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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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MISSION STATEMENT

VISITATION OF THE SICK

Communion for the sick and shut-in is available. Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

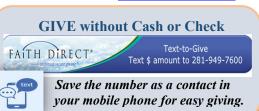
Please call the parish office for information. Preparation classes are required for parents and godparents. Classes are held on the 1st and 2nd Thursdays of the month from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Call the Parish Office to register for the class.

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. 05/07/2022 5:00PM All Mothers L/D

SUN. 05/08/2022 7:30AM All Mothers L/D

SUN. 05/08/2022 10:00AM

All Mothers L/D

MON. 05/09/2022 7:00AM

Communion Service Only

TUE. 05/10/2022 7:00AM Communion Service Only

WED. 05/11/2022 7:00AM Communion Service Only

THUR. 05/12/2022 7:00AM Communion Service Only

FRI. 05/13/2022 7:00AM *John L. Stewart (D)* – Sisters & Brothers Lionel J. Russell, II (D) – Belinda Francis Elizabeth A. Nwokobia (D)

The Nwokobia Family

Kristina M. Chaney (D)

Family & Friends

Jama Baltrip (L) – M. Chaney





Our Pastor's 29th Anniversary

May 15

Vy. Rev. Michael Saah-Buckman, SSJ



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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.

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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Air Force:

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

Marines: Reginald Ward

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



they follow me."

When Paul and Barnabas returned to the synagogoue in Antioch, "almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord." Our turnout today may not rival

theirs, but we hear the same comforting message that Jesus came to bring salvation to all. In Revelation, John describes his vision in which the Lamb shepherds people of every background to a place of life and joy. In the Gospel, Jesus tells us that he-the Good Shepherd—gives his flock eternal life. With the eagerness of the people of Antioch, let us listen to the word of the Lord.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

□Sunday – May 8

Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 13:14, 43-52

Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5

Revelation 7:9, 14-17

John 10:27-30

☐ Monday – May 9

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 42:2-3; 43:3-4

John 10:1-10

☐ Tuesday – May 10

Saint. John of Avila, Priest & Doctor of the Church;

Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest

Acts 11:19-26

Psalm 87:1-7

John 10:22-30

□□ Wednesday – May 11

Acts 12:24—13:5

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

John 12:44-50

☐ ■ Thursday – May 12

Saints Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr

Acts 13:13-25

Psalm 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27

John 13:16-20

□□Friday May 13

Our Lady of Fatima Acts 13:26-33

Psalm 2:6-11

John 14:1-6

■ Saturday May 14

Saint Matthias, Apostle Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Psalm 113:1-8

John 15:9-17



.....6:00pm

6th-10th LAST DAY OF CLASS!!!



ATTENTION **GRADUATES**

If you are a registered

parishioner and you or your child is a Middle School, High School, College, Community College, University, Business or Technical School graduate, please Email the following information to stfancishou@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 25th.



We encourage the children to bring their offertory to the Altar before general collection is taken at all Masses.

We invite all of our children to participate in this liturgical exercise. Anyone under the age of 18yrs can receive a box of children's envelopes. Parents may call the Parish Office for additional information.



"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 29th; bills are accepted also. Be the change that makes a difference!



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.

Stewardship Reflection

That we continue to share the joy of our Catholic faith and be an example for others. "The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." (Acts 13:52) The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!



The new Altar Server Training is scheduled for Saturday, May 14th, from 12:00pm to 2:00pm. Contact Wanda Johnson @ (832) 492-5088 for additional information.

ATTENTANCE

Attendance for the Masses on April 30th and May 1st was 340. The 7:30am Sunday Mass Livestream received 85 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



Making plans for the summer? Make sure to plan for your offertory as well! When your

summer travels take you away from Sunday services, eGiving lets you continue to support St. Francis Xavier and the ministries you cherish. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone, or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Recurring gifts sustain our parish through the busy summer months. You'll provide us with consistent support, even if you're away on a Sunday, so the programs, services, and ministries that mean so much to our community will never miss a beat. 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, SSI



The Evan E. Worthing Class of 1977 Alumni 45th Reunion Fish Fry **Fundraiser**

May 14, 2022 8:00am-5:00pm This event will take place in the Parking Lot adjacent to the St. Francis Xavier Prayer Garden located at 4600 Reed Rd. Contact Wanda Bellinger at (281) 651-0557 for additional information.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

May 8, 2022

Jesus said, "My sheep hear My voice; I know them, and they follow me." John 10:27

God speaks to us in several different ways; please learn to listen!

Today's Gospel reading is a continuation of John 10 where Jesus calls **Himself the Good Shepherd.** The focal point of these four verses (John 10:27-30) is the relationship between the Shepherd and His sheep. If the sheep (followers of Christ) hears His voice, what are some of the ways that God communicates? I will list **five.**

- 1. The Lord speaks to us through His Word (Scripture, the Bible). Jesus quoted Deuteronomy 8:3 when He spoke to the devil and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word of God" Luke 4:4. God's Word communicates to us instructions and guidance.
- **2.** God speaks to us through people. That's why we have ministers in the church. Ephesians 4:11 says: "And He Himself [the Lord] gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."
- 3. God communicates to us through nature. Jesus taught His disciples not to worry by using nature. "So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?" Matthew 6:28-31.
- 4. God may use situations or circumstances to warn us, that we are headed in the wrong direction. It may be a horrific car accident that you narrowly escaped or a health scare that you survived. God is trying to get our attention, and He will use anything to do so. In Jonah 1:17, God used an unusual circumstance to switch the direction of a prophet who had gone astray. A huge fish swallowed Jonah so the prophet could

change and do God's will. When God uses a frightful situation in your life, please stop and say, speak Lord for Your servant is listening!



5. God communicates with us through the Holy Spirit. Jesus said in John 14:26, "The Holy Spirit...will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you." Let me illustrate how this works. My Mom was bedridden during the last year of her life. She would call me to her room, but sometimes I wouldn't hear her. I got a baby monitor to solve the problem. I placed the monitor beside her bed, and I carried the **transmitter** with me. When she would call me, I would push the transmitter button and talk to her. It worked fine, as long as I focused on the transmitter. If I turned the transmitter volume down or started to cut the grass and couldn't hear the transmitter, then I couldn't respond when she called. The Holy Spirit speaks to our heart (the transmitter), and it's up to us to tune out the distractions of life and listen so we can hear the Holy Spirit.

Even though Mom has died, I still have her baby monitoring system. It commemorates the special bond and love we had for each, but it also reminds me to always be alert for when the Holy Spirit speaks. **Mom, continue to rest well!**

<>< Dcn. Jenkins

Name:	Address:	Phone:

Can You Spare Five Dollars?

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We need your help to raise money for a New Walk-in Freezer and Refrigerator.

Would you please help and sign any line for at least five dollars?

Project Goal: \$60,000

1.	I will start you off
2.	I am happy to give you five dollars.
3.	Five dollars will not break me
4.	Five dollars is not very much.
5.	I just cannot say no
6.	Well since it is you
7.	What is five dollars between friends?
8.	I will gladly give you five dollars!
9.	My five dollars is for a worthy cause.
10.	My five dollars helps reach the goal
11.	I wish I could give more
12.	What is one less in my wallet?
13.	Count on me for five dollars
14.	Sure, I will give you five dollars.
15.	I am always glad to help
16.	I cannot say no to a friend.
17.	Five dollars from me to you!
18.	Do not leave me out!
	I am ALL in
20.	I am here to be a blessing!

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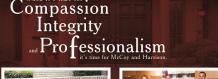


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