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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 (Tue - Fri): 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.

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YouTube: St. Francis Xavier Houston VISITATION OF THE SICK

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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 07/19/2025 5:00PM

Joseph & Earlene Duplechaine (D)

The Duplechaine Family

SUN 07/20/2025 7:30AM

People of the Parish

SUN 07/20/2025 10:00AM

Joseph & Mary Zenon (D)

The Zenon Family

TUE 07/22/2025 7:00AM

Ezzard Sam (D) – Tywanna Navy

WED 07/23/2025 7:00AM

Birthday Blessings for Khanh Ngo & For Return back to God (L)—Kieunhi Nguyen

THUR 07/24/2025 7:00AM *Vocations*

 FRI
 07/25/2025
 7:00AM

 John L. Stewart (D) - Sisters & Brother
 SAT
 07/26/2025
 5:00PM

 Deceased Family Members (D)
 Wanda Johnson





WILLIAM BILL ARCENEAUX 1951 - 2025



Betty Davis passed away on July 11, 2025 at the age of 86. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, July 25, 2025 at 10:00am. Viewing will begin at 8:45am. Interment will take place at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery on Monday, July 28, 2025. Eternal rest grant unto her soul and may perpetual light shine upon her. Amen.



Donald Abraham, Akaycia Addison, Azielee & Nathan Addison IV, Emmoree Addison, Kayne Addison, Lauren

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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: Sade Beck, Wadie Troy Butler, Patrick Clay Jr, Kalah A. Guidry, Angel Guillory, 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, Alexander Guillory Jr, Courtney Harris, Nia D. Hawkins-Camp, Xavier Henry, Anthony N. Russell

Air Force: Samuel Houston, Roderick Jones, Joshua Creeks, Joffre Lander Marines: Reginald Ward

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



In the first reading, Abraham and Sarah offer hospitality to three travelers, one of whom foresees a momentous event. For Paul, the momentous event is Christ winning us

salvation, salvation that is offered to all. In the Gospel, sisters Martha and Mary offer hospitality to Jesus, but take on different roles while he visits. Let us show God's word hospitality, listening attentively and prayerfully.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

■Sunday – July 20

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gn 18:1-10
Psalm 15:2-5
Col 1:24-28
Luke 10:38-42

■ Monday – July 21

St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest,
Doctor
Ex 14:5-18
Psalm 15:1-6
Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday – July 22
St. Mary Magdalene

Sg 3:1-4 or 2 Cor 5:14-17 Psalm 63:2-6, 8-9 John 20:1-2, 11-18

□ Wednesday – July 23

St. Bridget, Religious Ex 16:1-5, 9-15 Psalm 78:18-19, 23-28 Matthew 13:1-9

□□Thursday – July 24

St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20 (Ps) Daniel 3:52-56 Matthew 13:10-17

Friday July 25

St James, Apostle 2 Cor 4:7-15 Psalm 126:1-6 Matthew 20:20-28

□ Saturday July 26

Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ex 24:3-8 Psalm 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15 Matthew 13:24-30



CCE Registration will began on July 26-27 after all Masses. Registration continues Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 9:00am to 4:30pm and Fridays from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

August 2 – Post Confirmation Retreat 10:00am (Includes last 5 years & OCIA Students)



Congratulations to our Confirmands! His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Auxiliary Bishop of Galveston-Houston, was the Main Celebrant for the Confirmation Mass on Saturday, July 13, 2025. Five (5) candidates received the Sacrament of Confirmation.



Bottom Row (L-R): Unella Baber-*DRE*, **Marcel Charles Barras**, Mary Clara Barras-*Sponsor*, Vy Rev Michael L. Thompson, SSJ-*Pastor*, **Rihanna Neveah Smith**, Zelma Singleton-*Sponsor*, Deacon Darryl K. Drenon.

Top Row (L-R): JoAnne Henderson-Cathechist. Naomi Obhehi Knighten, Rodney Rodell Henry, Noah Oseghale Knighten, Mary Zenon-Cathechist, Angela Duplechain-Sponsor, Ruth Thomas-Cathechist, Elaine Lewis-Cathechist and Louis Hill-Cathechist.

KPC SCHOLARSHIPS

KPC Unit #138 Scholarship Applications are available in the vestibule of the church. Applications are due back no later than July 31, 2025.

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Drawing: October 19, 2025 Winner Need Not be Present!

