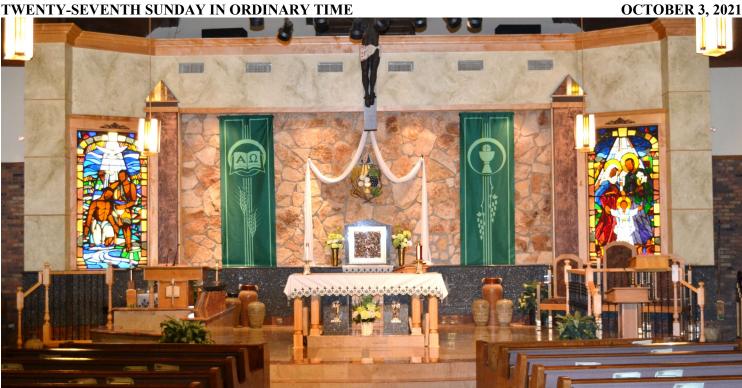
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NEW WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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

Tuesdays: 7:00p.m. Wednesdays: 7:00p.m.

Combined Adult/Youth Choir: SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER **NOTICE**

CHOIR DIRECTORS:

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BIBLE STUDY/ADULT CATHECHISM: SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER **NOTICE**

VISITATION OF THE SICK

Communion for the sick and shut-in is available. Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

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.

MISSION STATEMENT

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the parish office for information. Preparation classes are required for parents and godparents. Classes are held on the 1st and $\overline{2}^{nd}$ Thursdays of the month from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Call the Parish Office to register for the class.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please contact a priest a minimum of six months prior to your proposed wedding date.

WELCOME VISITORS/NEWCOMERS

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



MASS INTENTIONS

SAT. 10/02/2021 5:00PM

Leo Prescott, Jr. (D) – Wanda Johnson Vernice White (L) – Tywanna Navy Wesley Wiltz (D) – Wiltz Family Earlene Duplechaine/Joseph Duplechaine The Duplechaine Family

Kristina M. Chaney (D)

Family & Friends

SUN. 10/03/2021

People of the Parish

SUN. 10/03/2021 10:00AM

7:30AM

Willie Mae Evans (L)

SFX Sisters in the Spirit

The Scott Family (D)

Stephanie Goodwin

Kristina M. Chaney (D)

Family & Friends

Mary Theresa Cameron (D)

Pamela Johnson & Family Amy Landry Gallow & Dallas Gallow, Sr. Wanda Dixon/Family

MON. 10/04/2021 7:00AM

7:00AM

James Fisher (D) – Joy Roy York

Byron C. Leggett (D) – P.A. Piper

TUE. 10/05/2021 7:00AM

My-Chi Family (L) – Susy Suong Chester J. Lucky (D) - P.A. Piper

7:00AM WED. 10/06/2021

Mv-Chi (L) – Susv Suong

Rankin Family (L) – P.A. Piper

THUR. 10/07/2021

Silas & Sheryl Channell (D)

Shirley & Belinda Foreman

Jewel & Samuel Houston (L) – Dianne

10/08/2021 FRI.

7:00AM

Janice Abram-Calfee (L)

SFX Sisters in the Spirit

Nia D. Hawkins (L) – Dianne



Lionel J. Francois, Sr. passed away on September 27, 2021, at the age of 81. A Funeral Mass is scheduled for Saturday, October 9, 2021, at 10:00am. Viewing is from 8:45am to 9:55am. Eternal Rest Grant unto his soul.

Hazel Eli passed away on September 28, 2021, at the age of 94. A Funeral Mass scheduled for Saturday, October 9, 2021, at 10:00am. Viewing is from 8:45am to 9:55am. Eternal Rest Grant unto her soul.



