

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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

October 4, 2026



**Have no anxiety at all,
but in everything, by
prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving,
make your requests
known to God.**

Philippians 4:6

Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday, September 27, 2026 @ 6:00 PM



"Special Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi"

Commemorating the 800th Anniversary
of his Death

Traveling Statue & Relic

is with

Maria Carolina Becerra & 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

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Grand Lady Diana Carmon-Jones
713-969-7586

Knights of Peter Claver Junior Knights

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832-887-4880

Knights of Peter Claver Junior Daughters

Dena Lavigne
832-245-1846

Lectors

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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

September 27, 2026

Offerings (Mail In/Drop Off)	\$335.00
Offerings (Mass)	\$3,382.00
Online Giving Offerings	\$930.00
Zelle Offerings	\$395.00
Total	\$5,042.00



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 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, 2026

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:9, 12-16; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43

The first reading is a parable and Isaiah's prophecy of the conquest of Jerusalem and Judah by Assyria which later happened in 701 BC. The conquest was the consequence of Israel's ingratitude to God and turning away from him. Judah was God's cherished vineyard that produced wild grapes instead of good grapes. Instead of judgement and justice, there were bloodshed and outcry from the oppressed. The conquest of Jerusalem and Judah teaches us that our life is overrun by the Evil One when we turn away from God.

In the gospel, Jesus told the chief priests and the elders a parable about the tenants who rebelled against the landowner. They assaulted and killed the landowner's servants, and also killed his son. Jesus presented this parable as a prophecy about himself, foretelling his rejection and crucifixion by the chief priests and the elders. Jesus refers to himself as, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone" (Psalm 118:22). Jesus is the cornerstone of salvation rejected by the chief priests and the elders. Unlike the chief priests and the elders, we have not rejected Jesus. He is our Corner Stone. He is our all in all. Let us not allow the Evil One and the world to make us produce wild grapes instead of good grapes.

Many countries and their rulers are like the vineyard of God in the first reading and the wicked and ungrateful tenants in the gospel reading. God blessed the countries with rich resources for the benefit the citizens. Instead of good judgement and justice, what is seen are greed, corruption, bloodshed, and outcry. In those places, human beings turn God's blessings into curses and tragedies. May God rescue his oppressed children.

Also, we know many instances of individuals who are architects of their own problems or self-destruction. Due to greed and vanity, they turn from cherished vineyard to wild vineyard. Instead of good grapes, they produce wild grapes.

God has given human beings a beautiful world and the authority to subdue everything in it. Then human beings rebel against God and reject him. God is removed from many walks of life. Should we be surprised about the ills in governance and the society?

We are God's vineyards (first reading) and his tenants (gospel reading). As his cherished vineyards who have received countless blessings from God, we are to be grateful to him; and we are to bear good fruits. As tenants (stewards), we are to be productive and accountable. We are not to be destructive, rebellious, and unaccountable. Jesus says, "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more" (Luke 12:48).

In the second reading, St. Paul gives us a guide on how to bear good fruits, to be productive, and to be accountable. He tells us to keep before us and to pursue whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, whatever is excellent, and whatever is worthy of praise (Philippians 4:8).

There are people who can see themselves in the first reading and in the gospel. You give your all but what you receive in return is "wild and sour grapes." This experience can be in your family, or work place, or elsewhere. St. Paul advises such people in the second reading to trust their anxiety to God in prayer and with thanksgiving. St. Paul says, "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). St. Paul continues, "Then, the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds" (Philippians 4:6). Amen.

With all surpassing peace (all exceeding peace), others wonder how you are pulling through despite all odds. You tell them that it is because you have placed all your anxieties on God and he is taking care of you.

Fr. Martin Eke, MSP

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, October 3, 2026 (<i>Vigil Mass</i>) St. Francis of Assisi Parishioners Living & Deceased	5:00 PM
Sunday, October 4, 2026 † Effie LaCour Sloan requested by Frankie Morgan & Family † Gene Anthony Phillips, Sr. requested by Elsa Phillips & Family † Andrew & † Ursula Thomas requested by Jamie Thomas	8:00 AM
Sunday, October 4, 2026 † Magdelaine Sias requested by Sisters of the Holy Family Houston Associates † Earl Robertson, Sr. requested by Deacon John & Antoinette Goodly † Maneul & † Mary Aguilar requested by Mary Helen & Cameron	11:00 AM
Monday, October 5, 2026 Private Intention	7:00 AM
Tuesday, October 6, 2026 † Donald Morgan requested by Clyde Llorens Tyrone Rosemund & † Brenda Demaris requested by Veronica Murphy	7:00 AM
Wednesday, October 7, 2026 † Alphonse Tamnou & † Micheline Watchueng requested by Christelle Kamssu	7:00 AM
Thursday, October 8, 2026 † Donald Morgan requested by Clyde Llorens	7:00 AM
Friday, October 9, 2026 Private Intention	7:00 AM
Saturday, October 10, 2026 † Twain Mitchell requested by Ella Ledet & 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: stfrancisofassisihoustons@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.

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

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.

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
September 27, 2026 Sunday	Transitus of St. Francis	6:00 PM
October 10, 2026 Saturday		12 Noon
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.**

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.



2026 World Rosary Crusade Saturday, October 10 @ 12 Noon

Join St. Francis of Assisi, the El Shaddai Prayer Partners, and the whole world in praying the Rosary at the same time in front of the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue. Let us offer our prayers and sacrifices to our Lady. Light refreshments after the Rosary.

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!

Blessing of Animals - Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Saturday, October 3rd and Sunday, October 4th

Pictures of animals will be blessed during Mass. Animals brought to church will be blessed after each Mass. Please note that animals are not brought inside the church this year.

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