

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.

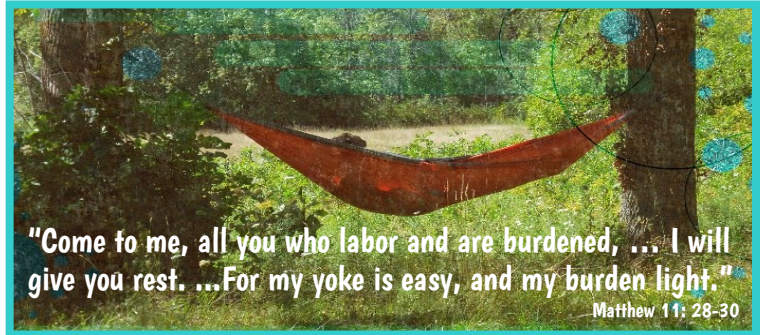
O Divine Master, grant that I may
not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Marian Chapel

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

July 5, 2026



Mother Superior of Daughters of Divine Love sisters
Mother Anastasia Dike, DDL
St. Francis of Assisi Church Sunday June 21, 2026



"Special Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi"
Commemorating the 800th 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

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=Mm5oWlVlQmUvZSwiZDFEFWR0F4bGF2UT09>

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
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- Finance Council**
Paul Sloan
281-734-7289
- Hope, Love, & Joy Seniors**
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832-423-9335
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- 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

	June 21, 2026	June 28, 2026
Offerings (Mail In/Drop Off)	\$640.00	\$0.00
Offerings (Mass)	\$3,328.90	\$3,386.00
Online Giving Offerings	\$1,015.00	\$646.00
Zelle Offerings	\$375.00	\$1,120.00
Total	\$5,358.90	\$5,152.00

Peter's Pence Collection \$830.00



Diocesan Services Fund (DSF) 2026
Parish Goal: 26,875.00
Total Amount Paid: \$13,640.00
Total Number of Donors: 37
Percentage Paid: 50.75%

Thank you for your generosity
May God bless you



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 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 2026

Zechariah 9:9-10; Psalm 145:1-14; Romans 8:9, 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30

The first reading is Prophet Zechariah's prophecy about the coming of Jesus Christ. As we see in the reading, Zechariah prophesied Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, "See, your king shall come to you; a just savior is he, meek, and riding on an ass, a foal of an ass." In this prophecy, Zechariah recognizes Jesus as king and just savior. Zechariah explains Jesus' ministry: He will banish the chariot, the horse and warrior's bow; proclaim peace; and his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth. Christianity which is Jesus' dominion extends from the Sea of Galilee (where he preached) and the River Jordan (where he was baptized) to every part of the world.

Our world, at this time, is weighed down by the burdens and yokes of "the chariot, the horse and warrior's bow" (endless wars, conflicts, and violence). We continue to pray that peace is proclaimed and accepted in places of wars, conflicts, and violence.

Jesus came to a people who were burdened and who were under several yokes. They were under the burden and yoke of the Roman colonial masters and corrupt officials. The ordinary people were under the yoke and burden of rules and regulations of the Pharisees, the Sadducees, the lawyers, the scribes, and the chief priests. The Samaritans (Gentiles) were under the burden and yoke of rejection by the Jews. Additionally, many people were also under the burden and yoke of sicknesses and demonic possessions. Very importantly, the whole world, at that time, was under the burden and yoke of sin and in need of salvation. For all these, Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light" (Matthew 11:28-30).

Jesus' invitation is for us. Not only that we are weighed down by all kinds of political, economic, and social burdens and yokes, we are, also, weighed down by all kinds of afflictions. As we work hard physically and struggle to cope with situations around us, we need spiritual sustenance from the Lord. We do not take spiritual sustenance lightly. By "flesh" (human strength) alone, failure is certain.

