

# St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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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.**

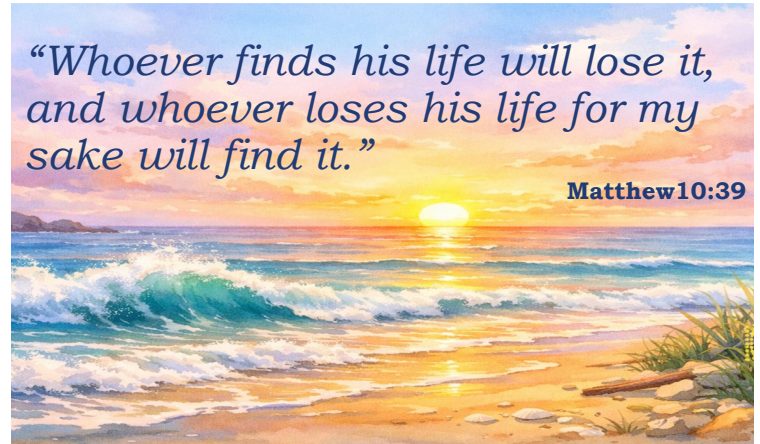
## St. Francis of Assisi Parish Marian Chapel

*13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A*

**June 28, 2026**

*“Whoever finds his life will lose it,  
and whoever loses his life for my  
sake will find it.”*

**Matthew 10:39**



*As we celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United States, we give thanks to God for the blessings of liberty, the sacrifices of those who came before us, and the opportunity to continue building a nation rooted in justice, compassion, and unity. May we use our freedoms to serve one another and work for the common good.*

**Happy Independence Day • July 4, 2026**



**“Special Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi”**  
*Commemorating the 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of his Death*

**Traveling Statue & Relic**  
is with

**The St. Francis of Assisi  
Nightly Prayer Group**  
*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**

|                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Saturday Mass</b> | <b>5:00 PM</b>  |
| <b>Sunday Mass</b>   | <b>8:00 AM</b>  |
| <b>Sunday Mass</b>   | <b>11:00 AM</b> |

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

**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=Mm5oWlVlQmUvzSWlDTEFWR0F4bGF2UT09>

**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

**Altar Servers**  
Ronald Berard  
713-299-4024

**Altar Society**  
Mary Robertson  
832-790-8124

**Associate Missionaries of St. Paul (AMSP)**  
Ms. Onari Guidry  
713-907-7066  
Nancy Mathis  
713-208-3711

**Audio/Visual**  
Bonita Taylor  
713-252-2028

**Bazaar Committee**  
Carla Lewis 713-534-3927  
Mark Davis 713-498-6112

**Coordinator of Religious Education**  
Ms. Jamie Thomas  
832-236-7316

**Daughters of Divine Love**  
832-445-0241

**Disaster Response Committee**  
Paul Sloan  
281-734-7289

**El Shaddai Ministry**  
Joyce Ramos  
832-797-0450

**Environment & Sacred Space**  
Abel Rodriguez  
713-658-5198

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**  
Dr. Clarice Campbell  
281-919-8563

**Faith Alive Youth Ministry**  
Davida Mouton 832-236-5116  
Jorri Odom

**Finance Council**  
Paul Sloan  
281-734-7289

**Hope, Love, & Joy Seniors**  
Ella Ledet  
713-927-1073

**Hospitality**

**Knights of Peter Claver Council #231**  
Grand Knight John Arceneaux, Jr.  
(281) 315-0452

**Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Court #231**  
Grand Lady  
Diana Carmon-Jones  
713-969-7586

**Knights of Peter Claver Junior Knights**  
Charles LaVigne  
832-887-4880

**Knights of Peter Claver Junior Daughters**  
Dena Lavigne  
832-245-1846

**Lectors**  
Dorothy Webb  
832-567-4742

**Liturgy Committee**  
Matt Matthews  
832-423-9335

**Liturgical Movement**  
Dena Lavigne  
832-245-1846

**Minister of Music**  
Matt Matthews  
832-423-9335

**Pastoral Council**  
Mrs. Adrian Sloan  
281-831-8572

**Samaritan Ministry/Funeral Repast**  
Mary Robertson  
832-790-8124

**Sisters in the Spirit**  
Evelyn Wright  
713-385-6607

**Stewardship Committee**  
Antoinette Goodly  
281-710-4883

**Ushers**  
John Mathis  
832-477-0999

**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*



*God loves a cheerful giver  
because a cheerful giver loves God.*  
2 Corinthians 9:7

**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, Herman Kennerson, Sr.

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

### Homily of Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 2026

#### 2 Kings 4:4-11,14-16; Psalm 89:2-19; Romans 6:3-4, 8-11; Gospel 10:37-42

The first reading is from 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16. However, verses 12-13 (omitted) have an important message. It reads, "He [Elisha] told his servant Gehazi to go and call the woman. When she came, he said to Gehazi, 'Ask her what I can do for her in return for all the trouble she has had in providing for our needs. Maybe she would like me to go to the king or army commander and put in a good word for her.' 'I have all I need here among my own people,' she answered."

