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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:

SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER **NOTICE**

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.

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**

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MASS INTENTIONS

SAT. 01/02/2021

5:00PM

Gwendolyn Reed-LaMothe (L) SFX Sisters in the Spirit Fr. Joseph Benjamin, SSJ (L)

Twanna Navy

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

Willie & Theresa Roy (D) – Joy Roy York Kristina M. Chanev (D)

Family & Friends

SUN. 01/03/2021 7:30AM

People of the Parish

10:00AM

SUN. 01/03/2021 U.L. Biagas (D) – Patricia Session Mr. & Mrs. Charles Camel (D)

James & Bonnie Jefferson

Melba Camel (D)

James & Bonnie Jefferson

Kristina M. Chaney (D)

Family & Friends

Michael V. Johnson (L) – Chaney Family

01/04/2021 MON. 7:00AM Vivian Willis (D) – Annette Willis

The Burris Family (L)

Stephanie Goodwin

TUE. 01/05/2021 7:00AM

Patrick Onuorah Nwokobia (D)

The Nwokobia Family

Earlene Duplechaine(D) – Tywanna Navy 7:00AM

WED. 01/06/2021

James & Leatrice Gary (D)

The Gary Family

THUR. 01/07/2021 6:00PM

Clematis Potts (D) – J. Chynell Fisher

Monique Clark(D) – Tywanna Navy 10:00AM

FRI. 01/08/2021

Kristina M. Chaney (D)

Family & Friends

Andrew Onochie Nwokobia (D)

The Nwokobia Family



Mary Augustine Chenier passed away on December 26, 2020 at the age of 94. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated here at St. Francis Xavier on Monday, January 4, 2021. Eternal Rest Grant unto her soul.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



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



Deacon Alfred Abram, Margaret Cadoree, Nancy Calvin, Mercelee Dilbert. Sterling Dotson Certenberg, Dalton Cooper Jr.,

Nicole Fontenette, Barbara Forte', Ursula Gross, Jimmy Harris, Willie Mae Henderson, Dana Montez Hill, Brooke Joseph, Kennedy Family Members, Helen Kennison, JoAnn LaSane, Ophelia Lazard, Hazel Lewis, Laurenzia Lewis, Eugene Mallery, Cynthia Ann Malone, Charles Martin, Shannon Martin, Dorothy Milstead, Vy. Rev. William L. Norvel, SSJ, Carolyn Ollison, Helen Foreman Orsort, Cynethia Pichon, William Pierre Sr., Marcelle Prevost, Carole Pryor, Elise Richmond, Evelyn Roberts, Oliver Rose, Simon Smith, Joyce Stagg, MacKenzie Swanks, Kennedi Swanks, Erma Taylor, JoAnn Thomas, 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

Navv:

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:

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Valiare II

Marines

Alyssa Dugar, Reginald Ward



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Christopher Smith

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



endless extent of God's goodness. Isaiah tells of the light shining forth from from

Every Epiphany

we hear the

A Light to the Nations

Jerusalem attracting peoples

near and far, from land and sea. The psalmist sings of eternal justice and peace leading all natinos to adore the Lord. Paul teaches the Ephesians that they, and all Gentiles are members of the same body of Christ. Matthew writes of the magi from afar being drawn to the newborn king by the light from above. Let us look for that revelatory light that draws us more fully to the Lord.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

☐ Sunday – January 3

Epiphany of the Lord Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

☐ Monday – January 4

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious 1 John 3:22—4:6

Psalm 2:7-8, 10-12

Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

□Tuesday – January 5

Saint John Neumann, Bishop

1 John 4:7-10

Psalm 72:1-4, 7-8

Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday – January 6

Saint André Bessette, Religious 1 John 4:11-15

Psalm 72:1-2, 10, 12-13

Mark 6:45-52

☐☐ Thursday – January 7

Saint Raymond of Penafort, Priest 1 John 4:19-54

Psalm 72:1-2, 14, 15, 17

Luke 4:14-22 ☐ Friday – January 8

1 John 5:5-13

Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20

Luke 5:12-16

☐ Saturday – January 9

1 John 5:14-21

Psalm 149:1-6, 9

John 3:22-30



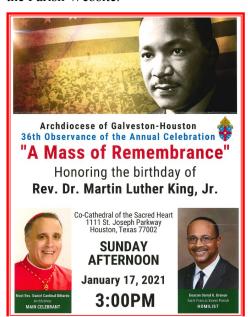
6TH-10TH CCE CLASSES

January 9th.....9:30am

PRE-K-5TH CCE CLASSES



Thinking of becoming Catholic?
RCIA classes are held on Thursdays, at 6:30pm in the Harris Center.
Classes will resume on January 7,
2021. Registration Forms are available in the vestibule of the Church, and on the Parish Website.



