

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;

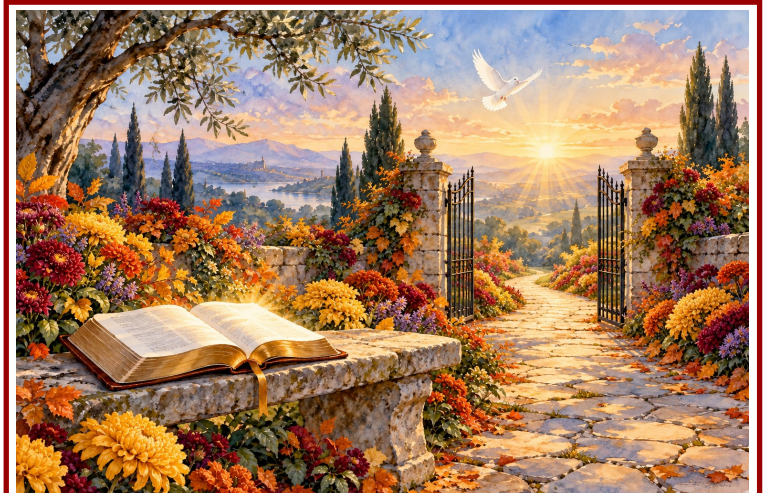
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Marian Chapel

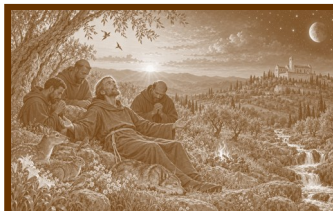
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

September 27, 2026



**"Your ways, O Lord, make known to me,
teach me your paths, guide me in your truth
and teach me, for you are God my savior."**

-Psalm 25:4-5



Transitus

dramatization of St. Francis' passage
from earthly life to eternal life

Sunday, September 27, 2026 @ 6 PM

All are welcome



"Special Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi"

Commemorating the 800th Anniversary
of his Death

Traveling Statue & Relic

is with

Joseph & Adrian Sloan & 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

September 20, 2026

Offerings (Mail In/Drop Off)	\$1,720.00
Offerings (Mass)	\$3,380.40
Online Giving Offerings	\$880.00
Zelle Offerings	\$560.00
Total	\$6,540.40

Maintenance Fund Collection \$692.00

Thank you for your generosity
May God bless you



Diocesan Services Fund (DSF) 2026

Parish Goal: 26,875.00
Total Amount Paid: \$15,815.00
Total Number of Donors: 49
Percentage Paid: 58.84%



Annie Marie Joubert, Mercedes Arline, Amelie Marie Murphy, Dorothy Meyers, Gustavia LaBlanc, Joseph Gallagher, Barbara Calhoun, Enola Zenon, Emma Filer, Alsie Gee, Winnie Malveaux, Marie Grace Moran, Rita Lewis, Stan Martinez, Patricia Davis, Brother Mike Velarde, Eula Broussard, 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 Bur-nam, Joseph Guidry, Chester Beard, Javier Ruiz, Chris Simpson, Timothy Berard.

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

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

Ezekiel 18:25-28; Psalm 25:4-9; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32

In the gospel, the first son replied to his father, "I will not," afterwards changed his mind and did his father's will. But the second son replied, "Yes, sir," but did not do his father's will. Jesus used the parable to address the chief priests and the elders who refused to accept him as the savior sent by God. The second son represents them. While the first son represents the tax collectors and prostitutes who repented and believed in Jesus. The gospel helps us to understand the first reading. The Jewish leaders were the virtuous persons who turned away from virtue to commit iniquity, while the tax collectors and prostitutes were the wicked who turned away from wickedness.

The readings invite us to examine the way and manner we live out our callings and responsibilities. We make all kinds of commitments, promises, oaths, vows, covenants, and agreements when we accept our various callings and responsibilities. Many times, we fall short of them. All the great speeches and colorful ceremonies eventually mean little or nothing. In this way, we are like the second son.

St. Paul advises us in the second reading that to be true to our callings and responsibilities, we are to have in us the same attitude that is in Jesus Christ who did nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory. Rather, he emptied and humbled himself and was obedient to God to the point of death on a cross.

