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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 4th Sundays: 7:00p.m.

BIBLE STUDY/

ADULT CATHECHISM:

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CHOIR DIRECTORS:

Jerry Givens 281.772.9276

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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.

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MASS INTENTIONS**SAT. 07/17/2021 5:00PM***Jasmine N. Johnson (L)* – Wanda Johnson
Kristina M. Chaney (D)

Family & Friends

Joseph Duplechaine (D)

The Duplechaine Family

Deacon Albert Henry (D)

The Family

Phillip J. Moore, Sr (D) – Phyllis Moore**SUN. 07/18/2021 7:30AM***Kristina M. Chaney (D)*

Family & Friends

Joan Mcguh (D) – Maria S. Jayakumar*Arthur Baltrip, Sr (D)*

Baltrip Family

John A. Peterson (D)

Holdman & Madkins Family

Mary Theresa Cameron (D)

Pamela Johnson/Family

SUN. 07/18/2021 10:00AM*People of the Parish***MON. 07/19/2021 7:00AM***Alex J. Johnson (L)* – P. A. Piper*Makayla P. Horton (L)* – P. A. Piper**TUE. 07/20/2021 7:00AM***Michael V. Johnson (D)* – P. A. Piper*Leo Ladet (D)* – Levan & Dolores Ladet**WED. 07/21/2021 7:00AM***Kristina M. Chaney (D)*

Family & Friends

Ajante' Cobb (L) – P. A. Piper**THUR. 07/22/2021 7:00AM***John A. Peterson (D)* – The Family*Thelma Lancelin (D)* – Christine Roberts*Yvonne Mullone (D)* – Donald Mullone**FRI. 07/23/2021 7:00AM***Michael V. Johnson (D)* – P. A. Piper*James D. Johnson (D)* – P. A. Piper**DONALD WAYNE STERLING**
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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:

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, Terrance J Valiare, Thomas Q Valiare II

Marines

Alyssa Dugar, Reginald Ward

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**Jesus Has Compassion on the Crowds**

In the Gosel today, Jesus invites his disciples to take a break and rest a while. He invites us to do the same. As we rest our minds and bodies, let us listen to God's word. Jeremiah tells his people that one day a king and shepherd will come to bring justice to the land. Paul writes that in Christ walls are broken down and peace established among all peoples. Jesus laments the directionless people massed on the shore, and began to teach. May we be eager learners.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK**Sunday – July 18***16th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6

Ephesians 2:13-18

Mark 6:30-34

Monday – July 19

Exodus 14:5-18

(Psalm) Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday – July 20*Saint Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr*

Exodus 14:21-15:1

(Psalm) Exodus 15:8-9, 10 & 12, 17

Matthew 12:46-50

Wednesday – July 21*Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest**& Doctor of the Church*

Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15

Psalm 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28

Matthew 13:1-9

Thursday – July 22*Saint Mary Magdalene*

Song of Songs 3:1-4

Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

John 20:1-2, 11-18

Friday – July 23*Saint Bridget*

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11

Matthew 13:18-23

Saturday – July 24*St. Sharbel Makhlof, Priest*

Exodus 24:3-8

Psalm 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15

Matthew 13:24-30



Bazaar King & Queen Contest
We will begin accepting contestants for the **Bazaar King & Queen Contest** soon. Each participant is required to sell ads for the souvenir booklet. Contestants must raise a minimum of \$600.00 to qualify for the King/Queen positions. The contest will run thru September. Call Elaine Mathews at (713) 733-3762 for additional information.

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

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

Call Wanda Johnson at **832-492-5088** if you are interested in joining!

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.



Finance Council

The Finance Council will meet on Wednesday, July 21st, at 6:00pm in the Harris Center Auditorium.

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5th Prize....\$300.00 Macy's Gift Card

Tickets are \$5.00 each or a book of 20 for \$100.00. Each household is asked to sell at least 2 books.