Deacon Alfred Abram, Deacon Alfred Abram,

Thoughts Savannah Blackwell, George Vonda Breaux, Breaux, Julius Cadoree, Margaret

Cadoree, Nancy Calvin, Sterling Dotson Certenberg, Kim Charles-Salinas, Nora Coleman, Dalton Cooper Jr., Frank Davis Sr., Marlene Davis, Shirley Dubriel, Lois Epps, Barbara Forte', Joseph Hamilton Sr., 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, Diane Miles, Dorothy Milstead, Vy. Rev. William L. Norvel, SSJ, Carolyn Ollison, Helen Foreman Orsort, Betty Patrick, Cynethia Pichon, Catherine Pierre, Mildred Pierre, Mae Poindexter, Marcelle Prevost, Carole Pryor, Melody Ratcliff, Herman Rayme, Elise Richmond, Evelyn Roberts, Oliver Rose, Kim Charles Salinas, Simon Smith, Jovce Stagg, MacKenzie Swanks, Kennedi Swanks, Erma Taylor, Gemma Williams, Walcott, Agnes 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

Air Force:

Joshua Creeks, Roderick Jones, Joffre Lander, Terrance J Valiare, Thomas Q Valiare II

Marines:

Alyssa Dugar, Reginald Ward

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

000000000 "THEREFORE WHAT GOD HAS JOINED TOGETHER, MARK 10:9 NIV

Today we travel back in time to when God created humankind.

Realizing that the first human needed a suitable

partner, God formed a woman out of the man's own body. In the Gospel, Jesus quotes the line that ends the first reading-that husband and wife formed as one flesh—to speak of this new entity. He follows this lesson by welcoming children, telling disciples that one must accept the kingdom of God like a child. Listening to scripture today, let us embrace the innocence amd wonder of a new being.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

■ Sunday – October 3

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Genesis 2:18-24 Psalm 128:1-6 Hebrews 2:9-11

Mark 10:2-16 or 10:2-12 **■ Monday – October 4**

Saint Francis of Assisi Jonah 1:1—2:2, 11 (Psalm) Jonas 2:3-5, 8 Luke 10:25-37

■ ■ ■ ■ Tuesday – October 5

Blessed Xavier Seelos, Priest Jonah 3:1-10 Psalm 130:1-4, 7-8 Luke 10:38-42

□ □ Wednesday – October 6

Saint Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin Jonah 4:1-11 Psalm 86:3-6, 9-10

Luke 11:1-4

☐ Thursday – October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary Malachi 3:13-20 Psalm 1:1-4, 6

Luke 11:5-13

Friday – October 8

Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2

Psalm 9:2-3, 6, 8-9, 16 Luke 11:15-26

□□□□ Saturday – October 9

St. Denis, Bishop & Companions, Martyrs; St John Leonardi, Priest Joel 4:12-21 Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12

Luke 11:27-28





Catechists for the 2021-2022 School Year were installed at the 10:00am Mass on Sunday, September 26, 2021. Bottom Row L-R:

Artrica Dozier (Teacher Assistant), Clara Barras 91st Grade), Phyllis Moore (3rd Grade), Josie Wiltz (1st Communion), Unella Baber (DRE), Kim Salinas (7th Grade)

Top Row L-R:

Ruth Thomas (5th Grade), Chynell Fisher (7th Grade), Tierra Ledet (RCIA), Deacon Michael Jenkins (RCIA), Mary Zenon (Office Assistant), Karen Higgins (6th Grade). JoAnne Henderson (Confirmation)

Not Pictured:

Demetra Lewis (Pre-K/Kindergarten), Vea Barksdale (4th Grade), Louis Hill (9th Grade).

CCE Registration will continue Monday nights from 6:00pm-8:00pm and Saturdays from 9:00am-11:30am. Late Registration fees will begin on 12/07/2021. If you have any questions call (713) 731-2775.



ROSARY RALLY

Join us in the St. Francis Xavier Prayer Garden as we

participate in a Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 23, 2021, at 10:00am. Beginning next weekend, registration forms will be available in the vestibule of the church and Harris Center.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance on September 25th and September 26th was **295**. The 7:30am Livestream received TBD views online. 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!

BAZAAR T-SHIRTS

Orders are being taken for Bazaar T-Shirts. Sizes range from Youth to 5XL; costs start at \$15.00 up to \$25.00. Color choices are Grey and Pink; V-Neck or Scoop Neck.

