

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH

(ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON)

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 11, 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:

Wednesdays: 7:00p.m.

Combined Adult/Youth Choir:

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

## 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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*Amy Landry Gallow & Dallas Gallow, Sr.*  
 Wanda Dixon/Family  
*Paul Bobino, Jr. (D)*  
 The Williams & Bobino Family  
*Leo E. Prescott, Jr. (D)* – Wanda Johnson  
*June Benoit (D)* – Jeanette Steptoe  
*Edgar Hill (D)* – Ingrid Singleton

**SUN. 07/11/2021 7:30AM**  
*People of the Parish*

**SUN. 07/11/2021 10:00AM**  
*Wesley Wiltz (D)* – Wiltz Family  
*Herbert Goodwin, Jr. (D)*  
 Betty Goodwin  
*Kristina M. Chaney (D)*  
 Family & Friends  
*Jermaine Walker (D)* – Theresa Chambers  
*Ella Collins Reed & Roger Reed (D)*  
 Theresa Chambers

**MON. 07/12/2021 7:00AM**  
*John A. Peterson (D)* – The Family  
*Tamara Sanders (D)* – Tywana Navy

**TUE. 07/13/2021 7:00AM**  
*Earlene Duplechain (D)*  
 Tywana Navy  
*Thelma Calegon (D)* – Paulette Boxie  
*Yvonne Mullone (D)* – Donald Mullone

**WED. 07/14/2021 7:00AM**  
*John A. Peterson (D)* – Holdman Family  
*Jeanie Ashiru (D)* – Tywana Navy

**THUR. 07/15/2021 7:00AM**  
*Irma Horstketter (D)* – Mary Densman  
*Tory Holdman (L)* – Olivia Holdman

**FRI. 07/16/2021 7:00AM**  
*Anita M. Bailey (D)* – Tywana Navy  
*Thomas Calegon (D)* – Paulette Boxie



Deacon Alfred Abram, Sammie L. Acker, Michael Albert, Erma Baker, Savannah Blackwell, Julius Cadoree, Margaret Cadoree, Nancy Calvin, Delores Catalon, Sterling Dotson Certenberg, Dalton Cooper Jr., Frank Davis Sr., Allie Ellis, Lois Epps, Barbara Forte', Jimmy Harris, Robert Harris, Willie Mae Henderson, Delilah "Anne" Jordan, Brooke Joseph, Kennedy Family Members, Helen Kennison, JoAnn LaSane, 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, Marcelle Prevost, Carole Pryor, Melody Ratcliff, 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:**

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**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two ...**



From Amos to the twelve apostles, God calls people of faith to serve others. Amos, a shepherd and horticulturist, was called to prophesy to Israel instead.

Saint Paul was called to bring Christ's message to Gentiles all around the world. The Twelve were sent by Jesus in pairs to heal the sick and drive out demons. As we listen to today's readings, let us consider how we are called by God to give witness to the gospel.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday – July 11**

*15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Amos 7:12-15

Psalm 85:9-14

Ephesians 1:13-14 or 1:3-10

Mark 6:7-13

**Monday – July 12**

Exodus 1:8-14, 22

Psalm 124:1-8

Matthew 10:34—11:1

**Tuesday – July 13**

*Saint Henry*

Exodus 1:1-15

Psalm 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34

Matthew 11:20-24

**Wednesday – July 14**

*Saint Kateri Tekawitha, Virgin*

Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12

Psalm 103:1-4, 6-7

Matthew 11:25-27

**Thursday – July 15**

*Saint Bonaventure,*

*Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

Exodus 3:13-20

Psalm 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27

Matthew 11:28-30

**Friday – July 16**

*Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

Exodus 11:10—12:14

Psalm 116:12-13, 15, 16, 17-18

Matthew 12:1-8

**Saturday – July 17**

Exodus 12:37-42

Psalm 136:1, 23-24, 10-15

Matthew 12:14-21

**Baptisms**  
 IN THE CHURCH FAMILY



(L-R) **Penelope Ruby Mose** (1yr), Sean Patrick Braxton (Godfather), Rebecca Mose (Mother), **Sean Gabriel Mose** (3yrs), Yolanda Braxton (Godmother), Jonathan Mose (Father), **Judah Austin Mose** (2mos), and Dominique Williams (Godmother)



The **Bazaar Team** will have the 2021 Bazaar Planning Meeting on **Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00p.m. in the Harris Center. All parishioners are invited.

