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(ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 15, 2022



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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.

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Adult Choirs

Wednesdays: 7:00p.m.

Thursdays: 7:00p.m.

Youth Choir

Wednesdays: 7:00p.m.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SAT.	05/14/2022	5:00PM
	<i>People of the Parish</i>	
SUN.	05/15/2022	7:30AM
	<i>Theresa Jenkins (D) – KPCLA Ct #138</i>	
	<i>Kristina M. Chaney (D)</i>	
	Family & Friends	
	<i>John A Arceneaux, Sr.</i>	
	John A. Arceneaux, Jr.	
	<i>Alonzo Richardson (D)</i>	
	Marian Richardson Family	
	<i>Trenton & Ebony Myles (L)</i>	
	James & Janice Myles	
SUN.	05/15/2022	10:00AM
	<i>Lionel J. Russell, II (D) – Belinda Francis</i>	
	<i>John Biagas (D) – Patricia Session</i>	
	<i>Tanya Potier Lewis (D)</i>	
	The Lewis Family	
	<i>Vy. Rev. Michael Saah-Buckman, SSJ (L)</i>	
	Special Intention-Anniversary	
	<i>Vivian Willis (D) – Annette Willis</i>	
MON.	05/16/2022	7:00AM
	<i>Kristina M. Chaney (D)</i>	
	Family & Friends	
	<i>Jama Baltrip (L) – M. Chaney</i>	
	<i>Kerry Ledet (D) – M. Chaney</i>	
TUE.	05/17/2022	7:00AM
	<i>John L. Stewart (D) – Sisters & Brothers</i>	
	<i>Jama Baltrip (L) – M. Chaney</i>	
	<i>Kerry Ledet (D) – M. Chaney</i>	
WED.	05/18/2022	7:00AM
	<i>Jama Baltrip (L) – M. Chaney</i>	
	<i>Kerry Ledet (D) – M. Chaney</i>	
	<i>All Essential Workers & Families (L/D)</i>	
	Grateful Neighbors	
THUR.	05/19/2022	7:00AM
	<i>Kerry Ledet (D) – M. Chaney</i>	
	<i>John L. Stewart (D) – Sisters & Brothers</i>	
	<i>All Essential Workers & Families (L/D)</i>	
	Grateful Neighbors	
FRI.	05/20/2022	7:00AM
	<i>Kerry Ledet (D) – M. Chaney</i>	
	<i>Jama Baltrip (L) – M. Chaney</i>	
	<i>All Essential Workers & Families (L/D)</i>	
	Grateful Neighbors	



Joseph Mott passed away on Sunday, May 8, 2022 at the age of 77. Mr. Mott was a Minister of Hospitality and a member of the Stewardship Committee here at St. Francis Xavier for many years. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 11:00am. Eternal rest grant unto his soul.



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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 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

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Marines: Reginald Ward

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



The first reading may read like a travelogue of the ancient Gentiles. In between all the names, we hear the care Paul and Barnabas took

in calling disciples and building up the early church. They take to heart Jesus' command: love one another. Paralleling the works of Paul and Barnabas is John's vision of God creating a new heaven and a new earth. Listening to God's word, let us appreciate how God's grace makes all things new.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday – May 15**
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 14:21-27
Psalm 145:8-13
Revelation 21:1-5
John 13:31-33, 34-35
- Monday – May 16**
Acts 14:5-18
Psalm 115:1-4, 15-16
John 14:21-26
- Tuesday – May 17**
Acts 14:19-28
Psalm 145:10-13, 21
John 14:27-31
- Wednesday – May 18**
Saint John I, Pope & Martyr
Acts 15:1-6
Psalm 122:1-5
John 15:1-8
- Thursday – May 19**
Acts 15:7-21
Psalm 96:1-3, 10
John 15:9-11
- Friday May 20**
Saint Bernadine of Siena, Priest
Acts 15:22-31
Psalm 57:8-10, 12
John 15:12-17
- Saturday May 21**
Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companions, Martyrs
Acts 16:1-10
Psalm 100:1-3, 5
John 15:18-21



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- School Planning to attend (if applicable)

You may include a photo with or without your cap & gown. All Information is needed **NO LATER THAN NOON** on Wednesday, May 25th.



The Youth Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, May 18th, at 7:00pm. This

will be a combined rehearsal with the Adult Choir. Special thanks to our new Youth Choir Director, **Mikayla Peugh**, for volunteering her service to this Ministry.



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April 9 – May 29

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CASINO BUS TRIP

KPC Knights & Ladies of Council & Court #138 will have a bus trip to the Coughatta Casino on Saturday, **June 11, 2022**. We will start boarding at 7:30am; Departing from St. Francis Xavier Church at 8:00am; Leaving Coughatta 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 (281) 451-6249**

ATTENDANCE

Attendance for the Masses on May 8th and May 9th was **401**. 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 have the courage to love someone that I don't like, I don't know or doesn't look like me. "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (John 13:34) "As I have loved you," this is the hard part – Jesus's love is unconditional; our love usually comes with strings attached. It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes mercy and compassion to love someone when you feel unappreciated, feel used or feel like your opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage and the grace of God to "love my neighbor" when they may be someone you don't like, someone you don't know or someone that doesn't look like you.



*Our Pastor's
29th Anniversary*

May 15

Vy. Rev. Michael Saah-Buckman, SSJ

Pastoral Council Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 18th at 6:00pm** in the Harris Center.



Line Dance Classes are Back!!!



Classes will resume on **Thursday, May 19th at 6:00pm** in the Parish Hall.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

“It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God.” Many folks really work very hard to circumvent difficult situations. We prefer the easier way around something, rather than risk inconvenience, hurt or prolonged suffering. It’s no wonder euthanasia is rapidly becoming acceptable around the world. Through purely human eyes, there is no issue bypassing the inevitable, taking control and bringing things more swiftly to a place of peace. If this is the way God sees things, then why does Jesus make such a big deal helping us understand the experience of suffering and embrace it? God’s wisdom clearly takes us in another direction.

Imagine if we were able to eradicate ALL hardship and suffering. Where would we be? As we look at our own journeys, many of our solid more growth producing life lessons have been born of suffering, disappointment, inconvenience, darkness, and despair. There is something sacred about all of these experiences as God uses them to create something new. Envisioning a life without hardship and suffering brings us to a vision where everything



is flat-lined and dull. As much as hardship and suffering are difficult crosses to bear, not taking them up runs the risk of us becoming shallow, empty, and lifeless. Helen Keller remarks that, “a happy life consists not in the absence but in the mastery of hardships.” What an incredibly wise insight! Many really successful people and saints were brought to their station in life because they suffered. Suffering teaches us about what’s important and propels us to search the depths of our souls for resources and strength we never would have known before.

This is especially true when we love as Jesus asks us to love. Love, perhaps above any other experience, can cause us great hardship, pain, and suffering especially when it’s authentic and unconditional. While it can thrust us into an incredible experience of God and life on one hand, it can bruise and wound us deeply on the other. Mastering the art of love is the secret to living life well, walking in the presence of God and investing in the joy of the Gospel. Love and suffering walk hand in hand. Compromising one will compromise the other. Maybe that’s why Jesus spent so much time convincing us to accept both.

“I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

- Jn 13:34-35

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- Sunday, May 22, 2022
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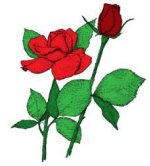


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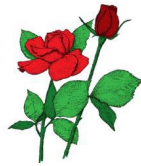
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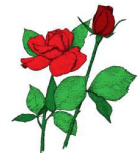
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