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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.

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

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MASS INTENTIONS

SAT	02/07/2026	5:00PM
	<i>Deacon Albert Henry (D)</i>	– The Family
SUN	02/08/2026	7:30AM
	<i>Alexis Cherelle Alfred (L)</i>	The Henderson Family
SUN	02/08/2026	10:00AM
		<i>People of the Parish</i>
TUE	02/10/2026	7:00AM
		<i>Deliverance & Protection for the Charles Family (L)</i> – Cynthia Charles
WED	02/11/2026	7:00AM
	<i>Rafaela E. Baines (D)</i>	– Angelica Baines
THUR	02/12/2026	7:00AM
		<i>Blessing for HOA LE Birthday (L)</i>
		Kieunhi Nguyen
FRI	02/13/2026	7:00AM
		<i>Deliverance & Protection for the Charles Family (L)</i> – Cynthia Charles
SAT	02/14/2026	5:00PM
		<i>Soul of Florence McChristian (D)</i>
		Sheila McDaniel, Court 91, Alex, LA



We will celebrate Black History Month by wearing the designated attire on next weekend:

Feb 14-15.... Traditional Black History Month Attire



St. Josephine Bakhita February 8

The story of St. Josephine Bakhita (1869-1947) is a story that many people taken into slavery have experienced. Born in the Darfur region of Sudan, she was kidnapped at the age of 8 and sold into slavery many times. As she passed from owner to owner, she experienced the moral and physical humiliations associated with slavery. It was only at the age of 13 that her suffering was alleviated after she was bought for the Italian Consul in Sudan. She was later handed over to the Canossian Sisters. She was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church in 1890, where she took the name Josephine. She was a source of encouragement, and her constant smile won people's hearts, as did her humility and simplicity. Today she is known as the patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking.

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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, 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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

"You are the light of the world."

Matthew 5:14

Light binds together today's scripture readings.

Isaiah preaches that when we share what we have with those in need, light will

drive out the

dark. In the psalm we sing that the one who acts with justice is a light in the darkness. Paul tells the Corinthians that the power of the Holy Spirit has enlightened their faith. In the Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples to let their light shine, so the world can see the good that they do. As we listen to the words of scripture, let us appreciate the metaphor of light in expressing what God asks us to do.

READINGS

FOR THE WEEK

■ Sunday – February 8

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 58:7-10

Ps 112:4-9

1 Cor 2:1-5

Mt 5:13-16

■ Monday – February 9

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13

Ps 132:6-10

Mk 6:53-56

□ Tuesday – February 10

Saint Scholastica, Virgin

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30

Ps 84:3-5, 10-11

Mk 7:1-13

■ Wednesday – February 11

Our Lady of Lourdes

1 Kgs 10:1-10

Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40

Mk 7:14-30

■ Thursday – February 12

1 Kgs 11:4-13

Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40

Mk 7:24-30

■ Friday February 13

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19

Ps 81:10-11, 12-15

Mk 7:31-37

□ Saturday February 14

Saints Cyril, Monk, and

Methodius, Bishop

1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34

Ps 106:6-7, 19-22

Mk 8:1-10



February 9.....6:00pm
6th – 10th CCE CLASSES-Black History Program
 February 14.....9:30am
PreK – 5th CCE CLASSES-Black History Program
 February 16 & February 21
NO CCE CLASSES
 February 23.....6:00pm
6th – 10th CCE CLASSES-Lenten Prayer Service
 February 28.....9:30am
PreK – 5th CCE CLASSES-Prayer Service
2025-2026 OCIA CLASSES
 February 12.....6:00pm



Maxy-Asher Dugue (4mos) received the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, February 1, 2026. Maxy-Asher's Parents are Renel & Mary Desplumes Dugue. His Godparents are Wisler Geffrard & Taina Desplumes.



We are excited to invite all Middle & High Schoolers to our Celebration of Catholic Youth of African Descent on **February 21st** in the Parish Hall. The time is from 9:00am to 6:00pm. The Registration fee of \$15.00 includes lunch. It's a day for teens to celebrate their faith, culture and community. Contact Ms. Unella Baber in the CCE Office for more information or to register.



Ash Wednesday – February 18
 Mass.....7:00am/6:00pm
Outdoor Stations of the Cross
(In the Prayer Garden)
Every Friday during Lent
 5:30pm
Holy Week
Palm Sunday – March 29
CCE Passion Play.....10:00am
Holy Thursday – April 2
 Mass6:00pm
(No Morning Mass)
Good Friday – April 3
Outdoor Stations..... 3:00pm
Good Friday Service.....4:00pm
(No Mass)
Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)
April 4
 Mass.....8:00pm
(No 5:00pm Mass)
Easter Sunday - April 5
Regular Mass Schedules
7:30am and 10:00am

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ATTENDANCE

In-person Mass attendance on Saturday, January 31st and Sunday, February 1st was **425**. The Sunday Livestream received **55** views. Please join us via YouTube Livestream or bring a friend to come and worship with us in the church.

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 let our light shine before others and be a bold witness of our faith! "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:16 The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people, and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Generosity is a by-product of a grateful lifestyle. The more we recognize God's gifts, the more we want to share them. Good stewards recognize that God is working through them, and they don't put themselves above the people they have been called to help.

