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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:

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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. 06/19/2021 5:00PM
All Fathers Living & Deceased
SUN. 06/20/2021 7:30AM
All Fathers Living & Deceased

All Fathers Living & Deceased SUN. 06/20/2021 10:00AM

All Fathers Living & Deceased

MON. 06/21/2021 7:00AM

Kristina M. Chaney (D)

Family & Friends

Michael V. Johnson (D) – P.A. Piper **TUE. 06/22/2021 7:00AM**

Shirley Foreman (L)

SFX Sisters in the Spirit

Belinda Foreman (L) – Special Intention

WED. 06/23/2021 7:00AM *Rev. Michael K. Saah-Buckman, SSJ (L)*

Special Intention
Shirley Foreman (L) – Special Intention

THUR. 06/24/2021 7:00AM

John A. Peterson (D) – The Family

Angela Pena (L) – Azielee Addison **FRI. 06/25/2021 7:00AM**

Lonnie Carrier (D) – Audrey Otis John A. Peterson (D) – Godparents



Our Pastor's Birthday Wednesday, June 23rd



NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION June 26th & 27th

Next week we will take up the *Peter's Pence Collection*, which is a way to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis with the funds to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous.

For more information, visit:

www.peterspence.va/en/html.

VOICES FOR CHRIST

The 7:30am & 10:00am Choirs will have a combined rehearsal with the Youth Choir on Wednesday, **June 23rd** at 7:00pm. Come on people, let's sing about the goodness of the Lord!



Deacon Alfred Abram, Michael Albert, Savannah Blackwell, Wanda Caesar, 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, Willie Mae Henderson, Delilah "Anne" Jordan, Brooke Joseph, Kennedy Family Members, Helen Kennison, JoAnn LaSane, Roy Lee, 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, Myrtle Rubin. Mary Sias, 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:

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

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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



God's ability to still the waves of a storm in the first reading reassures Job of God's awesome power. When Jesus calms the violent squall in the Gospel, his disciples can't belive the power they just witnessed. As God admonished Job, the Lord asks them to have faith, no matter how terrible the storm. May our faith be strengthened as we listen to God's word, so that we may constantly find assurance in the Lord.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

■ Sunday – June 20

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Job 38:1, 8-11
Psalm 107:23-26, 28-31
2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Mark 4:35-41

■ Monday – June 21
Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
Genesis 12:1-9

Psalm 33:12-13, 18-20, 22 Matthew 7:1-5

Tuesday – June 22

Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop Saints John Fisher, Bishop & Thomas More, Martyrs Genesis 13:2, 5-18 Psalm 15:2-4, 5

Matthew 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday – June 23

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Psalm 105:1-4, 6-9

Matthew 7:15-20

☐**Thursday** – **June 24**The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Isaiah 49:1-6 Psalm 139:1-3, 13-15

Acts 13:22-26

Luke 1:57-66, 80

Friday – June 25

Genesis 17:1-9, 9-10, 15-22 Psalm 128:1-5

Matthew 8:1-4

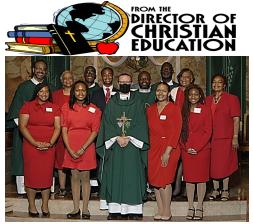
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Saturday – June 26

Genesis 18:1-15

(Psalm) Luke 1:46-50, 53-55

Matthew 8:5-17



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Bishop-Elect ITALO DELL'ORO, CRS (Celebrant) NIYELETE BARRAS ISIAH KNIGHTEN CAMERON MARSHALL MACKENZIE PEUGH ALEXA PRUDHOMME



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



The St. Francis Xavier Health Ministry's would like to thank everyone that participated with the first Zoom Health

Seminar. With close to 20 attendees, we had an audience from all over the city and state. Attendees gave rave reviews to include:

- Congratulations, the first health ministry seminar was great. Dr. Dow was very thorough and informative. J.B.
- The team did a very good job with the kickoff. The presenter Dr Dow was excellent. He covered a lot of information and handled the attendees' questions very well. E. V.

The Health Ministry is taking a proactive approach to providing good health advice through free Zoom seminars. The average seminar will last less than an hour. Stay tuned, we are planning some major in-person events in 2022. We appreciate your support.



