

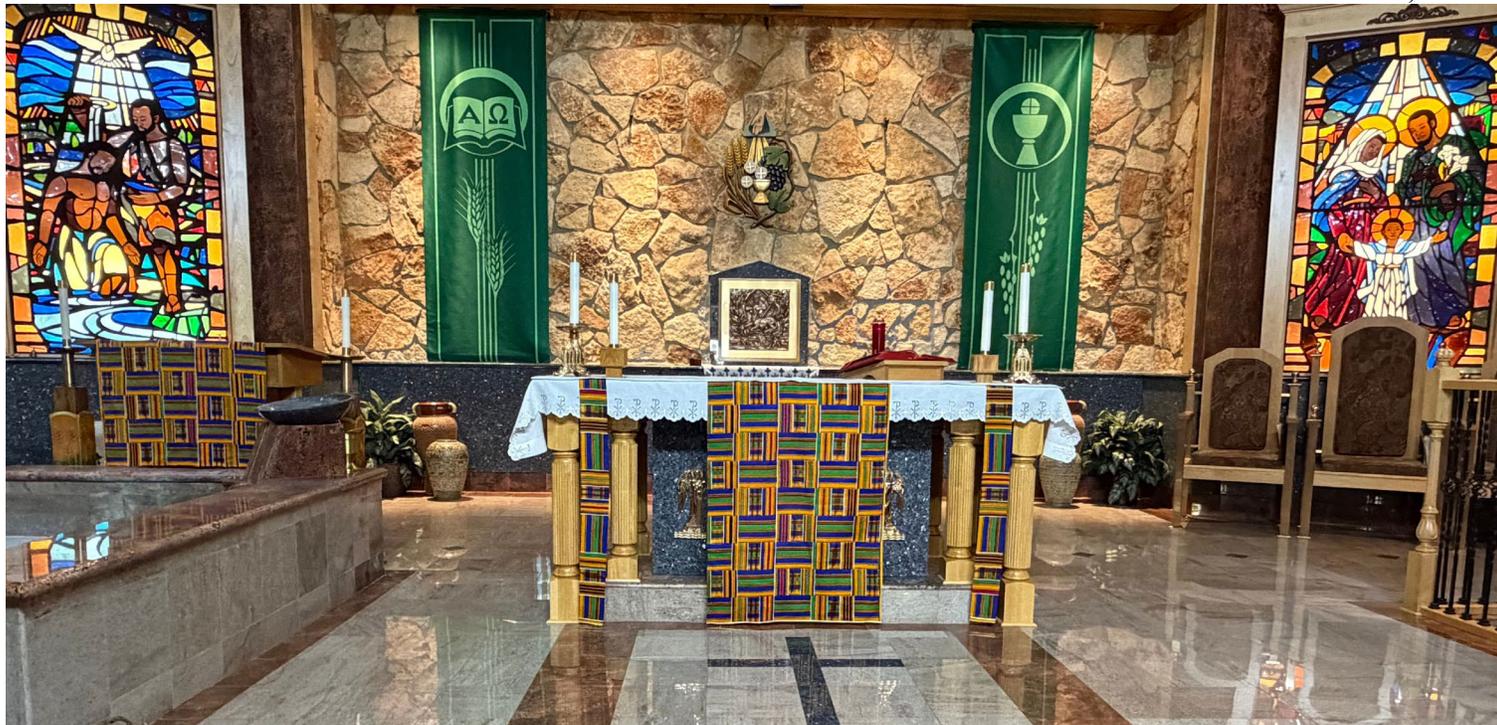
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Sat: Vigil 5:00 p.m.

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

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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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.

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

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SAT	02/14/2026	5:00PM
<i>Soul of Florence McChristian (D)</i> Sheila McDaniel, Court 91, Alex, LA		
SUN	02/15/2026	7:30AM
<i>Theresa Lazard (D) – Sam Family</i>		
SUN	02/15/2026	10:00AM
<i>The Cross Brothers (D) – Mary Case</i>		
TUE	02/17/2026	7:00AM
<i>Louis Robinson (D)</i> The Robinson Family		
WED	02/18/2026	7:00AM
ASH WEDNESDAY <i>People of the Parish</i>		
WED	02/18/2026	6:00PM
<i>People of the Parish</i>		
THUR	02/19/2026	7:00AM
<i>George Landry, Jr. (D)</i> The LaSane Family		
FRI	02/20/2026	7:00AM
<i>Deliverance and Protection for the Charles Family (L) – Cynthia Charles</i>		
SAT	02/21/2026	5:00PM
<i>People of the Parish</i>		



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SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



Keeping the commandments will save us, Sirach says in the first reading, for God's wisdom is infinite and all-powerful. In the Gospel, Jesus expands on four commandments in particular, laying out their implications and explaining the spirit of each. For those who take the commandments to heart, the kingdom of heaven awaits. Let us examine our consciences, conscious that we have the power to choose between good and evil, between life and death.



JACQUELINE ANITA KINCH
1952 - 2026



Betty Young passed away on February 4, 2026 at the age of 91 yrs. A Funeral Mass was held on February 13, 2026. *Eternal rest grant unto Betty, O Lord, and perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

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

READINGS

FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday – February 15**
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 15:15-20
Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34
1 Cor 2:6-10
Mt 5:17-37 or
5:20-22 27-28, 33-34, 37
- **Monday – February 16**
Jas 1:1-11
Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76
Mk 8:11-13
- □ **Tuesday – February 17**
The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
Jas 1:12-18
Ps 94:12-15, 18-19
Mk 8:14-21
- **Wednesday – February 18**
Ash Wednesday
Jl 2:12-18
Ps 51:3-6, 12-14, 17
2 Cor 5:20—6:2 or
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- **Thursday – February 19**
Dt 30:15-20
Ps 1:1-4, 6
Lk 9:22-25
- **Friday February 20**
Is 58:1-9
Ps 51:3-6, 18-19
Mt 9:14-15
- **Saturday February 21**
Saint Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Is 58:9-14
Ps 86:1-6
Lk 5:27-32



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
 March 2.....6:00pm
 6th – 10th CCE CLASSES-Lenten Prayer Service (Stations of the Cross)
 March 7.....9:30am
 PreK – 5th CCE CLASSES-Stations of the Cross

2025-2026 OCIA CLASSES

February 19.....6:00pm



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.



