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Sat: Vigil 5:00 p.m.

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### 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**

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### 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 07/13/2024 5:00PM People of the Parish SUN. 07/14/2024 7:30AM Kristina M. Chaney (D) Family & Friends SUN. 07/14/2024 10:00AM

Wesley Wiltz (D)

Anna R. Wiltz & Family

MON. 07/15/2024 7:00AM

Alma Nelson (D)

James & Bonnie Jefferson

**TUE. 07/16/2024 7:00AM** *Anita M. Bailey (D)* – Tywanna Navy

**WED.** 07/17/2024 7:00AM *Chalres Nash (L)* – M. Chaney

THUR 07/18/2024 7:00AM

*Jessie J. Bush (D)* – P.A. Piper **FRI 07/19/2024** 

Kristina M. Chaney (D)

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7:00AM

AT 07/20/2024 5:00PM

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### We are the Lord's

God bless each of you who have so generously responded in support of the 2024 Diocesan Services Fund. If you have heard Christ's call and have not yet responded, we urge you to consider offering your commitment at this time.

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# FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two



Summer is a popular time to take a trip, and so it is appropriate that today we hear two readings about traveling. Amos journeys from his home in Judah to prophesy in Bethel, but the authorities

there order him to go elsewhere. Jesus sends the Twelve out to travel across the region, instructing them what to take and what to do on their journey. Let us prepare for our own travels, whether near or far, to do the Lord's work, for we are his disciples now

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

■ Sunday – July 14

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
Amos 7:12-15
Psalm 85:9-14
Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10
Mark 6:7-13

☐ Monday – July 15

Saint Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church Isaiah 1:10-17 Psalm 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23 Matthew 10:34—11:1

Tuesday – July 16

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Isaiah 7:1-9
Psalm 48:2-8
Matthew 11:20-24

**■**Wednesday – July 17

Isaiah 10:5-7, 13-16 Psalm 94:5-10, 14-15 Matthew 11:25-27

■□ Thursday – July 18

Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19 Psalm 102:13-21 Matthew 11:28-30

Friday – July 19

Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8 (Psalm ) Isaiah 38:10-12, 16 Matthew 12:1-8

■■□ Saturday – July 20

Saint Apollinaris, Bishop, Martyr
Micah 2:1-5
Psalm 10:1-4, 7-8, 14
Matthew 12:14-21



### **CCE REGISTRATION**

CCE Registration begins on Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am to 11:30am. Registration will be accepted as follows: Tuesdays, 8/13-9/10, 9am-5pm Wednesdays, 8/14-9/11, 9am-5pm Fridays, 8/16-9/13, 9am-3pm Saturday, 8/17, 10am Sunday, 8/18, 9am

Registration forms are available in the Vestibule of the Church, the Harris Center and the Parish Website. Classes will begin on **September 16<sup>th</sup>** at **6pm** for Jr High and High School Students; Classes will begin on **September 21<sup>st</sup>** at **9:30am** for Pre-K and Elementary Students. If you have any questions call **713-731-2775**.



The 55+ Club will meet in the Harris Center Auditorium on Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm.

### **Men's Discernment Retreat**

July 19-21 at St. Mary's Seminary This retreat is for young adult men, 18-35, to help them consider a vocation to the diocesan priesthood and find out what the life of a seminarian and priest is like. There's opportunity for prayer, community, and honest conversations with priests and seminarians and to discover what God has planned.

### Café Catholica 2024: Home with Him

The Café Catholica summer series is open to all young adults (ages 18-39) and features dynamic speakers, prayer, and socializing. Café Catholica 2024 will be held in person at St. Vincent de Paul (6800 Buffalo Speedway, Houston) on Mondays in July. Each night will include Confession at 5:15 p.m., Mass at 6:15 p.m., Dinner at 7:15 p.m., and Talk at 8:15 p.m. This year's theme is: Home with Him. Come for all or part of the evening! No registration is needed to attend. Donations are accepted.

For more information about this event, go to <a href="www.archgh.org/cafecatholica">www.archgh.org/cafecatholica</a> or contact the Office of Young Adult and Campus Ministry at <a href="wacmaarchgh.org">yacmaarchgh.org</a> or 713-741-8778.



**Frank Laugermann, Sr** passed away on July 4<sup>th</sup> at the age of 102 yrs. He is the Father of Deacon Frank Laugermann, Jr. Arrangements are pending. Eternal rest grant unto his soul.

**Emma Rose LeDay** passed away on July 3<sup>rd</sup> at the age of 72 yrs. She is the sister of Mary Edwards. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated in Crowley, LA. Eternal rest grant unto her soul.



Throughout the month of July, parishes and individuals across the greater Galveston-Houston area will come together to participate in the Annual Black Bag Collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Archdiocesan parishes will hold a special collection during Masses on the weekend of <u>July 20-21, 2024</u>. We ask for your generosity to continue serving our neighbors in need.

# "Together in Holiness" Marriage Conference

Married and engaged couples are invited to the tenth annual Together in Holiness marriage conference on September 28, 2024 from 9:30 am - 4:30 pm at St. Faustina Catholic Church in Fulshear. Cathedral High School in Houston, and St. Helen Catholic Church in Pearland. This one-day conference will help you strengthen your relationship with your spouse and discover God's plan for your family. Visit togetherinholiness.org or email TH@forlifeandfamily.org.

