down upon the ground, and worshipped" (Job 1:20). How could he worship God, when he had been stripped of everything?

Hurricane Harvey was a monster Category 4 hurricane that made landfall on Texas and eventually Louisiana in August of 2017. It caused catastrophic flooding and many deaths. In four days, many areas of Houston received more than 40 inches of rain as Harvey slowly meandered over southeast Texas. The floodwaters inundated hundreds of thousands of homes and displaced more than 30,000 people and prompted more than 17,000 rescues. Several parishioners at St. Francis Xavier were directly affected by Hurricane Harvey.

Many months after Harvey left Houston, I received a text message from a parishioner asking me to come by and bless her remolded home. I told her that I would be honored. When I stepped into their home, I could not see any signs of the flooding that Harvey had caused-it was gorgeous inside and out. She said that their home had never been flooded, but late in the night when the hurricane hit, water started coming under the front door. Water rescuers never came so her family and many of the neighbors walked through waist-deep water to reach high ground. I asked her, what advice would you give to others who haven't experienced a flooded home. She immediately responded in two words Flood Insurance! If you live in Houston, get flood insurance. She explained that the Home owner's insurance didn't cover damage caused by rising water; only flood insurance did that. After determining that the extensive damage done to her home was caused by rising water, the insurance adjuster asked, "do you have flood insurance?"

She found the flood insurance policy and showed it to the adjuster. Having flood insurance was the game-changer, she said. "My husband and I had to move out of our house for months, but now we are back." She said, "many of our neighbors are still recovering and some may never recover because they didn't have flood insurance." **The flood insurance didn't stop the hurricane**, but it helped tremendously with recovery from the storm.

In the same way, Job kept the faith during his loss. In Job 1:1- Job's faith is mentioned, *"he feared God and he shunned evil."* You may have lost a spouse, some siblings, some friends, but hold on to your faith, because your faith in God will help you get through your loss.



St. Paul said, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:12.

Having faith in God did not keep Job from great loss and calamity, but in the end "the Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning..." John 42:12.

Because of the testimony of that parishioner, I eventually got flood insurance for my home. I hope and pray that because of the witness of Job you will continue to keep your faith in Godregardless of your loss.
 <>>> Deacon Jenkins





24 HOURS RESULTS DRIVE THRU TESTING NO APPOINTMENT REQUIRED



MOUTH

Sunnyside Community Redevelopment Organization in collaboration with Red Cross is hosting free COVID-19 testing at

First Missionary Baptist Church

4542 Briscoe St. 77051

February 10, 2021 at 10:30 am. We encourage everyone to come out to receive free COVID-19 testing to protect you and your loved ones.

"I Am The Way The Truth And The Life." John 14:1-6

VIRTUAL CELEBRATION WITH CATHOLIC YOUTH OF AFRICAN DESCENT Saturday February 27, 2021 | 10 AM - 2 PM

Virtual Doors Open at 9:30 AM





You are cordially invited to KPC 138 Virtual Retreat Saturday, February 13, 2021 10:00 am to 12:00 noon Registrants will call in from 10am to 10:30am. Retreat starts at 10:30am Donation: Your presence at the Virtual Retreat

Theme: Being Thankful and Trusting in God during a Pandemic

The purpose of this retreat is to provide spiritual and educational information related to the experiences we have gone through over the past several months, and how it has changed our lives and the way of doing things. We will be facilitating the following categories:

- 1. Spiritual,
- 2. Education, 3. Health,
- 4. Safety and
- 5. Emotional and mental needs

We will be addressing these categories with testimonials, prayer, scriptures, music and participation.

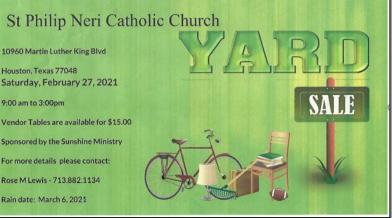
Please join us on Feb 13, 2021 and remember to mail your registration information no later than Feb 5th; text to 832-594-5255 or email directly to Gwen Reed Lamothe at <u>greedlamothe2@aol.com</u> no later than Feb 10th; or place in the box in the vestibule of the church by Sunday, Feb. 7, 2021.