# 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)

# ALTAR SERVERS



Altar Server Practice for ALL Servers (New and Seasonal) will resume in August.

**Date: August 7, 2021**

Time: 11:00am – 2:00pm

Place: Main Sanctuary

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## ATTENDANCE

Attendance on July 3<sup>rd</sup> & July 4<sup>th</sup> was **293**. The 7:30am Livestream was viewed online by **91**. 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.

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Drawing: October 17, 2021  
**Winner Need Not Be Present**



The Pastoral Council will meet in the Harris Center Auditorium on Wednesday, **July 14<sup>th</sup>**, at 6:00pm.



St. Francis Xavier Health Ministry is hosting a Zoom seminar on Saturday, **July 31, 2021**, from 11:00am to 12:15pm. The purpose of this seminar is to provide information related to the health of our children. Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is especially important in the health of our youth. The guest speaker will be **Dr. Kennetha L. Frye**, PhD, PLLC, LSSP, HSP. Dr. Frye specializes in working with children, adolescents and young adults with symptoms of depression, anxiety, disruptive behavior disorders and trauma.



### BUS TRIP TO COUSHATTA

KPC Ladies Auxiliary Ct. #138 will have a bus trip to the Coushatta Casino on **Saturday, August 7, 2021**. We will start boarding at 7:30am; Departing from St. Francis Xavier Church at **8:00 am**; Leaving Coushatta at **5:00pm** to return. The cost per person is **\$30.00**. To reserve your seat contact: **Jeanette Steptoe (713) 733-6210**, or **Anne Auzenne (281) 451-6249**



The Sunday Coffee & Donuts Group surprised Father Michael with an impromptu Birthday Celebration in the Harris Center Auditorium after the 10:00am Mass.

## Stewardship Reflection

That we may learn from the Apostles to give up our strong attachment to material possessions. "He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts." Mark 6:8 Imagine taking nothing but a stick when you go on a trip. The Apostles must have really trusted in God's providential care. Think of all the material things "we can't live without" in today's world. We make our life's journey more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. Putting God first in everything and putting our money and possessions second gives us freedom because we don't become "slaves" to wanting to acquire more things.

## 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.**



## The Rigors Of Being A Disciple of Christ

Has someone ever asked you to talk to another person about his/her conduct or behavior? Watch the News and you will acknowledge that our society needs some help. With our social problems getting out of hand, we look up to leaders in our various institutions, both social and religious. But they too seem to have lost their moral authority, and so very few, if any, listen to them. Those who make any attempt to speak against our socio spiritual evils are either ignored or rejected. For some, such rejection takes on an aggressive or violent nature.

The job of telling people that they need to repent is a tough one. People seldom respond in the affirmative. The messenger is either criticized or rejected. Some are even killed. The Bible is filled with such people, for example, John the Baptist, having preached repentance successfully ended up being beheaded. The Apostles, as well as many of the early Christians, were killed for preaching repentance and casting out demons and healing the sick.

For us who risk being disciples of Christ, St. Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians, offers us the much-needed encouragement to bear up the rigors of the ministry of Jesus Christ. He interlaces the function of Christ as heavenly mediator into the praise of God as benefactor. He does so by using a series of ways to spell out the promise of salvation. Through the blood of Christ, we are not only loved and destined for adoption but also united with Christ through the preaching of the Gospel. This love affords us the encouragement and strength needed for the day-by day burdens and struggles of the ministry. United with Jesus's struggles, our trials become the means through which God is praised. So, sealed with the Holy Spirit and empowered by the abiding presence of Christ we are blessed with endless possibilities for the ministry.

