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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

One (1) hour before Weekend Masses or by appointment

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

First Friday: 7:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

CHOIR REHEARSALS:

Adult Choirs

Wednesdays: 6:30p.m.

Thursdays: 7:00p.m.

Youth Choir

4th Saturdays: 12:00 Noon

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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.

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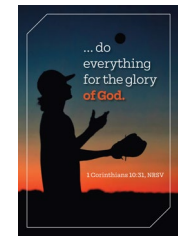
MASS INTENTIONS		
SAT.	02/10/2024	5:00PM
<i>Earlene & Joseph Duplechaine (D)</i> The Duplechaine Family		
SUN.	02/11/2024	7:30AM
<i>Ezzard Sam (D) – Gracie Sam</i>		
SUN.	02/11/2024	10:00AM
<i>People of the Parish</i>		
MON.	02/12/2024	7:00AM
<i>Kristina M. Chaney (D)</i> Family & Friends		
TUE.	02/13/2024	7:00AM
<i>Kristina M. Chaney (D)</i> Family & Friends		
WED.	02/14/2024	7:00AM
<i>Kristina M. Chaney (D)</i> Family & Friends		
WED.	02/14/2024	6:00PM
<i>People of the Parish</i>		
THUR	02/15/2024	7:00AM
<i>Dolores Roy (D) – Kenneth & Mable Dyer</i>		
FRI	02/16/2024	7:00AM
<i>John Biagas (D) – Patricia Session</i>		
SAT	02/17/2024	5:00PM
<i>Ruth Johnson (D) – Theresa Baltrip</i>		



Please Pray for... Donald Abraham, Dcn Alfred Abram, Akaycia Addison, Azielee Addison, Kayne Addison, Nathan Addison IV, Mary Clara Barras, Felicia Baul, Savannah Blackwell, Hazel S. Brown, Kenyatta Brown, Robert Brown, Augustina Buckman, Julius Cadoree, Margaret Cadoree, Nancy Calvin, Dalton Cooper Jr, Foley Davis, Frank Davis Sr, Rev. Henry Davis SSJ, Judy Davis, Marlene Davis, Lois Epps, Allison & Stanley Eskine, Lawrence Frank, Anthony Gobert, Tristian Gore, Alexander Guillory Jr, Angel Guillory, Geraldine Guillory, Beulah Hadrick, Mary Hamilton, Alvin J. Hebert, Donald Henderson, Floyd Henderson, Anthony Hicks, Crystal Jackson, Freddy Jackson, Natalie Johnson, Brooke Joseph, Gregory Joseph, Shirley Ann Joseph, Kennedy Family Members, Ann & Leo Kennerson, JoAnn LaSane, Elon Lawdins, Roy Lee, Dcn Edward Levine, Hazel Lewis, Laurenzia Lewis, Jimmie Mack, Eugene Mallery, Charles Martin, Shannon Martin, Diane Miles, Bahattin Mizrak, Cookie Mooring, Yusuf Muwakkil, Vy. Rev. William L. Norvel SSJ, Carolyn Ollison, Angela Pena, Cynethia Pichon, Percy Pichon Sr, Robin Pichon-Mosley, Catherine Pierre, Mildred Pierre, Marcelle Prevost, Elise Richmond, John & Christine Roberts, Wilson Robertson, Brian Russell, Grace Russell, Vy. Rev. Michael K. Saah-Buckman SSJ, Robert Salazar, Lillie Sims, Joyce Smith, Joyce Stagg, Mackenzie Swanks, Kennedy Swanks, Erma Taylor, Craig Temple, Melvin Thomas, Gemma Walcott, Agnes Williams, Patricia Williams, Jamee Wilson, Jamie Wilson, Rockale Wilson, Terrell Wilson, Janice Woods, Gail Young, and all the sick and shut-in in our parish family. **Call the Parish Office when you and/or a family member are ill, in the hospital, or having surgery.**

Lord, we pray for all our current military service members.
Army: Barbara Baber, Sade Beck, Wadie Troy Butler, Patrick Clay Jr, Kalah A. Guidry, Kerry Hubbard, Kory Hubbard, 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:** Roderick Jones, Joshua Creeks, Joffre Lander **Marines:** Reginald Ward

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



In ancient times, when people contracted leprosy they were immediately excluded from community, barred from contact with anyone else. But Jesus changed all that when a single leper came to him. Not only did he heal him, he did so by reaching out and touching him, breaking down the barrier between healthy and sick, between “clean” and “unclean.” As Jesus did, so did Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles, who wrote that he became an imitator of Christ. May the words we hear today inspire us to be imitators of Christ as well, breaking down barriers and reaching out to those who have been excluded.

