

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH

(ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON)

(Staffed by *The Josephites*)

PENTECOST SUNDAY

JUNE 5, 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.

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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.

Youth Choir

Wednesdays: 7:00p.m.

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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.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SAT.	06/04/2022	5:00PM
	<i>People of the Parish</i>	
SUN.	06/05/2022	7:30AM
	<i>Kristina M. Chaney (D)</i>	
	Family & Friends	
	<i>Trenton & Ebony Myles (L)</i>	
	James & Janice Myles	
	<i>Irma Charles(L) – Charles Family</i>	
	<i>Deloris Noy (D) – Kenneth & Mable Dyer</i>	
	<i>Patrick Celestine (D) – The Roy Family</i>	
SUN.	06/05/2022	10:00AM
	<i>Betty Biagas Perrodin (D)</i>	
	Patricia Session	
	<i>John Lazard, Sr. (D)</i>	
	Odelia Vallery & Family	
	<i>Tanya Potier-Lewis (D) The Lewis Family</i>	
	<i>Ella Collins Reed (D)</i>	
	Donald & Theresa Chambers	
	<i>Theophilus Doe & Margaret Borbi (D)</i>	
	James Doe	
MON.	06/06/2022	7:00AM
	<i>Patrick Celestine (D)</i>	
	The Wharton Family	
	<i>Frederick Dargin D) – Dargin Family</i>	
TUE.	06/07/2022	7:00AM
	<i>Tamara Sanders (D) – Tywana Navy</i>	
	<i>Jeanette Lyman Haller (D)</i>	
	Lynda & Chelsey Cartwright	
WED.	06/08/2022	7:00AM
	<i>Earlene Duplechaine (D)</i>	
	Tywana Navy	
	<i>Rev. Peter C. Weiss, SSJ (D) – M. Chaney</i>	
THUR.	06/09/2022	7:00AM
	<i>Rev. Peter C. Weiss, SSJ (D) – M. Chaney</i>	
	<i>The Forbes Family (L/D)</i>	
	Barbara J. Forbes-Moses	
FRI.	06/10/2022	7:00AM
	<i>Rev. Peter C. Weiss, SSJ (D) – M. Chaney</i>	
	<i>Rhonda K. Rivers (L) – P.A. Piper</i>	



Deacon Alfred Abram, Azielee Addison, Jama Baltrip, Theresa Baltrip, Vea Barksdale, 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, Belinda Foreman, Barbara Forte', Jimmy Harris, Alvin J. Hebert, Donald Henderson, Natalie Johnson, Brooke Joseph, Kennedy Family Members, Helen Kennison, JoAnn LaSane, Shirley Lawdins, Theresa Lazard, Johnell Lee, Roy Lee, Hazel Lewis, Laurenzia Lewis, Eugene Mallery, Cynthia Ann Malone, Brenda Martin, Charles Martin, Shannon Martin, Alex Martinez, Diane Miles, Dorothy Milstead, Vy. Rev. William L. Norvel SSJ, Carolyn Ollison, Helen Foreman Orsot, Louise Peachers, Cynethia Pichon, Percy Pichon Sr, Cornelia Pickney, Catherine Pierre, Mildred Pierre, Marcelle Prevost, Melody Ratcliff, Eddie J. Rhea, Elise Richmond, Evelyn Roberts, Sylvia Robertson, Oliver Rose, Vy. Rev. Michael K. Saah-Buckman SSJ, Simon Smith, Roosevelt Stafford, Joyce Stagg, Mackenzie Swanks, Kennedi Swanks, Anna Mae Taylor, Erma Taylor, Katrina Thompson, 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 to protect our families and our country.