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

Black and Indian Missions Collection

Catholics in the U.S. are familiar with all kinds of "second collections" taken up in their parish. But only one can claim status as the first ever! Recognizing a need to call the faithful to support missionary work among African American and Native American Catholics, the U.S. Catholic bishops established this Catholic Church charity for the Catholic Missions in 1884 to administer a national collection—the first of its kind in the US—to support missionary work. Ever since the first Collection in 1884, the Commission has administered the yearly, national **Black and Indian Mission Collection**. The generosity of the good People of God allows the Commission to give helpful grants to dioceses across the country to operate schools, parishes, and other services that build the Body of Christ in Native American, Alaska Native, and Black Catholic communities.



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Jesus said to His disciples: “**You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world.**”

-Matthew 5:13-14

Lessons from the Incredible Power of Salt and Light

In the Gospel reading today, **Jesus refers to those who follow Him as both salt and light** (Matthew 5:13-14). **Salt** serves as a preservative, and it also **gives flavor to food**. When we go into most restaurants, ketchup, **salt**, pepper, hot sauce, and artificial sweeteners are already on the table. They are there to **make something better**. What person is **better** because you introduced them to Christ? **Wherever** you are, things should be better. **The choir** should be better because you are in it. **The ushers** should be better because you are a part of them. **The homeless, the poor, the destitute are to be better because they met you today**. When lepers, the sick, and the blind encountered Jesus, they went away healed (cf. Matthew 4:23-24). Who has gotten their life back on track because they talked to you? **What person has thanked God, because you came into their lives?**

As Christians, **we are also the light of the world** (Matthew 5:14). **(1) Light gives direction.** Does your **lifestyle lead people** to Christ? You can be a **red light** to someone and say, “You need to **stop** that behavior; you are headed for destruction.” At other times, you may be a **yellow light**, saying, “Be careful, there are hidden dangers ahead.” And sometimes you are a **green light**, encouraging someone by saying, “Don’t be afraid. **Trust God, and go ahead!**”

(2) Light is silent. You don’t have to **say something**- simply let your light shine. Pilate was astonished that Jesus remained silent in the face of harsh accusations from the chief priests during His interrogation (Mark 15:3-5). Sometimes we talk too much at funerals, while trying to comfort grieving families. Yet our presence **speaks louder than words. Your light can still shine when your mouth is closed!**

(3) Our light-our good works-should bring glory to our Heavenly Father. We must place God at the center of our lives, acknowledging that He is God **and we are not!** We should strive to live a life worthy of the Gospel message Jesus left us: loving **God first, loving our neighbors second**, and putting **ourselves third**. That creates a lifestyle that is not focused **on me, but on God and others.** That is the path **to holiness! God is glorified.**

In the United States, electricity began to be commonly wired into houses in the 1920’s. There was a dear lady who had electricity installed in her home. When the electric utility worker came to check her meter to see how much electricity she had used, he noticed that it



had barely moved. So he knocked on the door and said, “Ma’am, may I ask you about your electricity? Is it working?” She replied, “It works just fine.” He explained, “Your meter has barely moved, since the last time I checked it.” She said, “Oh, I use it.” He asked, “If you don’t mind me asking, how do you use it?” She invited him inside, stood next to her electric lamp, and said, “During the daytime, I don’t need it because of the sunlight.” At night, I turn the electric lights on-then I light my candles. Once all my candles are lit, I turn the electric lamps back off. The worker said, “Ma’am that’s not how electricity is meant to be used. At night, you can leave your electric lights on. You **don’t need candles anymore!**

When God comes to check your **spiritual light meter**, what will it show? Will your light be shining brightly, or will it show little to no usage? It takes **light power** to bless those who curse you. It takes **light power** to clothe the needy. It takes **light power** to forgive someone who has wronged you. It takes **light power** to feed your enemies. It takes **light power** to be joyful in unhappy situations. It takes **light power** to be God’s witness. Monitor your **spiritual light meter**-and **don’t try to conserve power!** Make sure you are using the incredible power of salt and light to bless others so they may **glorify our Heavenly Father** (cf. Mat. 5:16).

<>< Dcn. Jenkins

HBCU WEEKEND AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

There are 107 colleges in the United States that are identified by the US Department of Education as Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Five (5) of those HBCUs were represented for the first weekend of Black History Month at the Saturday 5:00pm Mass:

- Grambling University
- Prairie View A&M University
- Southern University
- Texas Southern University
- Xavier University Louisiana





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4600 Reed Rd
Houston, TX 77051
szenon@sfxhouston.com

- 1. What is JOURNEY TO SECOND CHANCE?**
- 2. What is my first step to begin my SECOND CHANCE?**
- 3. Are you feeling alone?**
- 4. Whose on this team? How do I join?**
- 5. What type of support do you offer for me or my family?**
- 6. Who can I talk to?**
- 7. Is it hard to open up and share your experience?**
- 8. “Prison”/”Jail”..... How do I get past this?**
- 9. Do you need help navigating the Legal System?**
- 10. How do I get rid of this RECORD ?**

Mission Statement

“A person’s past does not dictate their future”.., consider Moses who was a murderer and fugitive; he heeded God’s calling to LEAD.., so it is with STFX Ministry-“Journey to Second Chance”, we stand and move forward in God’s calling over our lives to LEAD our fellow brothers and sisters in transition, transformation and restoration as we work to restore and strengthen their FAITH in the WORD OF GOD.”



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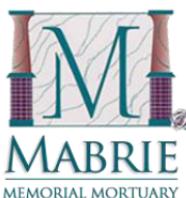
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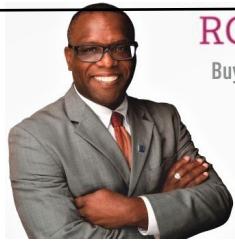


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