### ATTENDANCE

In-person Mass attendance on Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> was **323**. The 7:30am Livestream received **39** views. Please join us via YouTube Livestream, or bring a friend to come worship with us in the church.

# 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

# Stewardship Reflection

That we may learn from the Apostles to give up our strong attachment to material possessions. "He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick - no food, no sack, no money in their belts." Mark 6:8 Imagine taking nothing but a stick when you go on a trip. The Apostles must have really trusted in God's providential care. Think of all the material things "we can't live without" in today's world. We make our life's journey more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. Putting God first in everything and putting our money and possessions second gives us freedom because we don't become "slaves" to wanting to acquire more things.



### WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY, JULY 17-21 National Eucharistic Congress Indianapolis, IN

Please join us in praying for those who will gather in Indianapolis, IN for the 10th National **Eucharistic** Congress on July 17-21. Hundreds of participants from the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston will join estimated 50,000 other attendees for five days of prayer, liturgies, music, workshops, speakers, and more. The gathering is a milestone moment of a three-year initiative of the USCCB designed to renew the Catholic Church in the U.S. by bringing forth an encounter with the living Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.



### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME(B) July 14, 2024

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. Mark 6:7

# Lessons from ironing clothes and ministering to people

In today's Gospel, Jesus has already chosen the Twelve (Mark 3:14-19). He now sends them out, to preach the message of repentance. We must realize that while Jesus was physically on earth, He was very limited territorially. If our Lord was turning water into wine at a marriage celebration in Cana (John 2:1-12); He could not simultaneously be healing a blind man and telling him to wash in the Pool of Siloam (John 9:1-12). Cana is in Galilee and the Pool of Siloam is in Jerusalem.

The two locations are approximately 80 miles apart. Jesus sent the Twelve out in pairs. He gave them His authority and instructed them to preach repentance, cure those who were sick, and drive out demons. Jesus could now be in six different locations by working through these men. Jesus calls us to preach the Gospel to the lost, to bring His healing to those in need, to confront evil, and to forgive wrong. I want to illustrate this through the chore of ironing clothes.

I still iron clothes and the clothes I have in the basket to iron **represent people**. We all have wrinkles in our lives because we all have sinned (cf. Isaiah 53:6). The **ironing board** represents the **Word of God.** It's the preaching of the Gospel, that brings people to repentance. When you approach a person, you have to say, "God said in His Word, not to do this or not to do that."

The **iron represents the church,** and Christians make up the **church.** Before I start ironing, I must make sure that the iron is **plugged** into the power source. For us to do God's work, we are to be **plugged up to Him; especially when confronting evil.** You can't get a person right **in your strength.** It takes **power to deal with people.** Ephesians 6:10 says, "Be strong in the Lord and **in the power** of His might." Jesus said, "Apart from Me, you can do nothing" John 15:5.

One day I was ironing some clothes and the wrinkles wouldn't come out. I discovered that

there was **no water** in the iron's reservoir. I quickly filled the iron with water. Ephesians 5:18 commands us to "be filled with the Holy Spirit." In today's Second Reading, it tells the Christians that we "were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit" Ephesians 1:13. To straighten people out, you have to be filled with the Holy Spirit. When ironing, you must remember that all clothes are not the same material. On clothes irons, there is a dial that allows you to set the temperature according to the type of fabric. That means you can't deal with everybody the same way. Some folk are linen, others are cotton, and still others are wool or delicate silk. When dealing with different people, we must be flexible with our communication style. If you don't change the setting, you may be too harsh for someone very sensitive. Some people have left the church, because somebody else didn't change to the right setting. A part of discernment is being able to read people.

The final thing to do is press on. You may be getting weary of dealing with the same family members, child, spouse, co-worker, boss, neighbor, but continue to press on. We must remember that Jesus is returning for a church, "without spot or wrinkle" Ephesians 5:27. As we press on, we help people to remove their



wrinkles, and prepare them and ourselves to Meet our Lord and Savior, Jesus, the Christ!

<>< Dcn. Jenkins





Present

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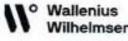




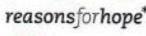
















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What did Herodias tell her daughter to ask for? And what did the

girl request from Herod?





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Baptist



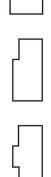
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Ages 7+

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# Trouble for John the Baptist

People were talking about what Jesus and His disciples were doing. King Herod also heard it. Who did they think Jesus was?

Write the first letter of each item on the line.























































OR









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She asked that John the Baptist be killed. King Herod was not happy.

the unhappy face. Circle







Ages 3+

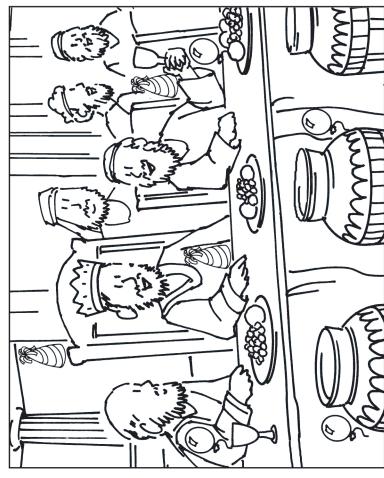
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King Herod had a birthday party.











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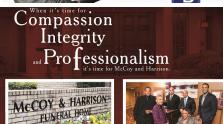
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