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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

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

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Thursdays: 7:00p.m.

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4th Saturdays: 12:00 Noon

CHOIR DIRECTOR:

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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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SAT	08/08/2026	5:00PM
<i>Soul of Florence McChristian (D)</i> Phyllis Moore		
SUN	08/09/2026	7:30AM
<i>Ezzard Sam (D)</i> Stanley & Regina Sam		
SUN	08/09/2026	10:00AM
<i>The Gabriel – Lockett Families (D)</i> The Family		
TUE	08/11/2026	7:00AM
<i>Anniversary of Death for Joseph Nguyen (D)</i> Kieunhi Nguyen		
WED	08/12/2026	7:00AM
<i>Cynthia & Robin Charles & Sons (L)</i> Cynthia Charles		
THUR	08/13/2026	7:00AM
<i>George J. Breaux (D) – Betty Burney</i>		
FRI	08/14/2026	7:00AM
<i>Larry P. Stephenson (D)</i> The Stephenson Family		
SAT	08/15/2026	5:00PM
<i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin</i> People of the Parish		



The Church celebrates the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** on August 15th. Because this day falls on a Saturday this year, it is **not** a Holy Day of Obligation. On November 1, 1950, Pius XII defined the dogma of the Assumption. Thus, he solemnly proclaimed that the belief whereby the Blessed Virgin Mary, at the close of her earthly life, was taken up, body and soul, into the glory of heaven, definitively forms part of the deposit of faith, received from the Apostles. To avoid all that is uncertain the Pope did not state either the manner or the circumstances of time and place in which the Assumption took place—only the fact of the Assumption of Mary, body and soul, into the glory of heaven, is the matter of the definition.



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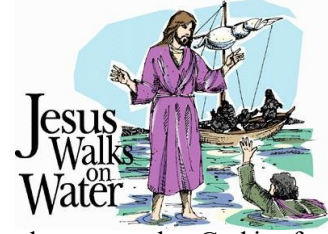
Lord, we pray for all our military service members who put their own lives on the line to protect our families and country.

Army: Sade Beck, Jacc Blanks, Wadie Troy Butler, Patrick Clay Jr, Kalah A. Guidry, Angel Guillory, LaTroy King, Essence McMillan, Gary Christian Robertson, Anthony Lamar Smith II

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Marines: Reginald Ward

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The divine presence may be heralded by loud and violent natural phenomena, but God is often found in quiet and gentle gestures. Amid fire and earthquakes, Elijah finds the Lord in a tiny whisper. During a raging storm, Peter hears Jesus tenderly inviting him to come to him. May today's readings remind us that we may have to strain to hear God's voice and we may even doubt the words we hear, but we should remain aware that at any time the Lord may be calling us.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK**Sunday – August 9**

1 Kgs 19:9, 11-13

Ps 85:9-14

Rom 9:1-5

Mt 14:22-33

Monday – August 10

Saint Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr

2 Cor 9:6-10

Ps 112:1-2, 5-9

Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday – August 11

Saint Clare, Virgin

Ez 2:8—3:4

Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131

Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday – August 12

Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22

Ps 113:1-6

Mt 18:15-20

Thursday – August 13

Saint Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

Ez 12:1-12

Ps 78:56-59, 61-62

Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday – August 14

St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63

(Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6

Mt 19:3-12

Saturday August 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10

Ps 45:10-12, 16

1 Cor 15:20-27

Lk 1:39-56

**2026-2027 CCE REGISTRATION**

2026-2027 CCE Registration will be accepted in the CCE Office as follows:

Tues & Wed - 9:00am to 5:00pm

Fri - 9:00am to 3:00pm

Classes will begin on Monday, **August 10th** at **6:00pm** for Jr High and High School Students and on Saturday, **August 15th** at **9:30am** for Pre-K and Elementary Students. Call (713) 731-2775 for additional information.

2026-2027 OCIA REGISTRATION

Classes will begin on Thursday, **August 13th** at **6:00pm**. The Registration Form can be found on the Parish Website:

www.sfxhouston.com

**SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ASPIRING STUDENTS**

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Gold and Silver Wedding Jubilee Masses

The Office of Family Life Ministry has set the 2026 Jubilee Masses for married couples celebrating 25- or 50- year milestone anniversaries. Both Masses will be held at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 1111 St. Joseph Pkwy, Houston, TX 77002.

For couples celebrating **50 years** of marriage, the Mass will be Sunday, **September 20**, Celebrant Bishop Italo Dell'Oro, CRS; use this link for more information or to register:

<https://archgh.swoogo.com/50WAJ26>

For couples celebrating **25 years** of marriage, the Mass will be Sunday, **October 11**, Celebrant Archbishop Joe S. Vasquez; use this link for more information or to register:

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**Honoring Our Seniors**

Congratulations to the winners of the *Annual Sick, Shut-In & Senior Citizens Luncheon and Prayer Service Bingo*:

- Ruthie Coleman
- Helen Griffin
- Rose Nunez
- Paul Ledet
- Martha Thompson
- Gene Robinson
- Karen Higgins



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Stewardship Reflection

That we respond obediently to God's call and have the confidence to walk on water. "He said, 'Come.' Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus." - Matthew 14:29 When you hear Jesus calling, do you responded immediately and trust that He knows what He's doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say "yes" to Jesus, we feel the power of his presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.

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ATTENDANCE

In-person Mass attendance on Saturday, August 1st and Sunday, August 2nd was **473**. The 7:30am Mass Livestream on Sunday received **102** views. Please join us via YouTube Livestream or bring a friend to come and worship with us in the church.



