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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: 6:30p.m. Thursdays: 7:00p.m.

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Saturdays: 12:00 Noon

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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.

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:www.sfxhouston.com





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MASS INTENTIONS

SAT. 06/18/2022 5:00PM All Fathers L/D SUN. 06/19/2022 7:30AM All Fathers L/D SUN. 06/19/2022 10:00AM All Fathers L/D MON. 06/20/2022 7:00AM Kristina M. Chaney (D) Family & Friends Frederick Dargin (D) – Dargin Family TUE. 7:00AM 06/21/2022 Ruth Celestine (L) – Tywanna Navy Shirley Foreman (L) – Tywanna Navy WED. 06/22/2022 7:00AM Shirley Foreman (L) – Special Intention Belinda Foreman (L) – Special Intention

7:00AM THUR. 06/23/2022 Kristina M. Chanev (D) Family & Friends

Vy. Rev. Michael Saah-Buckman, SSJ (L) Special Intention

7:00AM

FRI. 06/24/2022 Tanya Potier Lewis (D)

The Lewis Family

Shirley Foreman (L)

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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.

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MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



From ancient times, wheat was ground into flour and baked into bread, and grapes were crushed into juice and allowed to ferment into

wine. Bread and wine became staples of the human diet, creating a simple meal that could be shared with others. Salem's king served them to a victorius Abram, pairing the bread and wine with a call for God's blessing. At the Last Supper, Jesus blessed the bread and wine and shared them with his disciples as his body and blood. Let us thank God for the simple gifts of wheat and grapes, which are transformed to satisfy our every hunger, our every thirst.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday − June 19

Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ Genesis 14:18-20 Psalm 110:1-4 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Luke 9:11-17

■ Monday – June 20

2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15, 18 Psalm 60:3-5, 12-13

Matthew 7:1-5

☐ Tuesday – June 21

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious 2 Kings 19:9-11, 14-21, 31-35, 36 Psalm 48:2-4, 10-11

Matthew 7:6, 12-14

■ ■ Wednesday – June 22

Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Saints John Fisher, Bishop and Thomas More, Martyrs 2 Kings 22:8-13; 23:1-3

Psalm 119:33-37, 40

Matthew 7:15-20

☐ Thursday – June 23

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist Isaiah 49:1-6

Psalm 139:1-3, 13-15

Acts 13:22-26

Luke 1:57-66, 80

☐ Friday June 24

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Ezekiel 34:11-16

Psalm 23:1-6

Romans 5:5-11

Luke 15:3-7

☐ Saturday June 25

Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19 Psalm 74:1-7, 20-21

Luke 2:14-51



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.

PleasesendalettertoPopeFrancis.Remember, the more letters PopeFrancisreceives, the more he willunderstand the determination of our effort.



Mobile Life-Saving Health Services LLC

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 scanning: June 25, 2022.

Please call to register on time for easy and efficient scheduling.

Cost: \$150 for the 8 organs. Family package is also available.

For more information, please contact us @ (713) 298-7915.

Email: services@mobilelife-saving.net



We have raised \$37,608.00 towards a new refrigeration system in our parish hall. Thank you for your outstanding support! The members of the "Can You Spare Five Dollars" Committee will meet in the Harris Center Auditorium on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 6:30pm.





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.



NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

Next week we will take up the **Peter's Pence Collection** to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. Visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html for

ATTENDANCE

more information.

Attendance for the Masses on June 11th and June 12th was **320**. The 7:30am Sunday Mass Livestream received **65** 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.

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 take time in silence, every day, to hear how God is calling us. "But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth..." (John 16:13) It has been said that the best gift we can give someone is to teach them how to pray. If you don't talk and more importantly, listen, to God every day, how else will you know what He is calling you to do? Just as you talk to family and friends every day, get in the habit of talking with God every day. Develop a daily prayer routine. Keep your prayers simple and sincere. This is best done in silence, when you can hear His response.



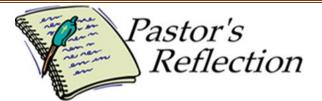
Sunday, June 26, 2022 11:30am – 2:30pm

Outdoor and Indoor Activities! Food, Fun, Games, Music, Dancing

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Thursday, June 23rd



Do this in memory of me

In the days when Catholics fasted from midnight before receiving Holy Communion and were convinced that if they ate meat on a Friday they would not enter into heaven, there was a great reverence for the Holy Communion. I very well remember that Friday afternoon when my friends and I went bird hunting. I killed a bird, went to my friend's house and roasted the bird and ate it. When my friend's father, who was a Muslim, saw me eating the bird, he reminded me that it was a Friday. I remember crying uncontrollably. I could not wait for the priest to come to our village so that I could go to confession.

The Muslims, protestants and the unsophisticated Catholics all had a very great reverence for the Catholic Eucharist. It was held with respect and admiration. The only requirement for the reception of the Eucharist, as we learned in Catechism, was to be in the state of grace. Being in the state of grace has nothing to do with one's political or social affiliation. It was between you and God. We used to take the Eucharist more seriously!

Today we are called to take serious consideration of our belief of the Eucharist and its celebration. The Letter from Paul to the Corinthian church was the earliest account of Jesus' Last Supper. This was written 10 to 15 years before the earliest gospel description of the Eucharist. As Paul indicated, it is an authentic and reliable account. In this account, Paul wrote about Jesus's blessing of the bread and wine, not as a liturgical formula or a holy story about who should partake or not take part of the eucharistic meal - rather as part of the harshest reprimand to the Corinthian community's behavior, especially in relation to the celebration of the Eucharist.

