

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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

August 16, 2026



I express my joy and gratitude to the Pastoral Council, ministries, organizations, parishioners, and friends for celebrating my 10 Years Anniversary at St. Francis of Assisi and my 65th Birthday.

Thank you all for your prayers, gifts, presence, and unwavering support to me.

Special thanks to the organizing crew and those who were generous with their time and resources for the celebration.

By God's grace, I promise to remain committed to serving God and you all.

I pray for God's blessings on all of us. Amen.

Fr. Martin Eke, MSP

Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Court 231

Celebrated their 100th Anniversary - Sunday, August 2, 2026 - 8 AM Mass



"Special Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi"

Commemorating the 800th Anniversary
of his Death

Traveling Statue & Relic
is with

Gabriela Medina & Family
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

Bible Study

Deacon Ignatius Joseph
281-745-3005

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

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

August 9, 2026

Offerings (Mail In/Drop Off)	\$2,270.00
Offerings (Mass)	\$4,537.00
Online Giving Offerings	\$1,080.00
Zelle Offerings	\$610.00
Total	\$8,497.00

Infirm Priest Collection \$506.00

Thank you for your generosity
May God bless you



Diocesan Services Fund (DSF) 2026

Parish Goal: 26,875.00
Total Amount Paid: \$14,265.00
Total Number of Donors: 40
Percentage Paid: 53.08%



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, Michael Roman Burnam.

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

Homily of Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 2026

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Psalm 67:2-8; Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28

The first reading took place when the Israelites returned from the Babylonian captivity and rebuilt the temple of Jerusalem. Through Prophet Isaiah, God commanded the Israelites, "Foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, ministering to him, loving the name of the Lord, and becoming his servants; all who keep the Sabbath free from profanation; and hold fast to my covenant; them I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." By this command, God communicated to the Israelites the universality of salvation and his rejection of the discrimination against the Gentiles.

In the second reading, St. Paul, although a Jew, was an apostle to the Gentiles. He states that God's call to reconciliation and his mercy are for all; Jews and Gentiles. He writes in Galatians 3:28, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus." Salvation is not a prerogative of any special group of people, but for all peoples.

In the gospel, the Canaanite woman did not mind the enmity between the Canaanites and the Jews or the disparagement of the Canaanites by the Jews. She made her way to see Jesus to present her case. Her daughter was tormented by a demon. Although Jesus tested the faith of the woman, more importantly, he wanted the encounter to be a teaching moment for his disciples and the Jews. Jesus did not say a word when the woman prayed to him. The disciples reacted, "Send her away, for she is calling after us." Jesus responded, "I was sent only for the lost sheep of the house of Israel." (Jesus echoed the Jewish belief that the Messiah was going to come to save only the Jews.) "It is not right to take the food for children and throw it to the dogs." (Jews used the term "dogs" as a slang for Gentiles to signify ritual impurity or a separation from God's covenant.)

Jesus' response did not discourage the woman. She persisted in her pleading, "Please Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their master." Jesus was amazed and exclaimed, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. By attending to the woman, Jesus cancelled the erroneous Jewish belief that the Gentiles were outsiders who were separated from salvation and God's covenant. By attending to the woman, Jesus implied that the derogatory remark against the Gentiles was nullified and withdrawn.

The Canaanite woman has a few lessons to teach us. First, is her unwavering faith in Jesus, although she was a non-Jew. She believed that Jesus would heal her daughter. Nothing could discourage her. Second, she persisted in her prayer. She did not stop until her prayer was granted. Third, she was not deterred by what people thought of her or said about her. She remained focused on her goal. Fourth, she displayed great humility.

Today's gospel maintains the theme of the first and second readings, that God is the creator and father of all, and that Jesus came to save everyone. Jesus came to break down dividing walls of enmity between races and destroy hostility of separation (Ephesians 2:14).

The disciples said to Jesus, "Send her away, for she is calling out after us." We hear this same kind of hate speech against fellow human beings: "Send them away, they don't look like us." "Send them away. They don't speak like us." "Send them away. Their religion is different." "Send them away. They are taking our jobs." "Send them away. They don't belong to our party." "Send them away. They will overtake us." "Send them away. They don't reason like us." "Send them away. They don't agree with us." "Send them away. They don't support us." "Send them away ..."

