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

Solemnity of All Saints, Year A

November 1, 2026

All Souls' Day ▪ November 2, 2026

Aneesia Iman Batiste	Mark Anthony Joseph	Norma Naomi Potier
Joe Henry Blake	Herman L. Kennerson	Raymond Rachal, Jr.
Latrina Gean Charles	Wilfred Edward Lambey	Rose Ethel Richard
Frank Martin Chavis, Sr.	Shirley Ann LeBlanc	Joel Dink Richards, Jr.
Desmond Coleman	Linda Lee	Mary Grace Rodriguez
Talton Cooper	Anna Bell Lewis	Delpha James Roy, Jr.
Ronald Matthews Espree	Pamaler McZeal	Cora Metoyer Sarpy
Frankie Fontenot	Donato Montero	Brandon Keith Smith
Mary Leona Bellard Goodly	Carol Morales	Alan Joseph St. Julian, Sr.
Graciela Rojas Graciano	Donald Morgan	Brian Marc Taylor
Malcolm Lanier Guidry	Phillip Anthony Ouzenne, Sr.	Marie Williams
Leola Jordan	Rickey L. Perrodin	

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

"Special Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi"
Commemorating the 800th Anniversary of his Death
Traveling Statue & Relic
is with the family of
Deacon John & Antoinette Goodly
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

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.

Diocesan Services Fund (DSF) 2026
Parish Goal: 26,875.00
Total Amount Paid: $16,190.00
Total Number of Donors: 50
Percentage Paid: 60.24%

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

Sacrificial Offerings

October 25, 2026

Offerings (Mail In/Drop Off)	$1,030.00
Offerings (Mass)	$3,670.00
Online Giving Offerings	$1,035.00
Zelle Offerings	$645.00
Total	**$6,380.00**

Thank you for your generosity
May God bless you

Prayer Request

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 Burnam, 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 All Saints, 2026

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; Psalm 24:16, 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

The Catholic Church believes and teaches that the Church exists simultaneously in heaven, on earth, and in purgatory. The Church in heaven is called Church Triumphant; the Church on earth is called Church Militant; and the Church in purgatory is called Church Suffering.

Almost every day, we celebrate feasts of canonized saints. But today, we celebrate all the saints in heaven. The first reading informs us that there are multitudes of uncanonized saints. St. John saw "a vision of heaven, and of a great multitude, which no one can count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue" (Revelation 7:9). Indeed, our ancestors and loved ones who have gone before us, who will never be canonized, are in heaven are included. I do not know if anyone of us imagine himself or herself of being canonized, but all of us are journeying to heaven.

There are people who do not believe in the power of the saints to intercede for us. How do such people explain the mystery behind the countless prayers God answered through the intercession of the saints? Ordinarily, we believe in the power of prayer by our fellow human beings, which is why we ask for prayers from one another. If God hears the prayer of sinners on earth, even more he hears the prayers of the saints in his presence. Therefore, it is not out of place to also seek the intercession of our departed loved ones and our ancestors who lived a godly life.

Among many African peoples, the belief in the power of intercession by dead good people existed before the coming of Christianity. Such belief cannot be dismissed as a pagan practice and meaningless. Communion with the saints was not a new teaching to the people who observed communion with their ancestors.

The Catholic Church does not discourage us from bearing our native names. However, the Church teaches that we include saints' names for Baptism and Confirmation. In addition to interceding for us, the saints are our models for imitation. St. Ignatius wrote how he was influenced by the lives of St. Dominic and St. Francis. He said, "St. Dominic did this; I, too, will do it. St. Francis did this; therefore, I will do it." And he did it!

The Church Militant is a Pilgrim Church. Our destination is the Church Triumphant. We are pilgrims of hope. Therefore, we are invited to live in such a way that brings us to the Church Triumphant in heaven. The second reading says, "Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself [herself] pure, as he is pure" (1 John 3:3).

