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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

SACRAMENT:

Saturday: 4:15p.m. - 4:45p.m. Sundays: 6:45a.m. - 7:15a.m. 9:20a.m. - 9:45a.m.

9:20a.m. - 9:45a.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED

First Friday: 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

CHOIR REHEARSALS:

Adult Choirs Judah Choir:

SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

God's Chosen Choir:

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Youth Choir:

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BIBLE STUDY/

ADULT CATHECHISM:

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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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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. 05/22/2021 5:00PM

People of the Parish SUN. 05/23/2021 7:30AM

Kristina M. Chaney (D)

Family & Friends

Lillie Mae Richardson-Clay (D)

Patrick, PJ & Kiara Clay

Leroy Forbes (D) – Nancy Mitchell Gabriel & Lockett Families (D)

The Family

Michael V. Johnson (D)

Agnes Thompson

10:00AM

05/23/2021 Mary Mayon Lazard (D)

Odelia Vallery & Family

Kimberly Peacock-Clay (D)

Patrick, PJ & Kiara Clay

The Scott Family (L)

Stephanie Goodwin

Roger & Ella Reed (D)

Don & Theresa Chambers

Jermaine Walker (D)

Don & Theresa Chambers

05/24/2021

7:00AM

Tamara Sanders (D) – Tywanna Navy Michael V. Johnson (D)

Georgia Johnson & Family

TUE. 05/25/2021

7:00AM *Alton Albert. Jr (D)* – Mother & Brother

John A. Peterson (D) – The Family

05/26/2021

7:00AM

7:00AM

Ruby Mose (D) – Tywanna Navy Nathan H. Addison III (D)

Azielee Addison

THUR. 05/27/2021 7:00AM

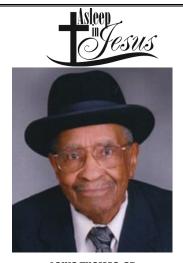
Dorothy Ivy (D) – Agnes Williams

John A. Peterson (D) – Godparents

05/28/2021 Kristina M. Chanev (D)

Family & Friends

Craig Jackson (D) - Crystal Jackson



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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.

Armv:

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Navy:

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PENTECOST **SUNDAY**



Before God sent the Holy Spirit to all who were baptized in the Lord's name, people of great described what

God's Spirit could do. Ezekiel imagined the spirit giving life to dry bones. Joel prophesied that the spirit would enable everyone to witness great wonders. The psalmist sang of the spirit renewing the whole world. Jesus promised his disciples that rivers of living water would flow from within them. Listening to scripture today, let us reflect on how the Spirit moves in our life.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

■ Sunday – May 23 Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11

Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 or

Galatians 5:16-25

John 20:19-23 or John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

■ Monday – May 24

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Genesis 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14 Psalm 87:1-3, 5-7

John 19:25-34

□□□□ Tuesday – May 25

St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi

Sirach 35:1-12

Psalm 50:5-8, 14, 23

Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday – May 26

St. Philip Neri

Sirach 36:1, 4-5, 10-17

Psalm 79:8-9, 11, 13

Mark 10:32-45

■☐ Thursday – May 27

St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

Sirach 42:15-25

Psalm 33:2-9

Mark 10:46-52

Friday – May 28

Sirach 44:1, 9-13

Psalm 149:1-6, 9

Mark 11:11-26

□□□ Saturday – May 29

St. Paul VI, Pope; BVM

Sirach 51:12-20

Psalm 19:8-11

John 11:27-33



Dates to Remember

June 12.....5:00pm

Confirmation Mass



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.



ATTENTION GRADUATES

If you or your child is a Middle School, High School, College, University, Community College, Business or Technical School graduate, please Email the following information to stfancishou@sfxhouston.com:

- Name
- School Graduating from
- Degree (if applicable)
- School Planning to attend (if applicable)

You may include a photo with or without your cap & gown. All Information is needed NO LATER THAN NOON on Wednesday, May 26th



Fifty-Five Plus Club Dues for 2021 will be collected during the month of June. Members may drop your dues in

the Harris Center Dropbox, or you may mail it to the Parish Office.



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

We encourage all parishioners to take

the chalice home for a week and pray for vocations. You may sign-up in the vestibule of the church, or you may call the Parish Office.



Pentecost Sunday

Join us for an Open House and Senior Resource Fair

Monday, **May24, 2021 11:00am-2:00pm**

CenterWell Senior Primary Care 9609 Cullen Blvd Houston, TX 77051

- Tour our primary care center
- Connect with local senior resources
- Meet your neighborhood Care Team **RSVP**: **713-581-3835** or visit www.bit.ly/CWHoustonOH

JOIN US FOR BINGO

Thursday at 2:00PM

Come for fun and Prizes and make new friends every Thursday at our weekly BINGO game!!! You do not have to be a patient to attend and can bring a friend. Space is limited due to social distancing. Please call to **RSVP TODAY!!!**

Call **346-374-6169** to reserve your spot. All attendees are required to wear a mask.