Prophets are called to speak the truth where there is falsehood, and where justice has gone unchecked. Preaching repentance to those who are indifferent and disobedient and then trying to stir up in them the flame of caring and compassion brings pain and suffering. But God has always called and continues to call people like you and me to do the job. Some of our struggles and challenges are manifested in the life of the Prophet Amos (today's first Reading). As a Prophet he was called to preach the word of God to the people of Bethel and with this call he entered a minefield of obstacles.

Today we hear the story of the Prophet Amos who was ordered go to places he would rather not go and to serve people he would never choose to socialize with. But he was sent by God to try to direct God's people to live according to the covenant laws and be rejected.

Amos with his acceptance encountered the rigors of being a messenger of God. He was not appreciated. Mistaking him to be one of the professional prophets of his day, Amaziah, the high priest, told him to go back home to Judah and there make his living by prophesying. To this Amos protested that he was not a career prophet, and that he never had any intentions of becoming a prophet. He was living a nice peaceful life as a rancher and a farmer, but God called him to go to Bethel and warn the people to change from their sinful lives that was leading them to destruction. Amos would never have chosen to risk his personal safety by denouncing the idolatry and injustice that threatened Israel's covenant relationship with God. It was God who said to him: "go" and he set aside his livelihood, security, preferences and submitted to a mission and a future he had not planned.

Once he accepted his call and mission, Amos preached with the best of the prophets and accused them of placing less value on the poor than on sandals and comparing wealthy women to pampered cows. (*No wonder the high priest Amaziah, who had the ears of the King wanted him out of the area*).

Seven hundred years after the ministry of Amos, Jesus called his disciples to the same mission and sent them forth to places unknown to them. He sent them with minimum essentials: they were not to have a packed lunch or even a snack, no money or traveler's check, no suitcases or lodging reservations, or predetermined itinerary. They were only given the power over evil spirits and were told to rely totally on those to whom they have been sent.

Knowing that acceptance and rejection comes with the mission, Jesus offered those he sent a method to deal with both. That God's forgiveness and healing will be experienced by those who will accept and welcome Jesus' disciples; but those who reject the messengers and their message, will not experience any of these graces. For them even the street dirt on the messenger's feet would be shaken off as a testimony against them. The disciples are to entrust themselves to God and to grace and not secure a home of operation and a comfort zone from which to pursue a self-styled agenda.

As disciples of Jesus, we too are asked to "travel simple" with nothing to rely on except the companionship of another disciple and the providence of God in whose name we preach repentance as well as healing the sick with our words and actions. We are asked to be willing to leave our "sycamores, sheep and seashores" and allow our hearts to be vulnerable and be touched by God who offers us endless possibilities.



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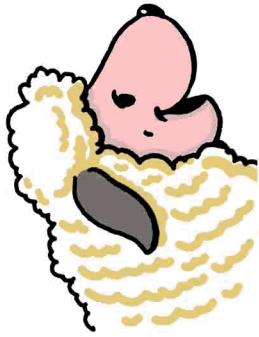
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What did John's disciples do after he had been killed?

Solve the sudoku puzzle. All numbers can be used only once in a row, column and box. Then use the letter code to fill in the blanks.