Is there someone calling after us for help whom we have neglected or dismissed? Is there someone we disrespect or disdain because he or she is different, or because he or she is not one of our own? Is there someone we want to be sent away or be displaced because we are envious or jealous, or we just do not like the person?

We pray for a change of heart of perpetrators of the evils of discrimination of others, rejection of others, killing of others, destruction of property, sponsors and implementers of injustice, and enablers of conflicts, violence, and wars. Jesus prays for us and the world that we may be one (John 17:21); one in our homes, in our church, in our communities, in our society, in our country, and in our world.

We pray with Pope Leo: "... give us the courage to build bridges where the world raises up boundaries. In this time afflicted by conflict and division, intercede for us so that we may become peacemakers: unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ. Amen." (Jubilee Year Prayer of Pope Leo XIX)

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, August 15, 2026 (<i>Vigil Mass</i>) St. Francis of Assisi Parishioners Living & Deceased	5:00 PM
Sunday, August 16, 2026 † Helen Mitchell & † Viola Potier requested by Janice Mitchell † Norma Duhon requested by The Duhon Family † Joseph William Morgan, † Roy Roque & † Cora Sarpy requested by Donald & Frankie Morgan	8:00 AM
Sunday, August 16, 2026 † Grace Jason requested by Patricia Murray & Family † Lillie Melvin requested by David & Alicia Livings Sloan & Labrie Families Living & Deceased requested by Paul & Gloria Sloan	11:00 AM
Monday, August 17, 2026 Delores Zann, Karen Bacchus & † Junior Bacchus requested by Veronica Murphy	7:00 AM
Tuesday, August 18, 2026 Private Intention	7:00 AM
Wednesday, August 19, 2026 Private Intention	7:00 AM
Thursday, August 20, 2026 Private Intention	7:00 AM
Friday, June August 21, 2026 Private Intention	7:00 AM
Saturday, August 22, 2026 Clarice G. Campbell requested by Cheryl Campbell	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: stfrancisofassisihoustons@gmail.com

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

It is **imperative** that **all Employees, Ministry Leaders, and 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.**

August is National Make a Will Month. When a loved one passes without a Will, families face significant logistical and financial challenges, only adding to their grief. The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston has partnered with MyCatholicWill to provide parishioners the opportunity to protect their families by creating a Will for free. For more information visit <https://archgh.org/mycatholicwill>

Pope's Prayer Intention for August 2026

For evangelization in the city. Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

- 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
August 28, 2026 Friday	Back to School Super Bingo	7:00 PM
September 26, 2026 Saturday	St. Francis Jubilee Year Mass Principal Celebrant Bishop Italo	9:00 AM
September 27, 2026 Sunday	Transitus of St. Francis	6:00 PM

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>

Cast Members – Transitus of St. Francis Dramatization

We're preparing a dynamic dramatization of the **Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi**, commemorating his passage from earthly life to eternal life. **All ages are welcome** to participate! Our next meeting will be a rehearsal on **Saturday, August 29th at 10:30 AM**. If you're interested in being part of this special tribute to our Patron Saint, please contact **Dorothy Webb at 832-567-4742**.

This is a beautiful opportunity to honor the life and legacy of St. Francis of Assisi.

St. Luke Dinner: All medical professionals and students are invited to join the Catholic Healthcare Professionals of Houston in celebrating St. Luke's feast day on Friday, September 25 at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Houston. The event will begin with Vespers at 6:30pm, followed by Dinner and a Keynote by Dr. Ashley K. Fernandes from The Ohio State University Medical School. Visit catholichealthhouston.com to learn more and purchase tickets!

St Francis of Assisi Back to School Super Bingo

Friday - August 28, 2026

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE NOW: Presale: **\$20** • at the Door: **\$25**

Deadline to purchase presale tickets: Wednesday, August 26th

Doors open at 5:30 pm • Games begin at 7 pm

Concessions will be available • **Coverall grand prize will be \$500.00!!!**

For more information: Johnna - 713-806-2778 or Evelyn - 713-385-6607

Join us for family friendly fun and support our parish!!

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