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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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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Sat: Vigil 5:00 p.m.

Sun: 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:15pm

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

One (1) hour before Weekend Masses or by appointment

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

First Friday: 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

CHOIR REHEARSALS:

Adult Choirs

Wednesdays: 6:30p.m.

Thursdays: 7:00p.m.

Youth Choir

4th Saturdays: 12:00 Noon

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.

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.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SAT. 12/17/2022 10:00AM
Howard L. Prescott (L)
 Wanda Johnson
Kristina M. Chaney (D)
 Family & Friends
Wesley Wiltz (D)
 Anna Ruth Wiltz & Family
Phillip J. Moore, Sr. (D)
 Phyllis Moore
Brandi Y. Moore (D) – Phyllis Moore

SUN. 12/18/2022 7:30AM
People of the Parish

SUN. 12/18/2022 10:00AM
Alonzo Richardson (D)
 Marian Richardson Family
Kristina M. Chaney (D)
 Family & Friends
Gemma Walcott (L) – Special Intention
Rev. Dr. Ronald K. Mouton, Sr. (D)
 Shirley & Belinda Foreman
M/M R. L. Henderson (D)
 The Henderson Family

SUN. 12/18/2022 12:15PM
People of the Parish

MON. 12/19/2022 7:00AM
Lionel J. Russell, III (D)
 Family of Mildred Hardy
James Navy (D) – M. Chaney

TUE. 12/20/2022 7:00AM
Geraldine Lewis (D) – Audrey Otis
Lionel J. Russell, III (D)
 Family of Mildred Hardy

WED. 12/21/2022 7:00AM
Joseph Sias, Jr. (D) – Mary Sias
Dennis G. Henderson (L)
 The Henderson Family

THUR. 12/22/2022 7:00AM
Ce'Dric J. Henderson (L)
 The Henderson Family
James Navy (D) – M. Chaney

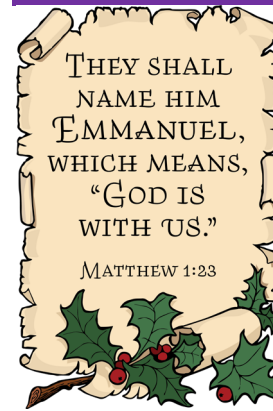
FRI. 12/23/2022 7:00AM
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 Family & Friends
Audrey & Joshua Thymes (D)
 Zaydell & Arnold Boutte



Donald Abraham, Deacon
 Alfred Abram, Gary
 Anderson, Rev. Alfred Ayem,
 Nova Baker, Clara Barras,
 Kelly Batiste, Augustina Buckman,
 Savannah Blackwell, Hal Tracy Bobino,
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 Sefronia Greene, Beulah Hadrick, Alvin
 J. Hebert, Derella Ann Gallow Heflin,
 Donald Henderson, Darian Ingram,
 Brooke Joseph, Shirley Ann Joseph,
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 Martin, Shannon Martin, Diane Miles,
 Dorothy Milstead, Vy. Rev. William L.
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 Foreman Orsot, Louise Peachers,
 Cynethia Pichon, Percy Pichon Sr,
 Catherine Pierre, Mildred Pierre,
 Marcelle Prevost, Melody Ratcliff,
 Marie Richards, Elise Richmond, Sylvia
 Robertson, Wilson Robertson, Oliver
 Rose, Vy. Rev. Michael K. Saah-
 Buckman SSJ, Simon Smith, Joyce
 Stagg, Jeanette Steptoe, Mackenzie
 Swanks, Kennedi Swanks, Erma Taylor,
 Melvin Thomas, Gemma Walcott, Agnes
 Williams, Patricia Williams, Amiah
 Yearby 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
 surgery. **After 30 days, please call the
 office to remain on this list.**

Lord, we pray for all our current military service members who put their own lives on the line every day to protect our families and our country.
Army: Barbara Baber, Sade Beck, Wadie Troy Butler, 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, Debreanna Brown, Jermaine Ceaser, Kevin Crockett, Courtney Harris, Nia D. Hawkins, Xavier Henry, Randolph J. Navy III, Anthony N. Russell
Air Force: Joshua Creeks, Joffre Lander, Terrance J Valiare, Thomas Q Valiare II
Marines: Reginald Ward

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



This Advent, we have heard Isaiah speak of the day when our misery would turn to joy, when the blind would see and the lame would walk, when the wolf and the lamb would play together, and when nations would beat their swords into plowshares. Today we hear him announce a sign: a virgin will bear a son, who will be named Emmanuel, meaning "God is with us." Let us treasure this in our hearts as we contemplate the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecies in Jesus.