Stewardship Reflection

"...they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh..." – Matthew 2:11 Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

STOCK/GIFT DONATION

Many parishioners donate annually during this holiday season with gifts of stock. Contact the Parish Office at (713) 738-2311 for assistance in making a gift or stock donation to St. Francis Xavier.

Stewardship Intention Card



are given the opportunity to again make a financial commitment to St. Francis Xavier parish. You are invited to commit to giving tithes and offerings by completing a Call to Stewardship Intention Card. These cards were mailed in your January Envelope packet and will be collected during all Masses this weekend (Stewardship Intention Weekend). If you do not receive envelopes, contact the Parish Office and a card will be mailed to you. Thank you in advance for renewing your financial commitment to God and to your church family.

God has blessed

us with another

New Year! Just as in the past, you



If you will need a copy of your 2020 contribution statement for tax purposes, please call the Parish Office at (713) 738-2311. Statements will be sent only upon request.

Please note: Contributions received after December 31st will not be reflected on statements for 2020.



By supporting St. Francis Xavier, both you and our parish can save some time and peace of mind with Faith Direct or eGiving.

To sign-up visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: TX632, or text the word ENROLL to 281-949-7600. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family. God Bless You,

Rev. Michael K. Saah Buckman, SSJ

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.





ALBERT MARKUS JACKSON 1962-2020



JAMES CRAIG ELI 1956-2020



PHILIP PERROT 1939-2020

Attendance on December 26th & December 27th was **183**. The 7:30am Livestream was viewed online by **396**. 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.



Epiphany of the Lord

(Cycle B) January 3, 2021

"Where is the newborn King of the Jews?"

Matthew 2:1

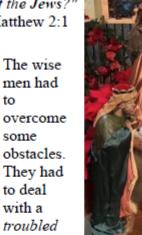
What to do after Christmas?

The gifts have all been unwrapped. The trash cans are full of torn Christmas paper. Family and friends who came over for the holidays are headed home. The Christmas tree is now ready to come down. Nativity scenes are going back into storage. That reminds me of a story. It was after Christmas and a family was driving past a church. Their younger son was in the car and he noticed the church had taken down its outdoor nativity scene of Christ's birth. Innocently, the little fellow said from the backseat to his parents, "look they have put away Jesus for another year!" Unfortunately, that is what some people do. They put away Jesus (from their minds and hearts), along with the Christmas lights and decoration.

On the feast of the Epiphany (Jesus' physical manifestation to the Gentiles), we can learn something from the wise men-the Magi. These men were astrologers and they are mentioned in Matthew 2:1-12. The Gospel writer documents their search for Jesus. Interestingly, they discovered Jesus in a house (not a stable) in Bethlehem (Matthew 2:11). These wise men did two things after the birth of Christ, that you and I need to be doing all year long.

We ought to be seeking Christ all year long.
These wise men were on a mission. They were
seeking the King of the Jews. They were seeking
Christ, long after the miracle of His birth. You
can tell they were wise men, by who they were
seeking. They were not seeking entertainment.
They were not seeking pleasure. They were not
seeking a good time. They were seeking the Son of
God!

When we genuinely seek Christ, it requires some effort on our part. These wise men had traveled a great distance to find Christ. Seeking Christ is to draw near to Him, and (in return) He has promised to draw near to us (James 4:8).





King (Herod) and all [of] Jerusalem (Matthew 2:3). It's the same way with us. When going after Christ we will have to deal with people getting in the way. Here is an example. Someone is trying to lead you somewhere and they say, "follow me in my car." As you are following them in your car, you slack up and now other cars have gotten in between you and the one you are following. You have to get around some folk so you can get closer to the one who's trying to get you to your destination. Do not let anyone come between you and your pursuit of Christ. It is only through Christ that we can reach the Father (John 14:6).

2. We are to worship Christ daily. When the Magi found the child (with Mary His mother), they prostrated themselves and did Him homage (Matthew 2:11). The Amplified translation says, "they fell down and worshipped Him." One of the highest priorities of the Believer is to worship God. We are to worship Him because He is worthy. Prostrate is to cast (oneself) face down on the ground in adoration, humility, and submission. Hold nothing back; surrender all to Jesus, including yourself. Tell Him daily, "Lord I surrender myself to You."

