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SEPTEMBER 5, 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.

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.

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:

Jerry Givens 281.772.9276

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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.

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.	09/04/2021	5:00PM
	<i>People of the Parish</i>	
SUN.	09/05/2021	7:30AM
	<i>Kristina M. Chaney (D)</i>	
	<i>Family & Friends</i>	
	<i>Nicolan M. Fernandes (D)</i>	
	<i>Maria S. Jayakumar</i>	
	<i>Helen Foreman Orsot (L)</i>	
	<i>Tywanna Navy</i>	
	<i>Silas & Sheryl Channell (D)</i>	
	<i>Shirley & Belinda Foreman</i>	
	<i>Alonzo Richardson (D)</i>	
	<i>Marian Richardson</i>	
SUN.	09/05/2021	10:00AM
	<i>Amy Landry Gallow & Dallas Gallow, Sr.</i>	
	<i>Wanda Dixon/Family</i>	
	<i>My-Chi Family (L) – Susy Suong</i>	
	<i>Ulysses Rideaux (D) – Sandra Hawk</i>	
	<i>Earlene Duplechain (D)</i>	
	<i>Tywanna Navy</i>	
	<i>Wayne Augillard (L) – P.A. Piper</i>	
MON.	09/06/2021	7:00AM
	<i>Kristina M. Chaney (D)</i>	
	<i>Family & Friends</i>	
	<i>My-Chi (L) – Susy Suong</i>	
TUE.	09/07/2021	7:00AM
	<i>Randel Sinnette (L) – Marie White</i>	
	<i>Bertha Lewis (L) – The Lewis Family</i>	
WED.	09/08/2021	7:00AM
	<i>My-Chi Family (L) – Susy Suong</i>	
	<i>Monique Clark (D) – Tywanna Navy</i>	
THUR.	09/09/2021	7:00AM
	<i>My-Chi Family (L) – Susy Suong</i>	
	<i>Tamara Sanders (D) – Tywanna Navy</i>	
FRI.	09/10/2021	7:00AM
	<i>Mary Zenon (D) – Unella Baber</i>	
	<i>Dr. Carmel Dyer (D) – Tywanna Navy</i>	



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Simon Smith, Angela Stagg, Joyce
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Thibodeaux, 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:

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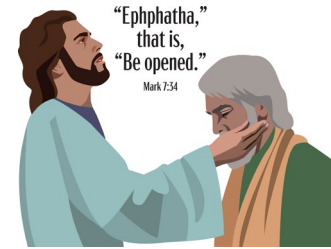
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Marines:

Alyssa Dugar, Reginald Ward

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Our God is a transformative god, bringing life to the wasteland and giving hope to people who appeared to be abandoned. Isaiah, the prophet and poet, spoke to a society that equated deficiency with sinfulness, prophesying that God would transform the deaf, the blind, the disabled, and the mute. Jesus does just that in the Gospel. In between, James calls us to change the way we judge strangers we encounter. Listening to today's readings, note the transformations we witness.

READINGS**FOR THE WEEK**

■ **Sunday – September 5**
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 35:4-7

Psalms 146:7-10

James 2:1-5

Mark 7:31-37

■ **Monday – September 6**

Colossians 1:24—2:3

Psalms 62:6-7, 9

Luke 6:6-11

■ **Tuesday – September 7**

Colossians 2:6-15

Psalms 145:1-2, 8-11

Luke 6:12-19

□ **Wednesday – September 8**

The Nativity of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Micah 5:1-4 or Romans 8:28-30

