

# 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

*11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A*

June 14, 2026

## Congratulations

U'Kealon O'Brien

Received the

Sacrament of Confirmation

May 30, 2026



June 19, 2026

Honor the past, Celebrate freedom,  
Continue building a brighter future!



*"..., thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."*

1 Corinthians 15:57



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

**Traveling Statue & Relic**

is with

**SFA Family & Friends  
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/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=Mm5oWlVlQmUvZSsWIDTEFWR0F4bGF2UT09>

**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><b>Altar Servers</b><br/>Ronald Berard<br/>713-299-4024</p> <p><b>Altar Society</b><br/>Mary Robertson<br/>832-790-8124</p> <p><b>Associate Missionaries of St. Paul (AMSP)</b><br/>Ms. Onari Guidry<br/>713-907-7066<br/>Nancy Mathis<br/>713-208-3711</p> <p><b>Audio/Visual</b><br/>Bonita Taylor<br/>713-252-2028</p> <p><b>Bazaar Committee</b><br/>Carla Lewis 713-534-3927<br/>Mark Davis 713-498-6112</p> <p><b>Coordinator of Religious Education</b><br/>Ms. Jamie Thomas<br/>832-236-7316</p> <p><b>Daughters of Divine Love</b><br/>832-445-0241</p> <p><b>Disaster Response Committee</b><br/>Paul Sloan<br/>281-734-7289</p> <p><b>El Shaddai Ministry</b><br/>Joyce Ramos<br/>832-797-0450</p> <p><b>Environment &amp; Sacred Space</b><br/>Abel Rodriguez<br/>713-658-5198</p> <p><b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b><br/>Dr. Clarice Campbell<br/>281-919-8563</p> <p><b>Faith Alive Youth Ministry</b><br/>Davida Mouton 832-236-5116<br/>Jorri Odom</p> <p><b>Finance Council</b><br/>Paul Sloan<br/>281-734-7289</p> <p><b>Hope, Love, &amp; Joy Seniors</b><br/>Ella Ledet<br/>713-927-1073</p> | <p><b>Hospitality</b></p> <p><b>Knights of Peter Claver Council #231</b><br/>Grand Knight John Arceneaux, Jr.<br/>(281) 315-0452</p> <p><b>Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Court #231</b><br/>Grand Lady<br/>Diana Carmon-Jones<br/>713-969-7586</p> <p><b>Knights of Peter Claver Junior Knights</b><br/>Charles LaVigne<br/>832-887-4880</p> <p><b>Knights of Peter Claver Junior Daughters</b><br/>Dena Lavigne<br/>832-245-1846</p> <p><b>Lectors</b><br/>Dorothy Webb<br/>832-567-4742</p> <p><b>Liturgy Committee</b><br/>Matt Matthews<br/>832-423-9335</p> <p><b>Liturgical Movement</b><br/>Dena Lavigne<br/>832-245-1846</p> <p><b>Minister of Music</b><br/>Matt Matthews<br/>832-423-9335</p> <p><b>Pastoral Council</b><br/>Mrs. Adrian Sloan<br/>281-831-8572</p> <p><b>Samaritan Ministry/Funeral Repast</b><br/>Mary Robertson<br/>832-790-8124</p> <p><b>Sisters in the Spirit</b><br/>Evelyn Wright<br/>713-385-6607</p> <p><b>Stewardship Committee</b><br/>Antoinette Goodly<br/>281-710-4883</p> <p><b>Ushers</b><br/>John Mathis<br/>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*

<b>June 7, 2026</b>	
Offerings (Mail In/Drop Off)	\$1,445.00
Offerings (Mass)	\$3,662.00
Online Giving Offerings	\$934.00
Zelle Offerings	\$1,395.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,436.00</b>

**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 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 2026

#### Exodus 19:2-6; Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5; Romans 5:6-11; Matthew 9:36-10:8

In the first reading, God sent Moses to speak to the Israelites: "If you hearken to my voice my voice and keep to my covenant, you shall be my special possession..." We know that many times, the Israelites chose something else to possess them and did not hearken to God's voice nor kept his covenant. The consequences of their choices brought them a lot of difficulties. For instance, the first reading of Saturday's morning Mass says, "They forsook the temple of the Lord, the God of their fathers, and began to serve the sacred poles and idols; and because of this crime of theirs, wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem" (2 Chronicles 24:18).

It is our own story too. Whatever possesses us controls us. For instance, one who is possessed by anger, is controlled by it. One who is possessed by envy and jealousy, is controlled by them. One who is possessed by hate, is controlled by it. One who is possessed by pornography, is controlled by it. One who is possessed by power, is controlled by it. One who is possessed by money, is controlled by it. One who is possessed by alcohol, is controlled by it. One who is possessed by laziness, is controlled by it. One who is possessed by immorality, is controlled by it. One who is possessed by grief or depression or despair, is controlled by them. One who is possessed by gadgets, is controlled by them. One who is possessed by worldly life, is controlled it. One who is possessed by any addiction, is controlled by it. One who is possessed by the evil one, is controlled by the evil one. And so on. Our actions are the result of the spirit, or the vice, or whatever that possesses us. Ungodly possessions cause spiritual blindness and deafness to what God wants us to see and hear. Ungodly possessions corrupt the mind and harden the heart and prevent goodness from prevailing.

