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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.

CHOIR REHEARSALS:

Adult Choirs

Wednesdays: 6:30p.m. Thursdays: 7:00p.m.

Youth Choir

4th Saturdays: 12:00 Noon

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MISSION STATEMENT

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.

YouTube: St. Francis Xavier Houston VISITATION OF THE SICK

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.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please contact a priest a minimum of six months prior to your proposed wedding

WELCOME VISITORS/NEWCOMERS

To register, call or come by the parish office or visit our website at:www.sfxhouston.com



MASS INTENTIONS

 SAT
 08/02/2025
 5:00PM

 Deacon Albert Henry (D) - The Family

 SUN
 08/03/2025
 7:30AM

 The Mayon Brothers (D)

Alton Mayon Family

SUN 08/03/2025 10:00AM

Mable Lee Chavis (D)

The Edward Ray Chavis Family

TUE 08/05/2025 7:00AM *Anna Mai (D)* – Kieunhi Nguyen

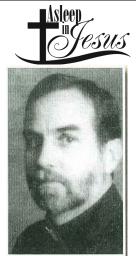
WED 08/06/2025 7:00AM

Inez Ellis (D) – Nieces & Nephews

THUR 08/07/2025 7:00AM *Timothy Burris (L)* – Stephanie Goodwin

FRI 08/08/2025 7:00AM Ben Williams, Sr. (D) - Red R. Simpson SAT 08/09/2025 5:00PM

People of the Parish



Rev. Brian P. Fox, SSJ passed away on July 28, 2025 at the age of 79. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, August 6, 2025 at 10:00am. Viewing will begin at 8:30am. A Repast will be held in the Parish Hall immediately following the Mass. Burial will take place at Paradise North Cemetery. Father Fox was the Pastor here at St. Francis Xavier Church from 1991 to 1999. He was Retired and in residence at St. Dominic Village. Eternal rest grant unto his soul, O Lord, and perpetual light shine upon him.



TRISTON JAMES DAVIS, SR 1956 - 2025



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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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Vanities of vanities," we hear right off the bat today, a condemnation of our inclination to labor and obsess over the many

material goods we have or hope to accumulate. In the Gospel, Jesus invites us to listen to a parable that addresses this pointless avarice. We get to hear the surprise awaiting the rich man whose harvest was so huge, his barns couldn't hold it. In between, we hear Saint Paul's advice to the Colossians: "seek what is above." It's too late for the rich man in Jesus's parable, but it's always timely advice for us.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

■ Sunday – August 3

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23
Psalm 90:3-6, 12-14, 17
Col 3:1-5, 9-11
Luke 12:13-21

☐ Monday – August 4

Nm 11:4-15 Psalm 81:12-17 Matthew 14:13-21

■ Tuesday – August 5

The Dedication of the Basilica of
Saint Mary Major
Nm 12:1-13
Psalm 51:1 3-7, 12-13
Matthew 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

☐ Wednesday – August 6

The Transfiguration of the Lord
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14
Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 9
2 Pt 1:16-19
Luke 9:28-36

■■□Thursday – August 7

St Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest Nm 20:1-13 Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9

Matthew 16:13-23 ☐ Friday August 8

Saint Dominic, Priest
Dt 4:32-40
Psalm 77:12-16, 21

Matthew 16:24-28

■■□ Saturday August 9

Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin, Martyr Dt 6:4-13 Psalm 18:2-4, 47, 51 Matthew 17:14-20



CCE REGISTRATION

CCE Registration begins this weekend after all Masses. Registration will continue as follows:

Tuesdays, 8/5-9/16, 9am-4:30pm Wednesdays, 8/6-9/17, 9am-4:30pm Fridays, 8/8-9/19, 9:00am-3:00pm Sat & Sun, 8/23-8/24-After all Masses

Registration forms are available in the Vestibule of the Church, the Harris Center and the Parish Website. Classes will begin on Monday, **September 22nd at 6:00pm** for Jr High and High School Students and on Saturday, **September 27th at 9:30am** for Pre-K and Elementary Students. Call (713) 731-2775 for additional information.