Let us pray: Dear Christ, I promise to seek and worship You daily in this new year. Reveal Yourself to me as I strive through Scripture reading and prayer to move closer to You. In the name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.

Con. Jenkins

Save the Date



You are cordially invited to KPC 138 Virtual Retreat Saturday, February 13, 2021

10am to 10:30am Log In - Day of Retreat

10:30am to 12:00noon Retreat

Donation: Your presence at the Virtual Retreat

Theme: Being Thankful and Trusting in God during a Pandemic

Registration begins January 5, 2021. Please send your registration to
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Virtual Zoom Retreat on 2/13/21

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For further information, please contact Ingrid Singleton at 832-545-4411 or Gwendolyn Reed at 832-594-5255







St. Francis Xavier Family celebrates JANUARY BJRTHDAYS



JANUARY 1

Drew Campbell Joseph Castille **Donald Chambers** Stephanie Goodwin Gaston Joseph Gwendolyn Lamothe Ethel Robertson **Emma Williams**

IANUARY 2

David Pichon Avaerieona Woodson

JANUARY 3

Daniel Guerrero Willie Murray Elizabeth Owens Brieanna Townsend

IANUARY 4

Tina Bailey Nyah Campbell **Beverly Evans** Savannah Guidry Pamela R. Johnson Greer Marshall Ebube Mgbemeje

IANUARY Merriamon Griffin

Hillary Ledet **Ingrid Singleton** Susy Suong **Ronald Thomas**

JANUARY 6

Mary Albert Jeanette Jackson Patrice Jefferson **Ronald Prevost** Yulisa Rose

JANUARY 7

Michael Broussard **Adrian Carner** Verdina Thompson

JANUARY 8

Bryant Braggs Frank Brown, Jr. **Gregory Conant** Judy Dillard Craig Johnson Candice Pankev Albert Ratcliff **Emily S. Simms Mary Ross** Joselvn Ruiz Louis Thomas, Jr, Taylor White Christy Williams-Battle

JANUARY 9

Shaylor Goodwin Etta Marblev Christine Roberts

JANUARY 10

Lucille Barriere **Thomas Charles** Linda Kimble Michele Nwokobia Gwendolyn Rice **Donald Sterling**

JANUARY 11

Kerlene Simms **Dwight Williams**

JANUARY 12

April Bostic Diane Miles

IANUARY 13

Kimberly Hubbard James Jefferson Henv Karikari Sara Willis

JANUARY 14

Reginald Collins Annie Fontenet Pam West

JANUARY 15

Hazel Eli Ashley Hall

JANUARY 15

Jeneda Wiltz

JANUARY 16

Shirley Braggs Velma Cooksey Wayne Dawson Loretta Landry William Moore Roy L. Ross

JANUARY 17

Michael Ben Dianne Brown Stephanie Campbell **James Charles** Tamia Moslev **Grace Russell JANUARY** 18

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JANUARY 22

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John Joseph

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Lala Carter William Citizen

JANUARY 24

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Charleen Banks Thyra Batchan Helen Bernard Mary E. Brown **Emily Charles** Joseph C. Cunningham Roy Lee Ricky M. Noel **Eugene Williams**

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S. Renee' Clay Kellis Lewis Emma Mouton Mauri Thomas **Charles Turner**

JANUARY 28

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JANUARY 29

Beulah Hadrick Michael Simms, Sr.

IANUARY 30

Harold Champ Charles Delasbour

IANUARY 31

Veronica Iacobs Sheila W. Jackson Keith McKinley



THE MONTH OF JANUARY (IN WEDDING DATE ORDER)

JANUARY 1

Peter & Candace Broussard (15 yrs) Eugene & Rosey Chevis (11 yrs)

JANUARY 2

Kenneth & Aaronetta Wiltz (5 yrs)

IANUARY 4

Joseph & Janice Woods (55 yrs) Keithtrik & Linda Knighen (17 yrs)

IANUARY 10

Rudy & Angela Johnson, Jr. (20 yrs)

JANUARY 18

Roy L. & Mary C. Ross (24 yrs)

JANUARY 18

Andrew & Annie Robertson (40 yrs)

IANUARY 19

Andrew & Cynthia Boutte (42 yrs)

JANUARY 21

Ronald & Adeline Young (9 yrs)

IANUARY 23

Aurthor & Nicole Bell (12 yrs)

JANUARY 24

Eugene & Emma Williams (62 yrs)

IANUARY 26

Rodney & Carolyn Garrison (41 yrs)



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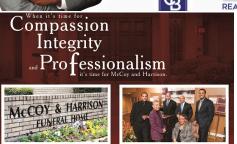
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