VENDOR BOOTHS

There will be a limited number of outside Vendor Booths available for the Bazaar. There will be NO booths inside the Parish Hall. The fee for booths is \$100.00. Contact the Parish Offfice for a registration form or visit the Parish Website www.sfxhouston.com.

The last Bazaar Team Meeting is scheduled for October 5th at 6:00p.m. in the Harris Center Auditorium.



KPC NEWS



BUS TRIP TO COUSHATTA

KPC Knights & Ladies of Council & Court #138 will have a bus trip to the Coushatta Casino Saturday, October 9, 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.

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 care for the planet and be better stewards of the earth's resources. "So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name." (Genesis 2:19) The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, since the start, God has put the entire world into our care. Second, stewardship has been around since the beginning of mankind, it isn't something recently invented by the Church. Just as past generations built our Church, it is now our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations.



The St. Francis Xavier Health Ministry will host a free Zoom seminar in October on Breast Health.

Our featured presenter is Doctoral Candidate, Cassandra Green, MSN, RN OCN. Ms. Green is a clinical nurse with 18 years nursing experience. She has assisted in the development of radiation nursing policies at Methodist Radiation Clinic at Clear Lake. Please join us October 30, 2021, at 11:00am. We ask that attendees sign in from 10:30am to 11:00am as we do not allow anyone in during the seminar. For further information, please email Mary Sias at marysias@att.net or Gwen Reed-Lamothe at greedlamothe2@aol.com.

Zoom Meeting login information:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87655440622? pwd=ZFpqdHJkZmpFdE15ZnM4Y3duRE 1GUT09

Meeting ID: 876 5544 0622

Passcode: 149360



SUNNYSIDE ORIGINAL ANNUAL NIGHT-OUT EVENT

We invite our neighbors to come out and join us as together we help give crime in this city a "going away party." National night out is a community-police awareness-raising event in the United States, held the first Tuesday of August, but Texas & Florida have the option to use the alternate dates of the first Tuesday in October to avoid hot weather. This event is to increase awareness about police programs in communities, including drug prevention and neighborhood watch. Please join us on: Tuesday, October 5, 2021

5:00pm-9:00pm St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church (in the parking lot)



St Francis Xavier 55 Plus Club will be hosting a Casino Bus to Coushatta on: November 13, 2021. Come and join us for a fun, exciting and relaxing ride to Louisiana Best Bet Casino!

Breakfast Menu include: Smoked Sausage (Hot/Mild), Juice, Fruit, Water. Afternoon snack includes: Soda, Chips, Homemade Goodies.

Fun Activities on the Bus will include: 6 Games of Bingo for cash prizes, good soul and jazz music and action pack movies

Cost: \$30 round trip

Pickup: 4600 Reed Road, Houston, Texas Departure: 8 am...... Returned: 8 pm

Contact 55 Plus Members: Wanda Johnson (832-492-5988) or Julia Dean (713-530-4877) to RSVP!

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SAVE THE DATE: 18th Annual National Black Catholic Men's Virtual Conference 2021

October 14, 2021 – October 17, 2021

Theme: "Deliver Me... From Myself" Psalm 34:4
Registrants will receive the conference souvenir & workshop booklet along with the 2021 Conference Tee Shirt

Please go to the **bowmanfrancis.org** website to register and for more information.



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

October 3, 2021

"...and the **two** shall become **one** flesh. So they are no longer **two** but **one** flesh." Mark 10:8

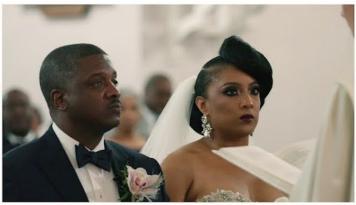
Becoming one with your spouse in marriage--is not enough!