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The University of St. Thomas and the Houston Food Bank are offering Mobile Food Drives once a month. Distribution will be on campus in the Link Lee Parking Lot, 3800 Montrose Blvd. from **4:00 p.m.** to **6:00 p.m.** on **May 28**. If you have any questions, please contact the University Events Department at: events@stthom.edu.



St. Francis Xavier Health Ministry is hosting a Zoom seminar on Saturday, June 12, 2021 from 12:00pm

to 1:15pm. The purpose of this seminar is to provide educational information related to the health of men. The guest speaker will be the renowned **Dr. Douglas Dow, Urologist** from Memorial Hermann. A Registration form is available on the Health Ministry page in the parish website www.sfxhouston.com. Registration is due no later than **June 9, 2021**.



Freda Marks Lockhart passed away on May 16, 2021 at the age of 65. A Funeral Mass is scheduled for May 24, 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:

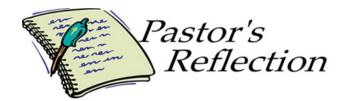
A Prayer for Spiritual Communion My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, Come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Stewardship Reflection

That we may generously share our unique gifts in our parish community to carry on the work of Jesus Christ. "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit: there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." - 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances. God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our gift back to God. For God's plan to work, each must do what we are called to do. Guess what? We are not all called to do the same thing! For God's plan to work you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to

<u> PTTENDANCE</u>

Attendance on May 15th & May 16th was **240**. 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.



Pentecost: The power to proclaim God's saving love as shown in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ

Today we celebrated the birth of the Christian Church. The day when Jesus Christ breath on his disciples grouped together after the resurrection. The Holy Spirit came down upon the community of believers and brought them the gift of life. Our celebration is marked with the color "red" to symbolize the love of the Holy Spirit. Red also represents the tongues of fire on the heads of the believers when they were anointed with great power. Today's feast reverses what happened at Babel (Gen. 11:9) where different languages were borne to confuse the people.

Pentecost, which was originally celebrated as "harvest feast" was commemorated long before Jesus was born. At Mt. Sinai. the Jews celebrated this feast after God gave the Law to the Hebrew people and established a covenant with them.

It was at the celebration of this feast in Jerusalem that the Holy Spirit came upon the believers in Christ. The Holy Spirit enabled them to powerfully proclaim God's saving love to the world as shown in the death and resurrection of Jesus

St. Luke narrates what happens in the Upper Room in a very energetic way. He tells us that the disciples were gathered together when suddenly the sound of wind filled the air and balls as of fire hovered like tongues over each of those gathered in the room. They were filled with the Holy Spirit who led them to proclaim their message in languages they had never studied and later go into places they had never been. The elements of wind and fire of the Holy Spirit are immeasurable, unpredictable, and often uncontrollable.

We can deduce from the Scripture readings that the disciples had gathered in fear and were praying or singing Psalm 104 to God, asking Him to "send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth". With courage and generosity, they were praying like Moses did, that God will free them and create a people for the covenant. They sang this Psalm to God, the Creator who brought all things into being and who, through the Spirit, continues to animate and sustain all life. Then the Spirit descended massively, exceeding their expectation – not only on those in the room, but also on those who saw and heard what happened.

The Spirit empowered them for mission as described in Genesis (Gen 2:7). Jesus later promised this same Spirit to his disciples (Jn 14:16) and commissioned them in Acts 1:8 to be his witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. This empowerment of the Spirit manifests itself in the life of the Christian as advocate, mediator, helper, intercessor, or comforter. For many of us, it is when we later look back that we realize how the Holy Spirit has kept us alive through it all. Like the story of footprints, many of us are not even aware that the Spirit of God has been helping us all along.

St Paul in his Galatian Letter (Gal 5:22-26) shares with us the fruits of the Spirit. They are personal qualities like love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. The gifts of the Spirit also include wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, fear of the Lord, and the gifts of healing, miracles, prophecy, discernment of spirit, tongues, teaching, pastoring, love, and other means in which we minister to one another.

We celebrate the activities of the Spirit we have received through the sacraments and how they manifested through our daily lives. We also recall the occasion in which the Spirit was given to the Church to guide and direct its growth. The Spirit came to the Apostles and those with them, and it comes to us, not just for personal gains, but to commission them and us to proclaim God's love.

Knowing that the Christian birthday excitement will disappear with time and challenges, Jesus encourages us to pray for the Spirit (Lk 11:11-13). So, as we celebrate the birth of the Christian movement, may we pray to the Holy Spirit for the grace to gather in faith and share the love and mystery we profess to the extent that we are able. Over two thousand years ago, the Spirit came to the Apostles and about 120 members of the early community of believers, and through their proclamation of the Love of God, the faith is going gradually to the end of the world. May the Holy Spirit help us to always recognize his presence in each of us.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF US!



