ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH

(ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON) (Staffed by The Josephites since 1952)

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 10, 2022



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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.

PASTOR:

Vy. Rev. Michael K. Saah-Buckman, SSJ

DEACONS:

Michael V. Jenkins Darryl K. Drenon Frank J. Laugermann (Retired)

PARISH SECRETARY Shirley M. Foreman......x113

DIR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Unella Baber......x103

ADULT FORMATION Deacon Michael V. Jenkins

SVdP FOOD PANTRY Curtis Jones 713.731.2716

CONTRIBUTIONS/MEMBERSHIP Agnes Thompson

HALL MANAGER Hilton S. Williams 713.542.0120 PLANT MANAGER/MAINTENANCE Curtis Jones 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: 6:30p.m. Thursdays: 7:00p.m.

Youth Choir Saturdays: 12:00 Noon

CHOIR DIRECTORS:Jerry Givens281.772.9276Daniel Guerrero281.723.9948Mikayla Peugh832.920.6912

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.

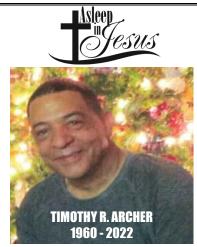
WELCOME VISITORS/NEWCOMERS

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

GIVE without Cash or Check FAITH DIRECT Text-to-Give Text \$ amount to 281-949-7600 Save the number as a contact in your mobile phone for easy giving.

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT. 07/09/2022 5:00PM Henry & Louisiana Green (D) Agnes Thompson Jasmine Johnson (L) – Wanda Johnson Kristina M. Chaney(D)- Family & Friends Earlene Duplechaine/Joseph Duplechaine The Duplechaine Family Agnes Batiste (D) – Bernadine Castleberry Therese Jenkins (D) Deacon Michael V. Jenkins SUN. 07/10/2022 7:30AM Kristina M. Chaney(D)-Family & Friends *Frederick Mitchell (D)* – Nancy Mitchell Cheryl Hurts (L) – Charles Family Clara Comeaux Curry (D) Kenneth & Mable Dyer *Joyce Berotte (L)* – Tywanna Navy *Frederick Dargin (D)* – Dargin Family SUN. 07/10/2022 10:00AM *People of the Parish* 07/11/2022 MON. 7:00AM James D. Johnson (D) – P.A. Piper Rev. Peter C. Weiss, SSJ (D) Tywanna Navy Alonzo Richardson (D) Marian Richardson Family TUE. 07/12/2022 7:00AM *Ruth Celestine (L)* – Tywanna Navy *Patrick Celestine (D)* – Tywanna Navy *Ruby Mose (D)* – Tywanna Navy WED. 07/13/2022 7:00AM Rev. Peter C. Weiss, SSJ (D) – M. Chaney *Earlene Duplechaine(D)*-Tywanna Navy John C. Davis (D) – Tywanna Navy THUR. 07/14/2022 7:00AM Michael V. Johnson (D) – P.A. Piper *Terry & Ruth Johnson (D)* – P.A. Piper *Monique Clark (D)* – Tywanna Navy FRI. 07/15/2022 7:00AM *Anita M. Bailev (D)* – Tywanna Navy Kristina M. Chaney (D) Family & Friends Tanya Potier Lewis(D)-The Lewis Family Calvin & Evenolia Forbes (D) Barbara Forbes-Moses



July 10, 2022



Donald Abraham, Deacon Alfred Abram, Savannah Blackwell, Hal Tracy Bobino, Amber Byas, Julius Cadoree,