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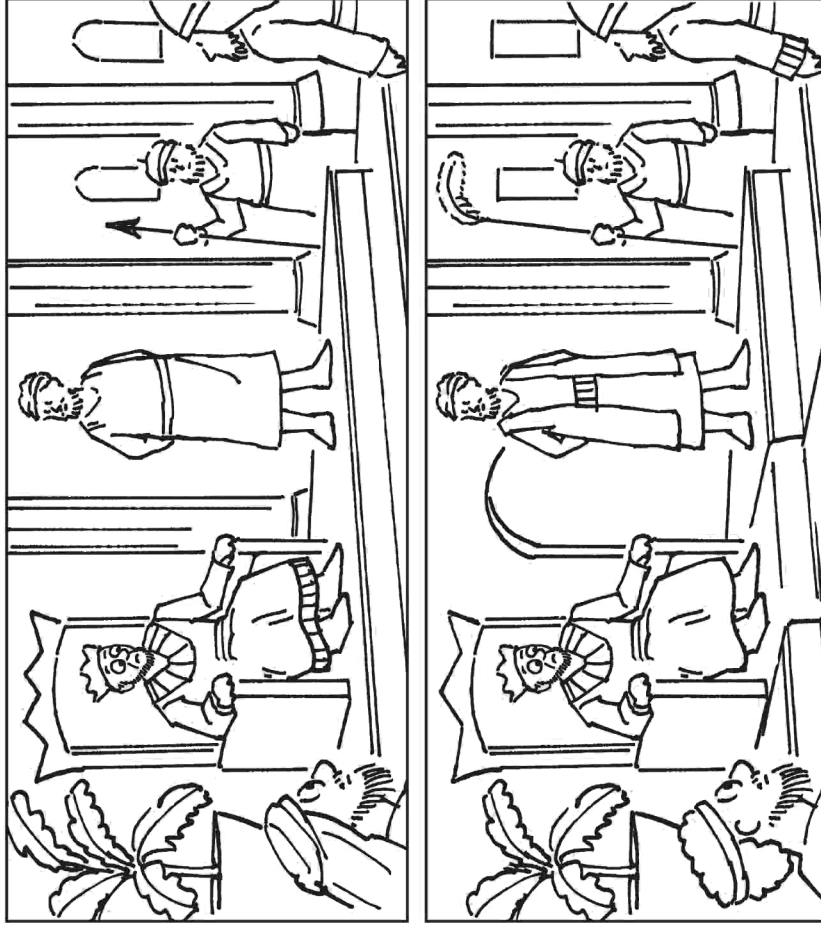
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## The Death of John the Baptist

When King Herod heard about Jesus, he thought Jesus was John the Baptist, whom he had killed, come back to life.

Find 12 differences in the second picture.