Paul was angrier over what he had heard about the Corinthian community's celebration of the Eucharist. He reprimanded the community for their rivalries and division, their silly pride and lack of concern about sexual misconduct in their midst. He decried all sort of social faults but saved the strongest condemnation for their celebration of the Eucharist.

For the Corinthian community, the Lord's supper had become an event where society's elites could eat well and flaunt their positions while their brothers and sisters in Christ, whose status did not measure up, were relegated to the leftovers or with nothing. For Paul, this attitude was a show of contempt for the Church. He ends his reaction to this with the statement "In giving this instruction, I do not praise the fact that your meetings are doing more harm than good" (1Cor 11:17). He reminded them for what the Lord's Supper is all about. Jesus Christ identified himself with the bread and wine that he took, broke and poured as his body and blood for them, his gift of self and a new covenant in his blood. With this gift of bread and wine, Jesus asks us to "Do this in remembrance of me."

For Paul, the "**remembrance**" is religious imagination and experience which has the power to bring the past into the present with such force that people truly feel part of it even in the present. This is not an intellectual activity but a power that allows us to participate in that which has formed the people in the past.

For Paul, the eucharist is a communal meal that everyone could participate and not merely be observers. So, when Jesus asks his disciples to "*do this*," he meant "to bless" and "to eat" and "to drink" in imitation of his gesture and words. The efficacy of it does not even rest on worthiness of the priest celebrant.

Somehow, we, like the Corinthian community, have learned about Jesus but have failed to understand that Jesus was not a fan of words and rituals. He did not politicize, nor did he say that the social status of a person is a criterion for receiving his body and blood. Repeating a pattern of prayers does not make a Christian community where the poor has nothing to eat while the rich eat well, or where people with titles feel more important than others in the gathered assembly Christ-like.

St. Paul reminds us, as he did the Corinthians, that our exclusion in eating the eucharistic meal has nothing to do with *remembering* Jesus. When Jesus says, "*do this in memory of me*," he was referring to giving of himself and the outpouring of his life's blood for the sake of others, not a menu or a prayer formula or a set of gestures. To take, bless, break and eat in Jesus' name implies a commitment to be in communion with him, and the only way to proclaim Jesus' death is to live in readiness to participate in it.

So, today we celebrate Corpus Christi, that is the Body and Blood of Christ. May we remember that this celebration is for all of us, saints and sinners. We profess belief that what we receive in the eucharist is *really the body and blood of Christ*. It has the power to change us for good. So, when we gather for the Eucharist celebration, we get the spiritual nourishment needed to be better disciples of Christ and continue the mission of Christ until he comes.

BULLETIN "OPT OUT" FORM

Thanks to EZ-Mail Management services, St. Francis Xavier Church has mailed the weekly Bulletin to all registered households since the COVID outbreak in 2019. This has proven to be very much appreciated by our parishioners. We have continued to provide the Bulletin mail-out after re-opening the Church and have <u>no</u> plans to discontinue mailing the Bulletins. We will also continue to provide the weekly Bulletin on our parish website <u>www.sfxhouston.com</u>.

We know there are some parishioners who, although they appreciate this service, would just as well read the Bulletin online and "save the trees" and postage. If you do <u>not</u> want to receive the Bulletin in the mail,

- 1) Print your name and Envelope Number below,
- 2) Check the box
- 3) Sign the form and date it

Please see the other side of this form to simply fold, stamp and drop in the mail. You may also drop this form in the collection basket on Sunday or drop it in the mailbox at the Parish Office.

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READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Jesus told his friends to give a whole crowd of people something to eat.
All they had was a little fish and bread. How could they possibly feed all those people with so little food? God gave them what they needed to help other people. When you want to help other people, trust God to give you what you need.

PRAYER

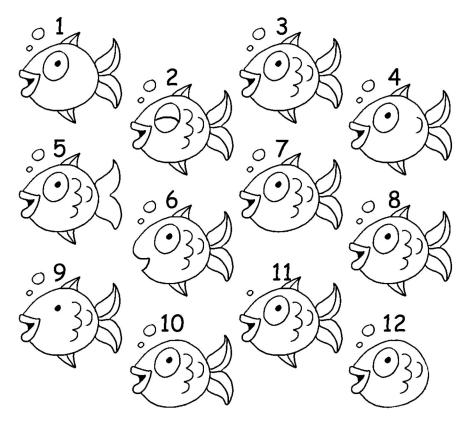
Dear God, with your power I can really help other people.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

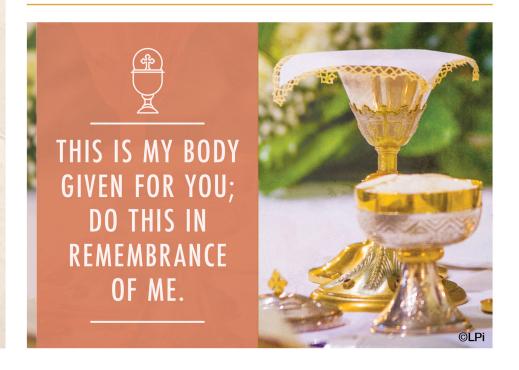
If God has blessed your family with plenty of food to eat, make sure you also give food to people who are hungry.

KIDS CORNER

Find the identical fish!



ANSWER IS NUMBER THREE AND NUMBER EIGHT



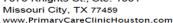


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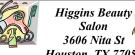




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