Army:

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Navy:

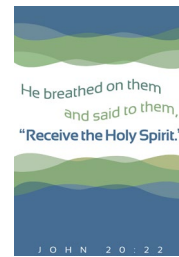
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Air Force:

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

Marines: Reginald Ward

PENTECOST SUNDAY



It could be said that the climax of all the readings we will hear today comes in the very first paragraph of the first reading. A strong driving wind...tongues of fire...speaking in tongues. The Holy Spirit made quite the entrance! But the special effects are only the beginning. With the Holy Spirit, the apostles could be understood by every foreigner, no matter their native language. With the Holy Spirit, we have God dwelling in us, uniting us as one. With the Holy Spirit we have the fulfillment of Jesus' parting promise to his disciples, God's abiding gift to us. Let us be aware of the Holy Spirit within us as we listen to God's word.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday – June 5

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11

Psalms 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 or

Romans 8:8-17

John 20:19-23 or

John 14:15-16, 23-26

Monday – June 6

BVM, Mother of the Church

Genesis 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14

Psalms 87:1-3, 5-7

John 19:25-34

Tuesday – June 7

1 Kings 17:7-16

Psalms 4:2-5, 7-8

Matthew 5:13-16

Wednesday – June 8

1 Kings 18:20-39

Psalms 16:1-2, 4-5, 8, 11

Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday – June 9

Saint Ephrem,

Deacon & Doctor of the Church

1 Kings 18:41-46

Psalms 65:10-13

Matthew 5:20-26

Friday June 10

Kings 19:9, 11-16

Psalms 27:7-9, 13-14

Matthew 5:27-32

Saturday June 11

Saint Barnabas, Apostle

Acts 11:21-26; 13:1-3

Psalms 98:1-6

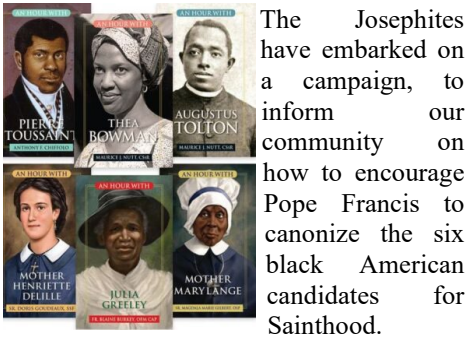
Matthew 5:33-37



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June 11.....9:00am
Confirmation Class and Reconciliation
 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.

Please send a letter to Pope Francis. Remember, the more letters Pope Francis receives, the more he will understand the determination of our effort.



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Mobile Life-Saving Health Services will visit St Francis Xavier Parish in June 2022. These health screening ultrasound services will provide scanning of the following organs: **Thyroid, Carotid arteries, Liver, Kidneys, Gallbladder, Aorta and Spleen.** The screening has no radiation, is noninvasive, and not painful. Goal: Early detection of silent health issues before they become serious health problems. Remember, some illnesses are asymptomatic and only manifest with symptoms when they are already advanced.

Date for registration: **June 18 & 19, 2022** after every Mass.
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KPC 138 CASINO BUS TRIP
 KPC Knights & Ladies of Council & Court #138 will have a bus trip to the Coshatta Casino on Saturday, **June 11, 2022.** We will start boarding at 7:30am; Departing from **St. Francis Xavier Church** at 8:00am; Leaving Coshatta at 5:00pm to return. The cost per person is **\$35.00.** To reserve your seat contact:
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Sunday, June 12th 8:00am-Sold Out

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CURBSIDE PICK-UP
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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 allow the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts and transform our lives. "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." (John 14:26) The materialism of our society lures us to concentrate more on what we want than on what God wants for us. The relativism of our world tells us that there is no absolute truth. Pray to the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and to guide our thoughts, words and actions. What you put in your head, heart and mind affects your actions. Put good things in and good things will come out.



Pastoral Council Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday,**

June 8th at 6:00pm in the Harris Center.



The St. Francis Xavier Health Ministry will take **Blood Pressure Readings** on Sunday, **June 12th,** after the 7:30am and 10:00am Mass in the Harris Center Auditorium.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance for the Masses on May 28th and May 29th was **299.** The 7:30am Sunday Mass Livestream received **61** 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.



“He breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit””

Happy Sunday Brothers and Sisters! Happy Feast of Pentecost! Today, we celebrate the birthday of the Church. On the Pentecost, Jesus sends the Holy Spirit down into His Disciples to begin the work of the Church. He breathed on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. This Church that Christ created is often referred to as the Body of Christ. The reason it is the Body of Christ is because we, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, continue the physical work of Christ here on earth.