The Knights of Peter Claver & Ladies Auxiliary and St. Francis Xavier Church

will host the Annual Sick, Shut-In & Senior Citizens Luncheon and Prayer Service (With Anointing) on Wednesday, August 5, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lunch is free but you must sign up to attend. The Sign-up Sheet is available in the vestibule of the church. You may also call the Parish Office at (713) 738-2311 during regular business hours.



The Journey to Second Chance Ministry will meet on Wednesday, **August** 6st at

6:00pm in the Harris Center Auditorium.

TRANSFIGURATION

August 6th is the Feast of the Transfituration of the Lord. The Transfiguration foretells the glory of the Lord as God, and His Ascension into heaven. It anticipates the glory of heaven, where we shall see God face to face. Through grace, we already share in the divine promise of eternal life.

ATTENDANCE

In-person Mass attendance on Saturday, July 26th and Sunday, July 27th was **453**. The 7:30am Livestream received **33** views. Please join us via YouTube Livestream, or bring a friend to come worship with us in the church.

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Go to: https://www.church.faithdirect.net/forms/index/632 or Scan the QR Code to purchase Tickets online.



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



The 2025 Fall Bazaar is scheduled for Sunday, October 19, 2025. The

next Bazaar Planning Meeting will be held on **August 5th**, at 6:00pm in the Harris Center Auditorium. All Volunteers are encouraged to attend.

- Important information regarding Health Department guidelines will be discussed.
- Volunteers will receive details on requirements for Entry Gate access.
- Orders for Volunteer T-Shirts will be taken. Payment is required to place an order. The cost of the T-Shirts are based on size:

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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 may remember that the many

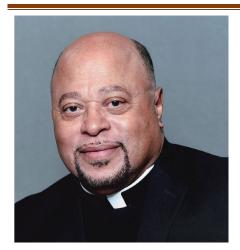
possessions we strive to acquire are worthless in the eyes of the Lord. "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." Luke 12:15 The Gospel message is contrary to modern culture that continually tries to convince us that our joy comes from the material things we possess. That the more we acquire, the happier we will be. Jesus shows us that our true joy comes from our "invisible" gifts like love, mercy and forgiveness. True joy comes from "emptying" ourselves, giving of ourselves rather than always taking. We are called not to hoard but to share. True joy comes from living a grateful and generous lifestyle; become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

Est 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, or scan the QR Code to make a donation. No matter the size of your gift, every dollar goes a long way!







Some reflections inspired by online copyrighted

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Reading from the Gospel of Luke teaches us that life does not consist in the abundance of possessions. A rich and meaningful life cannot be drawn out of an abundance of material possessions.

On this date, throughout the world, there will be a variety of reactions towards today's Gospel Reading. For some, the reading shall come as a shock. For they believe that all what counts in their lives is the accumulation of their assets, their houses, their properties, their financial investments, their cars, their cottages, their boats, etc...

Some might be deeply touched. They will perceive a calling to the Priesthood or Religious Life. Consequently, they will sell all their possessions, and they will join a Religious Order, like The Josephites, so they can accumulate spiritual riches through service. Some among the extremely rich, will prepare to enjoy their wealth at a later time, they might have their bodies frozen with cryogenics at once following their deaths in the hope of being resurrected at a later time when a cure can be found for their illnesses. Some, after the celebration of the Holy Mass and hearing the excellent sermon, they will go home and start working on their Last Will and burial arrangements. They will attempt to decide to who their wealth should be distributed to, sorting the wise from the fools. Then they will hope that after their death, their wish will be carried out, with no one challenging their Last Will in a Court of Law. For others, the Word of God will enter one ear and go out the other one. They have failed to perceive the spiritual wisdom of God in this Sunday readings.

Considering all these different reactions, it is obvious that possessions, although they are transient, worthless, and empty, they have a strange influence on the human mindset.