BAZAAR TEAM MEETING

The next Bazaar Planning Meeting will be held on **August 5th**, at 6:00p.m. in the Harris Center Auditorium.

Dest Cry Out with JOY THE LORD!

True joy in the Lord compels us to give back and share what we have. When we *Cry Out with Joy to the Lord!* we are inspired to open our hearts and hands, supporting ministries that bring hope and help to those in need. Our Parish Goal this year is \$74,300.00. We have paid 35% of our goal, \$25,750.31. We have a balance of \$48,549.69. Please consider making your gift today! Pick up a pew envelope in the church, or go to SCAN HERE TO GIVE www.archgh.org/dsf,

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make a donation.

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 have the courage to share our faith

That we have the courage to share our faith with those closest to us. "...I am a minister in accordance with God's stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God." Colossians 1:25 We are all called to evangelize – to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel. Our faith is more attractive to others by our actions than by our words alone. We may not be called to evangelize like St. Paul, but we should look for opportunities to share our faith through our actions and words, especially with those closest to us, like our family, friends and neighbors. Pray for the courage to joyfully express your faith the next time the opportunity arises.



ATTENDANCE

In-person Mass attendance on Saturday, July 12th and Sunday, July 13th was **54** and the 7:30am Sunday Mass Livestream received **511** views. Please join us via YouTube Livestream, or bring a friend to come worship with us in the church.



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

July 20, 2025

Let us not just DO for Jesus, but let us BE with Him

Happy Sunday! In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus visits the home of Martha and Mary. Martha is busy with hospitality, serving the Lord and His disciples. Mary, on the other hand, simply sits at Jesus' feet and listens.

At first glance, it might seem like Martha is doing the right thing. After all, she's working hard to care for Jesus. But she's anxious, overwhelmed, and frustrated. And when she complains, Jesus gently responds: "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part..."

Jesus isn't criticizing Martha's service; He's inviting her to something deeper.

Mary understood that the most important thing wasn't *doing* for Jesus, it was *being* with Him.

Many of us live like Martha. We stay busy...even in our serving or our ministry. We serve others, volunteer at church, help our families. These are good things. But if we're not careful, we can become so preoccupied with serving that we forget to <u>sit</u> with the One we're serving.

Brothers and sisters, the main point is clear: let us not just DO for Jesus, but let us BE with Him.

This Gospel, when paired with last week's parable of the Good Samaritan, offers a <u>balanced</u> image of discipleship. Last week was about action, "go and do likewise." This week is about presence, 'come and sit with Me.'

Both are essential. But the foundation of everything we do must be our relationship with Jesus.

So how do we "be with Him"?

- Begin your day in prayer: even 10 quiet minutes can change your outlook.
- Read a short passage of Scripture and reflect.
- Pray the Rosary or spend time in Eucharistic Adoration.
- Most importantly, make time for stillness and listen.

Jesus doesn't just want your work. He wants your heart.

Let us not just do for Jesus, but let us be with Him. Amen.

Deacon Darryl

2025 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



BRIONNE DRENON 9th Grade - St. Agnes Academy \$1,000.00 Award



JASON PEUGH 9th Grade - St. Thomas High School \$1,000.00 Award



JOSHUA PEUGH 9th Grade - St. Thomas High School \$1,000.00 Award



CAMERON MARSHALL Sophomore Industrial Engineering Major Louisiana State University \$2,000.00 Award



HANNAH WASHINGTON Sophomore Liberal Arts & Sciences Major **Emory University** \$2,000.00 Award



MACKENZIE PEUGH Junior Health Sciences Major **Rice University** \$2,000.00 Award



DESTINI DA'NEE BELL Junior Psychology Major **Texas Tech University** \$2,000.00 Award



Thank you to the Evans Family (represented by Willie Mae Evans) for establishing the Lionel Evans Scholarship Fund which will fund \$2,000.00 of our University Scholarship Awards. We also want to thank an anonymous Donor who is matching \$1500.00 of our Catholic High School Scholarship Awards. We encourage more of our parishioners to consider matching funds as a way of increasing our scholarship awards next year.



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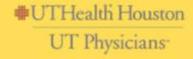
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Drop-off Locations – Church Vestibule (Saturday and Sundays before or after Mass) OR Parish Office – During office hours for school supplies and financial donations either in person or through the drop box (7 days a week).

Come on everyone, let's show Sunnyside and surrounding areas how much we care!!!

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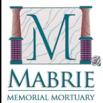
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