

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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

October 25, 2026



Breast Cancer Awareness Prayer

Father, for the women who are going through breast cancer and their families, we ask you to strengthen and to heal them as you see fit. We know that you want us to be in good health, to prosper and complete work you have for us to do. Be with everyone who is sick and encourage them as only you can. Heal them, in Jesus name.

Amen.



"Special Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi"

*Commemorating the 800th Anniversary
of his Death*

Traveling Statue & Relic
is with the family of
Peter & Pat Begnato
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 Odum

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 11, 2026	October 18, 2026
Offerings (Mail In/Drop Off)	\$1,070.00	\$1,705.00
Offerings (Mass)	\$3,445.00	\$3,315.00
Online Giving Offerings	\$1,208.00	\$625.00
Zelle Offerings	\$535.00	\$870.00
Total	\$6,258.00	\$6,515.00

World Mission Sunday Collection \$871.25

*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: \$16,190.00
Total Number of Donors: 50
Percentage Paid: 60.24%



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 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 2026

Exodus 22:20-26; Psalm 18:2-4, 47, 51; 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10; Matthew 22:34-40

In the first reading, the Israelites had left Egypt and were no longer under Pharaoh and the laws of Egypt. The reading is a section of the guiding rules God gave to the Israelites on how to take care of the weak and the needy among them. The reading mentions aliens, widows, orphans, and the poor.

"You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt. You shall not wrong any widow or orphan" (Exodus 20:20-21).

"If you lend money to one of your poor neighbors ..., you shall not act like an extortioner toward him by demanding interest from him. If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, you shall return it to him before sunset; for this cloak of his is the only covering he has for his body. What else has he to sleep in?" (Exodus 20:24-26).

One would have expected the Israelites who were enslaved in Egypt and who were on their way to the Promised Land to care and love one another. No! It was not long they had left Egypt, that those among them who were more privileged turned on the aliens, the widows, the orphans, and the poor; molested them, oppressed them, and forcefully took what belonged to them; committing among themselves the same sins which the Egyptians committed against them!

The guiding rules God gave to the Israelites are as important to us today as they were for the Israelites. The plight of the poor, the underprivileged, and the venerable in our communities and society cannot be over emphasized. The heartless coveting and forceful possession of what belongs to the people and what should benefit the people, by corrupt and mischievous people, is well known. We continue to pray for the repentance of those who steal, kill, and plunder, and the corrupt and mischievous who oppress the poor, the powerless, the voiceless, and the vulnerable in our society.

On our part, let us always stand for fairness, justice, and compassion.

God instructs in the first reading, "You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt." This statement addresses those who see everyone else as alien except themselves, and those whose behavior depicts superiority, or pride, or entitlement, or lack of compassion, and or indifference to other people's plight.

Answering the question, "Which commandment in the law is the greatest?" Jesus says, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind... You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments" (Matthew 22:36-40). Jesus quotes Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18. By doing this, Jesus teaches that love of God is not possible without love of neighbor since human beings are images and likeness of God. Jesus says, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40).

St. John's letter further explains, "If anyone says, 'I love God,' but hates his brother is a liar; for whoever does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. This is the commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother" (1 John 4:20-21). This means that the first law, love of God, is determined by the second law, love of neighbor. Where there is no love of neighbor, there is no love of God.

How do I love my neighbor as myself? It is by treating others with the same care, dignity, respect, and concern that you naturally want for yourself. This is called The Golden Rule. Jesus says, "Do to others as you would have them do to you" (Luke 6:31).

The Golden Rule has been in existence from the ancient times. A story is told how a prospective convert to Judaism who asked Rabbi Hillel the Elder to teach him the entire Torah (the first five books of the Hebrew Bible: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy) while standing on one foot. The Rabbi stood on one foot and answered him, "What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor. That is the whole Torah; the rest is commentary. Go and learn it."

The Golden Rule is expressed almost in the same words in other traditions: "That which you hate to be done to you, do not do to another." "What you do not wish for yourself, do not do to others." "Treat others the way you want to be treated."

The message today is that everyone be treated with care, dignity, respect, and concern. It is all about fairness, justice, and compassion; centering on fairness, justice, and compassion.

May God give us the grace. Amen.

Fr. Martin Eke, MSP

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, October 24, 2026 (<i>Vigil Mass</i>) St. Francis of Assisi Parishioners Living & Deceased	5:00 PM
Sunday, October 25, 2026 † Leo Mitchell requested by Veronica Mitchell Anderson † Leola Mae Gonzales George requested by The Gonzales & Everett Families † Olga & Edward Mitchell requested by Eugene & Stephanie White	8:00 AM
Sunday, October 25, 2026 † Beverly Goodly Portier & Parents requested by Clarice Campbell † Norma & † Wilson Duhon, Sr. requested by The Duhon Family † Pope Leo XIV requested by The Taylor Family	11:00 AM
Monday, October 26, 2026 Private Intention	7:00 AM
Tuesday, October 27, 2026 † Souls in Purgatory requested by A Friend	7:00 AM
Wednesday, October 28, 2026 Private Intention	7:00 AM
Thursday, October 29, 2026 Private Intention	7:00 AM
Friday, October 30, 2026 Darlene Clay & Davida Mouton requested by Veronica Murphy	7:00 AM
Saturday, October 31, 2026 Fr. Martin Eke, MSP requested by the Taylor Family	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 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.

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.

Our Lady Star of the Sea Bazaar • Fun for the entire family

1401 Fidelity, Houston TX 77029

Saturday, November 7th & Sunday, November 8th • 11 AM - 6 PM

Zydeco Plus DJS | Step Ridea • Sunday • 3 PM - 6 PM

\$5.00 Admission: *Sunday only, Kids 13 & Under Free*

Bingo • Food • Music • Kids Zone • And More!

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
November 2, 2026 Monday	All Souls Day	6:00 PM Mass
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 <i>Home for the Holidays</i>	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 7

(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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