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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.

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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., 6:00 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: 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

CHOIR REHEARSALS:

Adult Choirs

Wednesdays: 7:00p.m.

Thursdays: 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:

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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. Classes are held on the 1st and 2nd 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

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MASS INTENTIONS

SAT. 04/23/2022 5:00PM
People of the Parish

SUN. 04/24/2022 7:30AM
Henry Green, Jr. (D) – Agnes Thompson
Charles & Bertha Lewis (L)
 The Lewis Family
Kristina M. Chaney (D)
 Family & Friends
Jessica Willis (D)
 The Williams & Willis Family
Leo Prescott, Jr. (D) – Wanda & Florence

SUN. 04/24/2022 10:00AM
Trenton & Ebony Myles (L)
 James & Janice Myles
Lionel J. Russell, II (D)
 Agnes G. Thompson
Joyce Berotte (L) – Tywana Navy
Jermaine Walker (D)
 Donald & Theresa Chambers
Donald Sterling (D) – Tywana Navy

MON. 04/25/2022 7:00AM
Udavine Barnes (L) – Tywana Navy
Deacon Michael Jenkins (L)
 Chaney Family

TUE. 04/26/2022 7:00AM
Olivia Holdman (L) – M. Chaney
M/M. Terry Johnson (D) – P.A. Piper

WED. 04/27/2022 7:00AM
Olivia Holdman (L) – M. Chaney
Patrick Martell (D) – P.A. Piper

THUR. 04/28/2022 7:00AM
Deacon Michael Jenkins (L)
 Chaney Family
Olivia Holdman (L) – M. Chaney

FRI. 04/29/2022 7:00AM
Deacon Darryl K. Drenon (L)
 Special Intention
Olivia Holdman (L) – M. Chaney



Deacon Alfred Abram, Jama Baltrip, Vea Barksdale, Savannah Blackwell, Hal Tracy Bobino, Amber Byas, Julius Cadoree, Margaret Cadoree, Nancy Calvin, Sterling Dotson Certenberg, Dalton Cooper Jr., Rita Darjean, Frank Davis Sr., Marlene Davis, Shirley Dubriel, Lois Epps, Belinda Foreman, Barbara Forte', Jimmy Harris, Sandra Hayden, Alvin J. Hebert, Donald Henderson, Judy Henry, Anthony Hicks, Brooke Joseph, Kennedy Family Members, Helen Kennison, JoAnn LaSane, Shirley Lawdins, Roy Lee, Hazel Lewis, Laurenzia Lewis, Christy Love, Eugene Mallery, Cynthia Ann Malone, Charles Martin, Shannon Martin, Alex Martinez, Diane Miles, Dorothy Milstead, Vy. Rev. William L. Norvel SSJ, Carolyn Ollison, Helen Foreman Orsort, Louise Peachers, Cynethia Pichon, Percy Pichon Sr, Cornelia Denise Pickney, Catherine Pierre, Mildred Pierre, Marcelle Prevost, Melody Ratcliff, Elise Richmond, Evelyn Roberts, Sylvia Robertson, Oliver Rose, Vy. Rev. Michael K. Saah-Buckman SSJ, Simon Smith, Joyce Stagg, MacKenzie Swanks, Kennedi Swanks, Anna Mae Taylor, Erma Taylor, Katrina Thompson, Audrey Thymes, 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, Jordan T. McCorkle, Essence L. Casteel

Navy:

Alvin Balthazar, Debreaanna Brown, Jermaine Ceaser, Kevin Crockett, Courtney Harris, Nia D. Hawkins, Xavier Henry, Randolph J. Navy III, Anthony N. Russell

Air Force:

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

Marines: Reginald Ward

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



The Lord moves in mysterious ways, and we hear some of those ways in today's readings. People are cured merely by lying in Peter's shadow as he walks the streets of Jerusalem. John, the author of Revelation, though imprisoned on the island of Patmos, sees and hears the Lord and feels his tender touch. The evangelist John tells us that the risen Lord was able to enter a locked room, where he gave the Holy Spirit by his very breath. His words to Thomas remind us that we ourselves have come to know the Lord without physically seeing or hearing him. Let us ponder the many ways in which the Lord moves.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday – April 24

Divine Mercy Sunday
 Acts 5:12-16
 Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
 Revelation 1:9-11, 12-13, 17-19
 John 20:19-31

Monday – April 25

Saint Mark, Evangelist
 1 Peter 5:5-14
 Psalm 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17
 Mark 16:15-20

Tuesday – April 26

Acts 4:32-37
 Psalm 93:1-2, 5
 John 3:7-15

Wednesday – April 27

Acts 5:17-26
 Psalm 34:2-9
 John 3:16-21

Thursday – April 28

Saint Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr
St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest
 Acts 5:27-33

Psalm 34:2, 9, 17-20
 John 3:31-36

Friday April 29

St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin
 Acts 5:34-42
 Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14
 John 6:1-15

Saturday April 30

Saint Pius V, Pope
 Acts 6:1-7
 Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
 John 6:16-21



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April 25th6:00pm

6th-10th CCE CLASSES

April 30th9:30am

PreK-5th CCE CLASSES



KPC SCHOLARSHIPS

Knights of Peter Claver Council and Court 138 Scholarship Applications are available in the vestibule of the Church and the Harris Center Lobby. The deadline to submit applications is Monday, May 8, 2022.

