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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.

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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



MASS INTENTIONS

SAT. 05/21/2022 5:00PM

Lionel J. Russell, II (D) - Belinda Francis The Scott Family (D)

Stephanie Goodwin

Brycen Johnson (L) – Wanda Johnson

Kristina M. Chaney (D)

Family & Friends

Joseph Duplechaine/Earlene Duplechaine The Duplechaine Family

Dcn Albert Henry (D) – The Family

SUN. 05/22/2022 People of the Parish

SUN. 05/22/2022

10:00AM

7:30AM

Mary Mayon Lazard (D)

Odelia Vallery & Family

Kristina M. Chaney (D)

Family & Friends

Vivian Willis (D) – Annette Willis Frederick Mitchell (D) - Nancy Mitchell

Trenton & Ebony Myles (L) James & Janice Myles

MON. 05/23/2022

7:00AM

All Essential Workers & Families (L/D) Grateful Neighbors

Cohnléi K. Baloney (L) - P.A. Piper

05/24/2022 TUE. 7:00AM

Lionel J. Russell. II (D)

Queen of All Saints #138

All Essential Workers & Families (L/D)

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WED. 05/25/2022 7:00AM

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THUR. 05/26/2022

7:00AM

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FRI. 05/27/2022 7:00AM

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WELCOME OUR SUMMER SEMINARIANS

Lawrence Wumya is a seminarian in Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, LA. Lawrence is in formation for the Diocese of Yendi, Ghana, and at this stage of his Theological Studies he is required to be trained in the Clinical Pastoral Education at Houston Methodist Hospital. Paul Ovie is a seminarian of the Archdiocese of Tororo, Uganda, currently enrolled in his second year of theology at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. Paul will also be attending the Clinical Pastoral Education at Houston Methodist Hospital.



Deacon Alfred Abram, Azielee Addison, Jama Baltrip, Baltrip, Vea Theresa 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, Shirley Dubriel, 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, 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. Evelyn Roberts, Svlvia Robertson, Oliver Rose, Vy. Rev. Michael K. Saah-Buckman SSJ, Simon Smith, Stafford, Joyce Roosevelt Stagg, Mackenzie Swanks, Kennedi Swanks, Anna Mae Taylor, Erma Taylor, Katrina Thompson, Audrey Thymes, Gemma Agnes Williams, Walcott, 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.

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



today's Each of readings looks toward the future while assuring us of God's' continuing presence with us. The apostles rely on the Holy Spirit to guide them as to

which Mosaic practices are necessary for all Christians. The author of Revelation envisions a new Jerusalem. radiant in the glory of God. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that the Father would send the Holy Spirit to teach them, to remind them of his words, and to advocate for them. In the presence of the Spirit, let us listen to God's word.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

☐ Sunday – May 22

Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Psalm 67:2-3, 5-6, 8

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

John 14:23-29

☐ Monday – May 23

Acts 16:11-15

Psalm 149:1-6, 9

John 15:26—16:4

☐ Tuesday – May 24

Acts 16:22-34

Psalm 138:1-3, 7-8

John 16:5-11

□□□□ Wednesday – May 25

Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor of the Church:

Saint Gregory VII, Pope; Saint Mary Magdalene de 'Pazzi, Virgin

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1

Psalm 14:1-2, 11-14

John 16:12-15

☐ Thursday – May 26

St. Philip Neri, Priest

Acts 18:1-8

Psalm 98:1-4

John 16:16-20

□□ Friday May 27

St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

Acts 18:9-18

Psalm 47:2-7

John 16:20-23

☐ Saturday May 28

Acts 18:23-28

Psalm 47:2-3, 8-10

John 16:23-28



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ATTENTION GRADUATES

If you are a registered

parishioner and you or your child is a Middle School, High School, College, University, Community College, Business or Technical School graduate, please Email the following information to stfrancishou@sfxhouston.com:

- Name
- Envelope #
- School Graduating from
- Degree (if applicable)
- 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 25**th.



The new Altar Server Training is scheduled for Saturday, May 28th, from 12:00pm to 2:00pm. Contact Wanda Johnson @ (832) 492-5088 for additional information.





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Mildred Jones passed away on Thursday, May 12, 2022 at the age of 99. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, May 28, 2022. Eternal rest grant unto her soul.

Audrey Thymes passed away on Friday, May 13, 2022 at the age of 89. A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, May 21, 2022. Eternal rest grant unto her soul.

Joseph Truong passed away on Wednesday, May 18, 2022. Mr. Truong is the Father of Alex Truong. Funeral arrangements are pending. Eternal rest grant unto his soul.

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 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.

Stewardship Reflection

That the next time worry, anxiety or fear enters our life, make God your first choice and not your last resort. "...Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." (John 14:27) Our limited human understanding cannot begin understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we often think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you. Make God your first choice and not your last resort.



Next week, our special collection supports the

Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign engages and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Galveston-Houston Archdiocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message? To learn more, visit: www.usccb.org/ccc.

*P*TTENDANC!

Attendance for the Masses on May 14th and May 15th was **331**. The 7:30am Sunday Mass Livestream received **81** 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.



The Josephite Community is embarking on a grassroots campaign to inform our community, through understanding and prayer, how to encourage Pope Francis to canonize the six black American Catholic candidates for Sainthood. Please read, print, sign and send a letter to Pope Francis. An easy to use letter is attached in your Bulletin.

Remember, the more letters Pope Francis receives, the more he will understand the determination of our effort.

Spend an hour with each of our six African American women & men on the road to 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 available for purchase in the vestibule of the church for \$10.00.