St. Joseph: A Saint for Fathers

Just as God the Father selected the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of his son, he also chose St. Joseph to be Mary's chaste spouse and Jesus' foster father. As the head of the Holy Family — the model for all families — he is also the inspiration for and the protector of all fathers.

St. Luke's Gospel tells the story of Christ's infancy from Mary's perspective, while St. Matthew's Gospel gives us the story from St. Joseph's point of view.

He is introduced to us as a just man, a descendant of King David, a native of Bethlehem, a carpenter living in Nazareth and engaged to Mary. After the Annunciation, when Mary told Joseph she was pregnant, he resolved to break off the engagement privately. Under the law of Moses given in the book of Deuteronomy, if Joseph had made a public charge of infidelity against Mary, she would have been stoned to death. Before Joseph could do anything, however, God granted him his own annunciation. An angel of the Lord visited Joseph in a dream, urging him to take Mary as his wife, assuring him that the child she carried had been conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Joseph must have died before Christ began his public ministry. If he were still alive, he would have stood with Mary at the foot of the cross and there would have been no need for Jesus to entrust his mother to St. John.

Although there are isolated examples of Joseph receiving some recognition during the Middle Ages in Egypt, in England and in Germany, the Church did not grant him official recognition until 1479 when Pope Sixtus IV established March 19 as the feast of St. Joseph. From that point, devotion to St. Joseph increased dramatically. The Franciscans, the Carmelites and the Jesuits all promoted St. Joseph. Thomas Craughwell is the author of more than 30 books, including "Saints Behaving Badly" and "This Saint will Change Your Life."

Stewardship Reflection

That we not only know about Jesus but that we take time to start a personal relationship with Him. "The he asked them, 'Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" – Mark 4:40 Do you really trust God? Is God your first choice or last resort? Is your faith something you just do on Sunday, or do you live the Gospel message every day of the week? Many of us know about God. How many of us have a personal relationship with Him? Start now, open your heart to receive our Lord. Talk and listen to Him throughout the day, in all circumstances.



Madison Guerrero..... Initiated to the Junior Division of Court #138

Jr's Texas State Conference Winners: Hannah Washington.....1st Place Paintings

Jessie Dozier.....3rd Place Essay **Travis Washington...**1st Vice President at the Conference.

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.

<u> PTPENDANCE</u>

Attendance on June 12th & June 13th was **339**. The 7:30am Livestream was viewed online by **171**. 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.



The Balancing Act of Faith

As we look at our lives and world events, do we ever find ourselves wondering if God is sleeping? After all, maybe God's patient, unconditional love has run its course and He is finally fed up with humanity's reluctance to accept the truth about who we are. God really can't be that patient! All throughout human history, many have prayed to God for intervention or for particular needs. Because their prayers were not answered in the way they wanted or anticipated, they felt that God may have abandoned them. Were they right? It seems that we are continuing, at a rapid rate, down a path of destruction. Do you not care, God, that we may be perishing? When the boats of our lives are rocking and the seas tumultuous, we want to know that we have God's attention. Even more so, we want God's intervention.

Maybe the storms and the waves are necessary. If we listen, they can teach us valuable lessons. Without them, we would never learn that we have the strength to endure, understand the uselessness of fear and worry, or develop the ability to really trust. If God immediately rushed in and simply calmed things down before they got difficult, what good would that really be? We would miss opportunities to learn how to drink more deeply of life, treasure its complexity, irony, and beauty and fully engage ourselves in its

messiness. Life has to burn its way through us in order to bring us to a place of secure trust. It's unfortunate that some prefer a shallower journey. That's the balancing act that comes with faith. It is not God's job to prevent us from encountering the torrential rains and winds of life. Many believe that if faith is done the right way, that God will provide for smooth sailing. That's not how it works. God permits us to ride out the difficult stuff knowing that the storm will eventually be calmed. Do we not have faith that God will do this? True faith trusts in the steadfastness of God's love when the seas are calm and when they are choppy. God's unconditional loving presence shines through all of it and endures forever. Knowing this allows us to put our boats out into uncharted waters without hesitation. Knowing that we prefer the comfort and safety of what we know to be still waters, how do we feel when Jesus says, "Let us cross to the other side"?

"Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm. They were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?" – Mark 4:38-39, 41



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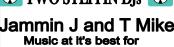


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