“BE THE CHANGE PROJECT”

April 9 – May 29

This project is sponsored by the Jr. Knights & Jr. Daughters of Branch/Court 138. Do you have spare change laying around? Put your spare change toward a great cause. All proceeds from the project will go to support the new refrigeration system in the St. Francis Parish Hall. One jug has been placed in the vestibule of the church and another jug is in the lobby of the Harris Center. Bring your change and drop it in the jug now thru May 29th; bills are accepted also. Be the change that makes a difference!



The SFX Health Ministry recognized twenty-three (23)



beautiful ladies for their contribution to the parish and the Sunnyside Community on March 26, 2022.

Mrs. Ella Reed was recognized posthumously for her contribution to the Bazaar Committee, KPCLA #138, the Christian Women Organization, the SFX Choir and the Inner-City Catholic Association (ICA).

ATTENDANCE

Attendance for the Masses on April 16th and April 17th was 476. The 8:00pm Easter Vigil and the 7:30am Easter Sunday Mass Livestreams received 51 views each online. Please join us via Livestream, or bring a friend to come worship with us in the church. Masks are not required, but they are encouraged.



Tommy Jones passed away on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at the age of 72. A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, April 22, 2022. Eternal rest grant unto his soul.

Geraline James passed away on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at the age of 75. A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, April 23, 2022. Eternal rest grant unto her soul.



Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Nearly 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed for their communities. Your support to this appeal funds programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. More information can be found at the following website:

www.usccb.org/home-missions

Stewardship Reflection

That we show mercy to someone we need to reconcile with. “Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’” (John 20:21) Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and merciful; and not with just those who are our friends, but also with our “enemies.” Think of someone in your life who you need to reconcile with. Call them right now or better yet, go visit them.



The new Altar Server Training is rescheduled for Saturday, **May 14th**, from 12:00pm to 2:00pm. Contact Wanda Johnson @ (832) 492-5088 for additional information.

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



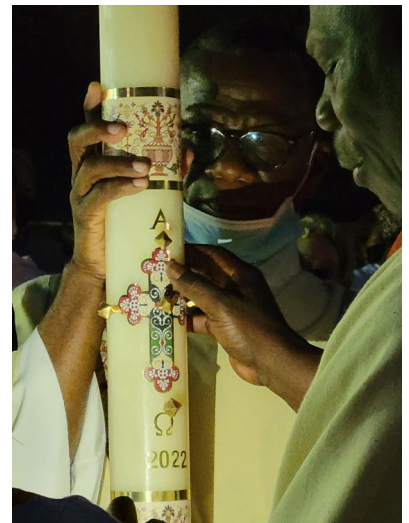
THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

Our Lord gave St. Faustina a set of prayers to invoke His mercy, called the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. On standard rosary beads, pray the following prayers:

First, on the Crucifix, one Our Father, Hail Mary and the Apostles’ Creed. On each Our Father bead pray: **“Eternal Father, I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins, and those of the whole world.”**

On each Hail Mary bead pray: **“For the sake of His sorrowful passion, have mercy on us, and on the whole world.”** Repeat for five decades. To conclude, pray three times: **“Holy God, holy mighty One, holy immortal One, have mercy on us, and on the whole world.”**

Easter Vigil



Phylicia Ashley Goodman and Kelle D. Johnson were received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 16, 2022. We welcome our new converts and pray that their new life in the Lord may bring new life to the Church and the world around them.