READINGS

FORTHE WEEK

Sunday – December 18

4th Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-14

Psalms 24:1-6

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-24

Monday – December 19

Judges 13:2-7, 24-25

Psalms 71:3-4, 5-6, 16-17

Luke 1:5-25

Tuesday – December 20

Isaiah 7:10-14

Psalms 24:1-6

Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday – December 21

Saint Peter Canisius, Priest,

Doctor of the Church

Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18

Psalms 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-24

Luke 1:39-45

Thursday – December 22

1 Samuel 1:24-28

(Psalms) 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-8

Luke 1:46-56

Friday December 23

Saint John of Kanty, Priest

Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24

Psalms 25:4-5, 8-10, 14

Luke 1:57-66

Saturday December 24

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

Psalms 89:2-5, 27, 29

Luke 1:67-79



ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS

Dec 17 & Dec 18

5:00pm....Ruth Celestine/Phyllis Moore

7:30am.....Herbert & Delores Archer

10:00am.....Audry Hill



December 20th, 24th, 27th & 31st

NO CCE-CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

The CCE registration fee is \$25.00 per child and \$35.00 per family. A late fee of \$15.00 is currently in effect. If you have any questions call 713-731-2775.



December 18, 2022

4th Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2022 – Christmas Eve

Vigil Mass – 5:00pm

December 25, 2022-Christmas Day

NO MIDNIGHT MASS

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Dec 31, 2022 – New Year’s Eve

Vigil Mass – 5:00pm


January 1, 2023-New Year’s Day

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Please remember to use your Christmas Flowers/Decorations envelope to sponsor the Christmas Poinsettias in Honor or in Memory of your loved one. The minimum donation is \$10.00.



If you will need a copy of your 2022 contribution statement for tax purposes, please call the Parish Office after **December 31st** at (713) 738-2311. Statements will be sent only upon request.

Please note: Contributions received after December 31st will not be reflected on statements for 2022.

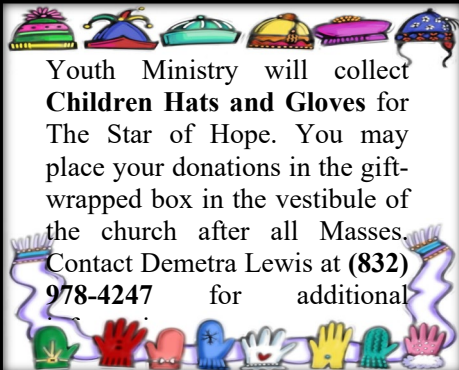
ATTENDANCE

Attendance for the Masses on December 11th and December 12th was **307**, and the 7:30am Sunday Mass Livestream received **41** views online. Please join us via Livestream, or bring a friend to come worship with us in the church.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH	
70th ANNIVERSARY REPORT	
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES	
INCOME	AMOUNT
Raffle Ticket Sales	65,050.00
Souvenir Book Advertisements	20,090.00
Souvenir Book Sponsorships	10,900.00
Donations to 70th Anniversary	5,397.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 101,437.00
EXPENSES	AMOUNT
Raffle Prizes	(27,989.43)
Printing/Publication	(21,677.42)
Liturgy/Stipend	(5,000.00)
Food and Drinks	(1,634.05)
Decorations	(737.76)
Raffle Tickets Mail-Out	(361.00)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ (57,399.66)
NET INCOME	\$ 44,037.34

WINTER COAT DRIVE

St. Francis Xavier Sisters in the Spirit is sponsoring a *Coat Drive*. They are asking for new or gently worn coats in children sizes **3-18**. Collection bins will be placed in the vestibule of the church and the Harris Center for your donations. These coats will be distributed to Woodson Elementary School students. Questions may be directed to J. Chynell Fisher at (713) 240-9747.



