

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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

July 26, 2026

***"We know that all things work
for good for those who love
God, who are called according
to his purpose."***

Romans 8:28



Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne • July 26

(Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary)



World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2026

"I will never forget you." - Isaiah 49:15

*We pray for all great-grandparents, grandparents, and the
elderly, that they may be respected for the wisdom of their
experience and loved for their understanding hearts.*



"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?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
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713-208-3711

Audio/Visual

Bonita Taylor
713-252-2028

Bazaar Committee

Carla Lewis 713-534-3927
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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
713-927-1073

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

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832-245-1846

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Dorothy Webb
832-567-4742

Liturgy Committee

Matt Matthews
832-423-9335

Liturgical Movement

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Minister of Music

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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 19, 2026

Offerings (Mail In/Drop Off)	\$1,490.00
Offerings (Mass)	\$3,241.00
Online Giving Offerings	\$1,210.00
Zelle Offerings	\$3,116.00
Total	\$9,057.00

Venezuela Earth Quake Collection \$306.95

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 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 2026

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12, Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Roman 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52

Solomon was a young man when he became the king of Israel. In his dream, God said to him, "Ask something of me, and I will give it to you." Solomon replied, "...I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act...Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong." God was pleased that Solomon made this request, and said to Solomon, "Because you have asked this – not for long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for understanding so that you may know what is right – I do as you requested. I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you... In addition, ... I give you such riches and glory that among kings there will be no one like you all your days."

Solomon's encounter with God brings Jesus' words to mind: "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides" (Matthew 6:33). Solomon's prayer challenges us since most times our prayers are for our material needs.

The Book of Proverbs says, "Get wisdom, get understanding!... Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you; love her, and she will safeguard you" (Proverbs 4:5-9). Wisdom is the first of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit (Isaiah 11:3).

In today's gospel, Jesus reminds us that the kingdom of heaven is so priceless that we are to "sell all that we have to buy it." Jesus means that we must give up all worldly things which might prevent us from entering the kingdom of heaven. St. Paul describes the kingdom that awaits us, "What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him, this God has revealed to us through the Spirit" (1 Corinthians 2:9). Why should I allow worldly passing things to prevent me from going to such an eternal place?

On the way to the kingdom are constant challenges of distinguishing right from wrong, of discerning between good and evil, and of making wise judgements and good choices. It is a journey beyond human wisdom alone. St. Paul says, "For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God's sight" (1 Corinthians 3:19). When and where God is set aside and we operate only with human wisdom, we put ourselves in danger of mistakes, errors, bad choices, sin, and destruction.

With God's wisdom, we are able to put what is good into the bucket and throw away what is bad. Therefore, we are encouraged to pray for God's wisdom to guide us at every moment. St. James advises us, "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and [the person] will be given" (James 1:5). Tobit advised his son Tobiah, "Seek counsel (wisdom) from every wise person, and do not think lightly of any useful advice" (Tobit 4:18). Sadly, some people seek counsel from unwise persons and from evil minded persons who lead them astray.

St. Paul states in the second reading, "Brothers and sisters: We know that all things work for the good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." This statement has three segments. (1) "... all things work for the good." (2) "... for those who love God." (3) "... who are called according to his purpose." The second and the third segments are requirements for the first segment. While we pray that all things work for our good, we are to love God by obeying his commands, trusting in him, and surrendering to him. We are to follow God's call and purpose, not our desires and will. We are active participants for all things to work for our good.

There are five graces we can pray for from today's readings:

1. We pray for the grace to be guided by God's wisdom to enable us distinguish right from wrong, to discern between good and evil, and to make wise judgements and good choices.
2. We pray for the grace to love God by obeying his commands, by trusting him, and by surrendering to him in all things.
3. We pray for the grace to follow God's call and purpose, not our desires and will.
4. We pray that all things, even the ugliest things which come our way, may work for our good.
5. We pray that on our way to the kingdom of heaven, we will run a good race and keep the faith and earn the crown of righteousness at the end. Amen.

Fr Martin Eke, MSP

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, July 25, 2026 (Vigil Mass) St. Francis of Assisi Parishioners Living & Deceased	5:00 PM
Sunday, July 26, 2026 † Brandon Keith Smith requested by Clyde Llorens † Homebound Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi requested by St. Francis of Assisi Pastoral Council † The Chavis Family requested by Patricia Chavis	8:00 AM
Sunday, July 26, 2026 † Richard Webb requested by Family & Friends † Earl Robertson requested by The Family † Virgis Wiltz, † Anna Roberts & † Sosthene Wiltz requested by Mary V. Charles	11:00 AM
Monday, July 27, 2026 † Betty Conant requested by Joseph & Melanie Jones	7:00 AM
Tuesday, July 28, 2026 † Richard D. Scott requested by A Friend	7:00 AM
Wednesday, July 29, 2026 Private Intention	7:00 AM
Thursday, July 30, 2026 Fr. Cosmas Nwosuh's Private Intentions requested by A Friend	7:00 AM
Friday, June July 31, 2026 † Alphonse Tamnou & † Micheline Watchueng requested by Christelle Kamssu † Brenda Demaris requested by Veronica Murphy	7:00 AM
Saturday, August 1, 2026 † Souls in Purgatory requested by A Friend	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: stfrancisofassisihouston@gmail.com

Knights of Peter Claver Council and Court 138 Community Line Dance Fundraiser

Sunday • August 2, 2026 • 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church Parish Hall
(4600 Reed Road, Houston TX 77051)

Admission: \$10.00 per person • Concessions: Wings & fries w/drink \$10.00

Payment Options: Cash, Check, or Zelle to Queen.Saints138@gmail.com
(include "Line Dance Matinee" in the memo line)

For more information, contact:

Lady Gwen Reed Lamothe at 832-594-5255 or Lady Helen Gobert at 281-450-9713
Dance for a Cause. Give with Your Heart. Make a Difference - One Step at a Time!

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:

Mary Berard Diana Carmon-Jones Mary Beard

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/>

St. Martin de Porres Garage Sale • July 30 - August 1, 2026

12606 Crosby-Lynchberg Rd, Barrett Station, Texas 77532

Early Bird Day Thursday, July 30 • 8am-2pm • \$10.00 Cash entry ages 5+

Friday, July 31 • 8am-2pm | Saturday, August 1 • 8am-4pm

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