

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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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

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

July 19, 2026



"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom."

Matthew 13:24, 37-38

2026 Graduation Mass • June 28, 2026 • 11:00 AM



"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/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?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84919189256?pwd=Mm5oWlVQMUVzSWlDTEFWR0F4bGF2UT09)
[pwd=Mm5oWlVQMUVzSWlDTEFWR0F4bGF2UT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84919189256?pwd=Mm5oWlVQMUVzSWlDTEFWR0F4bGF2UT09)

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

David Mouton 832-236-5116
Jorri Odom

Finance Council

Paul Sloan
281-734-7289

Hope, Love, & Joy Seniors

Ella Ledet
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Knights of Peter Claver Council #231

Grand Knight John Arceneaux, Jr.
(281) 315-0452

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Grand Lady
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713-969-7586

Knights of Peter Claver

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Charles LaVigne
832-887-4880

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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

July 12, 2026

Offerings (Mail In/Drop Off)	\$2,670.00
Offerings (Mass)	\$4,350.00
Online Giving Offerings	\$1,601.00
Zelle Offerings	\$360.00
Total	\$8,981.00

St. Vincent de Paul Society Black Bag Collection \$533.00

Thank you for your generosity
May God bless you

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%





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, Kambria Rachal, Brooklynn Heath, Joseph Earl Williams, Jr., Terry Paul Solomon, Rebecca Vincent, Augustine Dauphine, Rosalyn Orphey, Barbara Joseph, Abel Rodriguez, Herman Kennerson, Sr., Virginia Calais.

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

Homily of Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A, 2026

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-30

The first reading reminds us that God is God of mercy and also God of justice.

God of mercy:

- “There is no God besides you who have care for all ...”
- “... your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all.”
- “But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency, and with much leniency you govern all ...”

God of justice:

- “For your might is the source of justice ...”
- “You show your might when the perfection of your power is disbelieved.”
- “... and in those who know you, you rebuke temerity (disrespect).”

We sing in today’s Psalm:

“You, O Lord are good and forgiving, abounding in kindness to all who call upon you. ... You, O Lord, are merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity.”

Yes, God cares for all and is lenient to all; at the same time, he shows his might when his power is disbelieved! We all have testimonies when and where God has shown his power when he is disbelieved.

The parable of the weeds among the wheat is a touching story of how an enemy sowed weeds in a wheat field. Note the time when the enemy went to destroy another person’s good work; at night, “While everyone was asleep...” The world would definitely be a better place if those who carry out evil deeds spend such time and effort in doing good works.

The question we often ask is, “Why does God not intervene promptly and root out evil and evil people?” That is the same question the servants asked their master, “Do you want us to go and pull them up?” He replied, “No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest.” We may not be able to unravel the mystery behind the presence of evil in the world, and the mystery of what we often call ‘God’s silence.’

The parable concludes, “... then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, ‘First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.’” This means that there is always a time of reckoning when good triumphs over evil; when God shows his justice and his might.

Last Sunday, we prayed that God keeps us from thorns of the evil one’s trials, temptations, and machinations, since the thorns are part of life. Today too, we continue to pray that God keeps us from the evil one’s weeds of trials, temptations, and machinations, since the weeds are part of life. The evil one and his agents will never stop planting thorns and sowing weeds. We are, therefore, encouraged to stay strong and not to allow ourselves to be overtaken by the thorns and the weeds of the evil one. St. Paul challenges us in Romans 12:21, “Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” St. Peter encourages us, “Be sober and vigilant. Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in faith, knowing that your fellow believers throughout the world undergo the same sufferings” (1 Peter 5:8).

Another striking point about the parable is the reaction of the servants and the response of the field owner. The servants wanted to go immediately and pull up the weeds. The servants represent the times we make premature judgments and take premature actions. The field owner, on the other hand, teaches us resilience among weeds and calm in the midst of storm.

Our journey through thorns, thistles, weeds, and storms of life is not a journey by “flesh” alone. It is not a journey by power and by might. We constantly need spiritual sustenance. For that reason, St. Paul advises us in the second reading to always pray in the Holy Spirit, our Advocate, who intercedes to God on our behalf with “with inexpressible groaning.” Our faith is that, despite our sins, weaknesses, and unworthiness, through the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love and mercy of God, and the companionship of the Holy Spirit, victory over the evil one is ours. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, July 18, 2026 (Vigil Mass) St. Francis of Assisi Parishioners Living & Deceased	5:00 PM
Sunday, July 19, 2026 † Willie Earl Gonzales & † Nelson Bates, Jr. requested by Gonzales & Everett Families † Brandon K. Smith requested by Betty Rachal & Family † Thomas Craig Rich, II requested by Martina Sassau & Family	8:00 AM
Sunday, July 19, 2026 † Earl Robertson requested by The Family † Dalton & † Theresa Belson requested by Antoinette K. Goodly † Shelton Joseph requested by Barbara Joseph & Family	11:00 AM
Monday, July 20, 2026 † Joseph & † Rosa Lee Jones requested by Joseph & Melanie Jones	7:00 AM
Tuesday, July 21, 2026 Private Intention	7:00 AM
Wednesday, July 22, 2026 Private Intention	7:00 AM
Thursday, July 23, 2026 † Nehemiah Charles Mitchell, Jr. requested by Janice Mitchell † Lydia Marshall & Dorothy W.A.B. requested by Veronica Murphy	7:00 AM
Friday, June July 24, 2026 Private Intention	7:00 AM
Saturday, July 25, 2026 † Raymond Rachal requested by Mary Charles & Melanie Jones	7:00 AM

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: stfrancisofassisihoustont@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, priest vestments, and altar linens.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish.

Attention: Employees, Ministry Leaders, & Volunteers of St. Francis of Assisi

It is **imperative** that **all Employees**, **all Ministry Leaders**, and **all Volunteers** are up to date with their Safe Environment Training. **Employees:** ensure your safe environment training does not expire. **Ministry Leaders:** before anyone is accepted as a new volunteer, please ensure that Safe Environment Training is the first step. Ensure that all volunteers of the ministry are up to date with their training. **Volunteers:** complete the training and know the status of your training. You may call the parish office with any questions and/or concerns. Remember, *the safety of children and vulnerable adults is a priority here at St. Francis of Assisi.*

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://houstonvocations.com/events>

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

Upcoming Events

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

The Office of the Vicar for Catholics of African Descent is inviting you to participate in the

4th Annual Archdiocesan African Cultural Heritage Festival

Sunday, August 2, 2026, Mass 2:00 PM, Cultural Festival 3:30 PM

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 for all ages.

ALL ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE; MARK YOUR CALENDARS TODAY!

Father Sebastine Soja Okoye and Father Reginald Samuels

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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713-299-1465 713-969-7586 832-607-6146

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>

Save the Date: August 8, 2026 after 5pm Mass

Honoring Fr. Martin Eke's

10th Anniversary as Pastor of St. Francis & 65th Birthday

For more information reach out to a Pastoral Council Member.

Prince of Peace Parish Garage Sale - July 29 - August 1, 2026

St. Andrew Discipleship Center - 19222 TX-249, Houston, TX 77070

Ready to declutter, find great bargains, and support a cause?

All proceeds benefiting their Youth Ministry and Blessed Beginnings Preschool For more information visit: <https://www.pophouston.org/event/garage-sale/>

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