Last week we celebrated Christ’s ascension into heaven. Christ’s physical body ascended into heaven where He took His seat at the right hand of God, the Father. In the Gospel of John, Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit upon the disciples after His resurrection. He does it twice in our readings today. He sends the Holy Spirit in the Gospel reading from John when, in the upper room, He breathed on them and said to them, **“Receive the Holy Spirit”**. The Holy Spirit was sent again to the Apostles in the first reading today on the feast of Pentecost. In Acts, chapter 2, it says the Apostles were gathered together in one place. Acts describe a strong, driving wind and **“tongues as of fire”** that rested on each of them. Then Acts goes on to say that **“All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.”**

The Spirit of the master, Jesus, rested upon the disciples and filled them with the gifts of the Spirit. And once they had the gifts of the Holy Spirit, they had the courage to go out and preach about Jesus. It is this same Holy Spirit that is in us and can give us the courage we need as witnesses of the faith.

God loves us all and gives us gifts, no matter who we are, where we come from, or what our position is in life. We don’t earn God’s favor but receive it freely. St Paul talks about those gifts in today’s second reading when he says, **“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone”**. He goes on to say that **“To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit”**.

This means that the one Holy Spirit provides us with different gifts for doing God’s work in the world. How many of us have the gifts that God has given us, but we don’t use it for his work? Maybe we worry about what the world thinks instead of what pleases God. Maybe we are too centered on ourselves to share our gifts with others. Or maybe we lack the courage to let the controls go and allow the Holy Spirit to guide us.

St Paul gave us a great example of how to do this. He says in Acts, chapter 20, **“But now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem. What will happen to me there I do not know, except that in one city after another the Holy Spirit has been warning me that imprisonment and hardships await me. Yet I consider life of no importance to me, if only I may finish my course and the ministry I received from the Lord Jesus, to bear witness to the Gospel of God’s grace.”** This is powerful brothers and sisters. Paul was willing to let go of the controls and

allow the Holy Spirit to lead him.

We are like a house and the Holy Spirit wants to dwell in us and guide us. But He can’t if our house is cluttered. Our clutter is our ego, desire for power, selfishness, immoral behavior, etc. Here is an example of how our house can be cluttered and stifle the Holy Spirit from leading us and guiding us.

Many years ago, when I was a relatively new Lector, I was nervous and had a fear of messing up. I had a fear of stumbling or mispronouncing words or reading too fast or too slow. I was supposed to try to look-up ever so often to give eye contact. Why did I have a need to be flawless? Because it was about me. Brothers & sisters, it was about me and not about Him. I was worried about not making mistakes because I was worried about what others may think or say. It was my ego that became more important than proclaiming His word. What was interesting about it is I didn’t even realize it. Sometimes when you add clutter in your house over time, you don’t really realize how cluttered it is. I had answered God’s call to be a Lector and said yes for the right reasons. But that ego crept-in on me and I didn’t realize it. I read a book quite a few years ago about lawyers and how they argue in court. The book suggested that the lawyers who were a little rough around the edges, maybe even stumble in their delivery were more effective with juries than the smooth polished ones. The jury could connect better with those who were more like them.

So, back to my Lector example, the good news brothers and sisters, is that God helped me see the clutter and enabled the Holy Spirit to come in and guide me. I started saying this prayer every time before I stood up to proclaim. I asked Jesus to hold my hand and go with me to proclaim His word. I asked him to allow me to proclaim His word in a way pleasing to him. I asked Him to remove any distractions, let me get out of the way, and put my trust and faith in Him. And again, when I did this, I wasn’t worried about making a mistake or stumbling.

Sometimes when we go visit the sick, do we rehearse the right words to say or the right things to do? No, most of the time, we just go to love and serve that person and the Holy Spirit will guide us. And again, the Holy Spirit can guide us if we clean our house and go for the right reasons. It’s the right reason if we are going to love them as Jesus loved us. In John’s gospel a few weeks ago, Jesus said **“love one another as I have loved you”**.

