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OCTOBER 23, 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.*

## PASTOR:

Vy. Rev. Michael K. Saah-Buckman, SSJ

## PAROCHIAL VICAR:

Rev. John Patrick Tindana

## DEACONS:

Michael V. Jenkins

Darryl K. Drenon

Frank J. Laugermann (Retired)

## PARISH SECRETARY

Shirley M. Foreman.....x113

## DIR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Unella Baber.....x103

## ADULT FORMATION

Deacon Michael V. Jenkins

## SVdP FOOD PANTRY

Curtis Jones 713.731.2716

## CONTRIBUTIONS/MEMBERSHIP

Agnes Thompson

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## PLANT MANAGER/MAINTENANCE

Curtis Jones

## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Sat: Vigil 5:00 p.m.

Sun: 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:15pm

## 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.

11:45a.m. - 12:00p.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.

### Youth Choir

Saturdays: 12:00 Noon

## CHOIR DIRECTORS:

Jerry Givens 281.772.9276

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Mikayla Peugh 832.920.6912

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.sfxhouston.com)

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SAT. 10/22/2022 5:00PM**  
*Kristina M. Chaney (D)*  
 Family & Friends  
*Wesley Wiltz (D)*  
 Anna Ruth Wiltz & Family  
*Kelvin D. Earl (D)* – Phyllis Moore  
*Geneva Moore (D)* – Phyllis Moore  
*Phillip J. Moore, Sr. (D)* – Phyllis Moore

**SUN. 10/23/2022 7:30AM**  
*Louis Sr. & Eunice Thompson (D)*  
 Marian Richardson Family  
*Kristina M. Chaney (D)*  
 Family & Friends  
*Audrey DeCuir Grant (L)*  
 DeCuir/Balthazar Family  
*Althea Lane (L)* – DeCuir Family  
*Ronald Walcott (D)* – Gemma Walcott

**SUN. 10/23/2022 10:00AM**  
*People of the Parish*

**SUN. 10/23/2022 12:15PM**  
*People of the Parish*

**MON. 10/24/2022 7:00AM**  
*Deacon Michael Jenkins (L)* – M. Chaney  
*John A. Peterson (D)* – Cousins

**TUE. 10/25/2022 7:00AM**  
*M/M R. L. Henderson (D)*  
 The Henderson Family  
*Therese Jenkins (D)* – Tywana Navy

**WED. 10/26/2022 7:00AM**  
*Deacon Michael Jenkins (L)* – M. Chaney  
*Herman & Liz Peterson (L)* – Family

**THUR. 10/27/2022 7:00AM**  
*Kristina M. Chaney (D)*  
 Family & Friends  
*Herman & Liz Peterson (L)* – Family

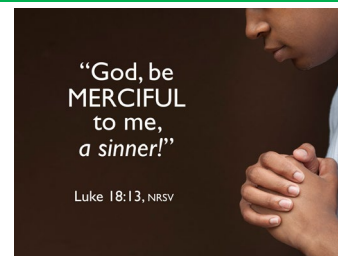
**FRI. 10/28/2022 7:00AM**  
*Adam S. LeBlanc (D)* – Adline Arceneaux  
*Vivian Willis (D)* – Annette Willis



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 Alfred Abram, Gary Anderson,  
 Savannah Blackwell, Hal  
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 Catherine Pierre, Mildred Pierre, Marcelle  
 Prevost, Melody Ratcliff, Elise Richmond,  
 Sylvia Robertson, Wilson Robertson,  
 Oliver Rose, Vy. Rev. Michael K. Saah-  
 Buckman SSJ, Matthew James Shimick,  
 Simon Smith, Joyce Stagg, Jeanette  
 Steptoe, Mackenzie Swanks, Kennedi  
 Swanks, Anna Mae Taylor, Erma Taylor,  
 Melvin Thomas, Gemma Walcott, Earlene  
 White, Agnes Williams, Joyce Tyler  
 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.**

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



God is attuned to the prayers of the poor and lowly, of those who suffer, of those who are repentant. Their need for God's mercy draws God's response. Sirach echoes the psalmist, who plainly states that the Lord hears the cry of the poor. Paul, persecuted and imprisoned for his work, is confident of God's help. Jesus tells us that God exalts the remorseful sinner who humbly asks for God's mercy. Let us listen to God's word, aware of our sinfulness and needfulness.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday – October 23**

*30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18  
 Psalm 34:2-3, 17-19, 23  
 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18  
 Luke 18:9-14

**Monday – October 24**

*Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop*  
 Ephesians 4:32–5:8  
 Psalm 1:1-4, 6  
 Luke 13:10-17

**Tuesday – October 25**

Ephesian 5:21-33  
 Psalm 128:1-5  
 Luke 13:18-21

**Wednesday – October 26**

Ephesians 6:1-9  
 Psalm 145:10-14  
 Luke 13:22-30

**Thursday – October 27**

Ephesians 6:10-20  
 Psalm 144:1, 2, 9-10  
 Luke 13:31-35

**Friday October 28**

*Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles*  
 Ephesians 2:19-22  
 Psalm 19:2-5  
 Luke 6:12-16

**Saturday October 29**

Philippians 1:18-26  
 Psalm 42:2-3, 5  
 Luke 14:1, 7-11



**Johnell Landry Lee**, passed away on October 12, 2022 at the age of 76. A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, October 22, 2022. Eternal rest grant unto her soul.