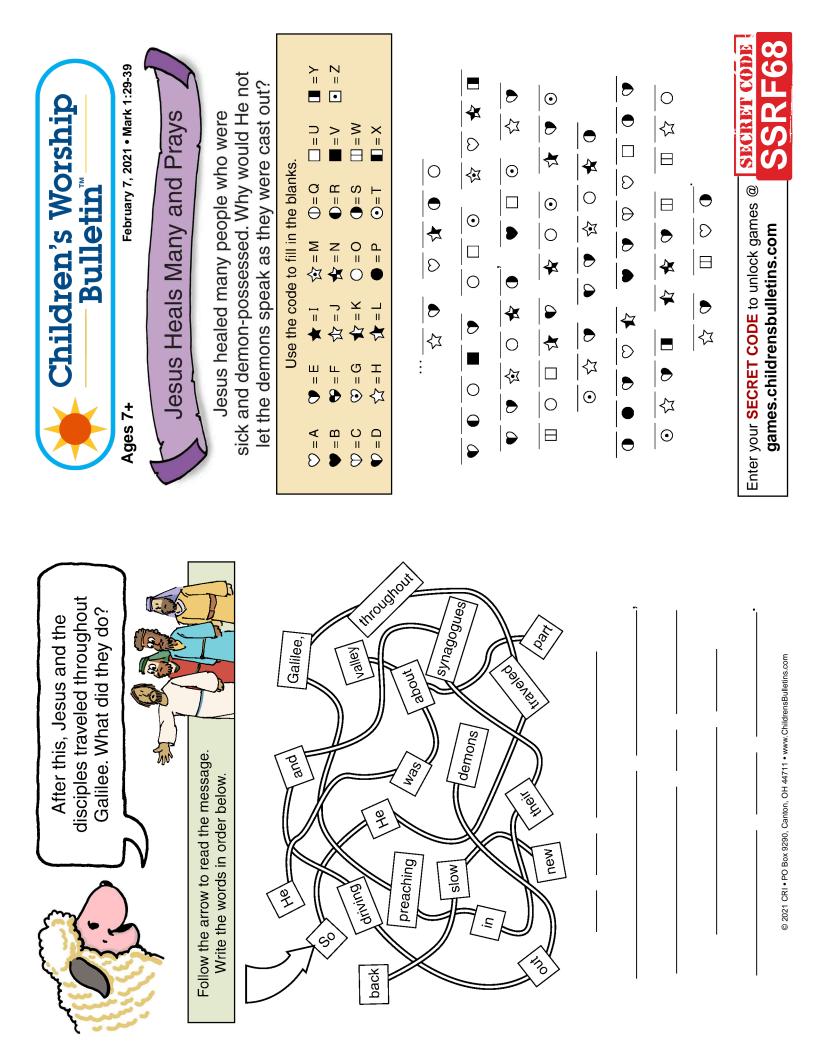
Feast of Saints Jacinta and Francisco Rosary Rally February 21, 2021

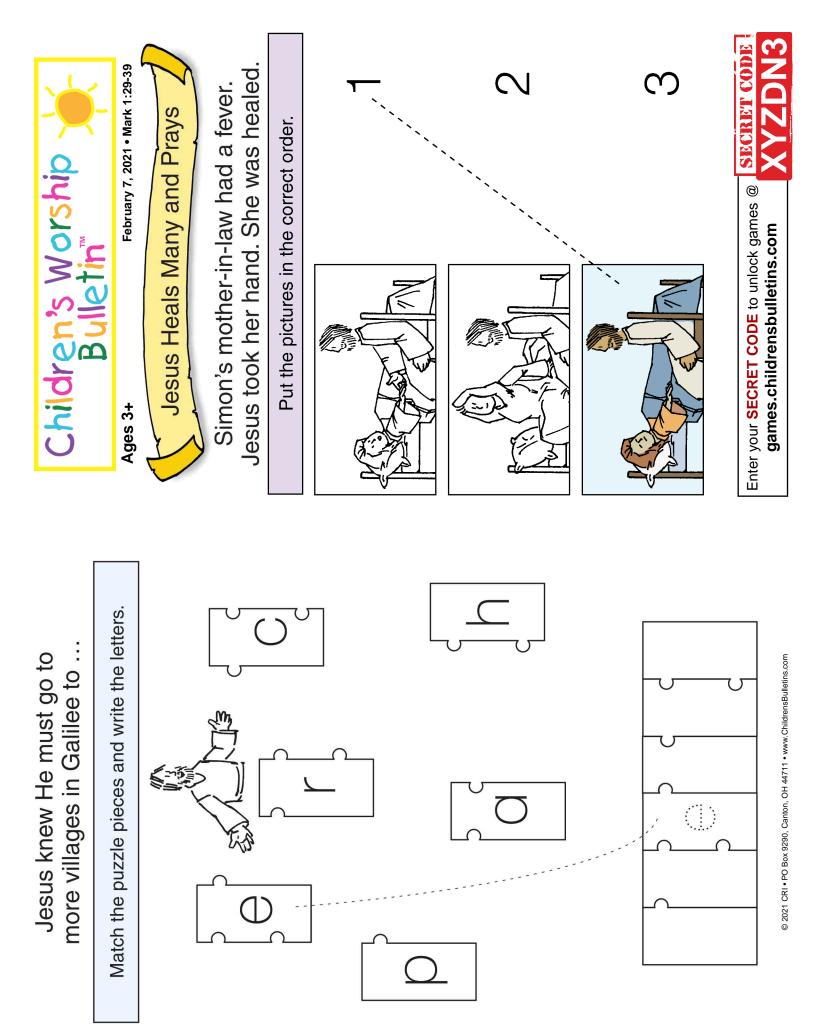
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PRAYER GARDEN (After the 10:00am Mass)

In honor of the Fatima children, you are urged to pray the rosary in public on the weekend of February 20th for the conversion of sinners. Join us in the Prayer Garden after the 10:00am Mass on Sunday, February 21st, in a Public Rosary Rally for sinners and for the conversion of America.



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