

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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

October 11, 2026

"My God will fully supply whatever you need..."

Philippians 4:19

Jubilee Year of St. Francis Mass Saturday, September 26, 2026 @ 9:00 AM



"Special Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi"

Commemorating the 800th Anniversary
of his Death

Traveling Statue & Relic

is with the family of

Jose & Yvonne Arevalo

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

October 4, 2026

Offerings (Mail In/Drop Off)	\$1,290.00
Offerings (Mass)	\$6,075.50
Online Giving Offerings	\$595.00
Zelle Offerings	\$1,403.00
Total	\$9,363.50



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%

Thank you for your generosity
May God bless you



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 Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 2026

Isaiah 25:6-10; Psalm 23:1-6; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14

The first reading is Isaiah's prophecy of the mission of Jesus Christ. Every word in the first reading is fulfilled in Jesus: "A feast of rich food and choice wines... The veil that veils all peoples, he will destroy, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. He will wipe away the tears from every face; the reproach of his people he will remove... Behold, our God to whom we looked to save us!" Jesus fulfilled all these when he came and has continued to fulfill them in our time. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).

The gospel is the parable of the wedding feast. Those who refused to accept Jesus were those who either excused themselves, or ignored the wedding invitation, or who mistreated and killed the messengers of the king. Those who were gathered from the streets to fill the hall were some Jews and the Gentiles who accepted the message of salvation and believed in Jesus.

Why, then, was someone who was called from the street punished for not having dressed in a wedding garment? In the ancient Middle East marriage feasts, special wedding garments were provided by the host, so that everyone dressed well. To refuse to wear the wedding garment, provided free of charge by the host, and decided to remain in shabby clothing, was an act of disobedience and a dishonor to the host and the celebration.

For Catholics, the Holy Eucharist is our earthly wedding banquet, which is a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. The parable reminds us that the heavenly banquet awaits us after our earthly journey. St. Paul describes the heavenly banquet, "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived; the things that God has prepared for those who love him" (1 Corinthians 2:9).

Isaiah tells us that Jesus has clothed us with garments of salvation and wrapped us in a robe of justice (Isaiah 61:1). We are not to strip off the garment and the robe and put on shabby clothes. St. Paul says, "But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh" (Romans 13:14). Our wedding garment is life in Christ. We are to discard the shabby clothes of sin.

In the parable, "Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them" (Matthew 22:5-6). It's wonderful that many of us do not ignore Sunday Mass (earthly banquet). Many do ignore Sunday by occupying themselves with other things. This has become a common attitude among many Catholics. Today's gospel parable means that salvation is freely offered. Men and women choose to take it or leave it.

The Psalmist says, "Unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build. Unless the Lord guard the city, in vain does the guard keep watch. It is vain for you to rise early and put off your rest at night, to eat bread earned by hard toil. All this God gives to his beloved in their sleep" (Psalm 127:1-2).

Jesus advises us, "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides" (Matthew 6:33). Someone says, "Put God first, and everything will fall into place."

Some may wonder whether it is still a mortal sin to miss Sunday Mass, considering that many Catholics do not go to Mass on Sundays nowadays. The Third Commandment says, "Remember the Lord's Day, keep it holy" (Exodus 20:8). Jesus, the Head of the Church, kept the Lord's Day holy. He never missed going to the synagogue on the Sabbath. He went to the temple in Jerusalem for major festivals.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, "The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin" (CCC 2181). The Commandment and the teaching of the Catholic Church have not changed!

Mass streamed on TV, Facebook, and You Tube are only for the sick, the homebound, and those unable to go to Mass out of necessity; not for those who intentionally miss Mass.

St. Paul tells us in the second reading, "I can do all things in him who strengthens me." We pray that we are strengthened, physically and spiritually, through our Eucharistic celebrations and our prayers always. St. Paul prays for us, "My God will supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." The Psalm of today also prays for us that God spreads the table before us. Amen.