- READINGS FOR THE WEEK**
- **Sunday – February 11**
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
 Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11
 1 Corinthians 10:31—1:1
 Mark 1:40-45
 - **Monday – February 12**
 James 1:1-11
 Psalm 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76
 Mark 8:11-13
 - **Tuesday – February 13**
 James 1:12-18
 Psalm 94:12-15 18-19
 Mark 8:14-21
 - **Wednesday – February 14**
Ash Wednesday
 Joel 2:12-18
 Psalm 53:3-6, 12-14, 17
 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2
 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
 - **Thursday – February 15**
 Deuteronomy 30:15-20
 Psalm 1:1-4, 6
 Luke 9:22-25
 - **Friday – February 16**
 Isaiah 58:1-9
 Psalm 51:3-6, 18-19
 Matthew 9:14-15
 - **Saturday – February 17**
The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
 Isaiah 58:9-14
 Psalm 86:1-6
 Luke 5:27-32

Lenten
 W O R S H I P
 S C H E D U L E

Ash Wednesday – February 14
 Mass.....7:00am/6:00pm
Communion Service with Ashes
 12:00pm (Noon)
Outdoor Stations of the Cross
(In the Prayer Garden-Weather Permitting)
 Every Friday during Lent
 5:30pm
Holy Week
Palm Sunday – March 24
Holy Thursday – March 28
 Mass6:00pm
 (No Morning Mass)
Good Friday – March 29
 Outdoor Stations..... 2:00pm
 Passion Play.....3:00pm
 Good Friday Service.....4:00pm
 (No Mass)
Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)
 March 30
 Mass.....8:00pm
 (No 5:00pm Mass)
Easter Sunday - March 31
 Regular Mass Schedules
 7:30am and 10:00am



Feb 12th6:00pm
6th-10th Grades-Lenten Prayer Service
Feb 17th and Feb 19th
NO CCE CLASSES
Feb 24th9:30am
Pre-K -5th Grades
Black History Program
Feb 26th6:00pm
6th-10th Grades
Black History Program



Lent is coming!
 Join our faith community – and nearly 13,000 Catholic communities across the United States – in a transformative Lenten journey with **CRS Rice Bowl**. Pick up your family’s CRS Rice Bowl from the vestibule of the church. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the impact of global hunger and climate change on vulnerable communities around the world, and we will pray, fast and give alms to help our sisters and brothers in need. Visit www.crsricebowl.org to learn more.



Travel with Fr. Thompson on a **Pilgrimage to Italy** on **Oct 13-21, 2024**. We will visit **Rome, Assisi, Milan, Tuscany, Florence**

and **Venice**. The cost is **\$4,299.00** which includes:

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NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

Black and Indian Missions Collection

The Black and Indian Mission Collection exists to help communities build the Church and preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African American, Native American, and Alaska Native people of God.

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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 everything we do is for the glory of God. “Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.” - 1 Corinthians 10:31 Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He’s not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other “gods” (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, “I’m I going this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?”

55+ Club The 55+ Club will meet in the Harris Center Auditorium on Thursday, **February 15th** at **2:00pm**.



For eight decades, UNCF and the faith community have partnered together to support students attending historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs). St. Francis Xavier will host “**UNCF Sunday**”, a day of financial support to HBCUs, on Sunday, **February 25, 2024**. With your support, UNCF can provide the financial resources member HBCUs need to educate the next generation of professionals and community leaders.