This is why St. Paul encourages us in the second reading not to be "in the flesh;" that is not to be self-reliant apart from God. St. Paul stresses the importance of keeping God's Spirit alive in us. Paul says, "If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also..." Jesus says in John 6:63, "It is the Spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail." The Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead is the Holy Spirit. In the Creed we pray, "I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life." The Holy Spirit gives us life by granting us strength to overcome sin, trials, and temptations. We know that God's Spirit is alive in us by the manifestation of the fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). Jesus says, "By their fruits you will know them" (Matthew 7:20).

When Jesus says, "Take my yoke upon you ... For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." A yoke is a wooden crosspiece fixed on animal's neck, shoulder, or forehead to pull heavy load/burden or to plow land. Yoke is usually stiff and hard on an animal. Each of us has his or her yoke that enables us to pull and plow through life. Some of us wear stiff and hard yoke. Some of us are pulling heavy burden. This is why Jesus invites us so that he replaces our stiff and hard yoke with his easy yoke, and makes light the burden we pull. It is important to note that Jesus does not promise to remove our yoke and our burden completely. Rather, he promises a replacement. In our prayers, we bring to Jesus our stiff, or stuck, or locked yokes. May he to break them, remove them, and replace them. Amen.

Also in today's gospel, Jesus praises God who reveals to little one what he has hidden from the wise and the learned. We pray to God, "Revealer of Secrets" (Daniel 2:47), for divine revelations in whatever way it pleases him. We pray to God to reveal to us the hidden things that we are desiring, seeking, and praying for. May God reveal to us things hidden from us by men and women. May God reveal to us hidden truths. May God reveal to us things hidden from us by unknown forces. Like Jesus, may we praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, as we give testimonies of your divine revelations. Amen and amen.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, July 4, 2026 (<i>Vigil Mass</i>) St. Francis of Assisi Parishioners Living & Deceased	5:00 PM
Sunday, July 5, 2026 † Bernice Carmouche requested by Frieda Carmouche † Morris Skipper, † Sidney Clement, & † Richard Webb requested by Eugene & Stephanie White † Joseph William Morgan, † Roy Roque, & † Cora Sarpy requested by Donald & Frankie Morgan	8:00 AM
Sunday, July 5, 2026 † Magdeline Sias requested by Sisters of the Holy Family Houston Associates † Earl Robertson requested by The Family † Ira Wilson requested by Joyce Wilson & Family	11:00 AM
Monday, July 6, 2026 Mia Gonzales requested by A Friend	7:00 AM
Tuesday, July 7, 2026 Gloria Calderon requested by A Friend	7:00 AM
Wednesday, July 8, 2026 Molly Brown requested by A Friend	7:00 AM
Thursday, July 9, 2026 Private Intention	7:00 AM
Friday, June July 10, 2026 Private Intention	7:00 AM
Saturday, July 11, 2026 Private Intention	7:00 AM

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

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

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.

Gold and Silver Wedding Jubilee Masses: The Office of Family Life Ministry has set the 2026 Jubilee Masses for married couples celebrating 25 or 50 year milestone anniversaries. Both Masses will be held at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 1111 St. Joseph Pkwy, Houston, TX 77002.

- Couples celebrating 50 years of marriage, the Mass will be Sunday, September 20; use this link for more information or to register: <https://archgh.swoogo.com/50WAJ26>
- Couples celebrating 25 years of marriage, the Mass will be Sunday, October 11; use this link for more information or to register: <https://archgh.swoogo.com/25WAJ26>

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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 • 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 with the purchase of essential altar supplies, such as: candles, altar wine, hosts, religious articles, and altar linens. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish.

Knights of Peter Claver, Inc. National Convention

Supreme General Chapter Presents

Irene T. Green Performing Arts Extravaganza

Friday • July 24, 2026 • Tickets: \$20.00

Hyatt Regency Houston Downtown - 1200 Louisiana St

An Evening of outstanding entertainment

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Pope's Prayer Intention for July 2026

For respect for human life. Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God. **- 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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