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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 14, 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.

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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:

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Youth Choir:

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BIBLE STUDY/

ADULT CATHECHISM:

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CHOIR DIRECTORS:

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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

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MASS INTENTIONS

SAT. 02/13/2021 5:00PM
Amy Landry Gallow & Dallas Gallow, Sr.
 Wanda Dixon/Family
Leo E. Prescott, Jr. (D) – Wanda Johnson
Ronald Walcott (D) – Jeanette Steptoe
Joyce Berotte (L) – Tywana Navy
Kristina M. Chaney (D)
 Family & Friends

SUN. 02/14/2021 7:30AM
People of the Parish

SUN. 02/14/2021 10:00AM
Bernice Jefferson (D)
 James & Bonnie Jefferson
Rebecca Jiles (D)
 James & Bonnie Jefferson
Kristina M. Chaney (D)
 Family & Friends
Wesley Wiltz (D) – Wiltz Family
Jermaine Walker (D) – Theresa Chambers

MON. 02/15/2021 7:00AM
Michael Van Johnson (L) – P.A. Piper
Monique Clark (D) – Tywana Navy

TUE. 02/16/2021 7:00AM
Earlene Duplechain (D)
 Tywana Navy
Dorothy Ivy (D) – Agnes Williams

WED. 02/17/2021 7:00AM
Ash Wednesday
Lauretta Abram (L)
 SFX Sisters in the Spirit
Ruby Mose (D) – Tywana Navy

WED. 02/17/2021 6:00PM
People of the Parish

THUR. 02/18/2021 7:00AM
Gabriel Lewis, Sr. (D) – Audrey Otis
Tamara Sanders (D) – Tywana Navy

FRI. 02/19/2021 7:00AM
Mary Wheeler (D)
 Christine Roberts & Azielee Addison
Nathan Addison (D) – Azielee Addison

EASTER CANDLE



This year the **Easter Candle** is sponsored by **Deacon Michael Jenkins** and **Mrs. Therese Jenkins**. Thank you to everyone who called the Parish Office to sponsor the Easter Candle.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



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

This week the chalice will reside in the home of **Herman & Theresa Rayme**.



Deacon Alfred Abram, Savannah Blackwell, Julius Cadoree, Margaret Cadoree, Nancy Calvin, Sterling Dotson Certenberg, Dalton Cooper Jr., Barbara Forte', Brianna Goodwin, Stella Goodwin, Ursula Gross, Jimmy Harris, Willie Mae Henderson, 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, Vv. Rev. William L. Norvel, SSJ, Carolyn Ollison, Helen Foreman Orsot, Cynethia Pichon, Tanya Poitier, Marcelle Prevost, Carole Pryor, Elise Richmond, Evelyn Roberts, Oliver Rose, Simon Smith, Joyce Stagg, MacKenzie Swanks, Kennedi Swanks, Erma Taylor, Agnes Williams, Patricia Williams, Eddie Wilson, 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, Debreaanna Brown, Jermaine Ceaser, Kevin Crockett, Courtney Harris, Nia D. Hawkins, Randolph J. Navy III, Anthony N. Russell, Christian Johnson, Hope Bethany Johnson

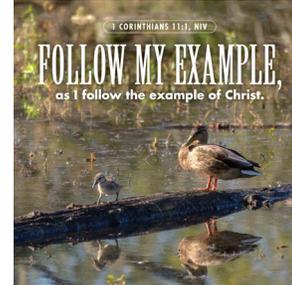
Air Force:

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

Marines

Alyssa Dugar, Reginald Ward

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Both the first reading and the Gospel deal with the illness of leprosy, not exactly the subject we hoped

to hear about on Valentine's Day. In Moses's day, leprosy was a sign of sinfulness and separation from God. But in the Gospel, Jesus, the Son of God, reaches out and touches the leper. The leper is literally not separated from God at all. Not even leprosy is a barrier to Jesus' healing touch. As members of the body of Christ, it is now up to us to break through these barriers. Listening to the word of God, let us take Paul's words as a challenge: "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ."

