

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;

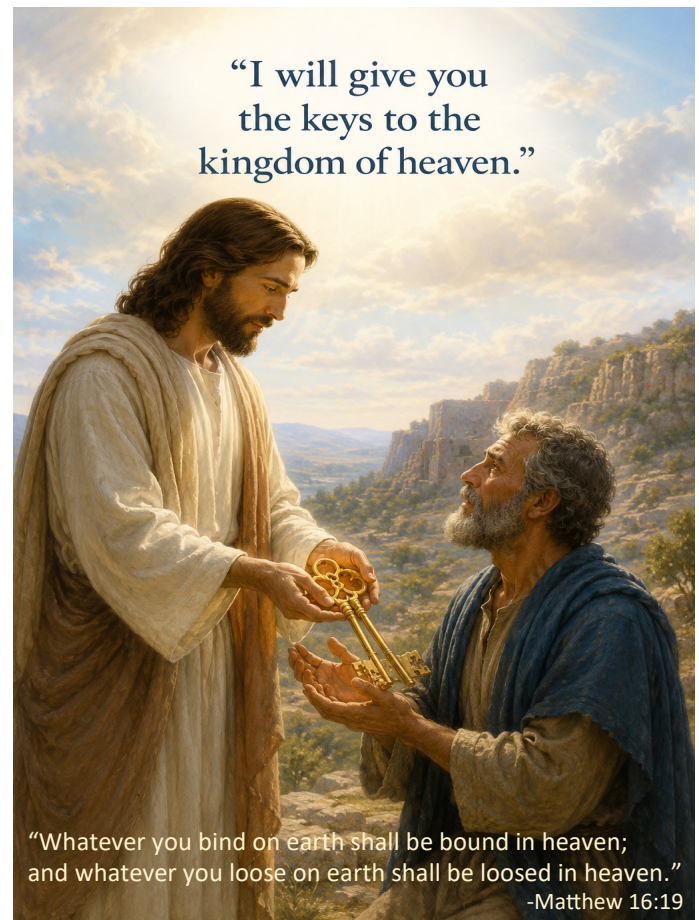
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Marian Chapel

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

August 23, 2026



"Special Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi"

Commemorating the 800th Anniversary
of his Death

Traveling Statue & Relic

is with the family of
Aljy, Clarice, & Cheryl Campbell

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

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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 16, 2026

Offerings (Mail In/Drop Off)	\$1,210.00
Offerings (Mass)	\$3,493.00
Online Giving Offerings	\$1,065.00
Zelle Offerings	\$405.00
Total	\$6,173.00

Maintenance Fund Collection \$508.00

Thank you for your generosity
May God bless you



Diocesan Services Fund (DSF) 2026

Parish Goal: 26,875.00
Total Amount Paid: \$14,990.00
Total Number of Donors: 46
Percentage Paid: 55.78%



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, Joseph Guidry.

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

Homily of Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 2026

Isaiah 22:19-23; Psalm 138:1-3, 6, 8; Roman 11:33-36; Matthew 6:16:13-20

In the first reading, Shebna, the chief steward of King Hezekiah, was a wicked, deceitful, and proud man. It was said that he conspired with Assyria in an attack against Jerusalem. God sent Isaiah to prophesy his removal from office and to be replaced by Eliakim, a faithful and trustworthy servant of God. Isaiah prophesied God's blessings on Eliakim. He would take over the authority Shebna used to have. "He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the house of Judah. I will place the key of the house of David on his shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut; when he shuts, no one shall open. I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot ..." The first reading reminds us Mary's magnificat, "He has shown might with his arm, dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart. He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones but lifted up the lowly" (Luke 1:51-52).

The prophesy about Eliakim was a prophesy about Jesus, "the Christ, the Son of the living God" as Peter professed in today's gospel. God replaced Shebna (the Pharisees, the Sadducees, the lawyers, the scribes, the chief priests, and the old laws) with Jesus the Christ (the new Eliakim), and gave him the authority above all authorities. Jesus, then, passed the authority to Peter and the Catholic Church, "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Today's gospel helps us to understand the origin of the Catholic Church and the papacy. Jesus is the founder, and St. Peter is the first pope. It is only the Catholic Church that has Jesus as her founder. Every other Church traces its founder to a human being. The declaration and prophecy of Jesus in today's gospel have kept the Catholic Church going for more than two thousand years of her existence, and the gates of hell have not been able to prevail over her. From her very beginning, as early as the time of the apostles to our generation, the Church has gone through strong wind and storm, earthquake and fire; yet the Church has continued to survive. Jesus' declaration and prophecy concerning the Church stand forever; which is to say, no matter what happens, the Catholic Church will remain till the end of time.

In many countries and in many places, there are rulers and leaders, like Shebna, who are wicked, deceitful, proud, and corrupt, and who conspire against their own people. We pray for the fulfillment of Mary's words on such rulers and leaders.

