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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

CHOIR DIRECTORS:

Jerry Givens 281.772.9276

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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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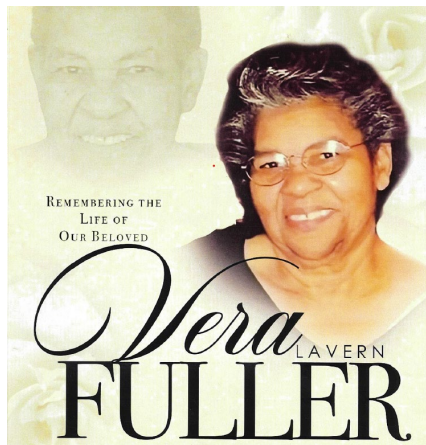
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<i>Deacon Albert Henry (D) – The Family</i>		
SUN.	05/04/2025	7:30AM
<i>Joseph Melvin Vallery, Sr. (D)</i>		
<i>Edwin E. Vallery</i>		
SUN.	05/04/2025	10:00AM
<i>People of the Parish</i>		
TUE.	05/05/2025	7:00AM
<i>Thanks to God, Jesus, Mother Maria, All Saints-Peace for All – Kieunhi Nguyen</i>		
WED.	05/07/2025	7:00AM
<i>Vivian Willis (D) – Annette Willis</i>		
THUR	05/08/2025	Private Mass
NO MORNING MASS		
<i>Deceased Family Members</i>		
<i>Wanda Johnson</i>		
FRI	05/09/2025	Private Mass
NO MORNING MASS		
<i>The Goodwin Family (D)</i>		
<i>Stephanie Goodwin</i>		
SAT	05/10/2025	5:00PM
<i>All Mothers – Living & Deceased</i>		



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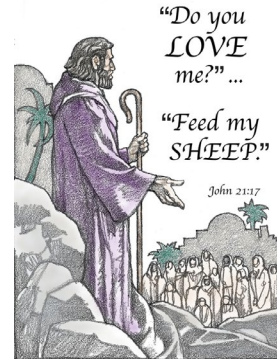
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Lord, we pray for all our current military service members who put their own lives on the line every day to protect our families and our country.

Army: Barbara Baber, Sade Beck, Wadie Troy Butler, Patrick Clay Jr, Kalah A. Guidry, Angel Guillory, Geraldine 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, Randolph J. Navy III, Anthony N. Russell **Air Force:** Samuel Houston, Roderick Jones, Joshua Creeks, Joffre Lander **Marines:** Reginald Ward

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

In the first reading, Saint Peter courageously faces down the Sanhedrin when they try to forbid the disciples from preaching and teaching in Jesus' name. The Gospel reveals that Jesus himself gave Peter that courage by leading him to profess his love for him three times, as he had lacked the courage when denying Jesus three times. May we realize that Jesus constantly invites us to reconciliation as well, instilling in us the courage to spread the Good News.

READINGS**FOR THE WEEK**☐ **Sunday – May 4***Third Sunday of Easter*

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

Psalm 30:2, 4-6, 11-13

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

☐ **Monday – May 5**

Acts 6:8-15

Psalm 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30

John 6:22-29

☐ **Tuesday – May 6**

Acts 7:51—8:1

Psalm 31:3-4, 6, 7, 8, 17, 21

John 6:30-35

☐ **Wednesday – May 7**

Acts 8:1-8

Psalm 66:1-3, 4-7

John 6:35-40

☐ **Thursday – May 8**

Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 66:8-9, 16-17, 20

John 6:44-51

☐ **Friday May 9**

Acts 9:1-20

Psalm 117:1-2

John 6:52-59

☐☐☐ **Saturday May 10***Saint John of Avila,**Priest & Doctor of the Church;**Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest*

Acts 9:31-42

Psalm 116:12-17

John 6:60-69



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Date: Saturday, May 10, 2025
 Time: 11:30am – 2:30pm
 Location: Harris Center Auditorium
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Journey to Second Chance MINISTRY The Journey to Second Chance Ministry will meet on Wednesday, May 7th, from at 6:00pm in the Harris Center Auditorium.

Unity Explosion-Region X Conference

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 Ephesians 5:14

Yes! Unity Explosion continues!!! The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston will host the Unity Explosion Conference on evangelization and liturgy **June 18-20, 2025**.

Early Bird Registration: \$150 per person until May 18, 2025

The Bell Music Institute is included within the Unity Conference!

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!!!

<http://unityexplosion-regionx.com>

HOST HOTEL: Hilton Houston Clear Lake NASA, 3000 NASA Parkway Houston, TX 77058

Conference Room Rates: \$119 per night plus tax until May 18

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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 give the gift of ourselves by telling someone "I love you" every day. "...Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'" (John 21:17) How often do you actually say the words "I love you" to Jesus, to family members, or to friends? We are made to be in relationship with God and each other. Sincerely telling someone that you love them is the best gift you can give them because it comes from your heart. You are giving them the gift of yourself. We were all made by love and for love. Tell someone you love them every day.

May 5.....6:00pm
 Last Day for 6th – 9th Grades CCE Classes

May 12.....6:00pm
 10th Grade Additional CCE Class

June 30.....6:00pm
 10th Grade Additional CCE Class



May 4 – 1st Communion Mass 10:00am

May 12 – Parent/Sponsor Meeting for 10th Grade Students 7:30pm

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Mother's Day Breakfast



Everyone is invited to join the Mothers of St. Francis Xavier for breakfast after the 7:30am and 10:00am Masses on Mother's Day, **May 11th**. Breakfast is **free** for all Mothers. A **\$5.00** donation per person is requested for Family and Friends.