Psalms 13:6

Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

□ **Thursday – September 9**

Saint Peter Claver, Priest

Colossians 3:12-17

Psalms 150:1-6

Luke 6:27-38

■ **Friday – September 10**

1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14

Psalms 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11

Luke 6:39-42

■ □ **Saturday – September 11**

1 Timothy 1:15-17

Psalms 113:1-7

Luke 6:43-49

CAN YOU HELP?**Hurricane Ida****Volunteer Support**

Hurricane Ida has come and gone but there are many still in need of help. Evacuees have come to **Catholic Charities** for assistance, and we need volunteers to help us with client intake. They will be in 3 hour shifts throughout the whole day. The address will be our Main Office, **2900 Louisiana Street Houston TX 77006**. Volunteers can sign-up here to help: www.signupgenius.com We are also asking for gift cards in increments of **\$50 each** (*Wal-Mart, Target, Visa, and Mastercard cards are recommended*) to distribute to these families. If you are aware of anyone affected by Hurricane Ida and they need help, please ask them to apply for support at:

www.catholiccharities.org/requestdisasterhelp



CCE Registration is **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays**, from **9:30am to 4:00pm**. CCE Classes begin on **Monday, September 20th** for 6th-10th Grade and **Saturday, September 25th** for Pre-K thru 5th Grade. Please bring: **Birth Certificate, Baptism Certificate and First Communion Certificate** if already celebrated. The Registration Form is available on the Parish Website, www.sfxhouston.com. If you have any questions call **713-731-2775**.

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

Stewardship Reflection

That we may grow stronger in our faith, realizing that God does not measure us by what we possess but rather by what we do for one another. "Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" James 2:5 What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society tells us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first and experience true joy and peace. When we put possessions first, we soon realize we can never have enough, and happiness is fleeting. When we put faith over possessions we truly realize it is better to give than receive.



The Health Ministry held another outstanding zoom seminar on August 28th. Dr. Amanda Gilbert did not disappoint. She began with a history of vaccines and brought us to the 21st century. She gave a brief presentation on Covid and the vaccines. She addressed questions from the attendees. In September we will have, by popular request, the return of Dr. Dow to discuss prostate. Stay tuned for October and the discussion of Breast cancer. In December, we will address holiday loneliness. We appreciate your participation.



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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 Office for a registration form or visit the Parish Website www.sfxhouston.com.

The next **Bazaar Team Meeting** is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 7th** at 6:00p.m. in the Harris Center Auditorium.



The Pastoral Council will meet in the Harris Center Auditorium

on Wednesday, Sept 8th, at 6:00pm.

55+ Club



The 55+ Club will have a bus trip to the Coshatta Casino on **September 11, 2021**. The bus will load @ **7:30am** and leave @ **8:00am**. The cost per person is **\$30.00**. To reserve your seat contact: **Herbert "Red" Archer (281) 536-8912**, or **Anne Polk (713) 738-4983**.

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.

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ATTENDANCE

Attendance on August 28th & August 29th was **279**. The 7:30am Livestream received **69** 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.





TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

September 5, 2021

*"He [Jesus] put His finger into the man's ears and, **spitting**, touched his tongue;"*
Mark 7:33

Please allow Jesus to heal you, in His special way!

In the Gospel readings (Mark 7:31-37) Jesus is in Decapolis [a district of 10 cities]. The people, we are told, brought to Jesus a deaf man who had a speech impediment. They begged Him to lay His hand on the man. Jesus took the man aside from the crowd **privately**, then *"He put His finger into the man's ears and, **spitting**, touched his tongue; then He looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, 'Ephphatha!'--that is, 'Be opened!'"* Mark 7:33-34. We are told that **immediately** the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly as he should. The crowd wanted Jesus to heal the deaf man by traditional means. Noticed they begged Jesus **to lay His hand on the man** so he could be healed. Jesus didn't listen to the crowd but took the man off **privately**. Jesus then **spit** and touched the man's tongue. Jesus used His spittle in the healing process. Here in the West, many of us would perhaps think that Jesus' action of spitting was nasty, dirty, vile, disrespectful, unclean, or even gross.