The woman and her husband provided for Elisha and his servant. They did this out of their generosity and goodwill and did not expect anything in return. When she was asked what she needed (as a reward), she said that she needed nothing. She said, "I have all I need here among my own people." She did not need any favors from the army commander or the king. She did not even ask for prayer for herself to conceive and have a child. It was Elisha's servant who asked for a child on her behalf.

In 1 King 17:7-16, the widow of Zarephath fed Elijah from a handful of flour and a little jar of oil, the only food that remained for the widow and her son, which according to the widow, "when we have eaten it, we shall die" due to the famine. She got her reward. "She was able to eat for a year, and Elijah and her son as well; the jar of flour did not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry..." God rewards generous and goodwill people!

Jesus tells us in today's gospel, "Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple... will surely not lose his reward."

It is important that we express gratitude to those who pay their tithe to the Church; those who give various kinds of donations to the Church, to Church missions and establishments for the work of evangelization; those who sponsor the training of seminarians; and those who volunteer for all kinds of mission work and services in the Church far and near and do not expect any material reward in return.

We also pray for governments, churches, organizations, and individuals who, generously, undertake works of mercy and charity to helping and supporting the needy in our community, the society, and the world.

May God who rewarded the Shunamite woman and her husband and the widow of Zarephath reward all generous and goodwill people. Psalm 20:3 prays, "May God remember your every offering, and graciously accept your burnt offering." In Luke 6:38, Jesus promises, "Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

The message today challenges our world driven by the selfishness, self-interest, self-seeking, and self-serving attitudes of 'What's in it for me?' and 'string attached mentality,' which can be known as "Judas Mentality." Judas asked the chief priests, "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?" (Matthew 26:15). Sadly, the age-old sins of 'What's in it for me?' and 'string attached mentality' pervade all areas of human existence and have brought so much horror and pain to humanity. Many human-made disasters, far and near, are caused by the sin of 'What's in it for me?'

In today's gospel, Jesus says, "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." Jesus is referring to selfishness, self-interest, self-seeking, and self-serving attitudes. Jesus continues, "... and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." Jesus is referring to self-love attitude.

We are invited to examine our relationships and dealings, and see where we have offended God and our fellow human beings by sins of selfishness, self-interest, self-seeking, self-serving, and self-love. St. Paul tells us in the second reading to die to these sins in order to become worthy of Christ and live "for God in Christ."

The Shunamite woman and her husband, and the widow of Zarephath who provided for the prophets without expecting anything in return are great models of generosity and goodwill we can imitate.

Human beings may not be able to reward. Human beings may even fail to remember. God remembers. God rewards. "God loves a cheerful giver" 2 Corinthians 9:7.

**Fr. Martin Eke, MSP**

MASS INTENTIONS



|  |                 |
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| <b>Saturday, June 27, 2026</b> ( <i>Vigil Mass</i> )<br>St. Francis of Assisi Parishioners Living & Deceased   | <b>5:00 PM</b>  |
| <b>Sunday, June 28, 2026</b><br>† Cliff Mitchell, Sr. requested by Veronica Mitchell Anderson<br>Sloan & Labrie Families Living & Deceased requested by Paul & Gloria Sloan<br>† Gene Anthony Phillips, Sr. requested by Elsa Phillips & Family            | <b>8:00 AM</b>  |
| <b>Sunday, June 28, 2026</b><br>† Earl Robertson requested by The Family<br>† Ray Anthony Murphy, Jr. & † Paul Trahan requested by Elaine Murphy & Mary Trahan<br>† Sam Kately, Jr., † Joseph Dauphine, & † Darrell Kately requested by Augustine Dauphine | <b>11:00 AM</b> |
| <b>Monday, June 29, 2026</b><br>Private Intention  | <b>7:00 AM</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday, June 30, 2026</b><br>† Herschel C. Murphy requested by Veronica Murphy   | <b>7:00 AM</b>  |
| <b>Wednesday, July 1, 2026</b><br>Molly Brown requested by A Friend  | <b>7:00 AM</b>  |
| <b>Thursday, July 2, 2026</b><br>† Schmeica Mass & † Helen Mitchell requested by Janice Mitchell   | <b>7:00 AM</b>  |
| <b>Friday, June July 3, 2026</b><br>Associate Missionaries of St. Paul   | <b>7:00 AM</b>  |
| <b>Saturday, July 4, 2026</b><br>† Souls in Purgatory requested by A Friend  | <b>7:00 AM</b>  |

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

**SAVE THE DATE:** The 4<sup>th</sup> 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*

**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:  
Mary Berard                      Diana Carmon-Jones                      Mary Beard  
713-299-1465                      713-969-7586                      832-607-6146

**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.

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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](mailto:stfrancisofassisihouston@gmail.com)

**St. Francis of Assisi • Altar Society Dinner Sale • Sunday • July 19, 2026**  
**After the 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses**

**Menu**

Meatballs with gravy over rice, green beans, potato salad, water or soda • \$15.00 • Sweets will also be available for purchase

To pre-order call Mrs. Mary Robertson at 832-790-8124  
*Proceeds from the dinner sale will help the Altar Society pay for supplies needed for the altar.*



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

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

**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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