ATTENDANCE

In-person Mass attendance on Saturday, April 26th and Sunday, April 27th was **516** and the 7:30am Sunday Mass Livestream received **62** views. Please join us via YouTube Livestream, or bring a friend to come worship with us in the church.



As we prepare for Commitment Weekend next weekend, let us reflect on how the Diocesan Services Fund (DSF) supports 64 ministries that bring God's love to those most in need. By supporting DSF, we can **Cry Out with Joy to the Lord!** and share Christ's joy through ministries that shelter the homeless, feed the hungry, and nurture vocations. Let us prayerfully consider our role in this mission of mercy and prepare to respond generously.

SCAN HERE TO GIVE





Some reflections inspired by online copyrighted

Third Sunday of Easter (Year C)

The Gospel today focuses on Peter, who needed reconciliation and an encounter with Jesus, and it is a most interesting one at that. This particular extract is sometimes used in the ceremony of the installation of a Pope. At his installation it is solemnly read to the new Pope as a sort of warning at the start of his important new ministry. We might even hear it in a few weeks when the new Pope is chosen.

After the death of Jesus here in John's Gospel the Apostles have returned to Galilee out of desolation and a sense of defeat after the crucifixion. And they do what anyone else would do; they go back to what they know, and in their case that is fishing. They return to the routine tasks, to the things they know so well. They return to the job that was their livelihood, but which is so second nature to them that in desperate times they take it up again, fishing gives them a real sense of reassurance. We should not interpret this return to Galilee as any sort of failure or believe that it demonstrates a lack of faith. There are several mentions in the scriptures that Jesus said that he would meet his disciples in Galilee and so it is quite reasonable to find them there.

As they go through these comforting and routine tasks in the boat, the Apostles see Jesus on the shore; though, as in so many of the resurrection appearances, at first, they do not recognize him. In one of the biblical studies, it is written down that this event took place three years after the Resurrection.

They do what the man on the shore tells them and find that they have a tremendous haul of fish. This, of course, takes them right back to another similar miraculous haul of fish and they begin to realize it can only be Jesus. Peter then makes his profession of faith and half-naked jumps out of the boat to greet Jesus. Then follows what we can only call the rehabilitation of Peter. He is reconciled after the three-fold denial on the night of Jesus' arrest, and he is given confirmation of his role as Chief of the Apostles, but he is also given some clarification of what this role is to mean personally for him.

Jesus has cooked breakfast for the Apostles, and this meal is full of Eucharistic overtones as for example in the words, 'he took bread and gave it to them.' This meal reminds them very clearly of the Last Supper. But the little charcoal fire also has a role. It is a very potent reminder of the charcoal fire with which Peter warmed himself that fateful night and where he made his three-fold denial that he was one of Christ's followers.

By this time even the slowest among the Apostles realizes it is the Christ. Jesus then shows them what he is genuinely like and in that most beautiful passage he so gently and lovingly forgives Peter. But this forgiveness is not just gentle and loving it is also very thorough; he forgives him three times one for each of his denials. And with each of these absolutions he gives him a commission: 'feed my lambs.' He is to be the undisputed shepherd of Christ's flock.

We can understand forgiveness, but it is more difficult for us to do what Jesus does. We would forgive but still be cautious and we would probably want Peter to prove himself before giving him any sort of task, let alone confirming him in his role as Christ's representative on earth.

But as Peter says, 'It is the Lord,' and we know that the Lord does things differently from us. But we also know that it is our task in life to learn the ways of the Lord, to do things as he does them; to appreciate his ways and to imitate them in our lives. What he wants is our love; not because he commands it, not out of duty or for any personal benefit. No, he wants us to love him freely and without obligation. He asks Peter three times, 'Do you love me.' By this he is not demanding anything of Peter but showing by this three-fold questioning the depth of his own love for Peter. He offers Peter a second chance; by denying him three times at his crucifixion, he is now offering him the grace of reconciliation and mercy. It is this tenderness, this depth of love that we see in Jesus that we want to imitate in our own lives. If we could only find it within us to react in such a way when we have experienced rejection what different people, we would be.

Facing the reality of hell is not pleasant, but it is a message that must not be ignored. It is a message that is real and, therefore, hell is a possibility for us all. Therefore, it is important to remind ourselves from time to time of this spiritual truth. We are among those 153 large fish found on the right side of the boat. We must allow the ministers of Christ within the Church, represented by the disciples in the boat, to draw us to Christ through preaching and the Sacraments. We should never fail to be attentive to the fact that salvation requires action on our part. It requires that we accept Christ Jesus by following His Commandments and live by the transforming power of the Holy Spirit as the Church dispenses it.

Vg. Rev. Michael L. Thompson, SSJ

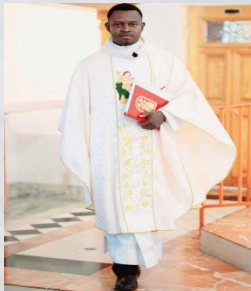
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Theme: Hope

May the God of HOPE Fill You with All the Peace of Believing.....Romans 15:13

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RSVP or/and more information contact Wanda Davis (President) 832/692-7658

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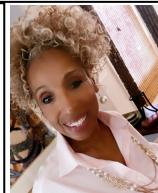


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