On the other hand, one who is possessed by goodness and the Spirit of God is controlled by them. The person hears God's voice and is godly in his or her words and actions. St. Paul speaks of this where he instructs about the one who possesses the Holy Spirit and yields the fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). There are other fruits that are not mentioned by St. Paul that are alluded in today's gospel.

The second reading is very encouraging to us. No one's case is hopeless. When we are off the rails due of our ungodly and immoral possessions, we come to Jesus who reconciles us to God. Jesus brings back our wheels on the rails. All evils are due to remaining in ungodly and immoral possessions and refusing to receive the message of salvation and reconciliation.

In the gospel, Jesus sends us to continue the message of salvation and reconciliation. He gives us authority over spiritual and physical possessions in us and others; to drive out unclean spirits and to cure every disease and every illness. He says to us, "Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons." In the mission, Jesus warns us, "Do not go into pagan territory or enter a Samaritan town. Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." By this statement, Jesus instructs us to be focused on the mission and not deviate or be distracted. Jesus adds, "Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give." Which means, to act with pure, selfless generosity and service, without keeping score or worrying about what one might lose, sacrifice, or receive in return. We pray for God's grace to enable us to accept this instruction and obey it.

In the first reading, God sent Moses to the Israelites. In the second reading God sent Jesus to the world. In the gospel, Jesus sent his apostles to the lost house of Israel. We are the 'Moses.' We are the 'apostles.' We are "Jesus' disciples". We are the 'laborers.' We pray for the grace to recognize our calling and to embrace it. As God sends us, let us not be like the biblical young man "who went away sad, for he had many possessions" (Matthew 19:22).

We pray for an increase in the vocations of the clergy and the religious who are special laborers of the harvest. In the gospel, Jesus tells us one of the reasons to pray, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few." These special laborers are a "chosen race." They are "a people set apart." We pray that they may be possessed and controlled by the Holy Spirit. We pray that they may be a "holy nation." Amen.

Jesus's heart was moved with pity when he saw the troubled and the abandoned crowd. May his heart be moved with pity for many of us who are even more troubled by our various dire needs and desires. "O Lord, come to our assistance, O Lord, make haste to help us" (Psalm 70:1).

MASS INTENTIONS



<b>Saturday, June 13, 2026</b> ( <i>Vigil Mass</i> ) St. Francis of Assisi Parishioners Living & Deceased	<b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>Sunday, June 14, 2026</b> † John Arceneaux, Sr. requested by Children & Grandchildren † Dalton & † Theresa Belson requested by Antoinette K. Goodly † John, † Bernice & † Joseph Carmouche requested by Frieda Carmouche	<b>8:00 AM</b>
<b>Sunday, June 14, 2026</b> † Ralph Murray requested by Patricia Murray & Family † Earl Robertson requested by The Family † Lark & † Frances Goodley & Children requested by Clarice Campbell	<b>11:00 AM</b>
<b>Monday, June 15, 2026</b> † Wallace Wiltz requested by Ella Ledet & Family	<b>7:00 AM</b>
<b>Tuesday, June 16, 2026</b> † Nedra Virginia Haydel requested by Elsa Phillips & Family	<b>7:00 AM</b>
<b>Wednesday, June 17, 2026</b> Rodrigo Barry requested by A Friend	<b>7:00 AM</b>
<b>Thursday, June 18, 2026</b> † Thomas Lewis requested by A Friend	<b>7:00 AM</b>
<b>Friday, June 19, 2026</b> Private Intention	<b>7:00 AM</b>
<b>Saturday, June 20, 2026</b> Nathaniel Murphy & Celeste M. Simpson requested by Veronica Murphy	<b>7:00 AM</b>

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 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**

**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



**Lenten Rice Bowl:** We're requesting the Lenten Rice Bowls to be returned. Thank you! *Your Lenten sacrifices help families around the world overcome the challenges of hunger and poor nutrition.*

**Parish Website Upgrade.** Our parish website is currently undergoing an upgrade and is temporarily unavailable. We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your patience as we work to improve your online experience. Please contact the parish office if you need assistance during this time.

**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.**

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**OFFERINGS & DONATIONS:** Weekly Offerings and Donations may be mailed, dropped off at the parish or completed online through **ParishSOFT Giving** or **Zelle**.

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  
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 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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](mailto: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: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$5,000; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$2,000, 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$1,000, 4<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> - \$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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