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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.

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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

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

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SUN.	05/12/2024	7:30AM
	<i>All Mothers (L/D)</i>	
SUN.	05/12/2024	10:00AM
	<i>All Mothers (L/D)</i>	
MON.	05/13/2024	7:00AM
	<i>Kristina M.Chaney (D)</i>	
	Family & Friends	
TUE.	05/14/2024	7:00AM
	<i>Dalton Comeaux (D)</i>	
	Kenneth & Mable Dyer	
WED.	05/15/2024	7:00AM
	<i>Kristina M.Chaney (D)</i>	
	Family & Friends	
THUR	05/16/2024	7:00AM
	<i>Vivian Willis (D) – Annette Willis</i>	
FRI	05/17/2024	7:00AM
	<i>Betty Biagas Perrodin (D)</i>	
	Patricia Session	
SAT	05/18/2024	5:00PM
	<i>People of the Parish</i>	



Please Pray for...

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ASCENSION OF THE LORD



Ascension of the Lord

Every year on this solemnity we hear the beginning of Acts, the book Luke wrote to cover the period after Jesus leaves them. Before Jesus returns to the Father, he promises them the Holy Spirit, who will remain with them always, enabling them to be his witnesses all over the world. We hear much the same from Mark in today’s Gospel. Jesus has given us our mission and has promised to accompany us in and through the Spirit. Quite simply, what has resulted is the Church, which as Paul writes, is the body of Christ. Let us hear our call in the final words of Jesus to his friends.



Father Richard F. Wagner, SSJ, the oldest Josephite at the Josephite Senior Residence in Washington, DC died April 26. He was 91. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at The Church of the Incarnation in Washington, on May 3, 2024. Eternal Rest Grant unto his soul.



Viola Lucy Johnson, the Aunt of Mary Duplechain, passed away on April 15. She was 98. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at Holy Rosary Church on May 3, 2024. Eternal Rest Grant unto her soul.

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, 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-Camp, Xavier Henry, Randolph J. Navy III, Anthony N. Russell **Air Force:** Samuel Houston, Roderick Jones, Joshua Creeks, Joffre Lander **Marines:** Reginald Ward

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday – May 12**
The Ascension of the Lord
 Acts 1:1-11
 Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
 Ephesians 1:17-23 or 4:1-13
 Mark 16:15-20
- Monday – May 13**
Our Lady of Fatima
 Acts 19:1-8
 Psalm 68:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
 John 16:29-33
- Tuesday – May 14**
St. Matthias, Apostle
 Acts 1:15-17, 20-26
 Psalm 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
 John 15:9-17
- Wednesday – May 15**
St. Isidore
 Acts 20:28-38
 Psalm 68:29-30, 33-35, 35-36
 John 17:11-19
- Thursday – May 16**
 Acts 22:30, 23:6-11
 Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
 John 17:20-26
- Friday – May 17**
 Acts 25:13-21
 Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20
 John 21:15-19
- Saturday – May 18**
St. John I, Pope & Martyr
 Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
 Psalm 11:4, 5 & 7
 John 21:20-25



CONFIRMATION MASS
June 22nd.....5:00pm

55+ Club The 55+ Club will meet in the Harris Center Auditorium on Thursday, May 16th at 2:00pm.



SAVE THE DATE
 May 18, 2024 – 10:00am
 St. Francis of Assisi Church- 5102 Dabney St.
 A Mass of Remembrance honoring Venerable

Henriette DeLille, foundress of The Sisters of Holy Family of New Orleans. Principle Celebrant is Bishop Italo Dell’Oro, CRS; Homilist is Very Rev. Michael L. Thompson, SSJ. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall immediately after Mass. A women’s choir will provide music for the liturgy.



Sisters In the Spirit Women in Red Program
 May 19th @ 3PM
 St. Francis of Assisi Church – 5102 Dabney St
 “We are moving in the spirit with songs”

This will be an uplifting and inspiring event with praise dancers, local choirs, and a special guest appearance by renowned Gospel singer, Karen Zellers Sevier. Everyone is invited. In the spirit of Pentecost Sunday, please wear red.



We are the Lord’s

Next week, we will come together for the Diocesan Services Fund (DSF) Commitment Weekend. DSF supports sixty-four (64) ministries that no one parish can accomplish on its own. Through your donations to DSF, you fulfill the Gospel command to love your neighbor as yourself. To give on-line, go to www.archgh.org/dsf. Help us attain our parish goal of \$69,500.00. We are already one third of the way into the campaign!