Youth Ministry will collect **Children Hats and Gloves** for The Star of Hope. You may place your donations in the gift-wrapped box in the vestibule of the church after all Masses. Contact Demetra Lewis at (832) 978-4247 for additional

Is Your Pledge?
Up to Date?

DSF Status as of
12/12/22
39% Paid
Goal \$65,000.00

To Pledge/Pay Online:
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We are fast approaching the end of DSF 2022! As of December 12, 2022, only **108** families have pledged or contributed to this year’s DSF campaign. We are left with **\$39,597.00** to reach our DSF goal. If you have not yet had an opportunity to donate, please consider sending your donation this week. You can mail it directly to the Archdiocese at P O Box 4681, Houston, TX, 77210-4681. Please identify **St. Francis Xavier** on your payment. Use the QR Code here to pay online.





Khloe Renee Batiste (7mos) received the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, December 10, 2022. Khloe is the daughter of Kenneth & Whittney Batiste. Godparents are Derrien Green & Hallie Boudreaux. We welcome Khloe to God's family!

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



MLK Mass 2023 – Daniel Cardinal DiNardo cordially invites our archdiocesan family to the 38th Annual Observance of the birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The **MLK Mass of Remembrance** will be held Sunday, **January 15, 2023**, at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, at **3:00pm**, with Most Rev. Curtis J. Guillory, SVD, Bishop Emeritus of Beaumont as Homilist. For further information, please call (713) 652-8203 or dladet@archgh.org Reception to follow.

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Worthy Past Supreme Knight
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We mourn the passing of the 15th Supreme Knight of KPC. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 21st at 10:00am at St. Francis of Assisi Church on Dabney. Eternal rest grant unto his soul.

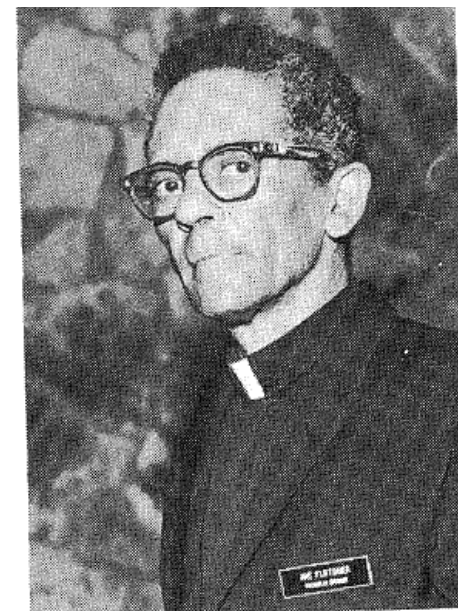
Stewardship Reflection

That we can put our complete trust in God and become a model of discipleship like Joseph. "When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." Matthew 1:24 Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

Stewardship Intention Card



God has blessed us with another New Year! Just as in the past, you are given the opportunity to again make a financial commitment to St. Francis Xavier parish. You are invited to commit to giving tithes and offerings by completing a **Call to Stewardship Intention Card**. These cards were mailed in your January Envelope packet. If you do not receive envelopes, we have cards in the vestibule of the church and the Parish Office.



Rev. Mr. Joseph Fletcher

Deacon Joseph Fletcher's name was not included in the names of our past Deacons in the 70th Anniversary Souvenir Book. We recognize this pioneer in the Black Community and in the Catholic Church, witnessing to Christ and providing strong leadership to St. Francis Xavier.