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON

A letter to the faithful regarding updated pandemic protocols

MAY 19, 2021

By Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At the outset of the coronavirus pandemic I modified the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy and non-liturgical parish gatherings within the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston in order to prevent these gatherings from becoming sources of community spread for the virus. These modifications were aimed at the common good of all who live within our communities.

The local pandemic situation is greatly improved. Therefore, I have amended our pandemic protocols. Beginning with the celebration of the Vigil Mass of Pentecost on the evening of Saturday, May 22, 2021 social distancing no longer needs to be maintained during liturgical celebrations. Parish churches and chapels may be filled to 100% of the building's occupancy load. Masks will not be required, <u>but they are encouraged</u>.

Also effective on the evening of May 22, 2021, the temporary suspension of receiving Holy Communion on the tongue is removed. **Holy Communion may be received on the tongue, or in the hand, at the communicant's discretion.** The temporary suspension of receiving Holy Communion under the appearance of wine from a common chalice remains in effect until further notice.

For the time being, **the general dispensation from the Sunday obligation remains in effect** for all Catholics within the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

With assurances of my prayers, and commending this local Church to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Daniel Cardinal DiNardo Archbishop of Galveston-Houston

New Auxiliary Bishop named in Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

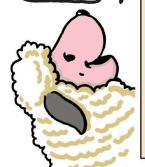
Father Italo Dell'Oro, C.R.S., was named Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston by Pope Francis today on May 18.

"It is with great pleasure that I introduce Bishop-elect Italo Dell'Oro, C.R.S," said Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston. "I also wish to express my profound gratitude to Pope Francis for appointing him as the next Auxiliary Bishop of Galveston-Houston."

Bishop-elect Dell'Oro has served as a priest for almost 40 years, 30 of those in the local Archdiocese. Since 2015, he has served as Vicar for Clergy and the Secretariat Director for Clergy Formation and Chaplaincy Services. He was named Vicar General in 2021.

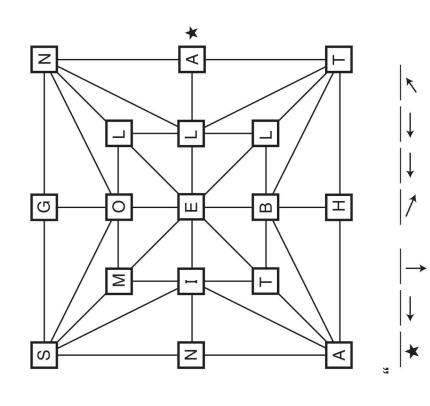
"In all of his years in Galveston-Houston, Bishop-elect Dell'Oro has been a genuine, pastoral presence to the many people and cultures of our great region, along with being a mindful ambassador to the wonderful religious orders and communities in the area," Cardinal DiNardo said.

Bulletin Deadline: WEDNESDAY @ NOON



What does Jesus say about what belongs to the Father?

Starting at the star, follow the arrows to fill in the blanks.





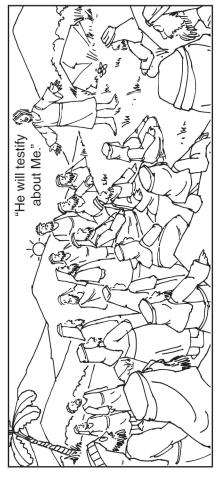
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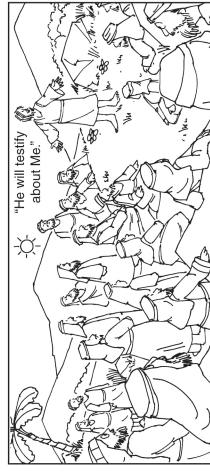
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Jesus Tells of the Holy Spirit

What does Jesus say the Spirit of truth will do when He comes?

Find 15 differences in the second picture below.





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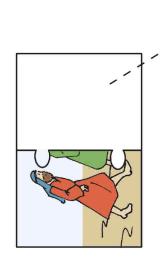
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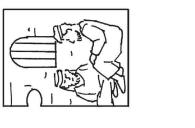


The Holy Spirit will tell the disciples what is to come.

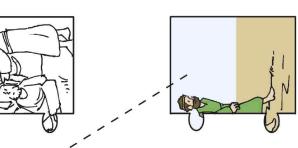
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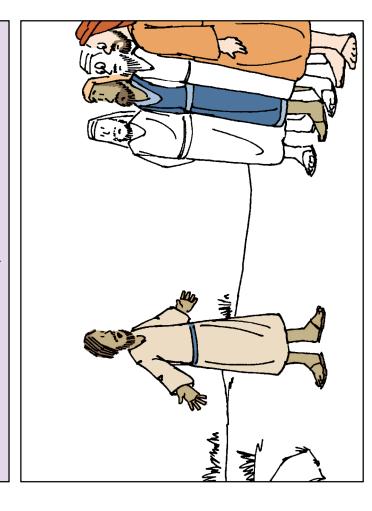
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Jesus Tells of the Holy Spirit Jesus tells His disciples

He must leave them.











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