We can name from the readings three vices which make us fall short of our callings and responsibilities. The vices are pride, selfishness, and disobedience. These vices have resulted to the downfall of many people. Therefore, in order to preserve our lives, our callings, and our responsibilities, we are to keep away from these vices.

Because of Christ's humility, obedience, and selflessness, "God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name..." Therefore, if we embrace these virtues (humility, obedience, and selflessness), God will also raise us to greater heights.

The first reading says, "When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity and dies, it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die." There are many instances of people who start very well, then veer off to bad ways, and end up badly. We see this happen in all aspects of life. Revelation 2:4-5 summons us, "I hold this against you: you have lost the love you had at first. Realize how far you have fallen. Repent, and do the works you did at first."

The first son replied, "I will not," but afterwards, he changed his mind and went." This son teaches us to reflect over our decisions and actions. We are encouraged to admit our errors, take necessary corrections, and make necessary changes. The virtues of humility, obedience, and selflessness enable us to take corrections and make changes with less stress. The vices of pride, selfishness, and disobedience keep us blind to truth. Disobedience drains more energy, time, emotional stamina, and stress than simply following instructions or guidance.

The second son replied, "Yes, Sir," but did not go." Failed commitments, broken promises, broken oaths, broken vows, broken covenants, and broken agreements have left us with a broken world, broken countries, a wounded Church, broken institutions, broken communities, broken homes, broken marriages, broken relationships, broken friendships, and broken hearts. These failures and brokenness cause much pain and distress to many people and the death of many people. We pray for conversion and healing.

Yes, all of us have fallen short in our callings and responsibilities in one way or another. We pray for the grace of humility, obedience, and selflessness. We pray with today's Psalm, "Your ways, O Lord make known to me; teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior. ... Good and upright is the Lord; thus, he shows sinners the way" (Psalm 25:4-5, 8).

Yes, all of us are broken in one way or another. We dwell in broken places. We have to deal with broken people and broken situations all the time. We live in a broken society and in a broken world. Our imperfections and afflictions are our brokenness. Sadly, some people seek vanities to fix their brokenness. Some people seek solutions from unholy spiritual forces. Vanities and unholy spiritual forces lead to addictions, bondage, and destruction. Scripture says, "Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!" (Ecclesiastes 1:2). "Those who trust in their riches will fall" (Proverbs 11:28). "They multiply their sorrows who court other gods" (Psalm 16:4). "Better the threshold of the house of my God than a home in the [palace of the devil]" (Psalm 84:11).

We are invited to bring our falls and brokenness to God for all the graces we need. He is the only One who puts us together again and sustains us. He heals brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds (Psalm 147:3). Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, September 26, 2026 (<i>Vigil Mass</i>) St. Francis of Assisi Parishioners Living & Deceased	5:00 PM
Sunday, September 27, 2026 † Dena Downey-Garrett requested by the Elsa Phillips & Family Brown & Chavis Families Living & Deceased requested by Patricia Chavis † Delas Dewitt Gabriel requested by Kathy Heileman Gabriel	8:00 AM
Sunday, September 27, 2026 † Dalton & † Theresa Belson requested by Antoinette K. Goodly † Paul Trahan, † Winsolon Trahan, Jr., & † Ray A. Murphy, Jr. requested by Winsolon Trahan, Sr. & Elaine Murphy † Sam Kately, Jr., † Darrell Kately, † Leona Jones, † Helen Mitchell, & † Lesley Kately requested by Augustine Dauphine	11:00 AM
Monday, September 28, 2026 Patricia 'Tissy' Murphy requested by Veronica Murphy	7:00 AM
Tuesday, September 29, 2026 Private Intention	7:00 AM
Wednesday, September 30, 2026 † Helen Mitchell requested by Janice Mitchell	7:00 AM
Thursday, October 1, 2026 Private Intention	7:00 AM
Friday, October 2, 2026 Associate Missionaries of St. Paul Martel Goodley requested by Clarice Campbell † Celinda LaChapelle Haydel requested by Elsa Phillips & Family John Goosey, MD requested by Clarice Campbell	7:00 AM
Saturday, October 3, 2026 Private Intention	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 continues. 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. CCE is on Sunday at 9:30 am.