Today's gospel is a roadmap to heaven. The beatitudes guide us on our faith and life journey. How wonderful our world can become if our leaders and our rulers and indeed everyone are guided by the beatitudes?

"Blessed are the poor in spirit;" is an invitation to humility.

"Blessed are they who mourn;" is an invitation to repentance.

"Blessed are the meek;" is an invitation to kindness.

"Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness;" is an invitation to truth and justice.

"Blessed are the merciful;" is an invitation to compassion.

"Blessed are the clean of heart;" is an invitation to honesty.

"Blessed are the peacemakers;" is an invitation to peace, forgiveness, and reconciliation.

"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely;" is an invitation to steadfastness, resilience, and firmness.

St. Theresa of Lisieux advises that to become a saint, or to go to heaven, is not only achieved by doing extraordinary and mighty deeds, but also by doing small things with great love. She calls this "the simple way: a simple and direct path to heaven." Jesus says, "The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones. …" (Luke 16:10). He also says, "… the kingdom of God … is like a mustard seed that a person took and planted in the garden. When it was fully grown, it became a large bush and the birds of the sky dwelt in its branches" (Luke 13:18).

Miriam C. Hunter writes, "Why are the saints, saints? Because they were cheerful when it was difficult to be cheerful; patient when it was difficult to be patient. And because they pushed on when they wanted to stand still and kept silent when they wanted to talk. And because they were agreeable when they wanted to be disagreeable…" We can also add that they forgave when it was difficult to forgive and lived their life in total surrender to God's will.

The Bible and the Church do not teach that submission to timidity and being on the receiving end make a saint. St. Paul writes, "For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control" (2 Timothy 1:7). Striving to become a saint means to become close to God, empowered by the beatitudes, and prayerfully discern what is right and willingly do it. It means overcoming weaknesses and evil with goodness (Romans 12:21). It may be one's own weakness and evil or another person's weakness and evil. It may be in small matters or in big matters. It requires cooperating with God's grace.

Some of those who do not believe in hell do outrageous things not minding their afterlife. We do not belong to such group. We all believe in our heavenly home. Therefore, we need to journey together. Let us bear with one another and help one another in every way possible so that all of us become citizens of heaven hereafter. Amen.

Fr. Martin Eke, MSP

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 31, 2026 (*Vigil Mass*) **5:00 PM**
† **Helen Mitchell** requested by Janice Mitchell
† **Donald Morgan** requested by Kevin & Marci Morgan

Sunday, November 1, 2026 **8:00 AM**
St. Francis of Assisi Parishioners Living & Deceased

Sunday, November 1, 2026 **11:00 AM**
† **Virgis Wiltz, † Anna Roberts,** & † **Corine Berard** requested by Mary V. Charles & Family
† **Earl Robertson, Sr.** requested by Deacon John & Antoinette Goodly
† **Homebound Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi** requested by St. Francis of Assisi Pastoral Council

Monday, November 2, 2026 **7:00 AM & 6:00 PM**
Souls of the Departed

Tuesday, November 3, 2026 **7:00 AM**
Private Intention

Wednesday, November 4, 2026 **7:00 AM**
Private Intention

Thursday, November 5, 2026 **7:00 AM**
† **Enola** & † **Harold Mitchell** requested by Ella Ledet & Family
† **Donald Morgan** requested by Brenda Lewis

Friday, November 6, 2026 **7:00 AM**
Associate Missionaries of St. Paul
† **Mary Bellard Goodly** requested by Clarice Campbell

Saturday, November 7, 2026 **7:00 AM**
Private Intention

OFFERINGS & DONATIONS: Weekly Offerings and Donations may be mailed, dropped off a t 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**

CCE for all grades has begun. 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.

