

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;

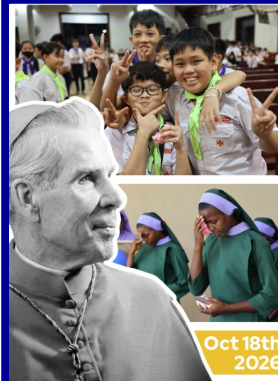
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Marian Chapel

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

October 18, 2026



World Mission Sunday

100 Years of World Mission Sunday

ONE IN CHRIST,

United in Mission



2026 Back-to-School Drive

Knights of Peter Claver Council & Court 231 & St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

Felix Cook, Jr. Elementary School



Thank you to all who supported the back to school drive.



"Special Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi"

Commemorating the 800th Anniversary
of his Death

Traveling Statue & Relic

is with the family of

Jose Ambril

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

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(281) 315-0452

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713-969-7586

Knights of Peter Claver Junior Knights

Charles LaVigne
832-887-4880

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832-245-1846

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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



*God loves a cheerful giver
because a cheerful giver loves God.*
2 Corinthians 9:7



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 Orphe, 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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 2026

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; Psalm 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5; Matthew 22:15-21

Today is World Mission Sunday. It is a Sunday set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activities through prayer and sacrifice. We are invited to pray constantly for the success of the Church's missionary activities all over the world. In addition to our prayers, we are also invited to offer material and financial support. We are all missionaries, either by going to the missions, or by praying for missionaries, or by giving to support or sustain the missions. We pray for men and women of goodwill who sacrifice their resources to support God's work in the missions. Also, in a special way, we pray for mission areas where Christians are persecuted, especially in Nigeria.

World Mission Day 2026 marks the 100th anniversary of its establishment by Pope Pius XI in 1926. Pope Leo chose the theme "One in Christ, united in mission." He says, "... the more united we are in Christ, the better able we will be to carry out together the mission that he entrusts to us. ... The Pope maintains, "If unity is the condition of mission, love is its essence." This is to say that love is the binding force and the driving force of mission. The Pope echoes Prophet Amos, "Do two journey together unless they have agreed?" (Amos 3:3). Can two agree unless there is love? Pope Leo prays, "May all members of the Church be united in mission, docile to the Holy Spirit, courageous in bearing witness to the Gospel. ..."

The readings present to us individuals God sent on various missions. In the first reading, God anointed a Persian pagan, Cyrus, to become a king and gave him the mission to set the people of Israel free from the Babylonian captivity. In the second reading, God gave Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy the mission of preaching the Good News. We recall that Paul was a persecutor of Christians, but God made him "a chosen instrument." Silvanus and Timothy were converts to Christianity who became Paul's co-workers and became great missionaries. If God used Cyrus, Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy as his chosen instruments, not minding their past and former ways of life, we are encouraged that God calls everyone and wants to use everyone to continue the mission of Jesus at various levels. Everyone is qualified! Jesus tells us in today's gospel, "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." Caesar is our comfort, personal needs, desires, aspirations, pressures and demands of life. We know that overdraft payment to Caesar easily swings many people away from God and put them in spiritual negative balance. Jesus reminds us that it must not be so with us. While we devote time to personal needs, desires, aspirations, pressures and demands of life, we must devote time to our relationship with God.

Sadly, since governance, the society, and the world do not give to God what belong to him, the result is the chaos everywhere. It is the same with ourselves. Whenever our mission excludes God, the mission becomes chaotic. We need to bear in mind that our neighbor in need, our church, our ministry, every walk of life, every task, every talent, and every responsibility is God's mission for us. Mission is in faraway lands and within and around us. Therefore, God must not be left out of any mission.

There are three phases of mission: Phase one is CALL to mission from God. Phase two is ACCEPTANCE of mission from us. Phase three is GOD'S GRACE for the mission. Every mission of God has its trials. For that reason, when God sends us on a mission, he gives us the grace. The Lord said to St. Paul and says to us, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9). We undertake our missions not by power or by might but by God's Spirit and grace.

I belong to the Missionary Society of St. Paul of Nigeria. At our priestly ordination, we are given a crucifix. We go to our missions with the crucifix, which is a constant reminder that in mission good times and bad times, we are disciples of the Crucified Christ. His grace will always be enough.

To conclude, we take our minds back to the theme Pope Leo chose for 2026 World Mission Sunday, "One in Christ, united in mission." Here in our parish, our catchphrase is "One Family, One Love." Today we add, "One Family, One Love, One Mission." As your priest, it is not my mission, or anyone's mission, but God's mission; and God's mission is our mission. God's mission is that everyone be saved and come to know the truth (1 Timothy 2:4). Like Cyrus, Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, we all are God's chosen instruments. The only way to go on God's mission is to agree in love and journey together in truth. May God give us all the graces we need. Amen.

Fr. Martin Eke, MSP

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, October 17, 2026 (<i>Vigil Mass</i>) St. Francis of Assisi Parishioners Living & Deceased	5:00 PM
Sunday, October 18, 2026 † Martin T. Rachal, Jr. requested by The Rachal Family Homebound Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi requested by St. Francis of Assisi Pastoral Council † Helen Mitchell requested by Deacon John & Antoinette Goodly	8:00 AM
Sunday, October 18, 2026 † Paul Jason & † Sharon Pickens requested by Patricia Murray & Family † Shelton Joseph requested by Barbara Joseph & Family † Paul Trahan, † Winsolon Trahan, Jr., & † Ray A. Murphy, Jr. requested by Wife & Grandmother	11:00 AM
Monday, October 19, 2026 Private Intention	7:00 AM
Tuesday, October 20, 2026 † Magdeline Sias requested by Sisters of the Holy Family Houston Associates † Malcolm L. Guidry requested by O'Nari Guidry † Donald Morgan requested by Betty Rachal	7:00 AM
Wednesday, October 21, 2026 Private Intention	7:00 AM
Thursday, October 22, 2026 † Wayne Adams, Jeanette McKnight, & Harold Shenette requested by Amelie Murphy	7:00 AM
Friday, October 23, 2026 Private Intention	7:00 AM
Saturday, October 24, 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: stfrancisofassisihouston@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.

Texas Catholic Herald

Check out the digital edition of the Texas Catholic Herald! Read the latest issue online now at www.archgh.org/digitaleditions or visit www.archgh.org/tch.

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 24-25, 2026 Saturday & Sunday	Pink Ribbon Sunday Breast Cancer Awareness	All Masses
November 2, 2026 Monday	All Souls Day	Mass @ 6pm
November 22, 2026 Sunday	Solemnity of Christ the King Benemerenti Awards	11 AM Mass

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!

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.

Please 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.

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!!

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