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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.

Youth Choir

4th Saturdays: 12:00 Noon

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YouTube: St. Francis Xavier Houston

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.

WELCOME VISITORS/NEWCOMERS

To register, call or come by the parish office or visit our website at:www.sfxhouston.com



MASS INTENTIONS

SAT 07/26/2025 5:00PM
Deceased Family Members (D)
Wanda Johnson

 SUN
 07/27/2025
 7:30AM

 Evenolia Forbes (D) – Barbara Forbes

 SUN
 07/27/2025
 10:00AM

People of the Parish

 TUE
 07/29/2025
 7:00AM

 Allan Jenkins (D) – Tywanna Navy

 WED
 07/30/2025
 7:00AM

 Douglas Bonhomme (D) – J. Henderson

THUR 07/31/2025 7:00AM

Ruth Celestine (L) – Tywanna Navy

Ruth Celestine (L) – Tywanna Navy **FRI** 08/01/2025 7:00AM

Joseph & Mary Zeno (D)

SAT

The Zenon Family

08/02/2025 5:00PM

Deacon Albert Henry (D)
The Family





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FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Eucharistic

Adoration

Friday, August 1, 2025

MORNING MASS.....7:00am ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WILL BEGIN FOLLOWING MORNING MASS 7:30am to 12:00pm

LITURGICAL YEAR PREVIEW

Today marks the middle of Ordinary Time (33 weeks total). There are 4 months until the new Church year beginning in Advent (November 30).



Donald Abraham, Akaycia Addison, Azielee & Nathan Addison IV, Emmoree Addison, Kayne Addison, Lauren

Addison, Zaneta Addison, Mary Jane Albert, Joseph Alcendor, Clara Barras, Ivy Bobb, Hazel S. Brown, Tommy Burton, Julius Cadoree, Nancy Calvin, Nathaniel Campbell, Sterling Certenberg, Dalton Cooper Jr, Frank Davis Sr, Rev. Henry Davis SSJ, Marlene Davis, Mary Duplechain, Lois Epps, Lawrence Frank, Paul Garrick Jr, Anthony Gobert, Betty Goodwin, Stella Goodwin, Beulah Hadrick, Mary Hamilton, Mason Harrison, Alvin J. Hebert, Cheryl Henderson, Donald Henderson, Anthony Hicks, Diane Houston, Crystal Jackson, Angela Johnson, Deacon Irvin Johnson, Natalie Johnson, Brooke Joseph, Shirley Ann Joseph, Serral Landry, JoAnn LaSane, Barbara Laugermann, Elon Lawdins, Freda & Shirley Lawdins, Hilary Ledet, Hazel Lewis, Laurenzia Lewis, Eugene Mallery, Charles Martin, Shannon Martin, Florence McChristian, Diane Miles, Dorothy Milstead, Cookie Mooring, Vy. Rev. William L. Norvel SSJ, Carolyn Ollison, Angela Pena, Cynethia Pichon, Percy Pichon Sr, Robin Pichon-Mosley, Catherine Pierre, Michael Pierre, Mildred Pierre, Marcelle Prevost, Melody Ratcliff, Effie Rems, Elise Richmond, John & Christine Roberts, Louis Robinson, Oliver Rose, Brian Russell, Grace Russell, Vy. Rev. Michael K. Saah-Buckman SSJ, Kerry Samuels, Kevin Simon, Joyce Smith, Joyce Stagg, Jeffery Steptoe, Mackenzie Swanks, Kennedi Swanks, Erma Taylor, Melvin Thomas, Gemma Walcott, Herbert White, Agnes Williams, Patricia Williams, Eddie Rean Wilson, Terrell Wilson, Janice Woods, Alberta Zenon and all the sick and shut-in in our parish family.

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, 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, Anthony N. Russell

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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Before we hear Jesus teach his disciples to pray, we see Abraham persistently petition

God to show mercy toward the people of the city of Sodom. In the Gospel, Jesus confirms how important it is to show this kind of persistence. Our Father in heaven, Jesus teaches us, is generous beyond human generosity, having given the Holy Spirit to be with us always, and so we should freely ask for our needs, assured that we will be heard.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday – July 27

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gn 18:20-32
Psalm 138:1-3, 6-8
Col 2:12-14
Luke 11:1-13

■ Monday – July 28

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 Psalm 106:19-23 Matthew 13:31-55

☐ Tuesday – July 29

Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus Ex 33:7-11; 34:5-9, 28 Psalm 103:6-13 John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42

■ Wednesday – July 30

St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop Ex 34:29-35 Psalm 99:5-7, 9 Matthew 13:44-46