Some reflections inspired by online copyrighted commentaries and homilies

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's gospel reading, Peter does something unexpected in terms of being adventurous. He steps out of his boat and begins to walk towards Jesus across the water. Walking on water is not something any of us would attempt. We need solid ground under us, even if it is steep solid ground. Yet, at a more symbolic level, Peter's walking on water can be an image of our lives from time to time. There are times in our lives when we can feel that the ground on which we stand is not particularly solid. We often use expressions related to walking or standing to express this.

We sometimes say, for example, 'I'm not sure of the ground I'm walking on or 'I don't know where I stand,' when we are perplexed or confused about something. You hear people saying that it was like 'walking on eggshells to describe a difficult conversation or meeting that they had with someone. Others speak about feeling as if 'the rug was pulled from under them' to describe some deeply hurtful experience. Most of the time, we try to avoid these kinds of experiences that leave us feeling vulnerable. We often feel the urge to seek out solid ground and stay there at all costs.

Yet, there are times when we may need to step off our solid ground onto something that appears less secure. In the gospel reading, in response to Peter's invitation, Jesus called Peter to step out of the boat and to come towards him across the water. Surely it would have been safer for Peter to stay in the boat, even if the sea were rough and the wind was strong. Why would Peter want to step out of the relative safety of his boat and to walk towards Jesus, and why would Jesus encourage him to do so, calling on him to 'come'? Was this not a little silly on his behalf? Perhaps the evangelist is reminding us through this story that following Jesus, walking after him or towards him, will sometimes mean stepping out of our boat, stepping out in faith, the place where we feel secure, and launching out into the deep, as it were.

Paul is an exceptionally good example of that. He was very secure in his Jewish religion, in today's second reading, he speaks of his brothers of Israel in very emotional tones. Yet, in response to the Lord's call, he left the security of the Jewish tradition, where he was completely at home, and he headed out into something

that must have seemed much less secure. Paul stepped out of the boat, like Peter, in response to the Lord's call.

Today's gospel reading invites us to reflect on the ways that the Lord may be calling us to take some new step in our relationship with him. When it comes to our faith, to our relationship with the Lord, it can be tempting to stay put, to keep to what we know, to hold on to what is familiar to us. Yet, the Lord is always calling us to 'come'; he is constantly inviting us to grow in our relationship with him, to offer ourselves to him in new ways, to step out of our familiar boat and to test the water, so to speak. The Lord's call to 'come' will take different forms for different people. It may be an invitation to grow in our understanding of our faith through reading, reflection, and study, or to use our gifts in a new way within the parish community. It might take the form of a call to become more prayerful, more attuned to the gentle breeze of the Lord's voice, referred to in today's first reading, or a call to take some step to become reconciled with someone from whom we have been estranged for a long time.

When we respond to that call of the Lord, when we step out into a new domain, our experience can be a little like that of Peter in the gospel reading. We might sense that we are now out of our depth; we can begin to feel that we are sinking. We wonder why we ever left the boat in the first place, why we did not just stay put.

Today's gospel reading, however, assures us that whenever we respond to the Lord's invitation to 'come follow me,' he will be there to support us when the journey becomes difficult. Even when we show ourselves to be people of little faith along the way and begin to doubt him, the Lord does not lose faith in us. He will hear us when we cry out to him, 'Lord save me,' and he will reach out to hold us firm and prevent us from sinking. The one who calls us to journey towards him does not then leave us to our own devices when we respond to his call. He journeys with us, and if we keep turning towards him, we too, like Peter and the disciples, will find ourselves exclaiming, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'



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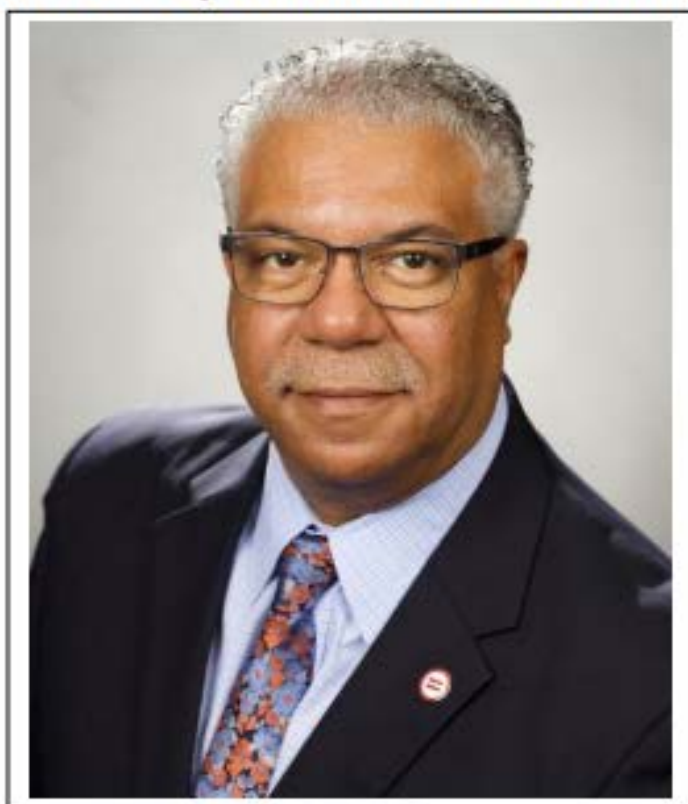
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Wednesday – August 12, 2026

Judson W. Robinson III

President & CEO, Houston Area Urban League



7pm – 8pm

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