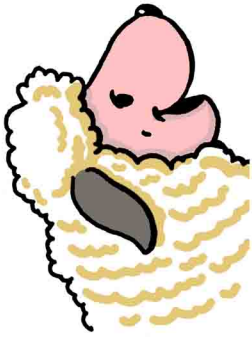
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70th Anniversary Souvenir Books

70th Anniversary Souvenir Books may be picked up from the Parish Office on **Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday** during regular business hours. One Souvenir Book per household. You may also pick up books in the Harris Center Auditorium after the 7:30am and 10:00am Sunday Masses. The last day to pick up your Souvenir Book is Sunday, **January 1, 2023**. After this date, all remaining books will be available for a \$10 donation.





Find words from this story.

Find the words hidden in the puzzle below.



- GOD MARY DAVID JOSEPH MOTHER PLEDGED
- SON NAME DREAM MOTHER PROPHECT
- CALL SAVE JESUS PEOPLE APPEARED
- GIVE WOKE CHRIST MARRIED IMMANUEL
- HOLY ANGEL COMMANDED
- HOME BIRTH RIGHTEOUS

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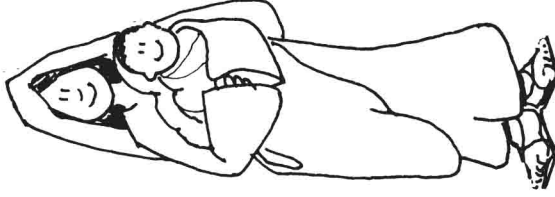
December 18, 2022 • Matthew 1:18-25

The Birth of Jesus

Mary was a young woman. God chose her for a special honor. What was it?

Write the word to fit each definition.

Transfer the letters to the boxes below by matching their numbers.



they twinkle in the sky

19 10 13 26

opposite of false

5 25 4

glow, sparkle

24 16 21

it lights the night sky

8 14 20

Mary's husband

22 2 12 6

pure, sacred, sinless

11 9 L Y

female spouse

17 15 23

a barn for animals

18 1 3 7

1 2

3 4

5 6 7

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14 15

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19 20 21

22 23 24 25 26

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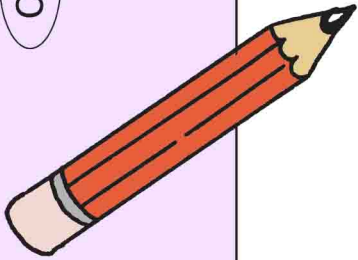
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Joseph did all that the angel had said.

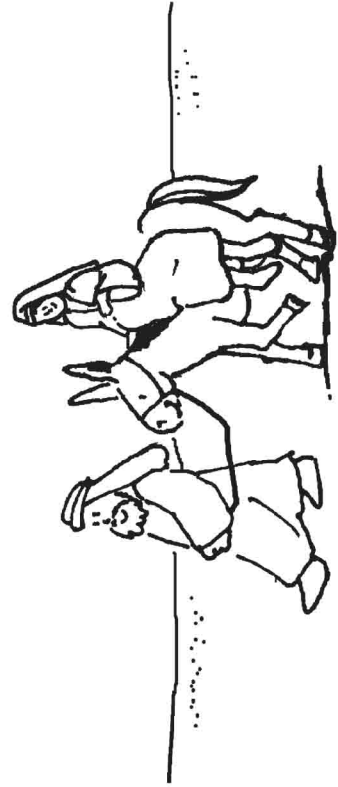
Circle the hidden words.

JESUS SON

ANGEL MARY





J E S U S A
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The Birth of Jesus

An angel appeared to Joseph in a dream.

Count how many.
 4 or 5?  5 or 6?



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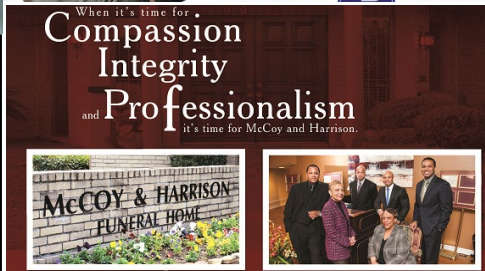
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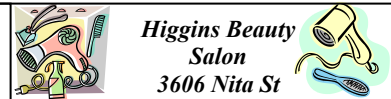


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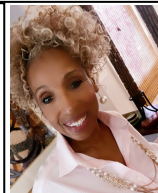
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