Today's First Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes questioned what we as mortals get from all the toil and strain that we endure under the sun, when at death, we must leave everything behind for someone else to enjoy it. These people, they did not work for all that wealth that they inherit. That St Paul tells us is "vanity" in the sense of "worthlessness." What good is something if we cannot enjoy it? It is no different than the rich man who build large barns to store all his grain and his goods, in the hope of relaxing, eating, drinking and being merry. Then, on that very night, his life was demanded of him. In view of this, there is a reason to detest our hard labor. It is because we cannot take it with us, having to leave it to beneficiaries.

It is different for those who toil for spiritual labor. Their recompense is being accumulated in Heaven, their rewards waiting for them on judgment day. Their spiritual treasures will never be taken from them. Today's Second Reading affirms this. We heard

the teaching of Saint Paul, who said in His Letter to the Colossians, "Seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God."

Having been raised with Christ. In Him, we find the perfect image of God. Jesus is the perfect pattern of life for we who have been baptized. He is our reason for continuously seeking an interior renovation in His image as the new disciple with Christ as the head of a new humanity, the Christian community. Through Him, all the social barriers no longer stand between Gods people. Races, cultures, or state of life no longer divide us. There is no barrier in gender, male or female; in age, whether young or old; in social status, being rich or poor; in our medical conditions, one being healthy or sick, or even one being free or in prison. Christ breaks down such distinctions. He is all and in all. Christ is all that matters

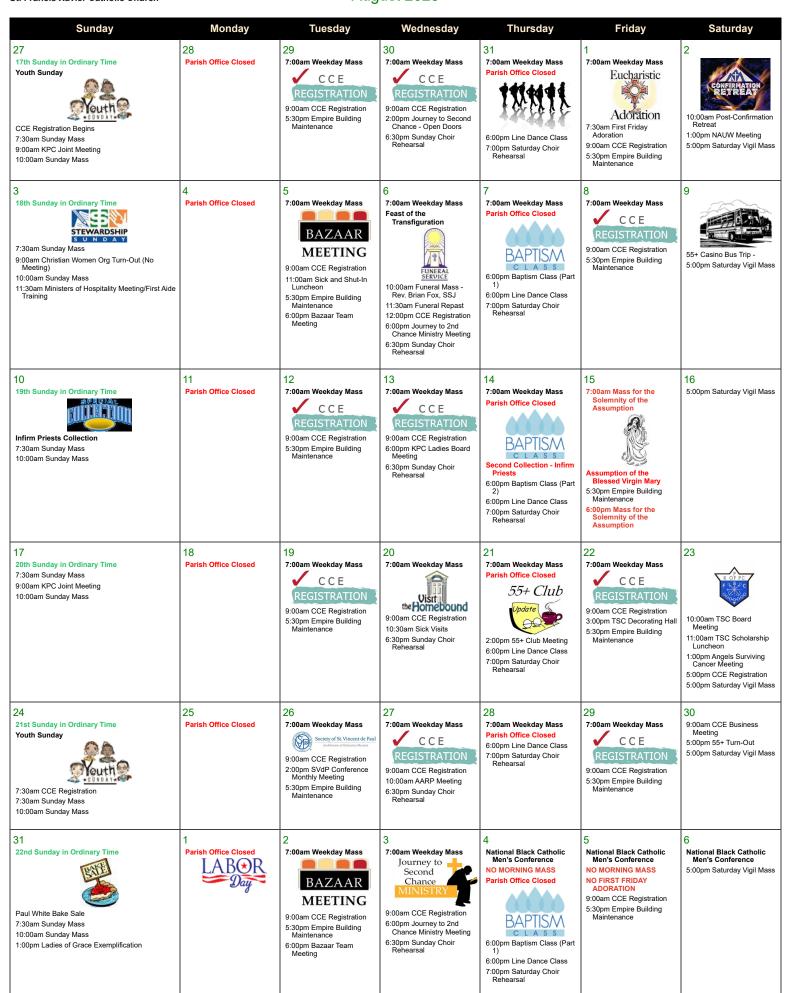
Now, since life does not consist in the abundance of possessions, how do we accumulate spiritual treasures in Heaven? We accumulate spiritual treasures in Heaven by our acts of love towards others, by our acts of charity, through the goodness that we manifest towards our neighbors in the love of Jesus. What we do to others, we do to Christ.