Jesus taught that His ways are different from ours. Jesus told His disciples to forgive those who wronged them (Luke 17:3-4). The traditional response would be to **get even**, but forgiveness would bring healing. Someone came to me and explained they were hurt and bitter and wanted to pay the other person back for what they did. I told the person that trying to get even would not heal them of the bitterness. Jesus' special way to bring healing to that hurt area in their life **was to forgive**. On Wednesday, August 11, 2021, at 5:30 in the morning I watched my mother take her last breath. I thought her funeral would be the following week, but the VA Cemetery couldn't bury her for 2 weeks, because they were so booked. As I was waiting to have her funeral

and burial I was grieving. I had little to no appetite. The Lord took me aside **privately** and **told me** what to do. **I had to minister to others in their difficulty while I was hurting and in pain**. On Wednesday, August 18, 2021, I went on our church's monthly home visits to the sick and shut-in of our parish. I normally would visit 5-7 parishioners, but because of a schedule conflict I took the 7 parishioners that our Pastor was to visit. I had a total of 14 parishioners to see. My assistant who helps me called to say she couldn't make it this month. During the visits, heavy rain had begun to fall. After several hours of visits, I finally finished and returned home. When I arrived, I went into Mom's room (as I normally had done for so many years) and told her I was back home and I missed her dearly.



On the day of Mom's funeral (Tuesday, August 24, 2021) Jesus' healing power was there to greet me as I watched them roll Mom's casket into the church. That same power met me in the pulpit as I cried and preached the homily; and it was there at the VA Cemetery for the interment. I honestly believe that the **healing process and power started** while I was **obediently** visiting the sick and shut-ins. It became evident and **manifested** on the day of the funeral. **Please allow Jesus to heal you, in His special way!**

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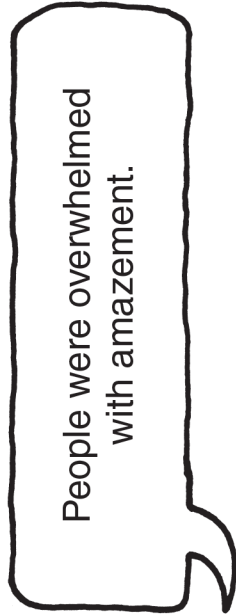


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o o o DEF	o o o MNO	o o o VWX
o o o ABC	o o o JKL	o o o STU

What did they say?

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A diagram illustrating the decomposition of a 2x2 grid of points into four 1x1 grids. The top row shows a 2x2 grid of points (represented by small circles) and a 1x1 grid with a point in the center. The bottom row shows a 2x2 grid of points and a 1x1 grid with a point in the center. The entire diagram is enclosed in a large rectangle.

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Ages 7+

September 5, 2021 • Mark 7:24-37

Faith and Healing

Jesus was traveling. He went to Tyre, Sidon, the Sea of Galilee and the region of the Decapolis. On His travels, people who had faith and believed in Him asked for healing.

Join Jesus on this journey. Choose the path of faith, marked with 's. You may move only in straight lines – no diagonals.