ATTENDANCE

In-person Mass attendance on Saturday, February 3rd and Sunday, February 4th was **376** and the 7:30am Sunday Mass Livestream received **66** views. Please join us via YouTube Livestream, or bring a friend to come worship with us in the church.



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ^(B)

February 11, 2024

*The leper said to Jesus, "If you wish, You can make me clean."
Jesus said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." Mark 1:38*

A leper gives us a blueprint on how to approach Jesus!

As we approach **Ash Wednesday** and the season of **Lent**, we see how Jesus responded to a man who was both physically and spiritually unclean. **This leper illustrates for us how we ought to approach our Lord as sinners**, in need of forgiveness, and of being made clean.

1. The Leper approached Jesus in humility.

"God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble" James 4:6. As Christians we should never approach Jesus pridefully or haughtily. The leper was **"kneeing"** and **"begged"** Jesus to make him clean.

2. The Leper came to Jesus in faith. He believed

that Jesus could heal him! *"You can make me clean"* Mark 1:38. We should always come to Jesus with the mindset, that nothing is impossible for Him to do. (cf. Matthew 19:26).

3. The Leper was seeking to be helped. The Scriptures said, *"A leper came to Jesus"* Mark 1:38. Before a person can receive help, **they must want and seek the help.**

4. The Leper personally experienced Jesus. He didn't come with a crowd. He came alone. You must come to a place where you encounter the Lord Jesus Christ **for yourself!**

5. The Leper knew that he couldn't clean himself. He knew that he was powerless to get himself out of his situation.

6. The Leper wanted to be cleansed only if it was Jesus' will. The Leper said, *"If you wish"*. Jesus said to him, *"I do will"*. We should conclude all of our prayer requests, with these words, **"If it's Your will Lord"** (cf. Luke 22:42).

Years ago, while I was on a pilgrimage overseas, I entered my hotel room tired and weary from my journey. To my surprise, when I flipped the light switches on, nothing worked except the phone. I called downstairs. "Front desk, can I help you?", asked the receptionist. I explained to her that my

room was completely dark, and nothing was working. She asked for my room number, so I gave it to her. She asked, **"Sir, do you have your card key in the Master slot?"** "What is a Master slot?", I asked. She explained that the Master card slot was mounted on the left-hand side of the wall just as I entered the hotel room. She told me, "Nothing in your room will work sir, until you place your card key into the Master Card key slot." I inserted my card into the



Master slot and **immediately everything worked.** The room was bright and beautiful, which I hadn't noticed before, because it had been dark. Everything (electronically) was tied to that **master card slot!** I even told some others on the pilgrimage about it. **When I removed my card** from the Master card control, **everything stopped working.** The leper in today's Gospel knelt and placed his trust in the Master's Hand and he was immediately healed and made whole spiritually and physically. He was so amazed that he *"began to publicize the whole matter"* Mark 1:45. Our life should be connected to the Master. Do you have your key (**your life**) in the Hands of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ?

◁▷ Dcn. Jenkins

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- _____2. Who was the first Black millionaire in the world?
- _____3. Led the Civil Rights Movement
- _____4. Graduate from Tennessee State University
- _____5. Born in New Orleans, La & created "Madea"
- _____6. First African American to play in Major League Baseball
- _____7. Led hundreds of enslaved people to freedom along the route of the Underground Railroad
- _____8. First licensed Black Pilot in the world.
- _____9. She won 23 golds, 4 silvers, and 3 bronzes
- _____10. Born in Houston, Texas, she was the first African American elected to the Texas Senate after Reconstruction, the first Southern African-American

- A. Bessie Coleman
- B. Oprah Winfrey
- C. Barack Obama
- D. Harriet Tubman
- E. Madam CJ Walker
- F. Simone Biles
- G. Martin Luther King
- H. Jackie Robinson
- I. Barbara Jordan
- J. Tyler Perry



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Answers: 1.(C); 2(E); 3. (G); 4. (B); 5. (J); 6. (H); 7.(D); 8. (A); 9. (F); 10. (I)

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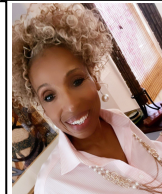


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