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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.*

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Vy. Rev. Michael Thompson, SSJ

## DEACONS:

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Darryl K. Drenon

Frank J. Laugermann (Retired)

## PARISH SECRETARY

Shirley M. Foreman.....x113

## DIR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Unella Baber.....x103

## ADULT FORMATION (OCIA)

Deacon Michael V. Jenkins

## SVdP FOOD PANTRY

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## CONTRIBUTIONS/MEMBERSHIP

Agnes Thompson

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Curtis Jones

## 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

4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays: 12:00 Noon

## CHOIR DIRECTORS:

Jerry Givens 281.772.9276

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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<i>Deacon Albert Henry (D)- The Family</i>		
<b>SUN</b>	<b>06/22/2025</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>
<i>People of the Parish</i>		
<b>SUN</b>	<b>06/22/2025</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>
<i>Shirley Foreman (L) – Special Intention</i>		
<b>TUE</b>	<b>06/24/2025</b>	<b>7:00AM</b>
<i>David K. Simpson (D) - Red R. Simpson</i>		
<b>WED</b>	<b>06/25/2025</b>	<b>7:00AM</b>
<i>Herbert Goodwin, Jr. (D)</i>		
<i>The Goodwin Family</i>		
<b>THUR</b>	<b>06/26/2025</b>	<b>7:00AM</b>
<i>Earlene Duplechaine (D)</i>		
<i>Tywanna Navy</i>		
<b>FRI</b>	<b>06/27/2025</b>	<b>7:00AM</b>
<i>Willard J. McKinley (D)</i>		
<i>Keith McKinley</i>		
<b>SAT</b>	<b>06/28/2025</b>	<b>5:00PM</b>
<i>Kenneth &amp; Lorita Shields (L)</i>		
<i>Lorita M. Shields</i>		



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### MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



In the first reading and the responsorial psalm, we are reminded of Melchizedek, the first priest mentioned in the Bible. He brought Abraham bread and wine, the same food and drink that Jesus transformed into his body and blood. The Gospel story of the feeding of the multitudes through the multiplication of five loaves and two fish reminds us that God's generosity is overflowing, able to satisfy us all. Let us listen to God's word, so we can go out and become the body of Christ for a world hungering for God's goodness



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1938-2025



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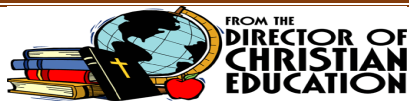
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**Air Force:** Samuel Houston, Roderick Jones, Joshua Creeks, Joffre Lander

**Marines:** Reginald Ward

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday – June 22**  
*Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ*  
Genesis 14:18-20  
Psalm 110:1-4  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
Luke 9:11-17
- Monday – June 23**  
Genesis 12:1-9  
Psalm 33:12-13, 18-20, 22  
Matthew 7:1-5
- Tuesday – June 24**  
*The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist*  
Isaiah 49:1-6  
Psalm 139:1-3, 13-15  
Acts 13:22-26  
Luke 1:57-66, 80
- Wednesday – June 25**  
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18  
Psalm 105:1-4, 6-9  
Matthew 7:15-20
- Thursday – June 26**  
Genesis 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6-12, 15-16  
Psalm 106:1-5  
Matthew 7:21-29
- Friday June 27**  
*The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*  
Ezra 34:11-16  
Psalm 23:1-6  
Romans 5:5-11  
Luke 15:3-7
- Saturday June 28**  
*The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Mary Virgin; Saint Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr, Doctor of the Church*  
Genesis 18:1-15  
(Psalm) Luke 1:46-50, 53-55  
Matthew 8:5-17 or Luke 2:41-51



June 23.....6:00pm

10<sup>th</sup> Grade Additional CCE Class



July 12 – Confirmation Mass 5:00pm

August 2 – Post Confirmation Retreat

10:00am (Includes last 5 years & OCIA Students)



St. Francis Xavier Scholarships will be awarded to students registered to enter a Catholic School (grades 1 through 12) or registered in a Junior College, College, University, Business or Vocational Training School. Applications are available in the vestibule of the church, the Harris Center and the Parish Website (www.sfxhouston.com). (Note: If you are not a registered Parishioner or you have not contributed to St. Francis Xavier Church in the last calendar year, DO NOT APPLY.) Applications must be received in the Parish Office no later June 30, 2025.

### 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.



The Journey to Second Chance Ministry will meet on Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00am in the Harris Center Auditorium.



The 55+ Club will meet on Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00pm in the Harris Center Auditorium.

### ATTENDANCE

In-person Mass attendance on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup> was 503 and the 7:30am Sunday Mass Livestream received 46 views. Please join us via YouTube Livestream, or bring a friend to come worship with us in the church.



Malcolm “Peter” Navy passed away on June 13, 2025 at the age of 67. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, June 27, 2025 at 10:00am. Visitation begins at 8:45am. Eternal rest grant unto his soul.



Your thoughtfulness and generosity is sincerely appreciated. You will continue to be in my prayers.

Thank you to everyone for the Cards and Gifts received for my 21<sup>st</sup> Ordination Anniversary! Fr. Michael



Jesus said, “The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve” (Matt. 20:28). To those who called, texted, gave cards, gifts, money, and spoke to me face to face on my Birthday and Anniversary I am truly thankful for your kindness and generosity. It has been an honor to serve you for over 31 years! We are more like Christ, when we serve each other. Thank you for giving me that opportunity to become more like Him.



