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

Youth Choir

4th Saturdays: 12:00 Noon

CHOIR DIRECTOR:

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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 date.

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SAT	07/25/2026	5:00PM
<i>Herbert Goodwin, Jr. (D)</i> The Goodwin Family		
SUN	07/26/2026	7:30AM
<i>People of the Parish</i>		
SUN	07/26/2026	10:00AM
<i>Walter Broussard (D)</i> Mary Provost & Kimberly Harris		
TUE	07/28/2026	7:00AM
<i>Lillian Burgeois (D)</i> The Stephenson Family		
WED	07/29/2026	7:00AM
<i>Cynthia & Robin Charles & Sons (L)</i> Cynthia Charles		
THUR	07/30/2026	7:00AM
<i>George J. Breaux (D) - Betty Burney</i>		
FRI	07/31/2026	7:00AM
<i>Vocations – Judy Johnson</i>		
SAT	08/01/2026	5:00PM
<i>Deacon Albert Henry (D) - The Family</i>		



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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's readings engage us on a search for treasure. Given a chance to ask for anything from God, Solomon does not ask for riches, good health, or a long life, but for an understanding heart so that he can rule his people wisely. God gives him the treasure of unparalleled wisdom. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that the kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field or a pearl of great price, each of which leads a person to sell all that they have in order to acquire it. Let us pray for the wisdom to see the treasure we have in our faith and the reward we long for in the kingdom of heaven.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK**■ Sunday – July 26**

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12
Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-30
Rom 8:28-30
Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

■ Monday – July 27

Jer 13:1-11
(Ps) Dt 32:18-21
Mt 13:31-35

■ Tuesday – July 28

Jer 14:17-22
Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13
Mt 13:36-43

□ Wednesday – July 29

Saint Martha, Mary, and Lazarus
Jer 15:10, 16-21
Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18
Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

■ □ Thursday – July 30

Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Jer 18:1-6
Ps 146:1-6
Mt 13:47-53

□ Friday – July 31

Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Jer 26:1-9
Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14
Mt 13:54-58

□ Saturday August 1

Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Jer 26:11-16, 24
Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34
Mt 14:1-2

**2026 GRADUATES**

Graduate Certificates and Awards were presented to **Melissa, Derek and George Adamaley-Johnson** who were in Rome for the Graduate Recognition Mass in May. Accepting for Melissa is their mother, Mabel Adamaley-Johnson.

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: <https://archgh.swoogo.com/25WAJ26>

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

Navy: Alvin Balthazar, Debreanna Brown, Jermaine Ceaser, Kevin Crockett, Mason Guidry, Alexander Guillory Jr, Courtney Harris, Nia D. Hawkins-Camp, Xavier Henry, Anthony N. Russell, Robert Lee Smith

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

Marines: Reginald Ward

**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

**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.

Stewardship Reflection

That we learn to put our trust in God in everything we do. "We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." - Romans 8:28 Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

IN THE ONE, WE ARE ONE
IN ILLO UNO UNUM



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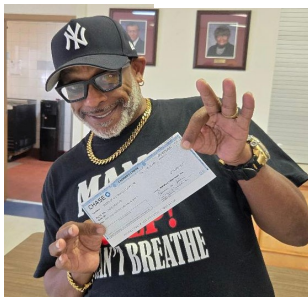
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ATTENDANCE

In-person Mass attendance on Saturday, July 18th and Sunday, July 19th was 497. The 7:30am Mass Livestream on Sunday received 103 views. Please join us via YouTube Livestream or bring a friend to come and worship with us in the church.

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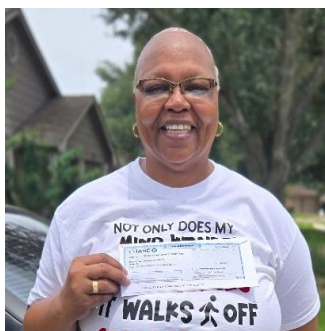
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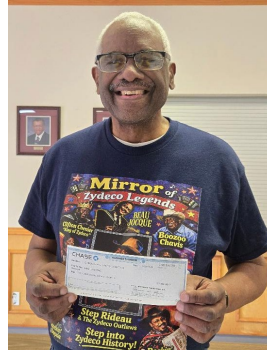
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Some reflections inspired by online copyrighted commentaries and homilies

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

I sometimes watch a program on TV called *Flea Market Flip*. Two teams of two are given \$500 to buy items at a Flea Market, refresh the items and then, sometime later, they are sold at The Market. The team that makes the most money wins. Very occasionally a team buys something for a small sum of money, and it makes a very much larger sum of money at the auction. Its value far exceeded their expectations. Life can be like that. We do not always appreciate initially how valuable something, or indeed someone, really is. In the two parables at the beginning of today's gospel reading, we have a quite different scenario. Two people find something, and they realize at once just how valuable it is. They are so delighted by what they have found that they sell off all their other possessions just to gain this treasure. The joy of discovery gives them the freedom to sell everything and purchase this outstanding treasure.

Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven or the kingdom of God is like this kind of situation. What might Jesus have meant by this? He began his public ministry by declaring that the kingdom of God was at hand. God was ruling through his own life and ministry, and this reign of God was a reign of love. Jesus was declaring that God's love was powerfully at work through himself, releasing people from their burdens, restoring people to communion with God and with others, healing the broken in body, mind and spirit, bringing the hope of eternal life to all. Because the kingdom of God was powerfully present in the life and ministry of Jesus, and especially in his death and resurrection, he is God's greatest treasure that is offered to us. He is the precious pearl that God is gifting to us.

Jesus' loving relationship with us and ours with him is a greater treasure than any other treasure in life. Of course, there is so much else to be treasured in life. Parents treasure their children and children their parents. All of us treasure friends who are faithful and reliable. We treasure music that speaks to our heart. We treasure nature in all its marvelous wonder and diversity. Yet, there is a treasure which is even more valuable than all these other treasures, and that is the Lord and his loving purpose for our lives, his friendship with us and ours with him, the meaning and purpose he gives to our lives, the hope he holds out to us. In appreciating this supreme treasure, we do not cease to value all the other treasures of life, but we learn to see them with the eyes of the Lord. We recognize these earthly treasures as revelations of the Lord, our supreme treasure.

We can sometimes, to our amazement, stumble upon the kind of community that God wants, where God's will is done, like the poor farm laborer who unexpectedly came upon treasure hidden in the field where he was working. He was not looking for any

treasure at the time; without searching, he found something of great worth. Like this farm laborer, we too can be surprised by joy as we unexpectedly discover an expression of God's kingdom in the here and now. Like the farm laborer, we may be moved by this joyful discovery to let go of our old ways of living so as to embrace this treasure that speaks to us of God who is Love.

That first parable suggests that the Lord's search for us is paramount. He seeks us out even when we are unaware of him. He finds ways of offering us the treasure of the gospel even when we are not looking for it. In today's second reading Paul speaks about God's purpose for our lives, which is that we would become true images of God's Son. That is God's intention, God's desire for us and God will find ways to bring that purpose of his for our lives to pass. God will find ways of breaking through to us, in and through the ordinary tasks that we engage in every day. Like the man in the parable going about his daily work, it is in the ordinary circumstances of our lives that we often stumble upon the treasure of the kingdom, the treasure of God's purpose for our lives, of God's presence.

If the first parable in the gospel reading recognizes that sometimes wonderful discoveries are made by chance, the second parable acknowledges that sometimes they are made at the end of a long and painstaking search. The man at the centre of the second parable is not a poor laborer but a rich merchant. He did not stumble upon the pearl of excellent value. He had spent his life looking for the finest pearls. One day, after years of searching, he found a pearl which was more beautiful than any other pearl he owned. He gladly sold all that he owned to purchase it. Jesus says that the kingdom of God is also like the rich merchant. If the first parable suggests the primacy of God's search for us, the second parable highlights the significance of our own search in our relationship with God.

At some level we are all searchers. We look for love and friendship; we search for truth and justice, for meaning and purpose in our lives. In the first reading we find Solomon actively seeking out wisdom. In the beatitudes at the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount Jesus declares blessed all those who hunger and thirst for what is right, who seek after what God wants. A little further into the Sermon on the Mount Jesus declares, 'seek, and you will find.' The second parable encourages us to keep faithful to that task of seeking, especially seeking the Lord, the ultimate source of all that is good. We seek the Lord in the knowledge that, as the first parable reminds us, the Lord is already seeking us out and will often grace us when we are least expecting it.



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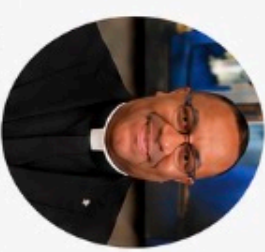


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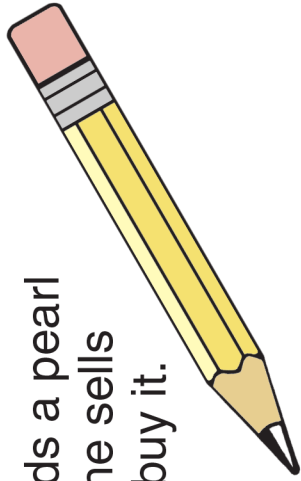


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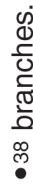
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