Margaret Cadoree, Nancy Calvin, Sterling Dotson Certenberg, Dalton Cooper Jr., Frank Davis Sr., Marlene Davis, Lois Epps, Barbara Forte', Jimmy Harris, Alvin J. Hebert, Donald Henderson, Brooke Joseph, Kennedy Family Members, Helen Kennison, JoAnn LaSane, Shirley Lawdins, Marvin Ledet, 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, Louise Peachers, Cynethia Pichon, Percy Pichon Sr, Catherine Pierre, Mildred Pierre, Marcelle Prevost, Melody Ratcliff, Elise Richmond, Sylvia Robertson, Oliver Rose, Vy. Rev. Michael K. Saah-Buckman SSJ, Simon Smith, Joyce Stagg, Mackenzie Swanks, Kennedi Swanks, Anna Mae Taylor, Erma Taylor, Melvin Thomas, Gemma Walcott, Agnes Williams, Patricia Williams, Mary Zenon 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 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, Debreanna 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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Moses speaks to a sinful people in the first reading, pleading with them to keep the LORD's

commandments as they repent with their whole heart and soul. In the

Gospel, a scholar of the law—of all God's commandments—goes one step further, asking Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life. Realizing that loving one's neighbor is at the heart of the answer, he asks Jesus who his neigbor is. It is in this context that Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan, asking the questioner who was the true neighbor. May today's readings inspire us to accept the challenge to treat all others—friends or stranger—as worthy of our love.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday – July 10 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Deuteronomy 30:10-14 Psalm 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or 19:8-11 Colossians 1:15-20 Luke 10:25-37 **Monday – July 11** Saint Benedict, Abbot Isaiah 1:10-17 Psalm 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23 Matthew 10:34—11:1 Tuesday – July 12 Isaiah 7:1-9 Psalm 48:2-8 Matthew 11:20-24 Wednesday – July 13 Saint Henry Isaiah 10:5-7, 13-16 Psalm 94:5-10, 14-15 Matthew 11:25-27 Thursday – July 14 Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19 Psalm 102:13-14, 15-21 Matthew 11:28-30 **Friday July 15** Saint Bonaventure, Bishop Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8 (Psalm) Isaiah 38:10-12, 16 Matthew 12:1-8 **Saturday July 16** Our Lady of Mount Carmel Micah 2:1-5 Psalm 10:1-4, 7-8, 14 Matthew 12:14-21



July 15.....6:00pm Confirmation Practice for Student & Sponsor in Church

July 17.....10:00am

Confirmation Mass



The Josephites have embarked on a campaign, to inform our community on how to encourage Pope Francis to canonize the six black American candidates for Sainthood:

Servant of God Sr. Thea Bowman, Venerable Sr. Henriette Delille, Servant of God Julia Greeley, Servant of God Mother Mary Lange, Venerable Fr. Augustus Tolton & Venerable Pierre Toussaint. A limited number of the bundle of six (6) booklets is still available for purchase in the vestibule of the church for \$10.00. <u>Please send a letter to Pope</u> <u>Francis.</u> Remember, the more letters Pope Francis receives, the more he will understand the determination of our effort.



BUS TRIP TO COUSHATTA

KPC Knights & Ladies of Council & Court #138 will have a bus trip to the Coushatta Casino on **Saturday**, **August 6**, **2022**. We will start boarding at 7:30am; Departing from St. Francis Xavier Church at 8:00am; Leaving Coushatta at 5:00pm to return. The Cost per person is **\$35.00**. To reserve your seat contact: **Jeanette Steptoe (713) 733-6210** or **Anne Auzenne (291) 451-6249**

KPC JR'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The Junior Knights & Jr. Daughters of Branch/Court 138 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church is sponsoring a **SUMMER READING** Program. The Summer Reading Program is for **elementary (1-5), middle (6-8), & high** (9-12) school youth at St. Francis Xavier Church. There will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners per grade group. Prizes include: Houston Rockets Game Tickets, \$100.00 Cash, \$50.00 Gift Card, \$25.00 Gift Card & \$15.00 Gift Cards. Summer Reading ends Sunday, July 31, 2022.



Patricia Roberts passed away on June 26, 2022 at the age of 65. A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, July 9, 2022. Eternal rest grant unto her soul.