The Stewardship Committee will meet on **Tuesday, February 17th** at **6:00pm** in the Harris Center Auditorium.



Ash Wednesday is **February 18th**. Ashes will be distributed after the **7:00am** and **6:00pm** Masses only.



The 55+ Club will meet on **Thursday, February 19th** at **2:00pm** in the Harris Center Auditorium. The Club is recruiting new members during the month of January thru March. Membership dues are only **\$15.00/year**. Contact Herbert "Red" Archer @ (281) 536-8912.



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

FISH FRY!
Ash Wednesday
February 18, 2026
 11:00am – 6:00pm
 Call (713) 731-2725 to place your order.

FISH DINNERS
 (Catfish/Trout).....\$20.00
 SIDE ORDERS.....\$3.00



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ATTENDANCE

In-person Mass attendance on Saturday, January 7th and Sunday, February 8th was **477**. The Sunday Livestream received **61** views.

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

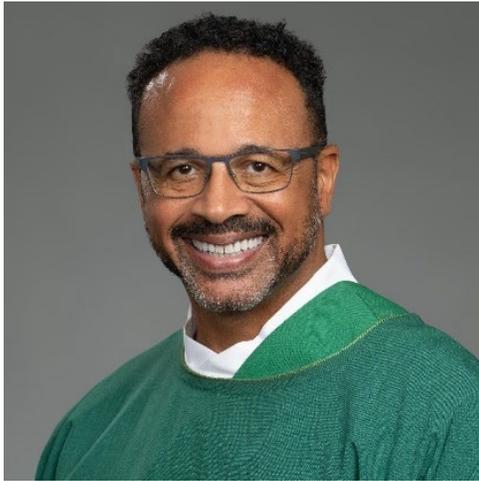
Stewardship Reflection

That our faith grows and we generously share out of love and not out of obligation. "For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:20 The Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law, and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart, for God and others, that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules to the letter and not out of love, does not necessarily put you on the path to heaven. Attending Sunday Mass and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of being a modern-day Pharisee.

THIS WEEKEND'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.



SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)

February 15, 2026

Let Your Yes Mean Yes and Your No Mean No

Happy Sunday! In today's Gospel, Jesus calls His followers to a deeper level of integrity: **"Let your Yes mean Yes and your No mean No."**

This teaching challenges the way we speak and the way we live.

Many people use phrases like "to be honest," "honestly," or "I swear" when they speak. These expressions often reveal something deeper: a lack of confidence that one's word alone is enough. Jesus invites us to live differently. He calls us to be people whose words are truthful, clear, and dependable...without qualifiers or guarantees.

In biblical times, people relied heavily on oaths because dishonesty was common. Jesus says that followers of God should live in such a way that oaths are unnecessary. When our words are consistently truthful, people learn to trust us.

This matters because relationships are built on trust. When we say "yes" and fail to follow through, trust erodes. When our words don't match our actions, credibility is lost. Jesus wants His disciples to be known as people of integrity.

Being **impeccable with our word** means speaking with honesty, avoiding exaggeration, and refusing to manipulate or mislead. It also means using our words to heal rather than harm, to reconcile rather than divide.

This teaching applies in every part of life:

- In families, where children remember broken promises
- In marriages, where vows are sacred
- In friendships and parish life, where trust holds communities together

Jesus also connects truthful speech to reconciliation. He tells us to resolve conflicts with our brothers and sisters before approaching the altar. Honest, loving communication restores relationships and honors God.

Christ Himself is the perfect example. He did not need to swear or make oaths. Every word He spoke was rooted in truth and love. His followers trusted Him because His life matched His words.

Living this way is not easy. We all stumble. But with God's grace, we can grow in integrity. Each day, we are invited to speak truthfully, act faithfully, and let our words reflect our commitment to Christ.

May we be known as people whose word can be trusted...people whose Yes truly means Yes, and whose No truly means No. Amen.

Deacon Darryl

Health is Wealth Health Fair

Sunday, Feb 22

8:00 AM – 10:30 AM

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church



February is National Cancer Prevention Month and Black History Month. Please join us for prevention and screening information for cancers impacting the Black community, such as Breast Cancer, Prostate Cancer and Lung Cancer.

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THEME:
BE BOLD IN YOUR FAITH
, 2 Tim 1:7

DATE: FEBRUARY 28TH, 2026

TIME: Breakfast - 9:00 A.M.

Program - 9:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M

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Please R.S.V.P on or before February 20th, 2026.

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Mr. Eric Erigha, MFSSMA – 8323536733

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6005 N. Wayside Dr.
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Lenten Revival

Monday, March 9th –
Wednesday, March 11, 2026

6:30-9:00 pm

Speaker:

Rev Anthony Bozeman,
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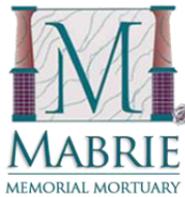
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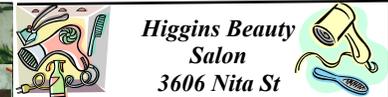
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