READINGS

FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday – February 14**
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
 Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11
 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
 Mark 1:40-45
- **Monday – February 15**
 Genesis 4:1-15, 25
 Psalm 50:1, 8, 16-17, 20-21
 Mark 8:11-13
- **Tuesday – February 16**
 Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10
 Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10
 Mark 8:14-21
- **Wednesday – February 17**
Ash Wednesday
 Joel 2:12-18
 Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17
 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2
 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
- **Thursday – February 18**
 Deuteronomy 30:15-20
 Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6
 Luke 9:22-25
- **Friday – February 19**
 Isaiah 58:1-9
 Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 18-19
 Matthew 9:14-15
- **Saturday – February 20**
 Isaiah 58:9-14
 Psalm 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
 Luke 5:27-32





February 15th6:00pm
6TH-10TH CCE CLASSES
 February 20th9:30am
PRE-K-5TH CCE CLASSES

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 everything we do is for the glory of God. "Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." - 1 Corinthians 10:31 Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, "Am I doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?"



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.



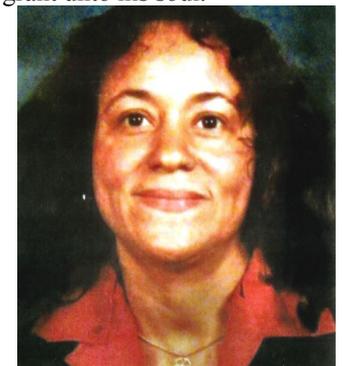
Ash Wednesday – February 17
 Mass.....7:00am/6:00pm
Communion Service with Ashes
12:00pm (Noon)
Lenten Revival:
February 22, 23, 24.....6:00pm
Livestream Available
Outdoor Stations of the Cross
(In the Prayer Garden)
Every Friday during Lent
5:30pm
Holy Week
Palm Sunday – March 28
 Palm Procession – Prayer Garden to Church
Holy Thursday – April 1
 Mass.....6:00pm
 Livestream Available
 (No Morning Mass)
Good Friday – April 2
 Outdoor Stations..... 2:00pm
 Good Friday Service.....3:00pm
 (No Mass)
Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)
April 3
 Mass.....8:00pm
 (No 5:00pm Mass)
Easter Sunday - April 4
Regular Mass Schedules



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 without saying anything. This directive applies to Ash Wednesday in 2021 only.



Mr. William Pierre, Sr passed away on Monday, February 8, 2021 at the age of 90 years. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on **Saturday, February 20, 2021**. Eternal Rest grant unto his soul.



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LENTEN REVIVAL

Tuesday, February 23, 2021 @ 6pm



"The man who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but he will have the light of life for his guide" (Jn 8:12)

TOPIC: "Practical lessons for becoming more like Christ"

Live streaming: Have your Bibles and note pad ready!

Those attending: Bring your Bibles and note pad!

◁ Deacon Michael V. Jenkins

ATTENDANCE

Attendance on February 6th & February 7th was **169**. The 7:30am Livestream was viewed online by **367**. 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.



Pastor's Reflection

If You Wish, You Can Make Me Clean

Have you ever come to the situation where you think that you have nothing to lose? Or do you know anyone who has found himself/herself in a do-or-die position in life? That person will dare to take a risk that, under normal condition He/she would not dare. Today we hear Mark telling us of a meeting between Jesus and a leper in evocative details. He tells the story with moment enhancing emotions. Some of the questions that come to mind are: was Jesus demonstrating to the people the purpose for which he had come with this practical example? Or had Mark met the leper and reminisced with him about the story? No one knows for a fact.

When the Leper came to Jesus, he was doing something forbidden by the law. According to the Old Testament, when a person suffers from a skin disease which is diagnosed to be leprosy, he/she must live outside the city/community and not associate with anyone, even relatives or friends. The Leper had to warn people when approaching them. He must live in the cemetery tombs or caves. He makes his living by begging from travelers and must do it from a distance. This precaution was deemed necessary due to the contagious nature of the disease.

Acting like dermatologists, the priest decides whether a person with a certain skin disease could be determined contagious and be called leprosy. Should the priest make a wrong decision and let the person with a contagious skin disease stay around, he could jeopardize the health of the whole community. This dealing with leprosy may seem to be harsh but it was thought to be necessary for the survival of the community.

It is with this understanding of the relationship between the society and the lepers that we read the story from Mark's gospel. Because of the power and love he has for the sick and the reject of society, Jesus reached out to the isolated and the sick to restore their health and their ability to rejoin their communities.

Instead of respecting the Laws established in Leviticus, the Leeper had the audacity to come and kneel in front of Jesus. He knew that Jesus has the power to heal him but also the ability to banish him.

We can safely assume that the Leper has heard Jesus teach and may have observed him work miracles. So, as someone who has no other option, he developed the nerve to summon Jesus to reveal what he was all about: "if you wish, you can make me whole". The Leper had no qualm as to whether Jesus could heal him. It was up to Jesus to choose helping him or not.