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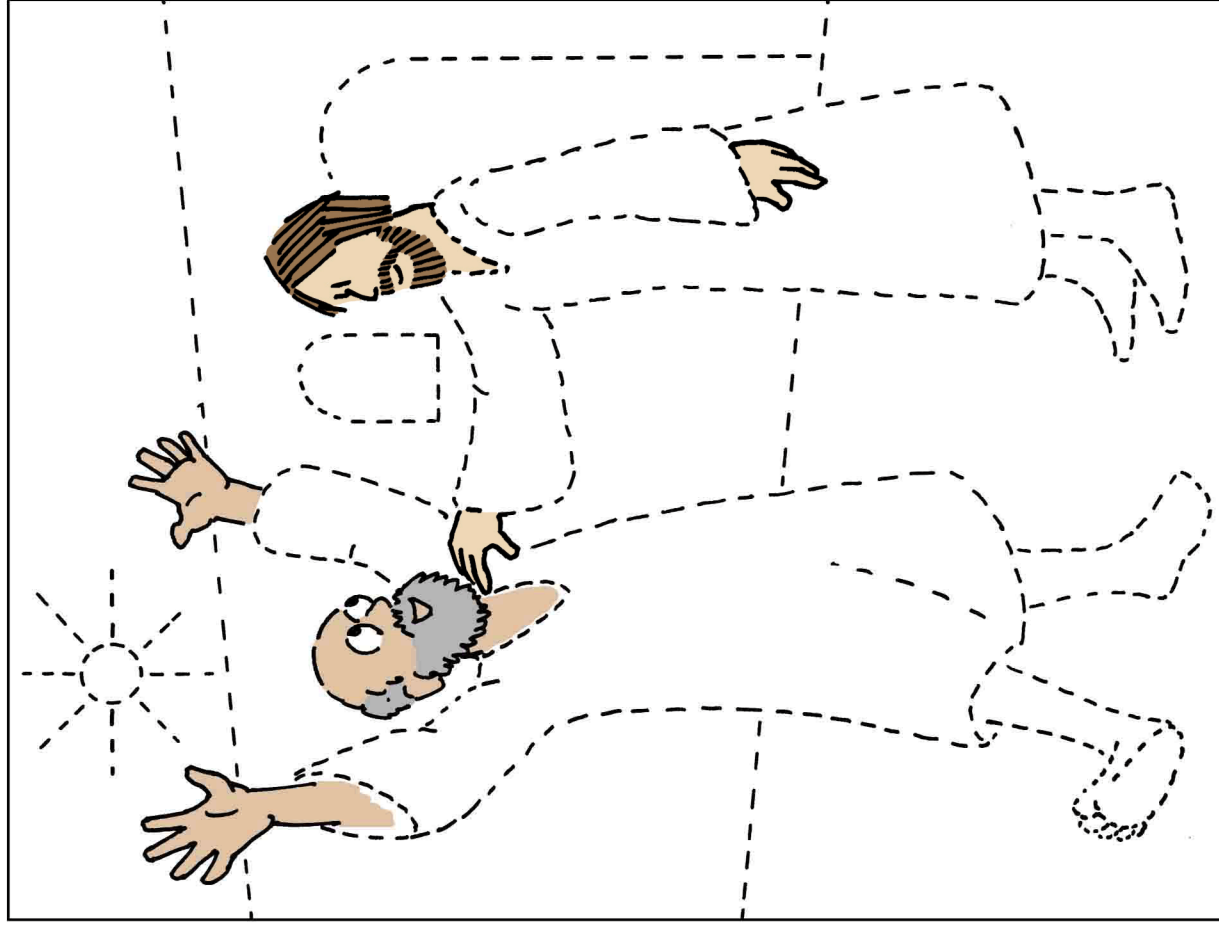
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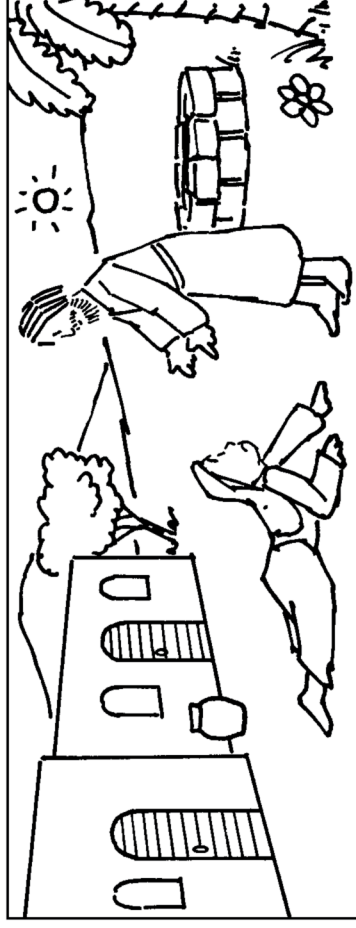
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Faith and Healing

A woman came to Jesus for help.
She bowed at His feet.

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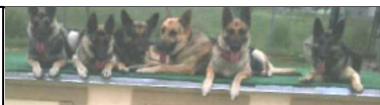
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