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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 25, 2021



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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:

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**

To register, call, come by the parish office or visit our website at:www.sfxhouston.com



MASS INTENTIONS

SAT. 07/24/2021 5:00PM

People of the Parish SUN. 07/25/2021 7:30AM

Kristina M. Chaney (D)

Family & Friends

Brittanie Scott (D) – Pam Johnson/Family

Lawrence Duplechain, Sr (D)

Ollie Duplechain

Frank Davis, Sr (L) – Ollie Duplechain Judy Simon (D) – Ollie Duplechain

SUN. 07/25/2021 10:00AM

Audrene Biagas Clark (D)

Patricia Session

Irene Hutchins (D) – Grandchildren

Mary Augustine Chenier (D) Odelia Vallery

Ruth Johnson (D) – Baltrip Family Bryan Njoku (D)

Cameron Johnson/Family

07/26/2021 7:00AM Christine Roberts (L) – Azielee Addison

All Deceased Choir Members (D)

Christine Roberts

TUE. 07/27/2021 7:00AM

John Bell (D) – Linda Bell

Mary Wheeler (D) – Azielee Addison

07/28/2021 7:00AM

Harold Livings (D) – Unella Baber

John A. Peterson (D) – The Family 7:00AM

THUR. 07/29/2021

Helen Gobert (L)

SFX Sisters in the Spirit

Priscella Magbag (D) – P. A. Piper

FRI. 07/30/2021 7:00AM

Ruth Celestine (L) – Wanda Johnson *Jermaine Walker (D)* – Theresa Chambers





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Cadoree, Nancy Calvin, Sterling Dotson Certenberg, Dalton Cooper Jr., Frank Davis Sr., 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, Diane Miles, Dorothy Milstead, Vy. Rev. William L. Norvel, SSJ, Carolyn Ollison, Helen Foreman Orsort, Cynethia Pichon, Marcelle Prevost, Carole Pryor, Melody Ratcliff, Herman Rayme, 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 praver 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

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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



In the first reading, Elisha takes an offering of barley loaves and shares it with many more people than it would

expected to feed. All ate plenty and some was even left over. In the Gospel, Jesus takes five barley loaves and two fish and is able to share them with over five thousand people. All ate their fill, and twelve baskets were filled with the leftovers. God is able to provide more than we need, despite all appearances to the contrary. As we sing in the psalm today, "The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs "Psalm 145

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

■Sunday – July 25

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kings 4:42-44

Psalm 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18

Ephesians 4:1-6 John 6:1-15

☐Monday – July 26

Sts. Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34 Psalm 106:19-20, 21-22, 23

Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday − July 27

Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5-9, 28

Psalm 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13

Matthew 13:36-43

■ Wednesday – July 28

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm 99:5, 6, 7, 9

Matthew 13:44-46

☐ Thursday – July 29

Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38

Psalm 84:3, 4, 5-6, 3, 11

John 11:19-27

■ Friday – July 30

St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Leviticus 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34-37

Psalm 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11

Matthew 13:54-58

□ Saturday – July 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola

Leviticus 25:1, 8-17

Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 7-8

Matthew 14:1-12



"Walk in the Light of Christ" 2021 Diocesan Services Fund

God bless each of you who have so generously responded in support of the 2021 Diocesan Services Fund. If you or your family have not yet responded, please do so next weekend on DSF Commitment Weekend. To give online, please visit www.archgh.org/dsf. Help us attain our parish goal of \$62,000.00.



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!





Congratulations Court & Council #138 2021 Jr National Convention Winners

Essay – 2nd Place

Jeana Sydnor Jailyn Syndor Mackenzie Peugh

2022 National Convention Theme

1st Place:

Mackenzie Peugh Gift Card:

Lorianna Eaglin

PTTENDANCE

Attendance on July 17th & July 18th was **284**. The 7:30am Livestream was viewed online by **63**. 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.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH FALL RAFFLE



Grand Prize! NISSAN SENTRA 4DR SEDAN

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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!



Bazaar King & Queen Contest Cancelled

Due to the shortened time period available for our contestants to raise funds, we will cancel the *Bazaar King & Queen Contest* this year. We appreciate the intentions of all those who had anticipated participating in the contest this year and look forward to your participation in 2022.

Volunteers Needed!!!

Volunteers are needed in all areas to make this Bazaar a success. If you are willing and able, please sign up in the vestibule of the church or call the Parish Office at (713) 738-2311 to volunteer for any of the Bazaar Booths.