Even before the Leper finished his statement, Jesus' hand was already reaching out to touch the man's suffering sores. Jesus said "I do will it. Be made clean". By this statement, he transformed the Leper's body with tenderness. Jesus not only healed the Leper but also commissioned him as the first apostle to the Jewish leaders: "Go, show yourself to the priest ...offer what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them."

Whether the man did go to the priest or not, we do not know. However, we do know that he did not follow Jesus' order to be quiet. Rather he went around telling everyone about Jesus. His story took away an anonymity about Jesus. He did not go to town; they came to him.

The Leper let his vulnerable openness and honesty meet with Jesus' spontaneous tenderness. He demonstrated to us how we too can and must come to Jesus. He knew his need and was willing to expose it. While the society refused to tolerate him, Jesus who had no fear of contamination or mortality, came to his rescue. By extending his hand to touch the leper, Jesus shared his love to all, even the rejects of society who come to him.

Unfortunately, many of us do not behave like the Leper. We rather hide from ourselves and believe in the image we project instead of the truth of who we are. The Leper tells us that Jesus can only touch and heal what we bring before him. May we bring our own failures and our sins to the one who has the ability heal us. May we ask the Lord to reach out and touch the scars from wounds inflicted on us and heal us. We have nothing to lose but everything to gain, so we too, like the Leper, can boldly come to Jesus with our plea: "If you wish it, you can heal me". Then like the leper, we will hear "I do will it. Be made clean".

¡MUCHAS GRACIAS! THANK YOU!



Special Thank You to you all for the great teamwork and many blessings from the families, friends and neighbors of La Lima Cortes, Honduras. (See the full video of the relief efforts on the Parish Website www.sfxhouston.com)

"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



Rev. Reginald Samuels
Pastor of St. Hyacinth Parish
Vicar for Catholics of African Descent



Sister Odessa Stanford, SFCC
Sisters For Christian Community



Rev. Stephen Sohe, SSJ
Pastor of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish
Vocations Director for the Josephites



Rev. R. Tony Ricard, M. Th., M.Div.
Pastor & Campus Minister



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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. Registration forms are available in the vestibule of the Church and in the Harris Center.

St Philip Neri Catholic Church

10960 Martin Luther King Blvd
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Saturday, February 27, 2021

9:00 am to 3:00pm

Vendor Tables are available for \$15.00

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For details please contact:

Rose M Lewis - 713.882.1134

Rain date: March 6, 2021

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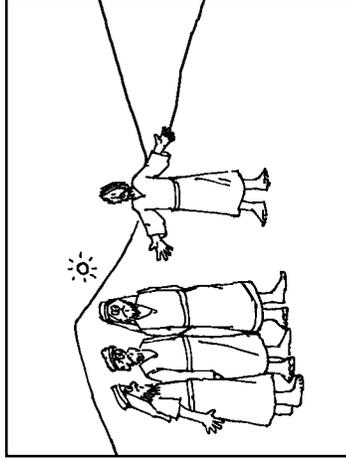
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Martin Luther King Jr Health Center, located at 3550 Swingle Rd, is offering the COVID-19 vaccine by appointment only. Call (713) 546-1512 to schedule an appointment.

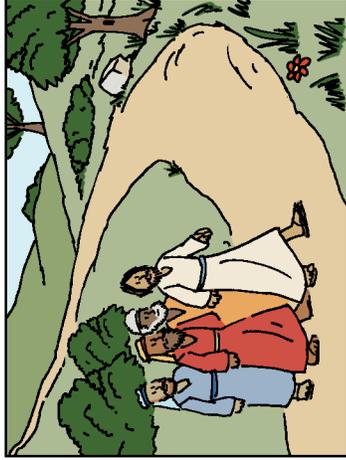
Elijah and Moses disappeared.
 Jesus asked the disciples
 not to tell anyone what they had seen.

Put the pictures in order.

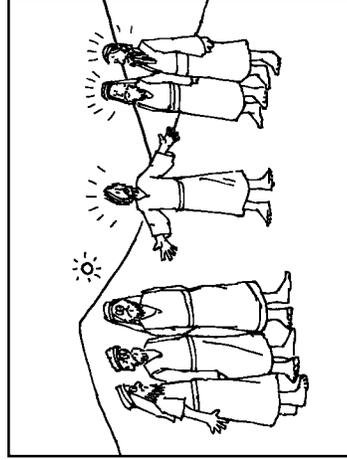
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The Transfiguration of Jesus

Jesus took Peter, James and John
 up a high mountain.

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