Would you like your family legacy to be a part of the new Sunnyside Multipurpose Service

Center (MSC)? Sunnyside residents are encouraged to <u>bring their found objects</u> to contribute to the **Dreamcatcher sculpture by Jesse Lott** at the new MSC.

Found Item Criteria:

- Durable items (metal preferred but not required)
- Things that have a story are preferred (Sunnyside or personal)
- Can be any type of item
- Anecdotes, ideas, drawings are all also welcomed

For further information, and to schedule an appointment bring your item to the church, please contact Mary Sias at <u>siasmaryk@gmail.com</u>.



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 Amen you.



Thank you for being a part of our St. Francis Xavier family. I appreciate all that you

do for our parish and community by sharing your God-given gifts of time, talent and treasure. This summer, I pray that you will have some quiet and restful time that includes the love, joy and peace of being with family and friends. Please consider that St. Francis Xavier continues to be open for Mass, numerous activities and the Sacraments, and that your generosity through Faith Direct can help provide the consistent resources we need to operate our parish and ministries during these summer months. Sign up today by visiting www.faithdirect.net using our church code: TX632, or text "Enroll" to 281-949-7600. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

Vy. Rev. Michael K. Saah Buckman, SSJ



All are welcome to come and sing praises unto God. We need Please come to the

Choir, even if you cannot make all the rehearsals, come sit in with us. As an added precaution, we will impose safe distancing in the choir stand.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance for the Masses on July 2nd and July 3rd was **300**, and the 7:30am Sunday Mass Livestream received **82** views 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.



Who is my neighbor?

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, we see the classic story of Jesus and the legal expert who, after hearing from Jesus the rudiments of the Gospel call of loving God and others, asks the age-old question: "Who is my neighbor?"

It is a provocative inquiry, one which cuts to the heart of the human impulse to value oneself above all other things. On the one hand, it can seem that the scholar was genuinely interested in the answer, wanting to know who to target with his love in a sea of beggars and needy people. On the other hand, the "scholars of the law" are not pictured in the gospels as willing vessels of God's goodness; indeed, it seems more likely that the question was meant to trap Jesus and allow the questioner to escape his responsibilities.

Our Savior, detecting the ruse, answers as only the Messiah can, explaining with a parable that we are constantly surrounded by our "neighbors". Wherever we go, we are given the opportunity to serve those around us as though they were members of our families—as, in God, they truly are.

He tells the story of a man beaten senseless and left for dead, with no one to help him but passersby—clerics and church-folk, no less. No one stops to help but a social outcast, a man seen as lesser by Jewish society. A Samaritan gives his all and honors God by serving the least of these despite the risk and ridicule.

By the end of the tale, Jesus has turned the entire conversation on its head, asking a question of his own: "Who was a neighbor to the victim?" Here, he reveals that mercy is the key. Our neighbor is whomever is in need of God's grace, from us, in their time of need.