How do we store our treasures in heaven? There are many ways of accumulating treasures in Heaven. Yes, there are! By giving alms, and acts of kindness, your deeds are recorded in Heaven. By helping the elders to get to Church on Sunday or by providing them with transportation so they can do their weekly shopping of groceries, such deeds are recorded in Heaven. By helping the handicaps with their special needs or by being a friend to the outcast, God will notice your goodness. These are just a few examples of many ways through which we can manifest love towards Jesus, by manifesting love towards our brothers and sisters.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, Jesus simply wants us to live out his instructions. "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust will consume them and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consume and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." [Mt. 6:19-21]

This week, by the grace of the Heavenly Father, the power of the Holy Spirit, in the Name of Jesus, let us move forward on our spiritual journey with a new outlook. May our commitment be, to accumulate as many treasures in Heaven as we can. In the end when we are called home to God, we can rest well assured that we will not regret anything we left behind.

Vy. Rev. Michael L. Thompson, SSI





ST. FRANCIS XAVIER FAMILY celebrates AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST 1

Maria Chevalier Ezekiel Ocloo AUGUST 2

Genovia Johnson Ricky Peters

AUGUST 3

Joyce Davis Nora Garner Logan A. Joshua Britni Thompson Elizabeth Wiley Janice Woods

AUGUST 4
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Shameka Phillips

AUGUST 5

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Ann Kennerson
Paula Parker
Justin Sam
AUGUST 6

Harold Hudson Yevettes Lewis AUGUST 7

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AUGUST 9

Ashley Lewis Lorlee Owusu Lisa Pickett Jakeis Woodson

AUGUST 10
Andrew Boutte

Andrew Boutte Emeriik Harleaux Adamaley Johnson Naushua Peters Janice Russell AUGUST 11

Jrue Givenchi Tapp Elizabeth Williams

AUGUST 12 Asiaa McQueen Josephine Wiltz AUGUST 13

Tiffnie Clark
AUGUST 14

Kathleen Ellis

Jouana Harris-Livings

AUGUST 15

Charnika Barras LaFrance Gremillion Erma Taylor

Samuel Wiley AUGUST 16

Micah Guerrero Margaret Guillory AUGUST 16

Theresa Savoie Jonathan Trim AUGUST 17 Lashan Bland AUGUST 18 Juanita Davila

Joann Lasane

Earline Montgomery

Andrea Neal
Marva Pellican
Fondra Sam
Larry Taylor
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Barbara Laugerma

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Catherine Guidry
AUGUST 26

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AUGUST 28

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AUGUST 29

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AUGUST 30
Reatrice Burre

Beatrice Burrell Patrick Prejean Ricky Riles Adeline Young AUGUST 31

Bonnie Jefferson



THE MONTH OF AUGUST (IN WEDDING DATE ORDER

AUGUST 3

Dave & Daphne Moss (51 yrs)

AUGUST 5

Donald & Margaret Guillory (40 yrs) Michael & Kerlene Simms (28 yrs)

AUGUST 7

Larry & Yevettes Lewis (48 yrs)

AUGUST 8

Christopher & Angela Addison-Pena (12 yrs)

AUGUST 9

Joseph & Fondra Sam (37 yrs)

AUGUST 10

Wallace & Ingrid Singleton (57 yrs)
Joseph and Louella Henry Bernard (14 yrs)

AUGUST 19

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AUGUST 20

Homer & Margaret Chaney (63 yrs) Curtis & Monica Trotman (37 yrs) **AUGUST 21**

Alvin & Roselen Edwards (60 yrs)

AUGUST 22

Dcn Darryl & Margaret Drenon (38 yrs)

AUGUST 23

Charles & Clara Ames (50 yrs)

AUGUST 24

Darrell & Sharon Bunch (38 yrs) Michael & Gina Pierre (40 yrs)

AUGUST 26

Ernest & Jennifer Johnson (45 yrs)

AUGUST 23

Leroy & Mary Harris (23 yrs)

AUGUST 29

Kenneth & Whittney Batiste (5 yrs)

AUGUST 30

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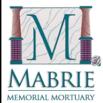
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