The Gospel reading is found in Mark 10:2-16. The question asked by the Pharisees was one of the debated subjects of that day. Some of the scribes held that a man could divorce his wife for almost any cause. Other scribes insisted that divorce was lawful **only** in case of adultery. The Pharisees came to test Jesus and to try and find a weakness in Him. "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?" Mark 10:2. The Torah (the first five books of Moses) allowed a man to write out a "bill of divorce" thus allowing and freeing his wife to leave and remarry (Deuteronomy 24:1-4). In Jesus' day, the Jewish religion permitted divorce. Jesus explained that the instructions in Deuteronomy were a compromise that Moses made because of the "hardness of the people's heart".

Jesus reminded His listeners of God's original plan for men and women. He took them back to the book of Genesis 2:6 "But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this reason, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." As Christians, we have to remember that Jesus not only quoted the passage in Genesis, but He was also a part of the creation of the male and female. Jesus is a member of the Godhead. We as followers of Christ believe in the one God, who exists eternally in 3 Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Jesus can not be separated from the Father and the Holy Spirit. Jesus was present at creation. St. Paul in Colossians 1:16 states: "For by Him [Jesus] all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers of authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him." Jesus knew and accurately told the initial design of the male and female because He was there with God when it occurred. Jesus said that the man and woman

shall become **one flesh**, so that they are no longer two, but one.

Why is it necessary for the two to become one flesh? Let's say that I have two strands of cord and I needed to lift and carry a heavy object. The cord may snap and break if I only use one of the strands. I will have a better chance if I twist the two strands together to form one cord or rope thus doubling the strength to carry the load. Married couples are one! They need to combine their energy to handle the pressures of life.



Years ago I was watching someone braid hair. The stylist explained that when you used only two strands of hair to braid; it was hard for the braids to stay together. As I observed, the stylist then used 3 strands of hair. She showed how the two strands that were wrapped together must be interwoven with the third strand of hair. This will strengthen the braid and give it durability.

Becoming one with your spouse in marriage is not enough. The man and woman must interweave themselves to a third strand, and the third strand is Jesus Christ. The third strand will keep the first two strands together if they are braided together in the teachings of Christ. "A threefold cord is not quickly broken." Ecclesiastes 4:12

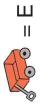
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Jesus took the children What did He do next? into His arms.



Use the code to fill in the missing letters.













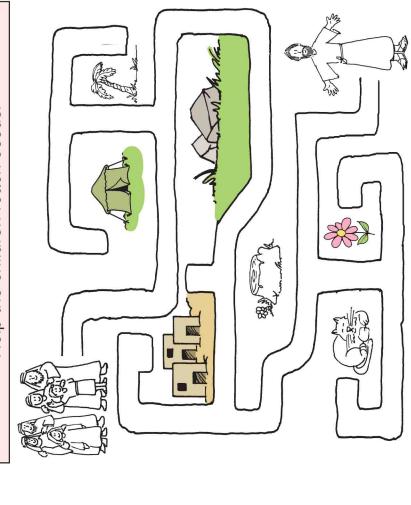
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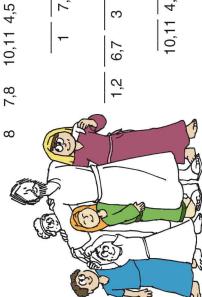
What did Jesus do?

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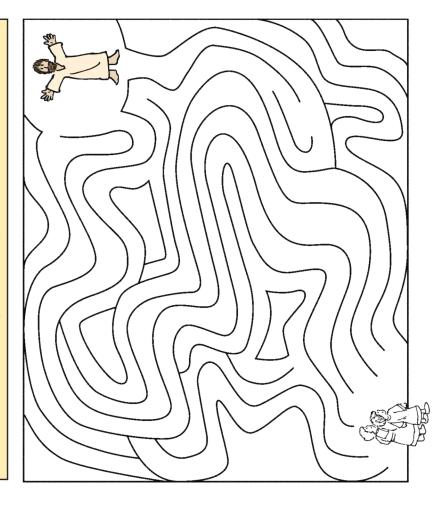
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People were bringing little children to Jesus to have Him touch them.

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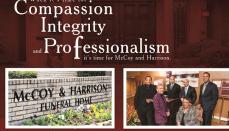
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