2022 EASTER EGG HUNT



138 Jr. Leaders



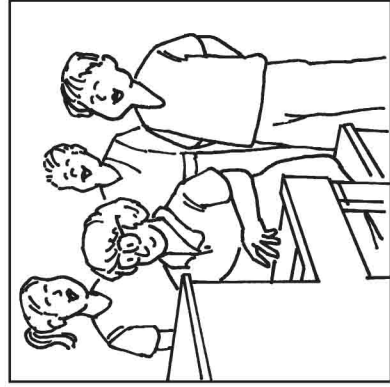
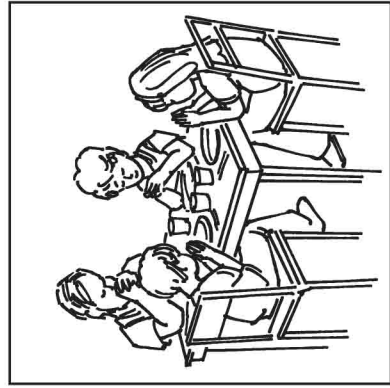
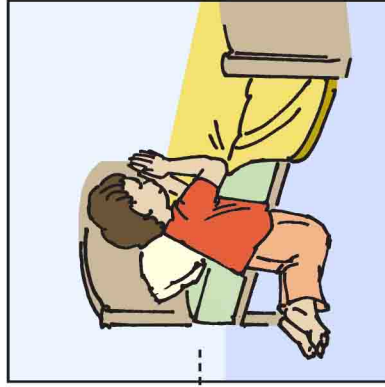
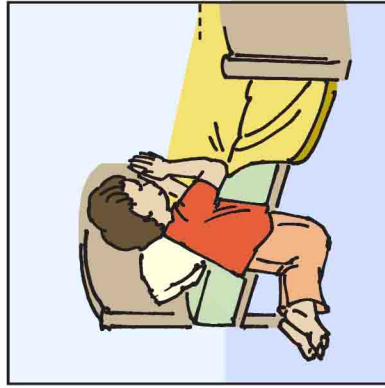
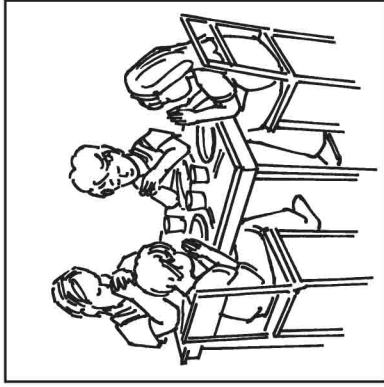
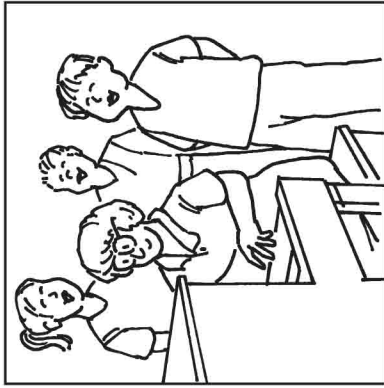
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Happy Birthday, Young Man

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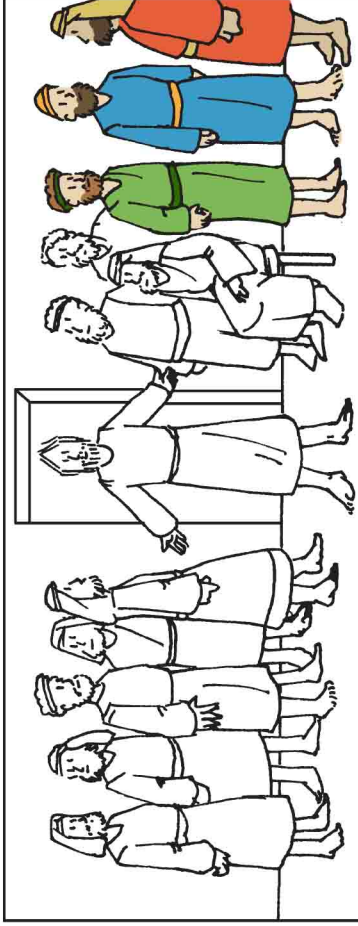
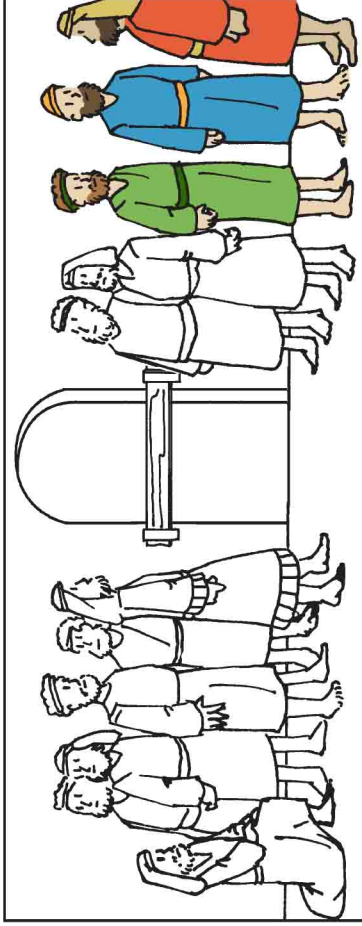
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Jesus Appears to His Disciples

After Jesus died, His disciples were together in a room. The doors were locked. Suddenly, Jesus stood among them.