Kid's Games

The Young Adults Ministry will coordinate the *Kid's Games* for the Bazaar this year. Donations of prizes and kid friendly games are needed. Volunteers are also needed to help monitor the games. Sign up in the vestibule of the Church or call the Parish Office at (713) 738-2311. You must be 18 years or older and must have completed the Archdiocese Safe Environment Training.



Ricky Jude Richard passed away on July 14, 2021, at the age of 64. Mr. Richard is the Nephew of John & Mary Richard, Sr. Services were held at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Grand Coteau, LA. On July 24, 2021. Eternal Rest Grant unto his soul.

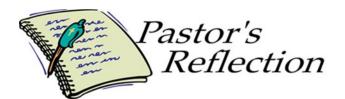
Florence Dixon passed away on July 20, 2021, at the age of 85. Ms. Dixon is a member of KPC Ladies Auxiliary Court 138. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on July 31, 2021. Eternal Rest Grant unto her soul.

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 regardless of our own individual circumstance, we all recognize that we have the ability to share. "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" John 6:9 The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him. Nothing is impossible with God. All of our gifts, big or small, were given to us for a reason. No gift is too small or insignificant!



Great Results Come from Meager Provisions

As a Christian, if someone were to ask you to list your duties what will it include? What are your responsibilities? The things that are expected of you. Will they be defined in the light of your position in the Church? I mean, what the Church needs or what you do for the Church? Do you offer excuses with the little you have as not being enough? We hear Jesus sharing with us that the proper role and responsibility of every Christian is to feed God's hungry people, not just physically but spiritually, emotionally and psychologically. Today Jesus' attention is focused on the physical hunger of a large crowd of people who have just been ministered to. This feeding is prophetic because it recalls the similar action of the Prophet Elisha. Elisha's power as prophet of God with authority to speak God's truth was affirmed by his feeding of over one hundred (100) people with twenty (20) loaves of barley bread. Jesus' action also affirms his power and authority as the Son of God. The action to provide physical nourishment to the people reflects the act of God who provided "manna" for the people in the wilderness (Exodus 16: 1-16). The story of Jesus feeding the crowd is told not less than six times in the

Today, John tells us about one such feeding with the story of the multiplication of the loaves. The feeding comes after Jesus' encounter with those who do not believe in him. Jesus rejects them in Jerusalem and moves on from there to go across the Sea of Galilee, i.e., Tiberias. However, according to Mark, the feeding of the multitude comes after Jesus and his disciples have come from their intense ministry and they needed some desserted place to rest. They get into a boat and sail to a deserted area across the Sea of Tiberias. However, the people who had experienced Jesus and his ministry figured out what was happening and got there first. When Jesus and his disciples disembarked from their boat, they saw that their trip was no longer secret. Jesus was moved with compassion and realizing that they needed leaders and care, responded to their need by teaching them at great length.

Realizing that it was getting late, the disciples asked Jesus to dismiss the crowd so they could go to the surrounding farms and villages to get some food. When Jesus suggested to the disciples to feed the crowd themselves, they protested that it would be impossible to do such a thing.

Without mentioning that they have talked to a young boy about sharing, they reported to Jesus that they have five loaves and two fish. With this amount of food, Jesus feeds over 5,000 people. Matthew tells us that women and children were not counted among the total number of people who were fed.

Unlike Matthew, Mark and Luke, John's gospel not only hints at the Eucharistic implications of this miracle but elaborates on it at length. In telling the story, John's gospel states that the disciples had already arrived at the place where Jesus fed the people and others followed later. Jesus had already anticipated feeding the people when he saw them. He did not need advice from the disciples about the people's hunger. He knew in his heart what he was going to do.

Only John tells us about the young boy who was willing to share his small meal with others. The willingness of the young boy to share his meal of barley bread (which only the poor ate) and fish tells us about the importance of sharing. He gave his food to Jesus and Jesus made it a eucharistic offering to the multitude. The young boy had to trust that Jesus could do something with his food, and he did.

Not only did they have more than enough to eat, but they also had twelve (12) baskets full of bread fragments. John uses this story as a "sign" to point at something else i.e., the ultimate sharing of Jesus' very self as food for all through His Word and Sacrament. Jesus expects his disciples, you and me, to continue this ministry and to tend those who hunger for him. The strength we draw from him will be more than enough to "feed" those who hunger for him.