Fr. Martin Eke, MSP

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, October 10, 2026 (<i>Vigil Mass</i>) St. Francis of Assisi Parishioners Living & Deceased	5:00 PM
Sunday, October 11, 2026 † Dalton & † Theresa Belson requested by Antoinette K. Goodly Sloan & Labrie Families Living & Deceased requested by Paul & Gloria Sloan † Eugene Johnson, † Eddie Mae Aaron & † Mary Gaines requested by Eugene & Stephanie White † Catherine Veazie requested by John Boxie	8:00 AM
Sunday, October 11, 2026 † Grace Jason requested by Patricia Murray & Family † Ray Anthony Murphy, Jr. requested by Elaine Murphy † Earline James, † Joseph Dauphine, † Helen Mitchell, & † Trisha Willis requested by Augustine Dauphine	11:00 AM
Monday, October 12, 2026 Parrish Murphy, † Francis Ducrest, † Bryson & † Karson Smith requested by Veronica Murphy	7:00 AM
Tuesday, October 13, 2026 † Caroline Oliaku Onwusi requested by Sr. Mary Thecla	7:00 AM
Wednesday, October 14, 2026 † Caroline Oliaku Onwusi requested by Sr. Mary Thecla	7:00 AM
Thursday, October 15, 2026 † Donald Morgan requested by Betty Rachal	7:00 AM
Friday, October 16, 2026 † Souls in Purgatory requested by A Friend	7:00 AM
Saturday, October 17, 2026 † Schmeica Mass requested by Janice Mitchell	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: stfrancisofassisihoustontx@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.

Pink Ribbon Sunday • Breast Cancer Awareness at St. Francis of Assisi

All Masses Saturday, October 24th & Sunday October 25th
Everyone is encouraged to wear something pink

If you wear pink, you will get a ticket to participate in a drawing

Although the month of October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, breast cancer awareness never goes away. We must be reminded to schedule our mammogram tests. Remember that men are not totally immune from this dreaded illness. Self-check is important for both women and men. So, as a team, let's remind our friends and loved ones to schedule yearly mammograms and follow through with the doctor.

Sisters In the Spirit of Houston, Inc. • Sisters Talk Live

Community Outreach Committee | Breast Cancer Awareness

Wednesday, October 14, 2026 • Meet & Greet @ 4PM • Discussion @ 5PM

St. Martin De Porres Church • 12606 Crosby Lynchburg Rd, Crosby TX 77532

Panelist: Dr. Cheryl Brooks, Coveta Blanks, Karyn Lacour-Reed;

Dr. Rachel Alex; Lynda Lemond-Hill

Pope's Prayer Intention for October 2026

For mental health ministry. Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.
- 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
October 11, 2026 Sunday	Living Rosary	After 8 AM Mass
October 24-25, 2026	Pink Ribbon Sunday Breast Cancer Awareness	All Masses

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.**

Hope & Healing Prayer Service & Musical • Sunday, October 25, 2026 • 3pm

Hosted by: Knights of Peter Claver Court and Council #152

St. Peter Claver Catholic Church - 6005 N. Wayside Dr., Houston 77028

Holy Family Catholic Church Bazaar • Fun for the entire family

7124 Whiting Rock Dr., Baytown 77521

Saturday, October 17 • 4pm - 7pm | Sunday, October 18th • 10am - 7pm

Food - Music - Drinks - Games - And More!

2026 Raffle Winners - Gift Cards

- 1st Place - \$2,000.00 - Jennifer Solis
- 2nd Place - \$1,000.00 - Jeanette Bourda
- 3rd Place - \$500.00 - Graylin Guidry
- 4th Place - \$400.00 - Senakwe Wright
- 5th Place - \$300.00 - Senakwe Wright
- 6th Place - \$200.00 - Barbara Rachal
- 7th Place - \$100.00 - Bo Lundford

Thank you to everyone who sold and purchased raffle tickets and supported our raffle! Your generosity, time, and dedication helped make it a success. We could not have done it without you! Congratulations to all our winners!

Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey. The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston invites all parishioners to complete the DMI survey by **October 25**. Share your thoughts on your spiritual growth, the Mass, preaching, and parish life to help strengthen our parish's mission.



Scan the QR code to complete the survey. All responses are confidential. Results will be available in **February 2027** and shared with the parish to guide our next steps. Thank you for your feedback and prayers!

ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE - Names of deceased family members and loved ones who passed away between November 2, 2025 and November 1, 2026 will be printed in the November 1st bulletin. Submit names to the parish office via phone or email by noon on Friday, October 23rd.

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