Are you ready for some football? An opportunity for our parish family to attend an NFL Monday Night Football game featuring the Tampa Bay Buccaneers vs the Houston Texans. This game is occurring on “Faith Night” and is not yet advertised to the public. Tickets will be \$85 with minimal to no fees added. To get this deal, we need a minimum of 10 people to sign up and pay the parish office by June 24, 2025. Payment can be made at [www.faith.direct.net/tx632](http://www.faith.direct.net/tx632). This price does not include parking. If you have questions, contact Mary Sias, at (713) 320-9210.

### 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

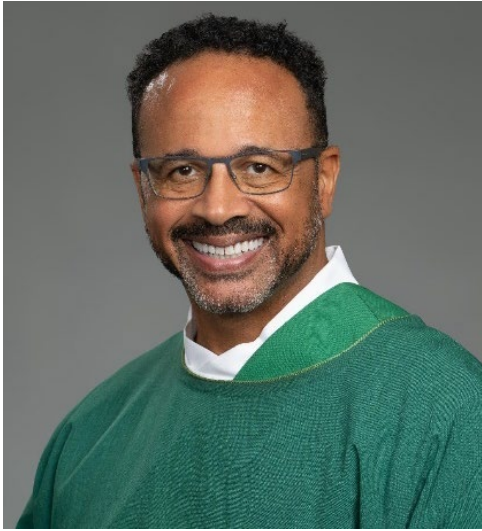
That we take time in silence, every day, to hear how God is calling us. “They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets.” (Luke 9:17) The story of the Loaves and Fishes shows us that when you share what you have, even if it doesn’t seem like that much, miracles can happen! Do not think that your gift is too small or insignificant! Each of us has a role in God’s plan; you just need to place your trust in the Lord. Nothing is impossible with God. You just may be the answer to someone else’s prayer.



NEXT WEEK’S SECOND COLLECTION Next week we will take up the Peter’s Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. Visit [www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html) for more information.



The 2025 Fall Bazaar is scheduled for Sunday, October 19, 2025. The next Bazaar Planning Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00p.m. in the Harris Center Auditorium.



## MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

June 22, 2025

### “When We Receive the Eucharist, We Carry Jesus With Us”

Happy Sunday! Today, the Church celebrates *Corpus Christi*, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This feast is about more than bread and wine. It’s about presence...real, living, divine presence. At every Mass, Jesus Christ offers Himself to us, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. We receive Him not as a symbol, but in truth. And when we receive Him in Holy Communion, we carry Him with us...into our families, our communities, our jobs, our struggles, our joys. Jesus doesn’t remain on the altar. He enters into *you*. That’s what we celebrate today. And that’s what makes our Catholic faith so powerful. While many churches speak about Jesus, we receive Him. While many services recall His sacrifice, we *encounter* it...here and now...through the Eucharist. And when we say “Amen” before receiving Communion, we are saying, “Yes, Lord, I believe. I believe You are truly present. And I welcome You into my life.”

But what do we do with Jesus once we’ve received Him? That’s the challenge and the invitation of today’s feast. We are not called to leave Jesus at the door of the Church or keep Him private like a personal possession. The Eucharist sends us out. It strengthens us to be His hands and feet in the world. It calls us to reflect His mercy, to walk in His truth, to share His love.

As Jesus says in John 6:56, “**Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.**” Think about that. He abides in us. He walks with us. He works through us.

Brothers and sisters, we know what it means to carry Christ. Many of us come from strong faith traditions. We’ve seen God’s hand in our families. We’ve overcome struggles with prayer and perseverance. Our ancestors trusted in the Lord when they had little else to hold onto. They went to Mass not just out of obligation, but out of

hunger...hunger for the Bread of Life.

That same hunger lives in us today. But in a world full of distractions, we sometimes forget just how precious the Eucharist is. It’s easy to take it for granted or to treat Mass like something we “get through” instead of something we offer to God with reverence and love. But the truth is: we need this spiritual food. Just as we eat to stay physically alive, we receive Jesus to stay spiritually strong. Without Him, we run dry. We lose direction. We fall back into sin. But when we receive Him...when we really believe that we are taking in the Savior of the world...something changes. We are renewed. We are reminded of who we are and whose we are.

So what difference does it make when you receive the Eucharist?

- It means you’re not walking alone. Jesus goes with you.
- It means you’re not powerless. You have Christ alive within you.
- It means you’ve been given grace for whatever this week holds.
- It means that when you attend and leave Mass, you’re not just going home, you’re being sent into the world as a witness.

Brothers and sisters, we have a mission to live boldly for Christ. And that mission begins and ends with the Eucharist. Let us never forget: the One who gave His life on the Cross now gives His life to us in every Mass.

This week, as you go about your routine; whether it’s at work, school, the barbershop, the doctor’s office, or at the kitchen table, remember: you carry Jesus with you.

Let that reality shape your words. Let it guide your decisions. Let it fuel your hope.

And may every step you take reflect the One who walks beside you, the One you received in love, and who now lives in you.

“**Do this in remembrance of me.**” Not just once a week — but every day, in how we live.

*Deacon Darryl*

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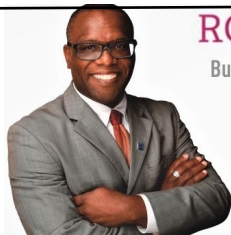
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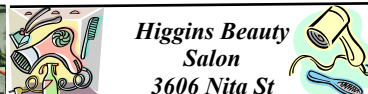
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