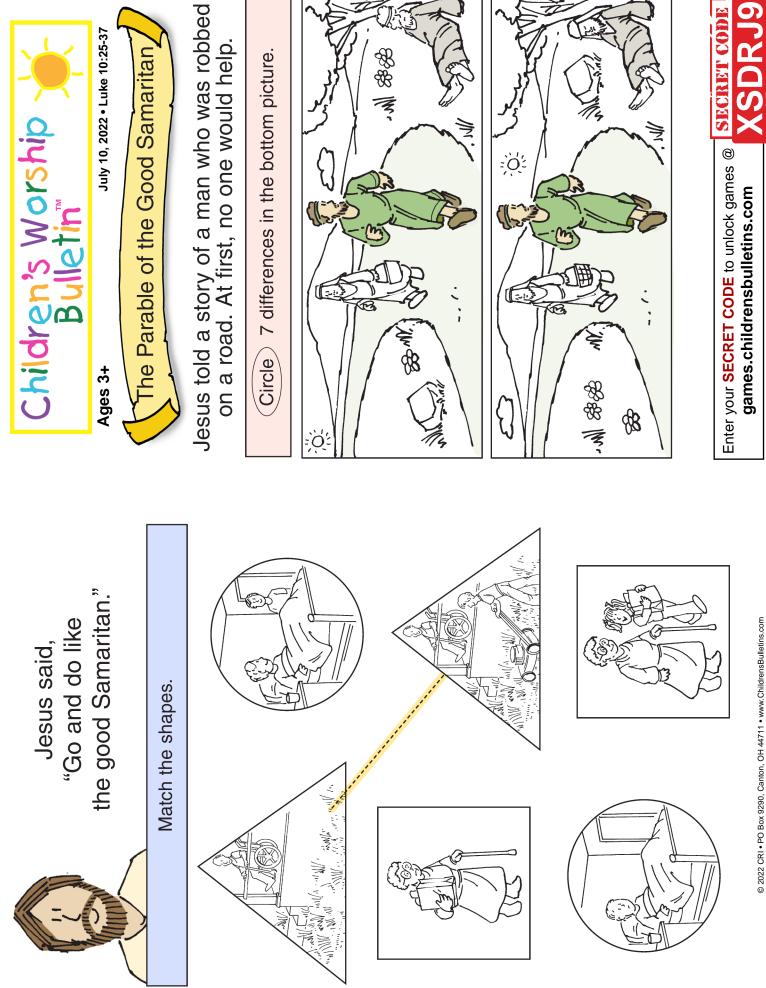
Today, in a world seemingly filled with increasing violence and poverty and social unrest, it is us, the people of God, who are called to ignore all naysayers and offer compassion to the lost and forgotten, those who may be cast aside in the name of religion and decorum. Victims of gun violence, greed, clericalism, and *church hurt* are those to whom we must go, saying "Peace be with you" and lending a helping hand.

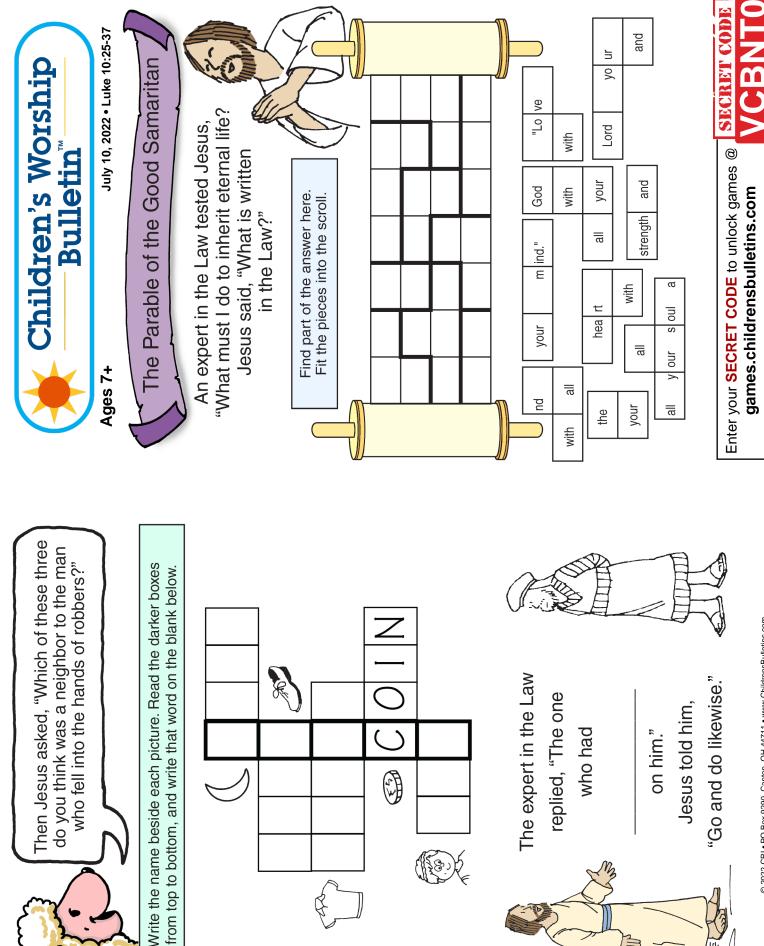
As Jesus told the scholar, "Do this, and you will live." Luke 10:25-37.