Drawing: October 17, 2021

Winner Need Not Be Present



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 Coshatta Casino on **Saturday, August 7, 2021**. We will start boarding at **7:30am**; Departing from St. Francis Xavier Church at **8:00 am**; Leaving Coshatta 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

ATTENDANCE

Attendance on July 10th & July 11th was **343**. The 7:30am Livestream was viewed online by **61**, and the 10:00am Memorial Mass by **31**. 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.



(L-R) Daudrille Kendale Lowe (Father), Starr Michelle Lozada (Mother), Rev. Michael Saah-Buckman SSJ (Pastor), **Storie Lourdes Lowe** (5yrs), Mark Lozada (Godfather), Johnette Lozada (Godmother)



Sharon Katherine Carriere Jones passed away on July 5, 2021, at the age of 65. Ms. Jones is a member of the Lazard Family. Services were held at Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Opelousas, LA. Eternal Rest Grant unto her soul.

Angel Martin passed away on July 8, 2021, at the age of 50. Mrs. Martin is the Daughter-in-Law of John & Barbara Martin. Services were held at Redeeming Grace Christian Church in San Antonio, TX. Eternal Rest Grant unto her soul.

Edward Davis passed away on July 10, 2021, at the age of 88. Mr. Davis is a long-time Lector here at St. Francis Xavier Church. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on July 24, 2021. Eternal Rest Grant unto his soul.

Harold Champ passed away on July 14, 2021, at the age of 88. Mr. Champ is the husband of Violet Champ. Mr. & Mrs. Champ are long-time parishioners and Staff members of St. Francis Xavier Church. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on July 19, 2021. Eternal Rest Grant unto his soul.



The apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.” So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place. - Mk 6:30-31b, 32

There’s an ordinary pine grove located on a tree farm not too far from town where life’s stresses and demands seem to melt away. It is here that all that seemed so important out there no longer is and one can get lost in the rows of trees and majestic beauty. God is here and all is good. We need to connect with the Divine Source of all that is in order to understand what it is we are doing and why we are doing it. Otherwise, things stop making sense and bitterness can overcome one’s spirit. It’s okay to play once in a while and to discover that place of profound life and peace. People always have needs and there is constantly something to do. And while all of that is necessary and we are needed, there is also that inner solitude within that needs to be celebrated and released.

We all need a pine grove. It’s that little place we can go and leave all that consumes us behind. It’s a place where technology can be set aside and wonder, and awe given some time. We don’t have to text, calculate, or orchestrate anything in the pine grove. It is a somewhat deserted place where all of that can be set aside, and we can just be.

The anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and occasional apathy, all can fall to the ground like all of those pine needles that once held their place on the branch of a Frasier Fir. The needles can let go. We can let go. We are beings connected with Being and we all need to remember what really matters, who really matters and what life is truly all about.

We need to find that place where we can rest and let go of all of the barnacles we accumulate. Rest, breathe, seek, and love. The world will need us again when we leave the pine grove. It will all be waiting for us, beckoning for our attention. But we will have prayed and will have marveled at the silence and the beauty of goodness. We can go back, ready, and eager to listen, to help, to heal, to cry, to embrace, and attend to all that is asked of us. But, having let go of the distractions in that deserted place we will have a renewed sense of purpose. We will know better Who it is we serve and what we are meant to do. It will all be clearer now that we have been Divinely touched and refreshed.



FOOD DRIVE



The Young Adults Ministry of St. Francis Xavier would like to thank *"Create the Culture"*, *"Omega Psi Phi"*, the *"Omega Lamplighters"*, and SFX Parish Volunteers: **Bernadette Mitchell**, **Tamia Simmons**, **Isaiah Knighten**, and **Chris Rellford**, for coming out to assist with the Food Distribution on July 10, 2021. We were able to feed **173** families. Thank you, all! The next Food Drive is scheduled for August 10th.

The Young Adults Ministry will coordinate the **"Kid's Games"** for the upcoming Fall Bazaar on Sunday, **October 17, 2021**. Donations of prizes and kid friendly games are needed. Volunteers are needed to help monitor the games. Sign-up sheets will be available for volunteers 18 yrs and older who have completed the Archdiocese Safe Environment (formerly VIRTUS) Training.



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SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2021

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. - Mk 6:34



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