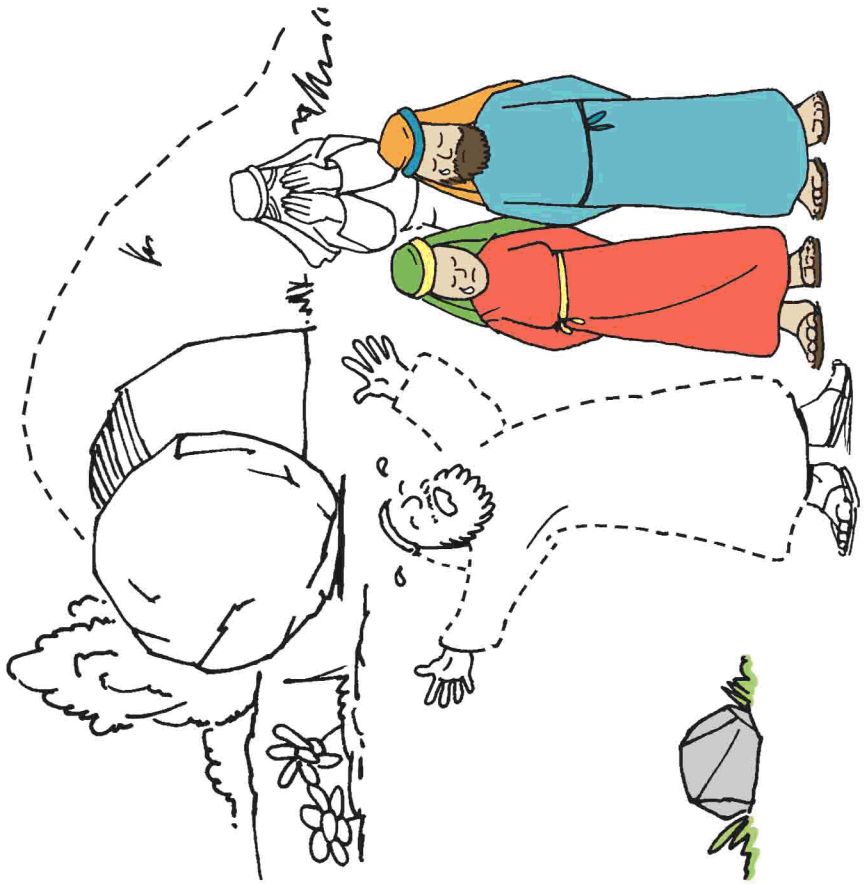
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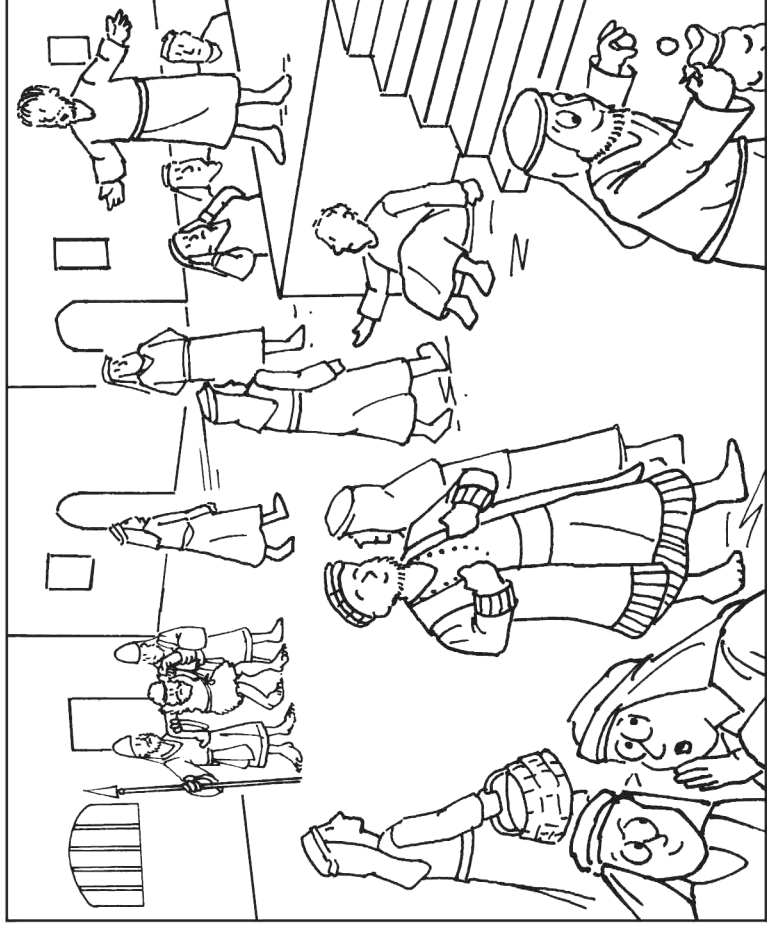
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The Death of John the Baptist

King Herod had John the Baptist  
put into prison.

Circle John the Baptist and Herod .





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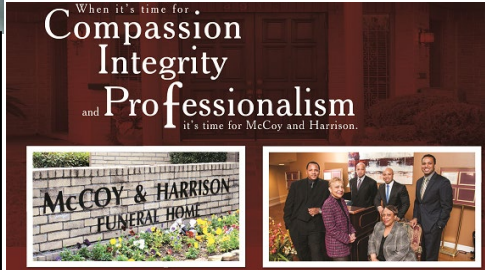
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