

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

Archdiocese of Galveston – Houston

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St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church



St. Francis of Assisi Parish
is served by
The Missionary Society of St. Paul
of Nigeria

Our Parish Vision

We envision a caring, loving community of men, women and children who possess a genuine Christian concern for one another, a unified family where the members, aware of God's presence in each of them and led by His spirit are able to work, pray and play together; a faith filled community where gospel values are studied, lived, nurtured, shared and celebrated; a community of individuals and groups traveling together on a common faith journey; a community harmoniously working for the kingdom; a community that is active in service and evangelization.

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may
not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Marian Chapel

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

June 21, 2026



*Blessed is the father who guides with wisdom,
supports with love, and leads with kindness.*



"Special Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi"

*Commemorating the 800th Anniversary
of his Death*

Traveling Statue & Relic

is with

Rita Sebalu & Family

Let us pray with them



Need information and don't know who to call?
Here is a listing of our Ministry leaders who are always willing to help!

Parish Office - 713-672-7773
Fr. Martin Eke, MSP, Pastor - 713-672-7773
Stephanie White, Parish Secretary - 713-672-7773
Deacon John Goodly - 713-628-9989
Deacon Ignatius Joseph (Retired) - 281-745-3005
Deacon Michael St. Julian (Retired) - 713-256-8657

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass Monday - Saturday 7:00 AM
(Marian Chapel, Teleconference Line & Zoom)

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Mass	5:00 PM
Sunday Mass	8:00 AM
Sunday Mass	11:00 AM

The link is:
<https://www.facebook.com/1familyonlove/>

Dial In Number

Dial in Number: 425-436-6368 • Access code: 579460#

BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday at 6:00 PM
Dial In Number: 425-436-6368
Access code: 579460#

ROSARY

Monday - Friday at 8:00 PM
Teleconference Line Dial in Number: 425-436-6368
Access Code: 579460#

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84919189256?pwd=Mm5oWlVlQmVzSWlDTEFWR0F4bGF2UT09>

Zoom Dial In Number: 346-248-7799
Meeting ID: 849 1918 9256 / **Pass Code:** 618049

ROSARY & BENEDICTION

Sunday at 10:25 AM
Dial in Number: 425-436-6368 / Access Code: 579460#

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:25 PM to 4:45 PM & by appointment

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| <p>Altar Servers
Ronald Berard
713-299-4024</p> <p>Altar Society
Mary Robertson
832-790-8124</p> <p>Associate Missionaries of St. Paul (AMSP)
Ms. Onari Guidry
713-907-7066
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713-208-3711</p> <p>Audio/Visual
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713-252-2028</p> <p>Bazaar Committee
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713-385-6607</p> <p>Stewardship Committee
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281-710-4883</p> <p>Ushers
John Mathis
832-477-0999</p> |
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BAPTISM
For Infants: Baptism Preparation (Parents & Godparents), contact Parish Office one month prior to getting the child baptized.
For Children, ages 6-15, Youth, and Adults contact Parish Office. Youth and adult Baptism is done on Easter only.

MARRIAGES
A minimum of six months preparation is required. Contact the pastor before setting the date.

FUNERALS
The death of a loved one can be a trying and unpredictable time. Before any arrangements are made for funerals, please call the parish office to schedule a time to meet with the pastor.

Sacrificial Offerings

June 14, 2026	
Offerings (Mail In/Drop Off)	\$2,940.00
Offerings (Mass)	\$3,710.00
Online Giving Offerings	\$1,075.00
Zelle Offerings	\$450.00
Total	\$8,175.00

Thank you for your generosity
May God bless you



Diocesan Services Fund (DSF) 2026
Parish Goal: 26,875.00
Total Amount Paid: \$11,115.00
Total Number of Donors: 31
Percentage Paid: 41.36%



Annie Marie Joubert, Mercedes Arline, Amelie Marie Murphy, Dorothy Meyers, Gustavia LaBlanc, Joseph Gallagher, Barbara Calhoun, Enola Zenon, Emma Filer, Allen St. Julian, Alsie Gee, Winnie Malveaux, Marie Grace Moran, Myrtle St. Julien, Rita Lewis, Stan Martinez, Patricia Davis, Brother Mike Velarde, Eula Broussard, Donald Morgan, Kendra James, Jocelyn Dancy Smith, Sedric Wiltz, Julia Higgs, Joyce Punch, Robert Mendoza, Sr., Kambria Rachal, Brooklynn Heath, Joseph Earl Williams, Jr., Terry Paul Solomon, Rebecca Vincent, Augustine Dauphine, Rosalyn Orphey, Barbara Joseph, Abel Rodriguez, Patricia A. Ouzenne.