St. Francis of Assisi THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKET DONATIONS

Help us provide Thanksgiving food baskets for families in need! Our goal is to prepare 50 baskets, and we are collecting turkeys, hams, nonperishable food items, toiletries, and monetary donations. Donation sign-up sheets are available in the church foyer. All donations are due by Sunday, November 15th. Monetary donations may be made through Zelle or Online Giving, by check payable to St. Francis of Assisi, or by cash placed in an envelope with your name on it. For more information, please contact Carolyne Mbong at 832-896-8116. Baskets will be distributed on Sunday, November 22nd after 11am Mass. *Thank you for your kindness and generosity.*

BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH MORNING OF REFLECTION.
Catholics of African descent are invited to attend and participate in the 2026 Black Catholic History Month Morning of Reflection, "*Nourished by the Word, Sent to the World,*" on Saturday, November 14, 2026, from 9:00 AM to noon at St. Laurence Catholic Church. The keynote speaker is Dr. Cecilia Moore and the featured presenter is Deacon Phillip Jackson. Registration is now open. Scan the QR code or register online at **archgh.swoogo.com/bchm2026.**

Pope's Prayer Intention for November 2026

For the proper use of wealth. Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service [of] the common good and solidarity of those who have less. **- 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**
November 2, 2026 Monday	All Souls Day	7 AM & 6 PM Masses
November 22, 2026 Sunday	Solemnity of Christ the King **Benemerenti Awards**	11:00 AM Mass
November 26, 2026 Thursday	**Thanksgiving Day**	9:00 AM Mass
December 12, 2026	**Parish Christmas Party** *Home for the Holidays*	6:30 PM-10:00 PM
December 19, 2026 Saturday	**Christmas Confession**	10:00 AM

St Francis of Assisi Super Bingo ▪ Friday ▪ November 13, 2026
5102 Dabney Street, Houston TX 77026
TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE NOW: Presale: **$20** ▪ at the Door: **$25**
Deadline to purchase presale tickets: Wednesday, November 11th
Doors open at 5 pm ▪ Games begin at 7 pm ▪ Concessions available
Coverall grand prize will be $1,000.00!!!
For more info text: Johnna @ 713-806-2778 or Evelyn @ 713-385-6607
Join us for family friendly fun and support our parish!!

Save the Date: Saturday, December 12, 2026: "*Home for the Holidays*"
St. Francis of Assisi and the Pastoral Council will host our annual parish Christmas Appreciation Party on Saturday, December 12th from 6:30 PM to 10:00 PM.
You contact the parish office or Adrian Sloan (281-831-8572 or email **pastoralcouncilsfachurch@gmail.com**) to reserve your tables by Monday, November 30th. The hall will be open Thursday, December 10th and Friday, December 11th, from 5pm to 8pm and Saturday morning, December 12th from 9am to 1pm to decorate your tables.
Let's have a fabulous time celebrating together as *one family, one love*.

22nd Annual Steps for Students 5K Run/Walk
Saturday, February 13, 2027
*Support **Sister Thecla and St. Christopher Catholic School** in this annual event benefiting Catholic education.*
To donate, **scan the QR code.**
Checks may also be made payable to **St. Christopher Catholic School**.
Please write **"Steps for Students - Attn: Sr. Thecla"** on the memo line.
Thank you for your generosity and support!

Boots & Bling Zydeco Dance Fundraiser ▪ Saturday, November 7th
(St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church - 5102 Dabney St., Houston TX 77026)
Featuring: *Brian Jack and Zydeco Gamblers | Broke DJ Jamming J*
$15.00 Admission ▪ Doors Open @ 7:00 PM ▪ Showtime @ 8:00 PM
Join us for an unforgettable night pf zydeco, great food, good vibes, and plenty of dancing!
All proceeds benefit St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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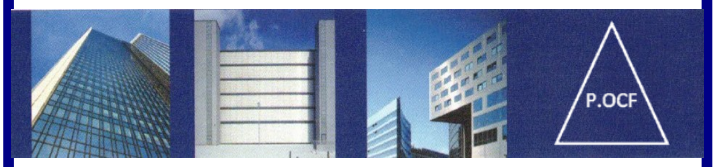

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