☐ Thursday – July 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 Psalm 84:3-6, 8, 11 Matthew 13:47-53

☐ First Friday August 1

St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop, Doctor of the Church Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37 Psalm 81:3-6, 10-11 Matthew 13:54-58

First Saturday August 2

Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; Saint Julian Eymard, Priest Lv 25:1, 8-17 Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 Matthew 14:1-12



CCE REGISTRATION

CCE Registration begins this weekend after all Masses. Registration will continue as follows:

Tuesdays, 7/29-9/16, 9am-4:30pm Wednesdays, 7/30-9/17, 9am-4:30pm Fridays, 8/1-9/19, 9:00am-3:00pm

Registration forms are available in the Vestibule of the Church, the Harris Center and the Parish Website.
Classes will begin on Monday
Sentember 22nd at 6:00nm for Ir High

September 22nd at 6:00pm for Jr High and High School Students; Classes will begin on Saturday September 27th at 9:30am for Pre-K and Elementary Students.

Call (713) 731-2775 for additional information.



August 2 – Post Confirmation Retreat 10:00am (Includes last 5 years & OCIA Students)



Ministers of
Hospitality will meet
on Sunday, **August 3rd**, at 11:30am in the
Harris Center
Auditorium. First

Aide Training in CPR and the use of the Defibrillator will be provided at this meeting. It is our goal to equip our Ushers and Greeters with the tools and knowledge to be prepared to effectively serve in their Ministry when unexpected circumstances occur.



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Go to: https://www.church.faithdirect.net/forms/index/632 or Scan the QR Code to purchase Tickets online.



Drawing: October 19, 2025 Winner Need Not be Present!



The 2025 Fall Bazaar is scheduled for Sunday, October 19, 2025. The

next Bazaar Planning Meeting will be held on **August 5th**, at 6:00pm in the Harris Center Auditorium. All Volunteers are encouraged to attend.

- Important information regarding Health Department guidelines will be discussed.
- Volunteers will receive details on requirements for Entry Gate access.
- Orders for Volunteer T-Shirts will be taken. Payment is required to place an order. The cost of the T-Shirts are based on size:

Small-Large	\$20.00
Xtra Large	
2XL	
3XL	
4XL	•

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 may learn to see the difference between the things we need and the things we want. "Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." (Luke 11:9) Jesus assures us that if we ask, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that our culture often confuses what we really need with what we simply want. The truth is that many of us need very little. However, we usually want so much more! Stewardship is simply being grateful for all that we are and all that we have been given, and generously sharing all of our God-given gifts with others. Generosity is a gift that opens doors to new relationships with others and with God.

Jost Cry Out with JOY THE LORD!

True joy in the Lord compels us to give back and share what we have. When we *Cry Out with Joy to the Lord!* we are inspired to open our hearts and hands, supporting ministries that bring hope and help to those in need. Our Parish Goal this year is \$74,300.00. We have paid 35% of our goal, \$25,750.31. We have a balance of \$48,549.69. Please consider making your gift today! Pick up a pew envelope in the church, or go to SCAN HERE TO GIVE

www.archgh.org/dsf, or scan the QR Code to make a donation. No matter the size of your gift, every dollar goes a long way!



ATTENDANCE

In-person Mass attendance on Saturday, July 19th and Sunday, July 20th was **419**. Please join us via YouTube Livestream, or bring a friend to come worship with us in the church.





Some reflections inspired by online copyrighted

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." <u>Luke 11:1</u>

In today's Gospel we are given three teachings on prayer. First, Jesus teaches His disciples what has come to be called "The Lord's Prayer." Second, He teaches about the importance of persistence in prayer. Third, He teaches about the fruit that comes from correct and persistent prayer.

One of the Church Fathers, Tertullian, said that The Lord's Prayer "is truly the summary of the whole Gospel." Saint Augustine said, "Run through all the words of the holy prayers [in Scripture], and I do not think that you will find anything in them that is not contained and included in the Lord's Prayer." Saint Thomas Aquinas said, "The Lord's Prayer is the most perfect of prayers.... In it we ask, not only for all the things we can rightly desire, but also in the sequence that they should be desired" (See the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #2761–2763).

It is amazing to consider what these great teachers of the faith have said about this short prayer. Perhaps because of our familiarity with this prayer we can easily gloss over the depth of its meaning. We can fail to use it as a foundation and model for all our prayers. One way to correct this tendency is to use The Lord's Prayer for an extended period of time by prayerfully pondering every word slowly and meditatively. Doing so will help open us up to these perfect "instructions" on how we should pray.