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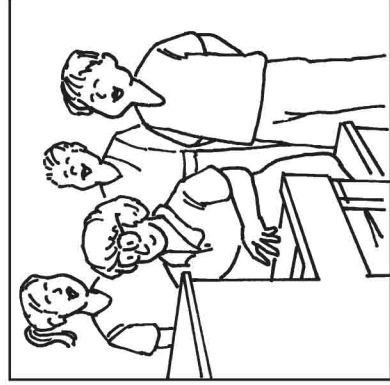
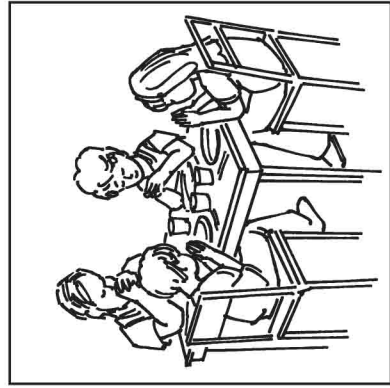
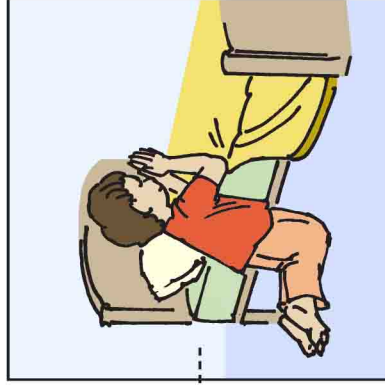
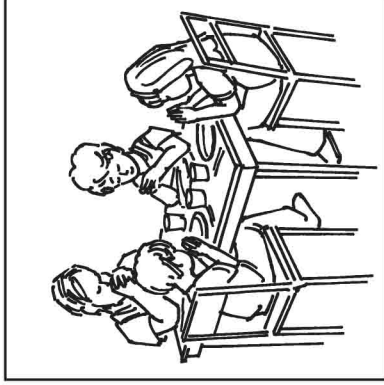
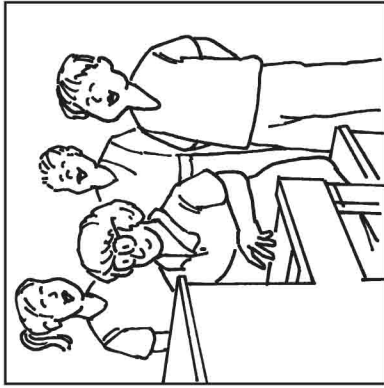


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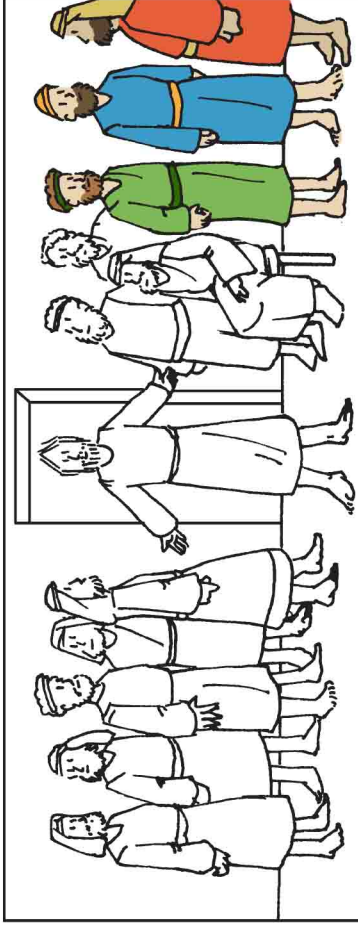
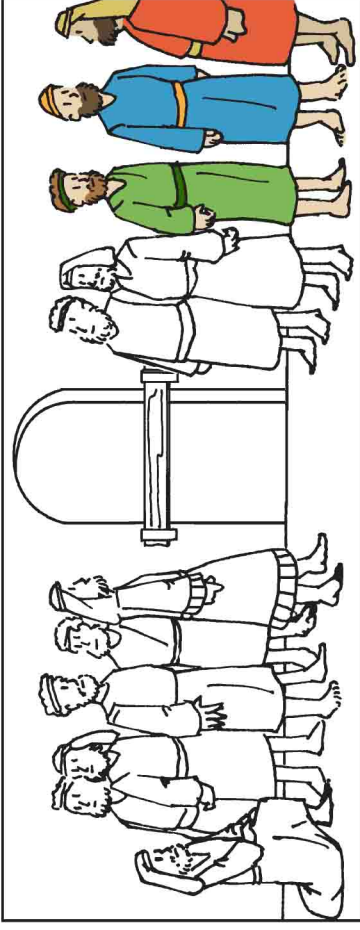
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