YOUR WORD IS A LAMP FOR MY FEET, AND A LIGHT FOR MY PATH (Psalm 119:105)

Homily of Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 2026

Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalm 69:10-17, 33-35; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33

Jeremiah was one of the prophets God sent to prophesy to the people of Israel to turn from their sinful ways or they would face divine judgment. Jeremiah prophesied that since the people had failed to repent of their evil ways, a foreign power was going to conquer them, take them captives, and destroy the temple and Jerusalem. For such prophecy, Jeremiah was persecuted and was nearly killed. The first reading is a prayer of Jeremiah while he was being persecuted. Jeremiah teaches us to commit our persecutors into God's hand. He prayed:

"But the Lord is with me, like a mighty champion: my persecutors will stumble, they will not prevail. In their failure, they will be put to utter shame, to lasting, unforgettable confusion. ... Let me see the vengeance you take on them, for to you, I have entrusted my cause. Sing to the Lord, ... For he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the evildoers! (Jeremiah 20:11-13).

Jeremiah represents messengers of truth everywhere who are persecuted, or silenced, or eliminated: in families, neighborhoods, groups, workplaces, institutions, organizations, churches, countries, and so on.

Today's gospel is Jesus' encouragement to his apostles to be fearless in proclaiming the Good News. He reminded them that, later on, their witnessing the Good News would attract persecution. He encouraged them not to be discouraged because their sustenance would come from God.

Violent persecution of Christians is going on in several parts of the world. In those places, Christians are killed, church buildings and properties are burned down or destroyed. Christians' rights and privileges are denied them or taken away from them. We pray for the Christians who stay strong in those places and dangerous conditions.

Another type of persecution is anti-Christian policies whereby anti-Christian foundations are being dismantled. Christian principles, values, symbols, education, and identifications are condemned as offensive and removed. The adverse effects of the anti-Christian actions on the society are obvious. It is clearly seen in the rise of all kinds of crimes and crises. Someone says, "Life without Christ is Crises."

Jesus tells us in today's gospel not to be afraid or discouraged. Jesus says, "... Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul ... Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father..." By this statement, Jesus promises rewards to those who remain witnesses during persecution.

Jesus' encouragement to those persecuted does not dismiss the fact that it is the responsibility of governments to protect the citizens from kidnapping, torture, abuses, destruction, and mindless killings by persecutors. It is heartbreaking to see governments persecuting their own citizens, and governments being collaborators and accomplices with persecutors' heinous persecutions and crimes as it is the case in Nigeria.

According to a news report, between 2015 and 2025, at least 212 Catholic priests were kidnapped in Nigeria. 15 were murdered. The real number of cases is certainly higher. These figures do not include the religious men and women, and leaders of other Christian denominations who suffered the same fate. Countless number of churches and church properties were burned down or destroyed. The exact number of hundreds of communities destroyed and displaced people is not known. The persecution is continuing unabated in 2026.

However, it is easy for us to see persecution out there but fail to see persecution within (amongst ourselves). Do we intentionally and knowingly persecute others by our words and actions?

Jesus promises us in today's gospel that all the hairs of our heads are counted and that we are not to be afraid. We earnestly pray for God's divine intervention in the lives of victims of persecution and violence.

Let us conclude with Prophet Jeremiah's prayer in the first reading:

"The Lord is with me, like a mighty champion: my persecutors will stumble, they will not prevail. In their failure, they will be put to utter shame, to lasting, unforgettable confusion. ... Let me see the vengeance you take on them, for to you, I have entrusted my cause. Sing to the Lord, ... For he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the evildoers!" Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, June 20, 2026 (<i>Vigil Mass</i>) St. Francis of Assisi Parishioners Living & Deceased	5:00 PM
Sunday, June 21, 2026 † Manuel Aguilar requested by Mary Helen & Cameron † Helen Mitchell & † Her Brothers requested by Janice Mitchell † Jeanie White, † Joseph Dauphine, † Linda Mathis, & † Francis Baldwin requested by Eugene & Stephanie White	8:00 AM
Sunday, June 21, 2026 † Earl Robertson requested by The Family † Curley Hypolite, Sr., † Shelton Joseph, & † Curley Hypolite, Jr. requested by Barbara Joseph & Family † Sosthene Wiltz requested by Mary Charles	11:00 AM
Monday, June 22, 2026 † Joseph & † Rosa Lee Jones requested by Joseph & Melanie Jones	7:00 AM
Tuesday, June 23, 2026 Private Intention	7:00 AM
Wednesday, June 24, 2026 Private Intention	7:00 AM
Thursday, June 25, 2026 Private Intention	7:00 AM
Friday, June 26, 2026 † Aphonse Tannou & † Micheline Watchueng requested by Christelle Kamssu	7:00 AM
Saturday, June 27, 2026 † Souls in Purgatory requested by A Friend	7:00 AM