**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE**



Oct 24-Nov 4...Early in-person voting  
 Nov 8.....Election Day

**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

**Navy:**

Alvin Balthazar, Debreaanna 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



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Oct 25<sup>th</sup> .....6:00pm  
6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> CCE CLASSES  
Oct 29<sup>th</sup> .....9:30am  
PreK-5<sup>th</sup> CCE CLASSES

The CCE registration fee is \$25.00 per child and \$35.00 per family. A late fee of \$15.00 will be charged after **December 10, 2022**. If you have any questions call 713-731-2775.



**Post Confirmation Retreat** attended by **Isiah Knighten, Mackenzie Peugh, Richard Goodwin, Ava Norman and Lindsey Norman.**  
President: **Deacon Darryl Drenon.**

# RCIA

*Thinking of becoming Catholic?*

If you're not a Catholic, or you are a baptized Catholic lacking Confirmation and Eucharist, we invite you to explore the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Registration forms are available in the vestibule of the Church and on the Parish Website at [www.sfxhouston.com](http://www.sfxhouston.com)

## SUNNYSIDE JOB FAIR NUMBERS

Senator Borris L. Miles hosted the Sunnyside Job Fair with Texas Workforce Solutions here at St. Francis Xavier on October 6, 2022. Job seekers met with employers from leading businesses, non-profit organizations government agencies and other local private sector entities.

- Employers were able to identify **431** "good prospects".
- Employers will schedule **321** interviews from this event.
- Employers can potentially fill **118** openings based on candidates seen at this event.

## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH FALL RAFFLE



**Grand Prize!**

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- 5<sup>th</sup> Prize....\$300.00 Macy's Gift Card**

Tickets are \$5.00 each or a book of 20 for \$100.00. Each household is asked to sell at least 2 books.

**Drawing: December 3, 2022**  
**Winner Need Not be Present!**

### ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRTS

Orders are being taken for 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T-Shirts. Sizes range from Youth Small to Adult 4XL; costs start at **\$10.00** up to **\$14.00**. The T-Shirts are Unisex and Red.



### BUS TRIP TO BEAUMONT

**November 5, 2022**

On behalf of the Diocese of Beaumont, *Bishop Tups* invites you to join us at the **"Many Faces in God's House"** community wide summit in an effort to effectuate healing, understanding and opportunities for all humankind. The panel discussion will take place at the Julia Rogers Theater for Performing Arts. **Cardinal Wilton Daniel Gregory, Archbishop of Washington, D.C.** will be the keynote speaker. Cardinal Gregory is the first African American Cardinal in the United States. A 4:00pm Mass will be celebrated at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica. Please contact the Parish Office at **(713) 738-2311** if you would be interested in a bus trip to this event. Boarding will begin @ **6:30am** for 7:00am departure. Return at 8:00pm. Cost is **\$35.00** per person. Registration is required for the panel discussion with the Cardinal. Go to the following website to register and select your lunch choice for this event:  
[www.dioceseofbmt.org/many-faces/](http://www.dioceseofbmt.org/many-faces/)

## 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 may kneel before God every day, humbly recognizing that everything we have is a gift and asking God to guide us in the ways we use and share His many gifts. "...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Luke 18:14  
Pride and ego are the root causes of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable or your talent is better than anyone else or your money gives you status is another way of making those things "gods" before God. Pride is the opposite of humility. Remember, all that we have and all that we are is a gift from God. We should be humbled by God's incredible generosity and be grateful for all we have been given. Ultimately, gratitude leads us to humility.