Now, you may wonder, what can clutter our house and have us go visit the sick for maybe not the right reasons? One way is if we go out of the feeling of obligation. Or we go because a family member demands that we need to go. Or we go so we can look like a Good Samaritan to other people. In this example, it is ego raising its head again. When we sing in the choir, if we hit a bad note, we can rejoice and thank Him for giving us that voice to sing. God is happy with the good notes and the bad notes. The Holy Spirit joins us when we visit those in prison. He guides us when we help the homeless. The Holy Spirit intercedes on our behalf if we are out in the world doing His works of mercy. Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, gave us the Holy Spirit at Pentecost so that we may bear His fruit. At the ascension, His physical body left this earth, but He is physically still here on earth through us. We are to love like Christ loved us. We are Jesus’ hands and feet in the world. Jesus says in John’s Gospel, **“This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”** It is through our love that we can bring the world back to Christ. I pray that the Holy Spirit gives each of us the strength and guides each of us to love and serve Him and others and to follow His will.



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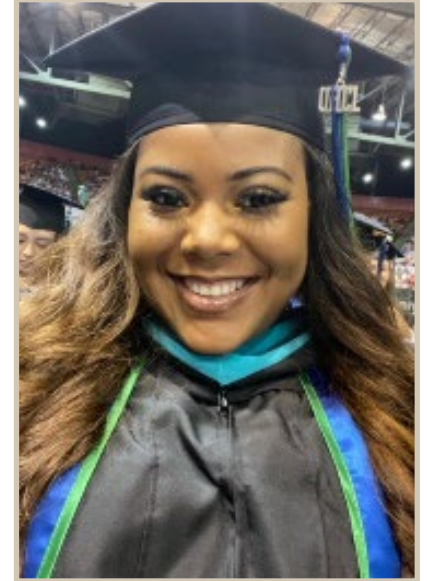
BRADLEY DRENON

Bradley is the son of Deacon Darryl & Margaret Drenon and the grandson of Grace and the late Lionel Russell II. Bradley is a graduate of the University of Texas. He has received a Master's Degree in Business Administration.



JAYVIER GREEN

Jayvier is the son of Cassandra Green Johnson and Kelle Johnson. Jayvier is graduating from Grambling State University with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and a Minor in Paralegal Studies.



RYANE JACOB

Ryane is the daughter of Hayden & Adrienne Jacob. She is a graduate of the University of Houston-Clear Lake. Ryane has received a Master's Degree in Healthcare Administration.



RHAHIM SHEMAR VITAL

Rhahim is the son of Stacie Broussard Matson and the late Russell Matson, and the grandson of Odessa Broussard. He is a former Junior Knight of Council 138. Rhahim graduated from Prairie View A&M University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science. After offers from Microsoft and Amazon, Rhahim has accepted a position with KPMG in Phoenix AZ.



ASHLEY THERESA HALL

Ashley is the daughter of Veronica Hall. Ashley is graduating from Texas Southern University with a Master of Science Degree in Criminal Justice.

2022

OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!



JAYLON COLLEY

Jaylon is the grandson of Theresa Rayme and the late Herman Rayme. Jaylon is graduating from Cesar Chavez High School. He plans to attend Houston Community College for 2 years and then transfer to Prairie View A&M University to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering.



CELESTE VERSHIER

Celeste is the daughter of Cynthia Kennedy and the granddaughter of Alfred & Marion Kennedy. Celeste is graduating from Shadow Creek High School. She plans to attend Houston Community College.



KAYLA M. SMITH

Kayla is the daughter of Melanie Evans Smith and the granddaughter of Lionel & Willie Mae Evans. Kayla is graduating from Manvel High School. She plans to attend Lamar University in Beaumont.


OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADUATE!





JEANA SYDNOR

Jeana is the daughter of Janice Dozier and the granddaughter of Michael & Jean Dozier. Jeana is graduating from Roberson Middle School. She will be attending Carl Wunsche Sr High School in Spring, TX.

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