Nate Tinner-Williams, Seminarian Society of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart (SSJ)

July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Family Fun Day Second Collection - Peter's Pence Youth Sunday Mass 10:00am Sunday Mass 10:00am Sunday Mass 1:00pm AKA Pad Project	27 7:00am Weekday Mass Parish Office Closed	28 NO MORNING MASS Office Hours - 9:00am to 5:00pm	29 NO MORNING MASS Office Hours - 9:00am to 5:00pm 5:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm 7:30am & 10:00am Choir Rehearsal CANCELLED	30 7:00am Weekday Mass Parish Office Closed	1 7:00am Weekday Mass Eucharistic Adoration 7:30am First Friday Adoration Office Hours - 9:00am to 3:00pm 10:00am Memorial Service - Timothy Archer	2 12:00pm Baptism - Ezeue 12:00pm Youth Choir Rehearsal 5:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass
3 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30am Sunday Mass 9:00am Christian Women Org Meeting 10:00am Sunday Mass 10:00am Young Adults Turn-Out	4 7:00am Weekday Mass OFFICE CLOSED	5 7:00am Weekday Mass Office Hours - 9:00am to 5:00pm Parish Hall Cleaning	6 7:00am Weekday Mass Office Hours - 9:00am to 5:00pm Parish Hall Cleaning 7:00pm 5:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm 7:30am & 10:00am Choir Rehearsal	7 7:00am Weekday Mass Parish Office Closed BAPTISM C L A S S Parish Hall Cleaning 6:00pm Baptism Class (P1) 6:00pm Line Dance Class	8 7:00am Weekday Mass Office Hours - 9:00am to 3:00pm	9 55+ Casino Bus Trip 12:00pm Youth Choir Rehearsal 5:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass
10 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time SVdP Black Bag Collection 7:30am Sunday Mass 9:00am Blood Pressure Screening 9:00am CWO Bake Sale 10:00am Sunday Mass	11 7:00am Weekday Mass Parish Office Closed	12 7:00am Weekday Mass Office Hours - 9:00am to 5:00pm	13 7:00am Weekday Mass Office Hours - 9:00am to 5:00pm Finance Council 5:00pm 5t. Peter Claver Day Meeting 6:00pm Finance Council Meeting 7:00pm 5:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm 7:30am & 10:00am Choir Rehearsal	14 7:00am Weekday Mass Parish Office Closed BAPTISM 6:00pm Baptism Class (P2) 6:00pm Line Dance Class	15 7:00am Weekday Mass Office Hours - 9:00am to 3:00pm 6:00pm Confirmation Practice	16 Vorthing Alumni Fish Fry 8:00am Drexel Society Meeting 12:00pm Youth Choir Rehearsal 5:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass
17 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30am KPC Turn-out and Meeting 7:30am Sunday Mass 10:00am Confirmation Mass 10:00am Sunday Mass	18 7:00am Weekday Mass Parish Office Closed	19 7:00am Weekday Mass Office Hours - 9:00am to 5:00pm	20 7:00am Weekday Mass Office Hours - 9:00am to 5:00pm 6:00pm Pastoral Council Meeting 7:00pm 5:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pam 7:30am & 10:00am Choir Rehearsal	21 7:00am Weekday Mass Parish Office Closed 55+ Club Update 2:00pm 55+ Club Meeting 6:00pm Line Dance Class	22 7:00am Weekday Mass Office Hours - 9:00am to 3:00pm	23 Youth Choir Rehearsal 1:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass
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