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

**October 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm** in the Harris Center Auditorium.



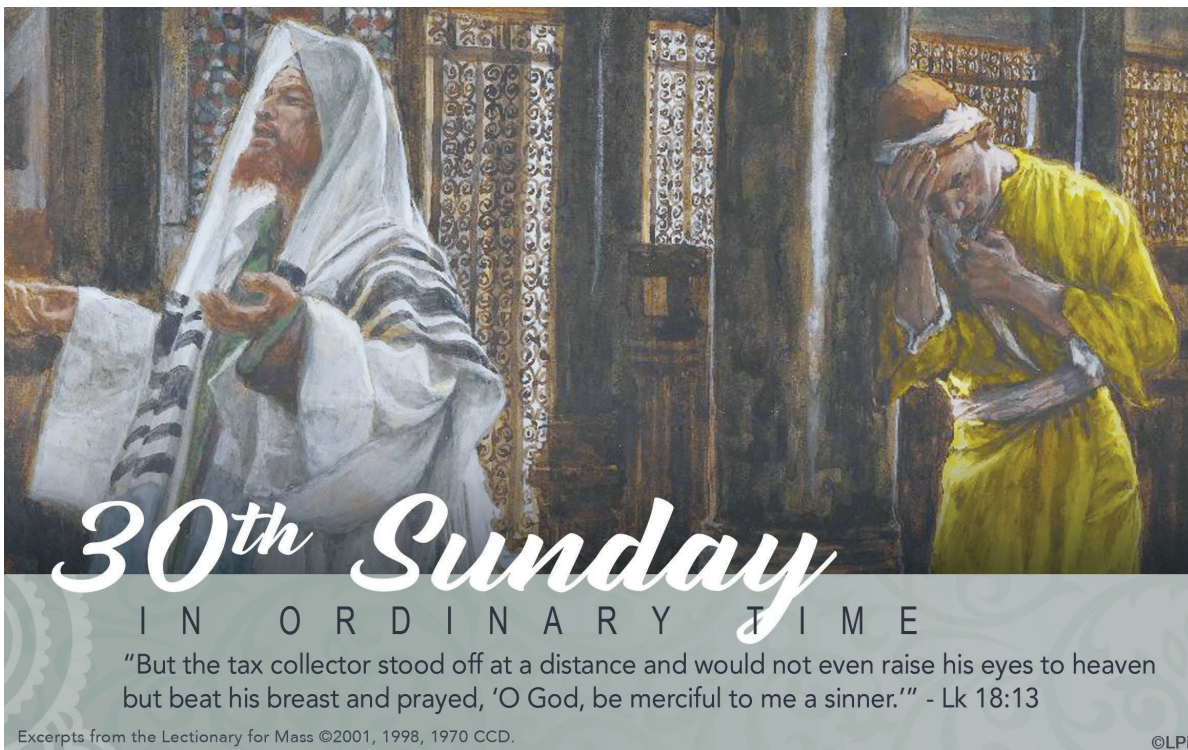
Ministers of Hospitality will meet on **Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>,** at **6:00pm** in the Harris Center Auditorium.

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance for the Masses on October 15<sup>th</sup> and October 16<sup>th</sup> was **358**, and the 7:30am Sunday Mass Livestream received **91** views online. Please join us via Livestream, or bring a friend to come worship with us in the church.

# Deacon's Page

## WHAT DO WE SEE?



Happy Sunday!

Brothers and sister, I am drawn by a detail in today's gospel. It has to do with eyes, with what the main characters are seeing. It is striking that the Pharisee sees the tax collector. His eyes are roving about as he prays in the temple. By contrast, the tax collector sees nothing, certainly not the Pharisee since we are told that the tax collector **"would not even raise his eyes to heaven."**

This detail raises the question of what one sees, how one sees, and reminds us of the haunting phrase spoken by the Lord in 1 Samuel 16, 7. As the sons of Jesse are presented before him, he is sure that the number one son is the Lord's choice. But here the Lord trains and corrects Samuel's sight, **"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart."**

How do we acquire such sight, eyes that see as the Lord sees? One only begins to see with God's eyes when the heart has been humbled. Knowing our own sinfulness, our identity as loved sinners, gives us new eyes so that we look out on the world and, especially on other people, the way God does. When we see others from such a heart, we see brothers and sisters who are "like me," in contrast with the eyes of the Pharisee, who does not see from the heart and can only observe that **"I am not like the rest of humanity – greedy, dishonest, adulterous – or even like this tax collector."**

Such a humble heart is the key to everything, "Humility is the foundation of all the other virtues hence, in the soul in which this virtue does not exist there cannot be any other virtue except in mere appearance" (St. Augustine).

*Lord, humble our hearts. Give us your eyes!*

*Deacon Darryl Drenon*

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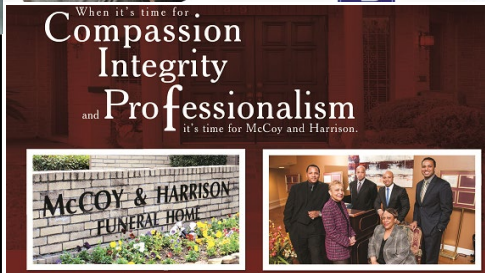
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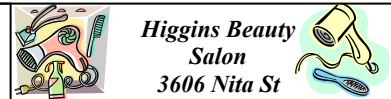


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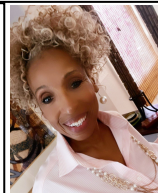


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