Mother's Day Prayer

Heavenly Father,
 from the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way. We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers; for their tenderness, care, and compassion, for their intuition and encouragement, for commitment and sacrifice. Bless all mothers this day. Keep, strengthen, and refresh them in your loving care. May they be blessed by our open-hearted love and gratitude. Amen.



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**

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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 our discipleship is not out of obligation, but rather out of love. “This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” - John 15:12-13 Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?



ATTENTION GRADUATES

If you are a **Registered, Active 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:

- Env No.
- Name of Graduate
- Parent/Guardian
- School Graduating from
- Degree (if applicable)
- School Planning to attend (if applicable)
- Awards (if applicable)

You may include a photo with or without your cap & gown. All Information is needed **NO LATER THAN NOON** on Wednesday, **May 17th**. You may also sign up to participate online at: www.sfxhouston.com



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (B)

May 12, 2024

So then the Lord Jesus, after He spoke to them [His disciples], was taken up into heaven and took His seat at the right hand of God. Mark 16:19

It's alright to move if you have somewhere to go! Jesus' earthly mission has been accomplished. He has appeared to His disciples to prove to them that He had been raised from the dead, and now He is preparing to return to the Father. Before leaving, He first gave His disciples a life-long assignment. *"Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature"* (Mark 16:15) was His commandment to them. As followers of Christ, we **ought to also** proclaim the Gospel to everyone. God wants us to be living witnesses in this dying world. *"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth"* Matthew 28:18. We now have authority (power) to proclaim the Gospel in the whole world. You may say, I can't go geographically throughout the whole world and declare Christ! **Relax. Everyone has a world.** You may be in the world of sports; take the Gospel there, or you may work in the medical world then take the Gospel there. I will never forget when I had to take my Mother in for 6 AM Day Surgery at St. Joseph's Hospital. The admitting nurse was an RN and she noticed that my Mom was frightened. She asked, "Can I pray for you, Mrs. Jenkins?" After the prayer, a peace came over my Mom and when she came out of surgery (I was told) she was singing a Gospel song. That RN had taken the Gospel into **her world of Health care.** Your platform could be the world of politics; tell people about the Gospel in that world. You may be in the world of music; are you taking the Gospel there? Your world may be financial; do the works of the Gospel in that world. Your world could be education; shine the light of Christ there. **When Jesus ascended** to be with the Father, He entered a realm that was above, death, sickness, and suffering. This is **now** our hope and expectation. **We look forward to when we are raised to be with Christ in His Kingdom.** It's an actual place that is beyond sin, imperfection, hatred, and evil. A Pastor's Dad once told him, **"Son, it's alright to move, if you have somewhere to go."**

The great physicist, Dr. Albert Einstein was on a train and the conductor was coming down the aisle punching tickets. He got to Dr. Einstein and said, "Your ticket, please." Einstein began patting himself and checking his pockets looking for his ticket. "I don't have my ticket, I don't know where it is", said Einstein to the



conductor. "That's okay Dr. Einstein, we know you paid, it's alright", said the conductor. He continued down the aisle punching tickets. The conductor happened to look back and he saw Einstein on his hands and knees looking under his seat for his ticket. He said, "Dr. Einstein we know you paid for your ticket, you don't have to look for it." Dr. Einstein said, "Young Man, I know that you know I paid for my ticket, **but I don't know where I am going. I got to find that ticket!**

Do you know where you are going **after you die?** As disciples of Christ, it is our mission **now**, not to stand around looking at the sky (Acts 1:11), but to tell others of a Kingdom free of pain, racism, and violence. We **all** will spend eternity somewhere. Jesus said, *"I go and prepare a place for you...so that where I am you also may be"* John 14:2-3. **I have somewhere to move to after this life.** I believe, trust, and hope to spend eternity with my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! <> Dcn. Jenkins

SAVE THE DATE

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
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Health Ministry Presents

The Spring Forum and Medical Scholarship Luncheon

Theme:

Hats On, Hats Off, to Good Health!

May 18, 2024

Featuring Mistress of Ceremony, Ms. Donna Franklin of KTSU

Doors Open at 10:00am

Event begins at 11:00am

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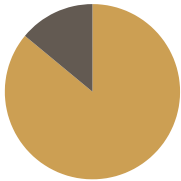


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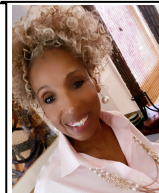


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