9-Day Novena to the Holy Spirit

The Second Vatican Council emphasizes the honor and duty, especially of lay people, to pray and invoke the Holy

Spirit in every phase of their life. As we approach Pentecost Sunday, we are providing you with a copy of the 9-Day Novena to the Holy Spirit developed by the Congregation of the Holy Spirit (aka, The Holy Ghost Fathers). We will begin to pray the Novena on Friday, May 27th, before the 7:00am Mass and end on Saturday. June 4th, before the 5:00pm Mass. If you cannot join us in the Church, please pray the Novena privately in your home or with your family for the nine days leading up to Pentecost Sunday, June 5th. Lay people, dedicated to Christ and anointed by The Holy Spirit, are marvelously gifted to share in the New Life and to bear forth abundantly, the gifts and fruit of the Holy Spirit.



CongraTulations!

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"BE THE CHANGE PROJECT"

April 9 - May 29

This project is sponsored by the Jr. Knights & Jr. Daughters of Branch/Court 138. Do you have spare change laying around? Put your spare change toward a great cause. All proceeds from the project will go to support the new refrigeration system in the St. Francis Parish Hall. One jug has been placed in the vestibule of the church and another jug is in the lobby of the Harris Center. Bring your change and drop it in the jug now thru **May 29**th; bills are accepted also. Be the change that makes a difference!

BAKE SALE

KPC Knights & Ladies of Council & Court #138 will have a bake sale after the 10:00am Mass on Sunday, **May 29, 2022**.

CASINO BUS TRIP

KPC Knights & Ladies of Council & Court #138 will have a bus trip to the Coushatta Casino on Saturday, **June 11**, **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 (281) 451-6249



Paul & Faye Valsin received a Blessing by Deacon Michael Jenkins as they celebrate their 7th Wedding Anniversary.



KPC Juniors, represented by Mackenzie Peugh, presented Father Michael with a Gift Card in honor of his 29th Ordination Anniversary at the 10:00am Mass on May 15, 2022.



The SFX Music Ministry is on the move! If you play the guitar or brass woodwind instruments.

please come and join the 10:00am Mass Music Ministry!



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SUMMER READING

Did you

know?

READING OVER THE SUMMER is critical to student



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Reading just 4 to 6 books over the summer has the potential to prevent a decline in reading achievement scores from

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Students who participated in summer reading programs entered the following school year with a positive attitude about

Students can ask their librarian or teachers for a list of good books.

Students can start a book club with friends, neighbors or family.



Jr. Knights & Jr. Daughters of Branch & Court #138

The Junior Knights & Jr. Daughters of SUMMER READING Program for the Branch/Court 138 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church is sponsoring months of June & July 2022.

The Summer Reading Program is for elementary (1-5), middle (6-8), & high (9-12) school youth at St. Francis Xavier The youth that reads the most books during the two months (June & July) will be the winners.

There will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners per grade group.

Winners will receive a gift card: 1st place: \$50.00, 2nd place \$25.00, & 3rd place \$15.00. Summer Reading starts Wednesday, June 1, 2022 and ends Sunday, July 31,

system. A parent must sign the Summer Reading is based on the honor SUMMER READING log. Winners will be show cased & given their gift cards at church during the mass that the youth attends & their names & pictures will be published in the bulletin.



Summer Reading Log

READING OVER THE SUMMER is critical to student SUCCESS.



SUMMER READING Program

Starts: June 1, 2022. **Ends**: July 31, 2022

- Summer Reading is based on the honor system.
- A parent must sign the SUMMER READING log.
- Sunday, July 31, 2022 your Summer Reading log should be placed in a box labeled Summer Reading in the vestibule of the church.
- The winner's names & pictures will be published in August 5 & 6, 2022 bulletin.
 - Winners will be recognized and given their gift cards during masses that the youth attends the weekend of August 5 & 6, 2022.

Grade

Name

Number Signature of Books Read									
Nui of E									
Author									
Title									
Date									



His Holiness Pope Francis
Saint Martha House
00120 Citta del Vaticano, Vatican City

Dear Pope Francis:

This letter is written to ask you to canonize the six African American candidates for sainthood immediately. It is embarrassing to many of us in America that in the church where we worship, there are no United States African American saints recognized by the highest church authorities. At 899 saints, you, as Pope, have canonized the most saints in Catholic Church history. It is time that African Americans "go marching in" with that number.

Blacks in America have endured unearned suffering since the first enslaved persons arrived in 1619. The six African American candidates for sainthood were either born into enslavement or educated the enslaved at personal risks to themselves. Their lives were miracles of generosity of spirit, sacrifice and survival, many would argue.

We are asking you to name Pierre Toussaint, Henriette Delille, Augustus Tolton, Julia Greeley, Mother Mary Lange and Thea Bowman as Catholic saints using your *santo subito* process. To many of us in America, sainthood delayed is sainthood denied.

While African Americans have remained faithful to the church over centuries: enduring enslavement, racial segregation (even within the church), mass incarceration and mass poverty, we have been treated as second class members. You canonizing the six current candidates for sainthood would make a very strong statement of reckoning and reconciliation. While there are no U.S. African American saints there are 11 white Americans who have been canonized. We know there is a process but it is not working for Black American Catholics and supporters. The process is reaping unfair, uneven results, especially when you realize that the six Black saints have been waiting 714 years totally if you add up the times since each died.

Please treat the six African American candidates for sainthood fairly by redefining and rectifying the process. Please canonize them immediately. If not now, when? If not you, who?

Sincerely and respectfully yours,

Signature	Date

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