Immediately after Jesus taught this short prayer, He taught a lesson about persistence in prayer. He taught that we must not simply say a few prayers and leave it at that, giving up if they do not appear to be answered. Instead, we must continuously beg God for His grace until it is bestowed in its fullness.

What will we receive from persistent prayer? This is a principal point. We ought not go to God with our own wants and desires. We ought not beg Him for things that do not fall within His perfect will. Instead, when our prayer is modeled on the Lord's Prayer, and when it is persistent and grounded in faith, then our prayer will be for what the Father bestows upon us, that is His will alone. We must pray that His Kingdom will come. We must trust that He will provide for our needs. We must seek His forgiveness for our sins, and we must pray that He will protect us from the evil one.

Reflect, today, upon that perfect prayer, The Lord's Prayer. Spend time studying it, thinking about each petition, the order in which Jesus laid it out, its simplicity and its clarity. Acknowledge that because we pray The Lord's Prayer so often, we can sometimes miss its true meaning and beauty. Our Lord gave us this prayer for a reason. Make sure that you do all you can to discover its meaning and practice its teaching.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen. Jesus, I trust in You.

Reflection taken from commentary, My Catholic Life

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church 2025-2026 CCE Registration Form Pre-K (Age 4) through High School

Student Information (BIRTH CERTIFICATE & BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE ARE REQUIRED IF NOT RECEIVED PREVIOUSLY)

Student Name: First Name	/2026):
School: Sacraments received in Catholic Church: (please check all applicable) (LOCATION SACRAMENT W. Profession of Faith/Baptism Reconciliation Eucharist Confirms Did this child attend CCE last year? Yes No If yes, at St. Francis Xavier? If no, Location Member Information	AS RECEIVED) ation
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Member Information	
First Name Last Name	
Father's Mailing AddressCity/State/Zip	
Home Phone: Cell Phone: Cell Phone	one:
E Mail Address	
Sacraments received in Catholic Church: (please check all applicable) Profession of Faith/Baptism Reconciliation Eucharist Confirmation	Marriage
Mother's Name: Religion: Religion:	
Mother's Mailing Address City/State/Zip	
Home Phone: Work Phone: Cell Pho	one:
E Mail Address	
Sacraments received in Catholic Church: (please check all applicable) Profession of Faith/Baptism Reconciliation Eucharist Confirmation	Marriage
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Emergency Contact Information (Other Than Parent)	
Emergency Contact Name: Phone: Phone:	
Relationship: Alternate Phone:	
Other than a parent, who is authorized to pick up your child?	
Name: Relationship:	

CONTINUE ON BACK

Parents/Guardians: Please list ALL medical conditions/allergies/special health information including Bouts with Depression and anxiety:
Does your child possess any medical issues that we need to be aware of, such as: Sickle Cell, Diabetes ADD, ADHD, Autism or Asthma? Please list ANY medications (prescription or non-prescription) you would like us to be aware of:
Please list ANY medications (prescription or non-prescription) you would like us to be aware of:
Photo Authorization: There may be occasions throughout the year in which your child's photo may be taken either individually or with a group. These photos are sometimes displayed in the church, used in the Parish bulletin or website. No names will be used in connection with these photographs.
Yes, I give permission for my child's photo to be used.
No, I do not give permission for my child's photo to be used.
Signed: Date:
Fees: In order to build and maintain a successful CCE program we must require fees for CCE. The registration fees help pay for books, class supplies, teacher training, etc.
The CCE registration fee is \$25.00 per child.
A late fee of \$15.00 will be charged after December 8, 2025.
If your child is preparing for a Sacrament the following administration fee will be: \$70.00 for Communion (2 nd year only) and \$150.00 for Confirmation (2 nd year only) per child.
Church Ministries As part of the CCE program, we are instituting and encouraging our young people to use their talents and abilities in the service of God and His Church. Therefore, CCE students will participate in church ministries that you and your child may choose from:
Altar Server Jr. Lector Jr. Minister of Hospitality Youth Ministry Youth Choir
Parent Volunteerism The first teacher of our students is the parent. We certainly do believe that you have some talents and abilities, and we would greatly appreciate all of your wisdom and assistance. Please indicate below how you would like to help.
CCE Catechist Aide Chaperone Door Attendant
For Office use only:
Payment: Cash Check No Date Received Receipt # Received by
Administration Fees Due?NoYes If yes, which Sacrament?,
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Tuesday, August 5, 2025

St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall 4600 Reed Rd Houston, Texas 77051 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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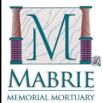
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