Upcoming Events		
Date	Event	Time
June 28, 2026 Sunday	Graduation Mass	11:00 AM Mass
September 26, 2026 Saturday	St. Francis Jubilee Year Mass Principal Celebrant Bishop Italo	9:00 AM

SAVE THE DATE: The 4th Annual Archdiocesan African Cultural Heritage Festival will be on **Sunday, August 2, 2026**, at 2 PM at St. Mary of the Purification Church 3006 Rosedale Street, Houston 77004. The event will begin with Mass followed by cultural celebration of food, fellowship and fun festival.

ALL ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE; MARK YOUR CALENDARS TODAY!
Raffle tickets are also available for purchase

St. Peter Claver Catholic Church • Vacation Bible School

(6005 N. Wayside Dr. Houston 77028)
July 6-10, 2026 ▪ 10am to 1pm ▪ Grades k-5
Theme: **Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God**
Fun filled adventure learning that God is Creator, All-Knowing, Our Refuge, Our Love Forever. There will be free food.
To register call 713-674-3338 or visit
<https://www.stpeterclaverhouston.com/events>
Cost: \$30/One Child ▪ \$50/Two Children ▪ \$65/Three Children



TMO Community Outreach: TMO is interested in reaching out to registered voters who live in the Kashmere Gardens neighborhood to encourage them to participate in the life of the community and to vote. They have funding that will allow them to pay people to join their organizers for door-to-door visits to homes. If you're interested, please contact Joe Higgs by phone at 402.671.4911 or email at jhiggsne@gmail.com.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT COMPLIANCE & TRAINING

The Safe Environment compliance training and renewal training is a condition of employment and volunteer ministry in our Archdiocese. All clergy, employees, contracted school personnel, volunteers, members of groups, movements, and organizations over the age of 18 who work, volunteer or participate in any capacity are required to complete the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Training and a criminal background check before they may begin employment or volunteer activities. Mandatory renewal training must be completed every five years and a new background check submitted before the five-year expiration of prior training. You may call the parish office if you need to know the status of your training or need help with logging on to complete the training. **Remember, education is the key element of the Safe Environment program and protection of our children and other vulnerable adults is very important to us.**

Knights of Peter Claver Council & Court # 231 and St. Francis of Assisi 2026 Back to School Supply Drive benefiting Felix Cook Elementary
Collection Box in Foyer of Church. For more information contact:
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Weekly offerings and/or donations dropped at the parish or put in the rectory's mail box. The mail box is safe because it has a lock. The church gate opens daily at 9:00 AM and closes at 5:00 PM.

Online offerings and/or donations may be made through:

ParishSOFT Giving:

- <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stfrancisofassisi>



Zelle:

- Email: stfrancisofassisihouston@gmail.com

**St. Francis of Assisi
2026 GRADUATION MASS
Sunday, June 28, 2026 @ 11:00 AM**

We would like to recognize the accomplishments of all 2026 graduates beginning with Pre-K through post graduate and military. The forms are electronic. The **link** has been sent by email and is available on the website. Only submit forms for graduates who will attend the Mass by June 23rd. For assistance call Chelsea Neille at **512-516-9708**, the parish office at 713-672-7773 or email the Graduation Committee at sfahouston.graduation@gmail.com.

Let us come together as a parish family to celebrate our graduates!

A Tribute to Zydeco Legends hosted by Knights of Peter Claver Unit 138

Featuring Step Rideau & The Zydeco Outlaws and The Broke DJ Jammin Jay
Sunday ▪ June 28, 2026 ▪ 4 pm to 8 pm ▪ St. Francis Xavier
(4600 Reed Road Houston 77051)

Tickets: presale - \$20; at the door - \$25 ▪ Doors open at 3 pm

Food ▪ Drinks ▪ Raffle ▪ Raffle Tickets \$100 each

Prizes: 1st - \$5,000; 2nd - \$2,000, 3rd - \$1,000, 4th to 9th - \$500 each

Contact: Wanda Johnson @ 832-492-5088 ▪ Theresa Chambers @ 713-857-2787

Pope's Prayer Intention for June 2026

For the values of sports. Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

- Pope Leo XIV

Vocation Events

<https://houstnovocations.com/events>

For additional information and events visit link above or call **713-652-8239**

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