

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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

August 9, 2026



"Take courage,
it is I; do not
be afraid."

Matthew 14:27

Archdiocesan Youth Conference 2026

July 31 - August 2, 2026

"We are disciples of Christ, Christ goes before us, and the world needs his light."
- Pope Leo XIV



Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, August 15, 2026

Adoration: 6:30 AM

Mass: 7:00 AM

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with
favor upon his lowly servant." -Luke 1:46-48



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

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713-969-7586

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832-887-4880

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832-245-1846

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832-567-4742

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Matt Matthews
832-423-9335

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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 2, 2026

Offerings (Mail In/Drop Off)	\$1,310.00
Offerings (Mass)	\$5,621.00
Online Giving Offerings	\$670.00
Zelle Offerings	\$1,495.00
Total	\$9,096.00

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 Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A, 2026

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a; Psalm 85:9-14; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33

In the first reading, Elijah escaped from Jezebel who wanted to kill him. It took Elijah forty days and forty nights to reach Mount Horeb, the Mountain of God. (Mount Horeb is called the Mountain of God because it was the site of profound divine encounters by Moses with God. On this mountain, Moses experienced the Burning Bush and received the Ten Commandments). Elijah went into a cave and took shelter. God did not say, "Welcome, my good and faithful servant;" rather, God put Elijah to further test. God said to him, "Come and stand on the mountain before the Lord, the Lord will be passing by." (It sounds like God said, "You are on my mountain. Come out of your fear, dejection, and hiding, and experience me as Moses did. You can't experience me hiding in a cave!"). When Elijah stood on the mountain, a strong and heavy wind came rending the mountain and crushing rocks. This was followed by an earthquake, and the earthquake followed by a fire. Elijah remained where God told him to stand. It was after the fire that God's presence descended in a tiny whispering sound. Then, God sent Elijah to another phase of mission (1 Kings 19:14-18).

The following points are worth noting:

First, when things were going rough for Elijah, he went looking for God. He made the rough and long journey to the Mountain of God. In difficult times, we are to go to God, not go away from God.

Second, God called Elijah out of the cave means that God called Elijah and calls us out from hiding, withdrawal, despair, self-pity, and fear to strength and purpose.

Third, God was not in the strong and heavy wind, the earthquake, and the fire but in a tiny whispering sound means that many times, God is found beyond noise and beyond loud dramas.

Fourth, Elijah was not reluctant to continue another mission God sent him, not minding his disappointments and frustrations. Despite our disappointments and frustrations, if it is God's will that we are to start a new journey or mission, all we have to do is to pray for the grace that we need.

In the second reading, St. Paul expressed his frustration, "... I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, my kindred according to the flesh" (Romans 9:2-3). St. Paul was willing to sacrifice anything, even his own salvation, if such would bring salvation to his people. Elijah voiced similar frustration while on his way to Mount Horeb and prayed for death: "Enough, Lord! Take my life, for I am no better than my ancestors" (1 Kings 19:4).

In one way or another, we all go through strong and heavy winds, earthquakes, fires, and heartbreaking frustrations, as Elijah and Paul did. These great fathers of faith teach us to persevere during troubled times and to have unwavering faith in God. They teach us not to despair and give up but to press forward. They teach us to make a fresh start if that is the way to go.

Today's gospel is about Jesus walking on water. There is a joke that the following day after Jesus walked on water, his disciples boasted to the disciples of the Pharisees that their master, Jesus, was the greatest of all masters because he walked on water. The disciples of the Pharisees told the Pharisees the latest miracle Jesus performed. The Pharisees, scornfully, replied that there was nothing special about Jesus walking on water; that Jesus walked on water because he did not know how to swim! Many of us are guilty of never acknowledging anything good in people we do not like.

In the gospel, Jesus left his disciples and went up on the mountain by himself to pray. It was night. The disciples' boat was being tossed by the waves, for the wind was against it. They were miles away from offshore. In their fear, they did not recognize Jesus. They thought he was a ghost and became more terrified. Many of us can relate to the disciples' experience. Some of us are so frightened by issues in our lives that we see ghosts instead of feeling the presence of Jesus. Some of us feel like being tossed up and down by waves of life. For some of us, things are as dark as if it is night. For some of us, the shore is not in sight. Jesus says to us as he said to the disciples, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

At Peter's request and Jesus' invitation, Peter walked on water. But quickly, Peter doubted and looked away from Jesus. Peter turned his attention to the strong wind. He became frightened and began to sink. During strong winds of trials and temptations, we are encouraged to look upon Jesus and to call upon him, instead of seeking solutions outside Jesus. Away from Jesus, we sink and drown. As we remain steadfast in times of strong winds, earthquakes, fires, and tossed by waves, may we hear God's reassuring "tiny whispering sound." May Jesus bring calm to our troubled situations and save us. Amen.

Fr. Martin Eke, MSP

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, August 8, 2026 (<i>Vigil Mass</i>) St. Francis of Assisi Parishioners Living & Deceased	5:00 PM
Sunday, August 9, 2026 † Dalton & † Theresa Belson requested by Antoinette K. Goodly † Joseph Carmouche requested by Frieda Carmouche † Nedra Virginia Haydel requested by Elsa Phillips & Family	8:00 AM
Sunday, August 9, 2026 † Paul Trahan, † Winsolon Trahan, Jr., & † Ray A. Murphy, Jr. requested by Mary Trahan (wife & grandmother) † Lillie Melvin requested by David & Alicia Livings Augustine Dauphine, Senakwe Wright, † Norma Duhon, & Mariah Jacob requested by Augustine Dauphine	11:00 AM
Monday, August 10, 2026 Private Intention	7:00 AM
Tuesday, August 11, 2026 Private Intention	7:00 AM
Wednesday, August 12, 2026 Private Intention	7:00 AM
Thursday, August 13, 2026 Private Intention	7:00 AM
Friday, June August 14, 2026 † Souls in Purgatory requested by A Friend	7:00 AM
Saturday, August 15, 2026 St. Francis of Assisi Parishioners Living & Deceased	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 8-9, 2026	Back to School Blessing	All Masses
September 26, 2026 Saturday	St. Francis Jubilee Year Mass Principal Celebrant Bishop Italo	9:00 AM

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.

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** in the Conference Room. 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!

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