Despite the joy and excitement that come from working in the Lord's vineyard, we will get tired and need rest. Sometimes amid such needed rest, plans will change. We will be called to minister. Jesus exemplifies for us what to do in such moments. We cannot make excuses with what we do not have, our tiredness and our inabilities to minister. We are to count on our blessings, like the young boy, and make them available to Christ. He has the power to take them and work miracles, even though they may seem to be inadequate. Jesus takes the five (5) loaves of barley bread and two fish that the young boy offered to become physical and spiritual nourishment for thousands of people. What we offer to Jesus can also be life saving for others.

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church 2021-2022 CCE Registration Form Pre-K (Age 4) through High School

Student Information (BIRTH CERTIFICATE & BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE ARE REQUIRED)

	Gender: M/F Last Name F 9/1/21): Grade (2021/2022):	
Sacraments received in Catholic Church: (please chec		
Profession of Faith/Baptism Location	ReconciliationLocation	
Eucharist Location	Confirmation Location	
Did this child attend CCE last year? Yes	No Location	
Member Information		
Father's Name:	Religion:	
Father's Mailing Address	City/State/Zip	
Home Phone: Work Pho	one: Cell Phone:	
E Mail Address		
Sacraments received in Catholic Church: (please check all applicable) Profession of faith/Baptism Reconciliation Eucharist Confirmation Marriage		
Mother's Name: First Name Last Name	Religion:e (Maiden Name)	
Mother's Mailing Address City/State/Zip		
	one: Cell Phone:	
E Mail Address		
Sacraments received in Catholic Church: (please check all applicable) Profession of faith/Baptism Reconciliation Eucharist Confirmation Marriage		
Emergency Contact Information (Other Than Po	arent)	
Emergency Contact Name:	Phone:	
	Alternate Phone:	
Other than a parent, who is authorized to pick up your child?		
Name:	Relationship:	
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Parent/Guardian	Date	
CONTINUE ON BACK		

Please list ALL medical conditions/allergies/special health information including Bouts with Depression and anxiety: Does your child possess any medical issues that we need to be aware of, such as: Sickle Cell, Diabetes, ADD, ADHD, or Asthma, Corona Virus? Please list ANY medications (prescription or non-prescription) you would like us to be aware of:			
			Photo Authorization: There may be occasions throughout the year in which your child's photo may be taken either individually or with a group. These photos are sometimes displayed in the church, used in the Parish bulletin or website. No names will be used in connection with these photographs.
			Yes, I give permission for my child's photo to be used.
No, I do not give permission for my child's photo to be used.			
Signed: Date:			
Fees			
In order to build and maintain a successful CCE program we must require fees for CCE. The registration fees collected helps pay for books, class supplies, teacher training, etc. The CCE registration fee is \$25 for one child and \$35 per family. A late fee of \$15 will be charged after December 7, 2021. If your child is preparing for a sacrament, the following administration fees will be, \$55 for Communion (2 nd year only), and \$105 for Confirmation (2 nd year only) per child.			
Church Ministries			
As a part of the CCE program, we are instituting and encouraging our young people to use their talents and abilities in the service of God and His Church. Therefore, CCE students will participate in church ministries on Youth Sunday (4 th Sunday at the 10 a.m. Mass of each month. Below is a list of some church ministries that you and your child may choose from:			
Altar Server Jr. Lector Jr. Minister of Hospitality Youth Choir Youth Ministry			
Parent Volunteerism			
The first teacher of our CCE students is the parent. We certainly do believe that you have some talents and abilities and we would greatly appreciate all of your wisdom and assistance. Please indicate below, how you would like to help:			
CCE Catechist Aide Substitute Office Helper			
Event WorkerChaperone Door Attendant			
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Payment: Cash Check No Date Received Receipt # Received by			
Administration Fees Due?NoYes If yes, which Sacrament?,			
Special Instructions (parent/guardian):			
CCE Office:			







You are cordially invited to participate with the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church Health Ministry

Free Zoom Seminar

Monday August 2, 2021

Monday, August 2, 2021 6:15PM to 7:15PM

Registrants are asked to sign beginning at 5:30PM to 6:15PM

No entrance after 6:15PM

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Guest Speaker:

Dr. Caren Cooper, Ed.D

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https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86811672706?pwd=TnBCcVZCTU9jQzhncHRsMHRoYXIKUT09

Meeting ID: 868 1167 2706

The purpose of this seminar is to provide information related the health of our children and our own mental health. PTSD is especially important in the health of our youth.

Name:	Email:

For further information, please contact the Health Ministry Chair Mary Sias at 713-320-9210 (text please) | <u>marysias@att.net</u>.



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