Like Shebna, the Pharisees, the Sadducees, the lawyers, the scribes, the chief priests were equally unfaithful wicked, deceitful, and proud stewards. Jesus challenged them, "they tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them" (Matthew 23:4). I need to ask myself what kind of steward I am. Am I an unfaithful servant like Shebna or am I a faithful and trustworthy servant of God like Eliakim?

Asking his disciples to tell him who people say he is, Jesus teaches us that self-evaluation is an incomplete assessment. People generally lack full access to their own blind spots and possess a limited view of how their behavior impacts others. It is important therefore to have the courage to occasionally ask and hear and listen to unbiased feedback. The problem is that many of us do not have the courage to receive feedback because we are afraid to hear the truth about ourselves. Those who are afraid to receive feedback about themselves remain in their blindness.

There is a commentary on "The Emperor's New Clothes" by Hans Christian Andersen: *A fairytale of a nude king surrounded by people who could not tell him that he had no clothes. This is exactly how many of us live; walking around with obvious mistakes, bad habits, poor decisions and everyone around pretends that everything is fine. If your friends, your team, or the people close to you can't correct you, can't challenge you, and can't tell you when you're wrong, then you don't have a circle. You have an audience. And an audience will clap for you, praise you, and hype you even as you walk straight into destruction ... Sometimes the biggest danger in your life is not your enemy, it's the people who fear losing your favor so much that they would rather watch you fail silently than guide you honestly.*

Also, asking his disciples to tell him who themselves say he is and Peter's response teach us that each of us is to have an intimate relationship with him; a relationship not based on crowd mentality but on how Christ-like I am and how Christ-centered I am, revealed through my prayer life and witnessing him to others.

We have come to Jesus, the faithful and humble servant. May we learn faithfulness and humility from him. We have come to Christ, the Son of the living God, who has the key of the house of David on his shoulder. May he open for us that no one shuts. May he shut for us that no one opens. May he fix us like a peg in a sure spot that no one uproots. Amen and amen.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, August 22, 2026 (<i>Vigil Mass</i>) St. Francis of Assisi Parishioners Living & Deceased	5:00 PM
Sunday, August 23, 2026 White & Mitchell Families Living & Deceased requested by Eugene & Stephanie White † Mary & † Wallace Wiltz requested by Ella Ledet & Family Homebound Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi requested by St. Francis of Assisi Pastoral Council	8:00 AM
Sunday, August 23, 2026 † Richard Webb requested by Family & Friends † Eva Hypolite & † Shelton Joseph requested by Barbara Joseph & Family † Clarence, † Ethel, † Clifford, † Eric, & † Anthony Wiltz, & † Cedric Foster requested by Darlene Wiltz	11:00 AM
Monday, August 24, 2026 Private Intention	7:00 AM
Tuesday, August 25, 2026 † Mary Aguilar requested by Mary Helen & Cameron Madeline Randle & Phyllis Brooks requested by Veronica Murphy	7:00 AM
Wednesday, August 26, 2026 † Helen Castenelle requested by Veronica Murphy	7:00 AM
Thursday, August 27, 2026 Private Intention	7:00 AM
Friday, June August 28, 2026 Peter O. Goodley requested by Clarice Campbell † Emily Bourda requested by Jackie Smith	7:00 AM
Saturday, August 29, 2026 † Alphonse Tamnou & † Micheline Watchueng requested by Christelle Kamssu	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: stfrancisofassisi@houston@gmail.com



CCE Registration for all grades begins this weekend. This includes adults in need of Confirmation. Sisters and brothers coming from other faith traditions are invited to come and learn about Catholic faith in hopes of becoming Catholics.

There will be a Parent Orientation next Sunday, September 13, 2026 after the 8am Mass for all new and returning families. Classes will begin on Sunday September 20, 2026 at 9:30 am.

We would like to have a few more teachers so that we may have one teacher per grade level, substitutes, and teacher aids for the lower grades. Therefore, we are also accepting volunteers who are practicing Catholics and are willing to share their faith to become Catechists.

Around the Archdiocese: To see events and activities in our local parishes, schools and other Catholic organizations visit: <https://archgh.org/ata>

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. Monetary donations are welcomed.

For more information contact:

Mary Berard 713-299-1465	Diana Carmon-Jones 713-969-7586	Mary Beard 832-607-6146
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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. Francis of Assisi Back to School Super Bingo

5102 Dabney St., Houston TX 77026

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!!

St. Peter Claver Catholic Church Bingo Night

6005 N. Wayside Dr., Houston, TX 77028

Friday, September 11, 2026 • Grand Prize \$500 Cover All

Doors open at 6pm • Games start at 7pm • Food & Drinks available for purchase

Tickets: Pre-Sale: \$20 until September 6th • At the door: \$25

Contact St. Peter Claver @ 713-674-3338 or Tina @ 832-725-7817

CashApp Barbara @ 832-766-6307 or **Zelle** Christine @ 832-567-4715

Catholic Relief Services: Earthquake Relief: Catholic Relief Services has a page to support those impacted by the recent earthquake in Colombia. To assist, visit: [Colombia Earthquake Relief: Donate Now to Help Families | CRS](#)

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