GET ON UPI BOOTS & BLING ZYDECO. Get ready for an unforgettable night of Zydeco, great food, good vibes, and plenty of dancing at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. **FEATURING:** Brian Jack & the Zydeco Gamblers, with sounds by the Legendary DJ Chatterbox on Saturday, October 3, 2026. Doors open at 7:00 PM. The admission is \$25.00 at the door. Grab your crew, bring your dancing spirit, and let's make this a night to remember!

Generation of Grace "A Welcoming Space for Women of God"

Saturday • October 10th • 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Holiday Inn Express & Suites (1010 FM 1960, Houston TX 77073)

Join speakers **Veronica Anderson** and **Linda Francis** for a prayer-filled gathering for women of all generations, rooted in faith, reflection, and unity. All are invited. Tickets are \$25.00. *Come, let's bridge the generation gap and grow together in faith.* Use QR code to register.

For questions call **281-318-1405** or email Info.generationsofgrace@gmail.com



Pope's Prayer Intention for September 2026

For care of water. Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

- 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
Wednesday, September 23 to Thursday, October 1	Novena to St. Francis of Assisi	8pm Prayer Line & as noted
September 27, 2026 Sunday	Transitus of St. Francis	6:00 PM
October 11, 2026	Living Rosary	After 8 AM Mass

St. Francis of Assisi's Fall Raffle tickets are now on sale! We are asking each family to purchase or sell at least three books of tickets. This year, we will raffle **seven** gift cards instead of **three** - that means **seven chances to win!** The drawing will be held on Saturday, October 3rd. Raffle tickets may be picked up in the church foyer after Mass. **Thank you for your support!**

The Novena to St. Francis of Assisi: Wednesday, September 23rd through Thursday, October 1st, at 8:00 PM on the prayer line. On Sunday, September 27th, join us in the church at 6:00 PM for the Transitus, a dramatization of St. Francis' passage from earthly life to eternal life. The Blessing of Animals will take place outdoors after each Mass on Saturday, October 3rd and Sunday, October 4th. Please note that animals are not brought inside the church this year.

St Francis of Assisi Super Bingo • Friday • October 2, 2026

5102 Dabney Street, Houston TX 77026

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

Deadline to purchase presale tickets: Monday, September 28th

Doors open at 5 pm • Games begin at 7 pm • Concessions available **Coverall grand prize will be \$1,000.00!!!**

For tickets contact: Johnna - 713-806-2778 or Evelyn - 713-385-6607

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

2026 BENEMERENTI AWARD NOMINATIONS

The word "Benemerenti", derived from the Latin, meaning "to a well-deserved person".

All nominations should include a brief note about the nominee and the reason for the nomination. Please include your name and contact information on the nomination so that you can be notified that the nomination has been received.

Nomination Deadline: Wednesday, September 30, 2026

FALL DINNER SALE FUNDRAISER. In lieu of our annual Bazaar, the Altar Society will sponsor a Fall Dinner Sale on **Saturday, October 17, from 4:00 - 7:00 PM**, and **Sunday, October 18, beginning at 8:30 AM until sold out.** Enjoy Chicken and Sausage Gumbo for **\$15** or BBQ Pork Steak with dirty rice, green beans, and potato salad for **\$20**. Each meal includes water or soda. Sweets will also be sold. Presale tickets are available after Mass each. Proceeds benefit St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church.

For information, contact **Mary Robertson at 832-790-8124.**

TMO 2026 Candidate Accountability Session

Sunday - October 4, 2026 - 3:00 PM

Congregation Beth Israel, 5600 N. Braeswood Blvd. Houston TX
TMO leaders will ask all the candidates for Harris County Judge and Commissioners, and candidates for US and Texas House of Representatives to commit to their agenda around fair treatment of immigrants, food security, access to healthcare, Social Security and flooding. Register at www.tmo-houston.org or use the QR Code. All are encouraged to attend.



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